

30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**H**ello and welcome to Jubilee Church.

A phrase that I have occasionally heard from Christian leaders over the years is: *'You can't just talk the talk - you have to walk the walk'*. This 200-year-old quote applies to a consistency between what Christians say and what they do.



In the second half of **James 2**, James takes the argument a step further by arguing (with back up from the Old Testament) that our salvation by grace is in fact strongly evidenced by what we do. No change in our actions in a Christ like direction means no real sign that we are saved. James clearly wasn't impressed by fine words or general chit chat. For him, the needy needed to be fed and clothed. The sick needed to be cared for. Practical things needed to happen to support people in practical ways. The early church was good at this and we should be as well. Ben Shanmugam explores this important theme with us this Sunday in what is possibly the most well-known and controversial section of the book of James.

I remember a time when I was being mentored by the legendary Welsh Minister Ben Davies (Bracknell Family Church now retired), one of the things that he told me that has always stuck in my mind is this: *'You middle class English Christians are very good at talking about stuff. Good at holding meetings about stuff. Good at planning stuff. But you are incredibly poor at actually doing stuff'*. Wow - what an indictment, but also a challenge. Desperate times don't just call for desperate measures, they call for Gods people to mobilise!

**Dave Webb-Peploe**  
Lead Elder

## BAGS OF FOOD

As we reach the end of April, **we have supported 143 people** with food and other household basics.



This month has seen quite a few changes as a number of our clients have changed tenancies and have moved out of the area. This is a message from one of them. *'Thank you very much. We will be moving soon so I we want to thank you all so much for your help. Well done for what you are achieving.'*

Some families receive our help for quite a while and others only need support for a few weeks until they get back on an even keel. For example, we have been able to help one older person who needed ready meals for her Carers to prepare for her and we were able to order a good stock of these for her freezer.

We continue to be thankful for the support of local groups including the congregation of **St John Fisher Catholic Church** in Wood Road who come along each week with donations.



As restrictions have eased some of our volunteers have returned to work, so **we are in need of additional help for delivery drivers as well as someone who would like to be up bright and early on Monday mornings to help Jon ensure that the right foods go out to the right families between 8:30am and 1:00pm.** Please get in touch with if you can help.

### We currently need:

- Small jars of coffee
- Rice pudding
- Tinned carrots and peas
- Tinned pies
- Big bars of chocolate
- Other sweet treats
- Shower gel
- Shampoo
- Conditioner

We have a good supply of strong carrier bags, baked beans, soup and pasta. Thank you.

The Jubilee Centre is usually open Monday to Wednesday 9.00am-4.00pm. In the event that no one is there we have a box in the porch where donations can be placed. The box is also usually available on Thursdays and Fridays for small donations. Please contact us if you need to arrange a large drop off.

## PRAY FOR INDIA

Covid is continuing to hit India hard in a 2nd wave that is causing a huge amount of distress and suffering with Covid cases and deaths spiralling out of control.

**Please continue to pray for the situation in India as well as our Commission sister churches out there. Pray also that the church in India can be a beacon of light during these very sad and difficult times.**



## SUNDAY SERVICES

It's been lovely to begin welcoming people back to our services on Sunday mornings over the last few weeks. As previously mentioned to ensure all our procedures run smoothly we're doing this gradually. **From next Sunday (9th May) we're inviting the next group which will be those who are the only Christian in their household.** Bookings will be open from 5pm Monday until 9pm Thursday, see the church website for details and the booking link: [www.jubileechurchshepperton.org/servicebookings](http://www.jubileechurchshepperton.org/servicebookings)

**On 30th May we'll be meeting together on Zoom rather than YouTube.** This will give us an opportunity to worship, pray and break bread together.

**From 6th June we hope to move to the next stage which will be to open bookings to everyone within the church.** We expect that there will still be restrictions on numbers to allow for social distancing within the service so not everyone will be able to attend every week, keep an eye on the news sheets for booking details closer to the time.

Thank you for your support, patience and co-operation in helping us to keep each other safe. Please continue to pray for the eldership and trustee group as we make and discuss plans and please do get in touch if you have any questions or comments.



## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

10.30am: Morning Worship ([on YouTube click here to watch](#))

**Preacher:** Ben Shanmugam

**Theme:** When the Going Gets Tough: Faith and Deeds

Previous Sunday messages and worship can be found on our [YouTube channel](#) if you'd like to catch up or watch again.

### This week's diary

Most groups are currently meeting online, although some are meeting in person in line with current guidance. Contact us if you'd like to join any of our groups.

#### Monday 3 May

8.00pm Prayer Meeting (on Zoom)

#### Thursday 6 May

FAITH - Youth Home Group  
Home Groups

#### Tuesday 4 May

8.00pm Focus Bible Study  
Home Groups

#### Friday 7 May

10.30am Bublees Baby Group

#### Wednesday 5 May

7.00pm Oak Tree Cafe  
Home Groups

#### Saturday 8 May

Apologies if any groups have been missed off this week's diary, do get in touch if you'd like to be included in future.

## Next week: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May

10.30am: Morning Worship (on YouTube)

**Preacher:** Matt McLaren

**Theme:** When the Going Gets Tough: Taming the Tongue

**STAFF DAYS OFF:** Dave Webb-Peplow: Wednesday, Jo Jones: Friday

**WORKING DAYS:** Jenny Wilsher: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

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