

March 2025

ello and welcome to Jubilee Church's March Newsletter.

## Jesus in the Rubble

Following the attack on the World Trade Centre on 11th September 2001 Frank Silecchia was one of the volunteers working his way through the wreckage hoping to find people still alive. As a construction worker he made his living making things, but in his search as he found forty-seven dead bodies, he was just trying to make sense of it all. Then he stumbled upon a symbol- a twenty-foot steel beam cross in a chamber created by



the collapse of Tower One. The cross stood, independent of human help, upright in the chamber with numerous smaller crosses surrounding it lying on the floor. They later discovered that the beams of the large cross came from two different buildings, forged together in the fire. It stood as a symbol in the shards; a cross found in the crisis. At the time someone commented; "We asked, where is God in all this? The discovery of the cross dared us to hope that He was right in the middle of it all."

Can the same be said about all our tragedies? Where is God when the storms of life crowd in on us? Matthew gives us the answer. The disciples had been alone in a storm on the Sea of Galilee for about nine hours. Had you been one of them you would have been forgiven for asking; "Where is Jesus, is God

anywhere near?" From within the storm Jesus answers, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." [Matthew 14:27] Matthew discovered what everyone from Moses to Martha had found; that the living Christ is with us in all the storms of life. Frank Silecchia saw Jesus in the rubble, Matthew saw him in the waves and as we look closer, we too, will see him right in the middle of our current situations and circumstances. When the storms of life strike God is with us. At that moment, it's what happens in you that will determine what happens to you. At the first sign of a storm, remain calm and maintain your trust and confidence in God's ability to see you through it. Jesus bids us to trust in Him and find courage. It's a gentle nudge reminding us that we are never alone, and His presence can render our fears powerless!

This month we will be starting our new preaching series as we look at different characters in the Bible and how they found courage by trusting God as they faced various challenges. The series will help each one of us to "take courage!" as we trust Jesus in all the circumstances we face!

Keith Saynor 1st March 2025.



### **LOGOS AND RHEMA**

We would like to invite everyone to come along to Logos and Rhema, our midweek bible study which is held in the church lounge every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm.

Join us from 7pm for a cuppa before delving into God's word.



#### **BAGS OF FOOD**

We continue to be busy, but we are well supported with donations from the local community. The team is as amazing as ever. We have become like a family and will be sad without Emily while she is in Thailand for 9 months. Our clients vary in their situations and it is a privilege to be able to help them. They are very grateful and I thought I would pass on one message of thanks to you: "Thank you so much for your help over the weeks

for me and my sons. I don't know what we would have done without you."

Please continue to pray for our volunteers as well as the families we help. Thank you so much for your support.

And please save this date: Sat 12 April. One of our main volunteers, Gale, is part of the Rotary Club and is organizing a BIG FOOD DROP for Bags of Food. This will be in the village hall and will be a great opportunity to come and chat with local people and promote not just the food bank but also



not just the food bank but also Jubilee Church. Please come along and join the fun.

#### Squash \* Cornflakes \* Spaghetti hoops • Rice Crispies \* Corned beef Sweetcorn Chopped Tomatoes Shampoo Toilet Roll \* Conditioner Fruit juice Antibac spray Bathroom Cleaner Marmite/sandwich spread Laundry Detergent Weetabix Liquid soap Shreddies

\* Items marked with an asterix we are really short of

Donations can be dropped off at the Jubilee Centre. We have a box in the porch where donations can be placed if no one is there. Please contact us if you need to arrange a large drop off. We also have drop off points on the High Street in **Shepperton Library**, **The Co-op** and **Sainsbury's**.

#### **BREAD CAFÉ**

Our bread café serves many purposes. Firstly it provides food for those who are no longer official food bank clients but still need a little help, or to anyone who pops along really. Secondly it saves a considerable amount of surplus food from going into landfill. Thirdly it helps combat loneliness in a society that is increasingly isolating. Fourthly, it is fun! Please pop in if you can, grab some surplus food, and spend some time with some lovely people.

#### **OAK TREE CAFÉ**

Again a lovely space to chill and mingle with a range of people from outside the church. All are welcome. We don't offer professional mental health support, but the benefits of art therapy, playing a game or just having a good laugh, can be huge. Although we don't talk about Jesus unless asked, there are often opportunities to share what makes us tick.

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY ELIZABETH**

Elizabeth celebrated her 94th birthday on 19th February. She has been a very active and much loved member of our Jubilee family since 1997. Elizabeth has an amazing gift of serving and up until very recently was still coming along every week to weed, water and keep the entrance



to The Jubilee Centre looking neat and tidy.



In 2019 Elizabeth visited her son David in Uganda and met his Mother-in-Law Damar Kambigu. Mrs Kambigu has been a Christian ever since a young English vicar taught her English allowing her to read the bible for the first time nearly 70 years

ago! Since then she has had a love for all things English. As a midwife in Uganda Mrs Kambigu was moved by the poor conditions and lack of care for new mothers, many of whom died in childbirth. At the age of 81 she is still sharing the message of the power of Jesus in the village markets and has started building a church in her village. If anyone would like more info on how to connect with Mrs Kambigu and Homia Evangelical Church please speak to Elizabeth or David.

We would all like to wish Elizabeth a very happy 94th birthday and let her know how much we love and value her.



Our weekly prayer meeting continues on Monday evenings throughout the month with the meeting on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month in person in the lounge at the Jubilee and on the  $2^{nd}$ ,  $4^{th}$  and  $5^{th}$  Mondays over Zoom. All the meetings start at 7:30pm.

Please join us on Monday 3rd and 17th March in the Jubilee lounge from 7:15pm for a cuppa, cake and fellowship before the formal meeting starts. Login details for our zoom meetings on 10th, 24th and 31st are circulated on our fellowship WhatsApp group. To join the group please speak to Mike, Nicola or one of the elders. We also meet to pray in the Green Room on Sunday mornings at 9:45 before the main service. We'd love to have you join us.

#### **JUBILEE WOMEN**

Do come and join us on Thursday mornings in term time at 10-30 for coffee . At 10.45 we start our informal meeting for a morning of worship . It looking at different aspects of prayer and what the bible says about it . In and praying for one another. . We have really enjoyed meeting with each other and have been encouraged by the Lord's presence with us. You are warmly invited to come along. Wicola



#### **WORSHIP TEAM**

If you are interested in finding out more about joining our worship, production and AV team on Sunday mornings speak to Rachel or Elliot.



#### **NEWS SHEET**

If you don't receive the news sheet by email and would like to, please email **info@jubileechurchshepperton.org** and we'll add you to the list.



#### GIVING TO JUBILEE CHURCH

If you're new to Jubilee Church (or have been around a while but haven't quite got round to it yet) and would like to give to the life and running of the church via BACS or Standing Order or have

any questions about giving email **finance@jubileechurchshepperton.org** or use the QR code to visit our website.

The offering basket is available on Sunday mornings for cash and cheque donations (cheques should be made out to: *Jubilee Church Shepperton*).



#### **SHOPPING ONLINE**

If you're shopping online there's an easy way to raise money for Jubilee Church at the same time. Over 7,000 brands will donate, so you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying. These donations could really help us out, so please sign up if you haven't yet. It's easy and FREE! Use the QR code or click the link below to find out more about how it works and get set up



https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/jubileechurchshepperton/

# **Jubileechurchshepperton**







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Jubilee Church Shepperton is the working name of Shepperton Community Church (Registered charity number 1023505). We are part of Commission, and a member of the Evangelical Alliance. Commission is an international family of Jubilee Church Shepperton is the working name of Shepperton Community Church (Registered



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# Sundays at Jubilee Church

**9:45am:** Prayer Meeting (in The Green Room)

10:30am: Morning Worship

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025

Preacher: Pradeep Manaktala

Theme: Two Books

Youth: Vinolia & Sarah - Youth Alpha

Sunday 9th March 2025

Preacher: Dave Webb-Peploe

Theme: Courage in overcoming weakness

Youth: In Service

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025 Preacher: Keith Saynor

Theme: Courage in taking responsibility

Youth: Ruth & Sarah - Youth Alpha

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 Preacher: Ken Charles-Obi

Theme: Courage to face the past

Youth: In service

Sunday 30th March 2025 - Mothering Sunday

Preacher: TBC

Theme: Love expressed in Courage-Ruth

Youth: Reni & Ruth - Youth Alpha

# March 2025

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FR	SAT	SUN
		Oak Tree Café 7-9pm			-	2 Sunday Morning Service 10:30-12pm
						Preacher – Pradeep Manaktala
<b>3</b> Jublees 9:30-11am	<b>4</b> Bags of Food 9-11:30am	<b>5</b> Oak Tree Café 7-9pm	<b>6</b> Jubilee Women @ Jubilee	7	8	9 Sunday Morning Service
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Most of you will already know that we have recently changed banks, unfortunately this means that if you have a regular standing order set up to donate money to Jubilee Church you will have to cancel it as it will bounce.

If you would like to continue to support us with financial donations here are our new account details. Thank you so much for your continued support. If you have any queries please speak to our treasurer Rob Fry.

#### **Bank Transfer**

The quickest and easiest way to give is by Bank Transfer through your online banking. Our bank details are:

Account Name: Jubilee Church Shepperton Reg Charity no 1023505
Sort Code: 23-05-80
Account No: 55617015
Please use these details for one-off donations or to set up a
Standing Order for regular giving.

# STAFF USUAL WORKING DAYS:

Pastor Keith Saynor: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday and Sunday
Jo Jones: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

# Sermon Notes

Date:	
Sermon Title:	
Scripture Reference:	
Preacher:	

