

January 2026

Hello and welcome to Jubilee Church's January Newsletter
"A craftsman, a just man"

Reading the story of the birth of Christ raises so many questions. Characters in the story appear and disappear so quickly before we can ask them anything. The Innkeeper who was too busy to welcome God-did he ever realise who he had turned away? Whatever happened to the shepherds? Who did they tell about the angels?



What reaction did they get? Did they try to describe the song the Angels sang to others? Whatever happened to those wise men? I have questions for Joseph and about Joseph. Whatever happened to Joseph? He makes an appearance when Jesus was twelve, then never reappears and we are left to speculate about the rest of his life.

I then have one final question concerning this part of God's story; is Joseph the right choice for Jesus' earthly father? Matthew describes Joseph as a craftsman. ([Matthew 13:55](#)) He was a carpenter in a small town. Why Joseph? Why not a scholar or a priest? I believe a major part of the answer lies in his reputation: he gives it up for Jesus. [Matthew 1:19](#) tells us," Then Joseph, Mary's husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly." With the phrase 'a just man,' Matthew recognizes the status of Joseph. In his town he was viewed as we might view an elder of the

church or a Bible teacher. Joseph probably took pride in his standing so the announcement from Mary that she was pregnant would have jeopardized it. What would he do? His fiancée would be considered tainted or blemished. He is righteous, godly. He has the law and he has his love. The law says stone her and love says forgive her. He has a decision to make and then the angel comes informing him this is not a cause for concern but a reason to rejoice; "She carries the Son of God in her womb." That's marvellous but who is going to believe it? The dilemma now facing him is to make up a lie and preserve his place in the community or tell the truth and kiss his reputation goodbye. He makes this decision; "Joseph...took to him his wife and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son." [\(Matthew 1:24-25\)](#)

Joseph swapped his Torah studies for his pregnant fiancée and the son she carried and made the big decision of discipleship. He placed God's plan ahead of his own. God knew exactly what he was doing when he chose Joseph and he knows exactly what he is doing when he chooses you and me. Our challenge is the same one Joseph faced; as we enter 2026 will we put God's plans for our lives ahead of our own? Will our decision making be made in light of putting God first in our lives? Let me encourage each one of us to do so and follow the wonderful example of Joseph, Jesus' earthly Father.

Keith Saynor

Pastor

1st January 2026

PRAYER & FASTING 2026

Two points:

1. On some Monday evenings the number of our Jubilee family joining our weekly prayer meeting is as many as a third of the adults who regularly come on Sundays. That's amazing. It's powerful. And God is blessing us because of it, as he says he will in the Bible.
But we want more – more power, more love, more changed lives – salvations, healings, revelations. Don't we?

This coming year, 2026, we will add 15 minutes to our weekly Monday evening Prayer meetings, making them last for 75 minutes. There is an appetite for it. There just isn't room in the hour for all we have to deal with in our times together with our God. Amazing, but true. Come and see if you don't believe it.

2. We plan to get things underway in the New Year with a week of prayer and fasting – each evening of the week, 5–10 January – Monday – Saturday, from 7:30–8:45 – in the Jubilee Centre and over Zoom.

Will you join us, on one evening, or two, or all 6? Prayer topics will be provided so that you can pray during the day, perhaps with one or two others, as well as when we come together in the evenings.

And some teaching on fasting will be given in advance of the week. Fasting is powerful for focusing your mind and emotions, for reminding yourself what you're committing yourself to do and why, and for making space to pray, that you'd normally fill with other things – food, TV, social media – whatever feels right to forgo for the moment. More on that to follow...

Will you join us as we set off into the New Year with a time of coming to God in this week of prayer and fasting?



SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY TEAM

On Sunday mornings there will be an opportunity to receive prayer immediately after the service. Whether you're facing challenges or seeking guidance, healing or celebrating victories and answered prayers and wishing to thank the Lord, our dedicated ministry team would love to support you through prayer. Come to the front after the service where one of our team of mature believers will be more than willing to stand by you in prayer.

Pradeep & Kavitha



BAGS OF FOOD & BREAD CAFÉ

A huge thank you to everyone for your support for Bags of Food over the last year. This year we also provided Christmas hampers to 59 families in Shepperton. We had so many Christmas goodies donated and the hampers looked wonderful. Thank you to everyone who gave up their Saturday afternoon on the 13th to help with the hamper packing and delivery allowing us to be a real blessing to our community.

The Bread Café is going from strength to strength. Doors open on Monday afternoons at 4:30pm, where you can grab a free loaf and other

surplus food that would otherwise go into the bin and chat to the lovely people who attend over a cuppa and a slice of cake. Come and join us.

We are currently short of the following items:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small jars of coffee• Jam• Marmite• Rice Krispies• Cornflakes• Tinned pears• Tinned mango• Tinned apricot• Tinned fruit salad• Tinned pineapple• Rice pudding• Cakes | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biscuits• Chocolate• Conditioner• Deodorant• Laundry detergent• Toilet bleach• Antibac spray/wipes• Bathroom cleaner• Toilet roll• Corned beef• Pet food |
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Please pray that God will really move in a miraculous way through this work, touching lives and hearts and multiplying all that we give.

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**.



We will meet again on Thursday January 8th 2026, and each Thursday in January at 10:30 for our new series looking at the Names of God. You are very welcome to join us for a morning of fellowship, looking at God's word for us today, worship and prayer. Nicola



Men! Are you thirsty for more of God in your life? Do you want to get to know other men of Jubilee better? Are you sometimes free on a Thursday morning? If "Yes!", then head on down to Jubilee at 10:30am on Thursdays (except the 1st) in January for a chat and a prayer, and a coffee and sausage bap over a bible passage.

Mike



PRAYER MEETING

God loves it when his children talk with him. That's us! Join us on Monday nights to seek God's direction, pray for his help, and thank him for his kindness. We meet from 7:30-8:30pm in the Jubilee Lounge, and over Zoom if you can't make it in person. Speak to one of the leaders or the church office if you want Zoom log in details.

We also meet to pray every Sunday morning before the service in the Green Room at 9:45am. Please come along.

Let's continue to press into God, joining him in what he is doing in these days.

God bless you this next week. Mike



WORSHIP TEAM

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



NEWS SHEET

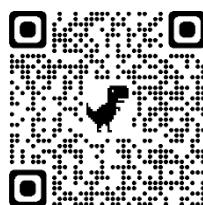
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GIVING TO JUBILEE CHURCH

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/>



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Sundays at Jubilee Church

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

10:30am: Morning Worship



Sunday 4th January 2026

Preacher: Mike Gilson

Theme: Missional Church – Acts 16 Cornelius

Jubilee Kids: Jo & Emily – David is anointed

Sunday 11th January 2026

Preacher: Keith Saynor

Theme: Living with a heart of Wisdom – Psalm 90

Jubilee Kids: Jo – David and Goliath

Sunday 18th January 2026

Preacher: Keith Saynor

Theme: A Life worth living – A New Heart Philippians 1:3-11

Jubilee Kids: Jo & Nicola – David, Saul & Jonathan

Sunday 25th January

Preacher: Dave Webb-Peploe

Theme: A life worth living – A New Purpose Philippians 1:12-30

Jubilee Kids: Jo & Ros – The Lord is my Shepherd

STAFF USUAL WORKING DAYS:

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

Jo Jones: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

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MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 Sunday Morning Service 10:30-11:2pm Preacher – Mike Glison
5	Bread Café 4:30-6pm Prayer Meeting @ Jubilee & on Zoom 7:30-8:45pm				7	8 Thirsty Men's Group 10:30am-12:30pm Jubilee Women 10:30-12:30pm Prayer Meeting @ Jubilee & on Zoom 7:30-8:45pm
6	Bags of Food 9-11:30am Prayer Meeting @ Jubilee & on Zoom 7:30-8:45pm				9	10 Prayer Meeting @ Jubilee & on Zoom 7:30-8:45pm
7	Oak Tree Café 7-9pm Prayer Meeting @ Jubilee & on Zoom 7:30-8:45pm				11	Sunday Morning Service 10:30-11:2pm Preacher – Keith Saynor
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