

24th September 2021

Hello and welcome to Jubilee Church.

It's a sad truth but it's been a long time since I last wrote a thank you note. When I was a child, in the dim and distant past, after we had opened our Christmas presents (after the Queens speech and during afternoon tea), we were required to make a list of all the presents and who they were from. We were then issued with a stack of thank you notes which we had to write out. The gist of the note was always the same. *"Dear Auntie so and so. Thank you so much for the woollen socks. They are lovely and warm. Yours affectionately etc"*. It was a good habit that I ditched almost the moment I left home and had no one standing over me to make sure it happened.



However, I now begin to wonder whether those old-fashioned ways were not the right ways. Being thankful is an important and often neglected state of mind that we would do well to cultivate. With our family, with our friends and above all with God. Ken explores the subject further in the second of our 4 part Stay Positive series.

In the meantime, I need to reflect on creative ways to be thankful across the board. Perhaps you do too!

Dave Webb-Peploe
Lead Elder



BAGS OF FOOD

There really are some lovely kind hearted people in Shepperton. It is such a pleasure to spend time with our super volunteers as we organise donations, pack bags, distribute vast quantities of bread and deliver food parcels. If you are not yet involved and would like to be then please get in touch. **Thank you to all who continue to bring food etc. It really is a blessing to many families in the area and they are very grateful.**



This week we're particularly in need of:

- Cleaning products
- Bleach
- Washing detergent
- Handwash
- Chocolate bars and treats
- Teabags
- Squash

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. Donations can also be dropped off on Sunday mornings, there's a space in the foyer where they can be left. Please contact us if you need to arrange a large drop off.

CHURCH (INDOOR) PICNIC

Join us after the service this **Sunday (26th September)** for an informal time together of fellowship, reconnecting with friends and connecting with new ones. We're planning to be in the hall but if the sun is shining we'll also use the garden. So bring your own picnic and join us.



COMMISSION GLOBAL ONLINE

On Sunday evening Commission are hosting another Commission Global Online event. **Vinu Paul will be talking on the theme of Peace, Purpose and Power** and the Commission Worship Collective will lead a time of worship with their rendition of Build Your Church. The event will also include prayer and encouraging testimony. It will be premiering at 7:30pm on YouTube, the link will be available on their website www.commission.global/online



DEBTSCAPE SHEPPERTON



Sadly, the time has come to close DebtScape Shepperton. By 31st October 2021 all cases Ray and Diana have will either have been finished or signposted elsewhere. This has been a tough decision, however, after John passed away earlier in the year the role of Centre Manager needed to be covered as well as meeting and supporting clients. With just 2 advisers it's been difficult for Diana to cover this role as well as support and advise clients and so the time seemed right to close.

Over the last nearly 17 years we have seen many people become debt free and turn their lives around, some have also become personal friends. In the past week we have seen two clients become debt free, another is nearly there, and we're working hard to sort out the last few clients before the end of October.

We would value your prayers:

- **That we would see those that are engaging with us become debt free.**
- **For contact with those we haven't heard from since sending out the closure letter, so that we can signpost them elsewhere.**
- **For those that have been, and continue to be, affected by Covid, that they will return to health.**
- **For Diana and Ray as they say goodbye to an incredibly challenging but worthwhile service. We may not know the impact their support and care has had but pray that seeds have been planted and watered.**

On Sunday 24th October we'll be celebrating the work of DebtScape and hearing from some of those who've been impacted by it.

BLYTHSWOOD SHOEBOX APPEAL



It's shoebox time! We're taking part in the Blythwood Shoebox Appeal once again this year. We have some boxes available if you need a box, they can be picked up on Sunday mornings. We'll let you know when to bring in your filled and wrapped boxes, but it will probably be towards the end of October. More details and the checklists can also be found on the Blythwood website www.blythwood.org/shoeboxappeal or speak to Karen.

CHURCH FAMILY MEETING

Family Meetings give us a chance to share, reflect and discuss important developments in the life of the church family. These are topics that need weightier explanation than is usually available on a Sunday morning. **Our next Family Meeting will be on Sunday 3rd October from 6:30pm – 8pm at the Jubilee Centre.** We are also able to offer childcare in the lounge.

During the meeting, the Elders will be sharing the vision God has laid on their hearts as an eldership team for the next season of the church. We'll also have a time of worship and prayer together, as well as some other general housekeeping notices and updates.

Church Family Meeting

Sunday 3rd October
6:30pm at the Jubilee Centre



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PRAYER MEETINGS

From the beginning of October you will have more opportunities during the week to join with others to pray for our work and life as a church, and for our local area and nation.



We'll alternate our Monday evening prayer meetings between 'in person' at the Jubilee Centre and on Zoom. On the 1st and 3rd Mondays we will meet over Zoom as we have been doing, from 8-9pm. On the 2nd and 4th, and occasional 5th Mondays we will meet at the Jubilee Centre, also from 8-9pm.

On the weeks we have an in person gathering on the Monday evening, we will also offer an opportunity to gather in one of our homes on the Tuesday morning, between 10:30am and 11:30am. The first Tuesday meeting will be on Tuesday 12th October, from 10:30am at Mike and Nicola's home in Shepperton.

Let's keep on praying!

Sunday 26th September

10.30am: Morning Worship with Communion

Preacher: Ken Charles-Obi

Theme: Stay Positive: Stay Thankful (Philippians 4v6-7)

This week's diary

Some groups are still meeting online, while some are meeting in person, check with your group leader or email the office. Contact us if you'd like to join any of our groups.

Monday 27 September

9:30am Jubilees Toddler Group

8:00pm Prayer Meeting (Zoom)

Thursday 30 September

7:30pm FAITH - Youth Group

Home Groups

Tuesday 28 September

7:30pm Focus Bible Study Group

Home Groups

Friday 1 October

Themba

Wednesday 29 September

7:00pm Oak Tree Cafe

Home Groups

Saturday 2 October

Next week: Sunday 3rd October

10.30am: Morning Worship

Preacher: Tim Cowles

Theme: Stay Positive: Stay Encouraged and Encouraging (Job 16v2-5)

JUBILEE CHURCH DIARY DATES

26 September Church (Indoor) Picnic

26 September Commission Global Online

3 October Church Family Meeting

31 October Light Party (details to follow)

31 December Watch Night

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

WORKING DAYS: Jenny Wilsher: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

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