

IMPORTANT UPDATES

For all the latest regarding changes to Covid regulations, see Karl's Bulletin 36 by clicking [HERE](#).

Hard copies available in church

25th July 2021

Welcome

Issue No. 936

Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the mountains *sing together*
for joy before the LORD.
PSALM 98:8-9

Please note: although wearing a face-covering is no longer legally required, up until the end of August we would like you to consider wearing a mask where possible, to protect the vulnerable.

YOU TUBE SUNDAY SERVICE STREAMING LINK

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqTPdwPeUXD1TIFuG76xLfg>

SUNDAYS:

8.00am

BCP Communion in the Side Chapel

10.00am

Face-to-face service at St Paul's

10.30am

Our main gathering together – in person in church, but also streamed live on [Facebook](#) and [Youtube](#).

9.00pm

A short service of **Compline** on [Facebook](#)

ALL OTHER DAYS:

9.00am Monday – Thursday, and Saturday.

Morning prayers at [Facebook](#)

10.30am Wednesday

Short agape service in person in church (fully socially distanced, with no singing).

9.00pm Every day,

A short service of **Compline** on [Facebook](#)

TEA BREAK

The Tea Break leaders would like to thank those who helped with both picnics.

Tea Break has resumed meetings in the hall, and will meet through August.

Please book in advance with Richard or Peter.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SERVICES AT EMMANUEL

Starting next Sunday on August 1st, drinks will be served after the service.

Linda Wheeler will be recruiting people to help with the rota going forward.

Please contact her if you are willing to help 01752 227003

Isaiah 40:31

...but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary,



WEEKLY PRAYER ROOM

No longer available

MAGAZINE LINK

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EARLY BIRD PRAYERS

Early bird Prayer Meeting every Friday at 8am on zoom

872 8636 7757 usual password

Or join Steven Anderson in the Oval Room at Emmanuel

Advanced notice: Friday 30 July will be the last before the summer break, re-commencing Friday 20th August.

PARISH MAGAZINE

The July/August magazine is in circulation If you have never read a copy why not try this one! Back copies available **on the website!!**

CHURCH FLOWERS

To sponsor the flowers speak to Kim

VIRTUAL COFFEE MORNING

Virtual Coffee Morning **ON ZOOM** for **The Bible Project**

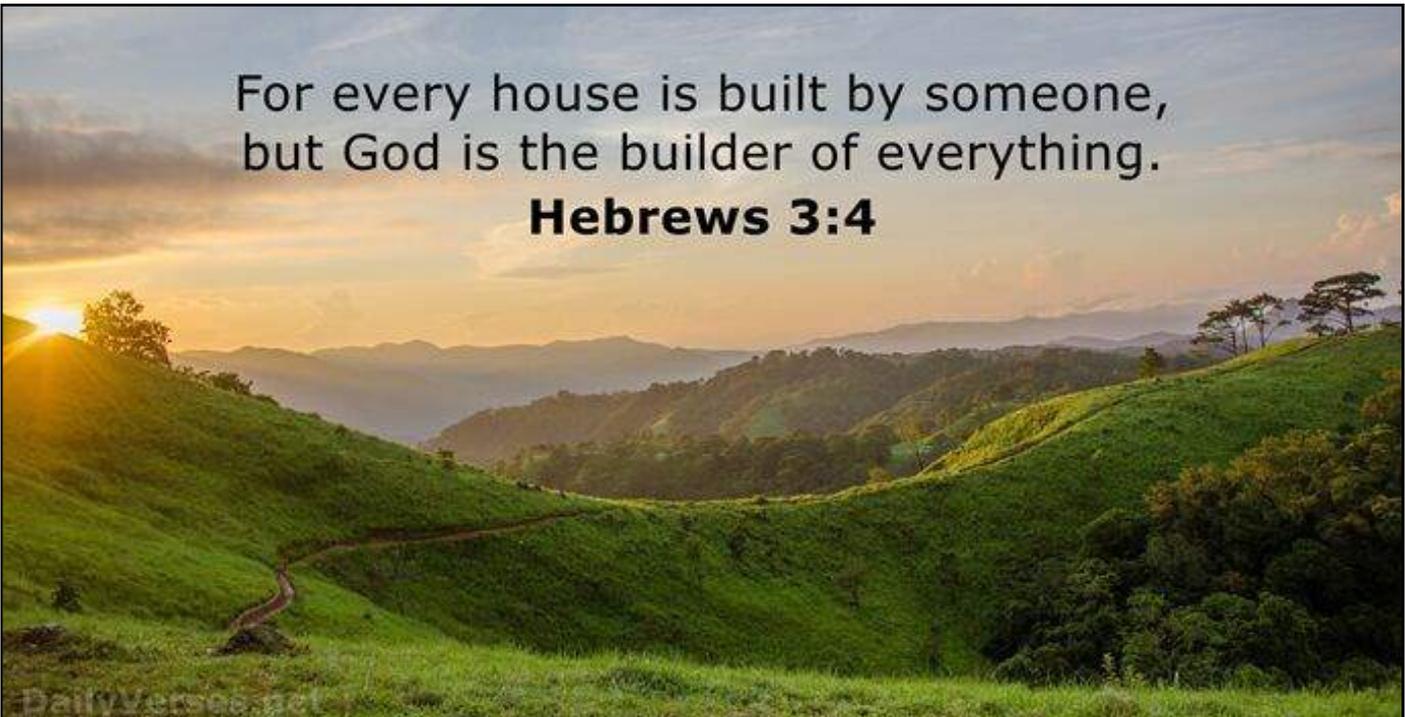
10.30am Saturday 31st July

Please join us to learn more about the Bible Project, enjoy one of their animations and discuss how they can help us in our study of the Bible.

How did you find the BP's animation on the book of Ruth used by Tony last Sunday ?

Meeting ID 872 8636 7757

Usual password



For every house is built by someone,
but God is the builder of everything.

Hebrews 3:4

WEBSITE LINK

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MISSION OF THE MONTH



POETIC REFLECTION ON THE SIEGE OF JERUSALEM & THE EXILE

ANONYMOUS AUTHOR

LAMENTATIONS

DESIGN OF THE FIVE POEMS:

ORDERED & LINEAR STRUCTURE

LAMENT POEMS IN THE BIBLE:
(SEE PSALMS 10, 63, 69, 74, 79)

- A FORM OF PROTEST
- A WAY TO PROCESS EMOTION
- A PLACE TO VOICE CONFUSION

LAMENT POEMS RESTORE A SACRED DIGNITY TO HUMAN SUFFERING

1 LADY ZION'S GRIEF & SHAME

LOOK, O LORD, ON MY DISTRESS!

JERUSALEM PERSONIFIED AS THE DAUGHTER OF ZION

THE CITY'S DESTRUCTION - THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE

2 THE FALL OF JERUSALEM & GOD'S WRATH

DIVINE WRATH ≠ VOLATILE ANGER

GOD'S JUSTICE = GOD'S JUSTICE

GOD IS SLOW TO ANGER BUT WILL JUDGE HUMAN EVIL.

3 THE SUFFERING ONE

LORD, I CALL ON YOUR NAME!

BECAUSE OF THE LORD'S COVENANT FAITHFULNESS, WE DO NOT PERISH. HIS MERCIES NEVER FAIL: THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING. HOW GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS, O GOD. SO I SAY TO MYSELF, 'THE LORD IS MY INHERITANCE.' THEREFORE I WILL PUT MY HOPE IN HIM."

— 3:22-24

GOD'S JUDGMENT BECOMES THE SEEDBED OF HOPE

4 THE SIEGE OF JERUSALEM

THE PAST

THE SIEGE

5 COMMUNAL PRAYER FOR GOD'S MERCY

LAMENT ON BEHALF OF OTHERS

REMEMBER US, O LORD: LOOK ON OUR INIGRACE!

THE BOOK ENDS WITH A PARADOX:

OH LORD, YOU REIGN AS KING FOREVER!

UNLESS YOU'RE TOTALLY DEFEATED US...?

WHY DO YOU FORGET AND FORSAKE US?

created by the Bible Project

THE BIBLE PROJECT

As a church we have benefited from the animations that the Bible Project have produced and I know that my Bible reading as well as others in our congregation, has been enhanced by the knowledge and insights that these animations give. I am therefore really pleased that it has been chosen as a mission of the month. If you have yet to experience the Bible project, then I would urge you to go to bibleproject.com or follow the link on Emmanuel's web page.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE BIBLE PROJECT IN THE LATEST PARISH MAGAZINE AND AT BIBLEPROJECT.ORG - LINKS TO BOTH ARE ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE. COPIES OF THE MAGAZINE ALSO AVAILABLE IN CHURCH. (Magazine and website links also on opposite page)

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Support the Mission of the Month – The Bible Project

A Christian charity that produces high quality online videos and animations for Bible Study based on sound doctrine and recommended by Rev Karl They say, “Our mission is to help people experience the Bible as a unified story that leads to Jesus”.

If you would like to give an outright donation and add gift aid, please contact Dominie Burns

Or buy a delicious homemade cake or preserve, all proceeds to The Bible Project. Here is what is on offer this week: -

CAKES – bakers are eager to offer you their wares – don't be shy.

Banana Bread contact Mary Orchard 01752 668564

Classic Victoria Sandwich and/or Ginger Cake Linda Wheeler 01752 227003 *

Chocolate Devil's cake contact Rosemary and Chris Tremaine 01752 263217

Flapjacks contact Anne Tillett 07717 378474

Fruit cake, Chocolate cake, contact Aileen Nuttall 01752 224400

Lemon Drizzle Cake contact Dominie Burns 01752 665446

Teabread contact Dominie Burns 01752 665446*

Iced carrot cake traybake, 6, 12 or 24 slices Linda Wheeler 01752 227003

Walnut and Banana Loaf with frosted Icing Janet Asman 01752 771067

PRESERVES

Marmalade, jam or chutney contact Dominie Burns 01752 665446

Crab Apple Jelly contact Aileen Nuttall 01752 224400

**Sheila Tigwell and Ginnie Serpell are both recovering from illness, so Linda and Dominie are filling in for them temporarily.*

Please ring the donor to order and arrange collection or delivery and give them your donation

Any queries: Linda Wheeler 01752 227003 or Dominie Burns 01752 665446

Thank you for all your support for the Mission of the Month.

May money raised for Christian Aid—£2003

June money raised for Sahodar outreach to Nepal – £856.25

July The Bible Project

August Shekinah - also see p6

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LIFE & TIMES extract

There are thirty-eight books of the Bible in these paragraphs, can you find them? At the worst you should spot half a dozen of the obvious ones.

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an aeroplane seat pocket, on a flight from Judea to Suez, raising the question of who wrote it. He enjoyed it so much he passed it on to some friends. One friend, John, worked on it while fishing in the Sudan. I eliminated some impossible names like Zephaniah and Hezekiah and fluked a few, but didn't do too bad. I, ahead of most, could at least recite the books of the Bible. Joe Lawrence, a journalist friend, found it quite comic, a humorous addition to his weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so stressful, that she brews a pot of tea to help her nerves.

There are some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalised. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in these paragraph, although some ascribe facial effects as being from the Biblevitic users syndrome. During a recent fund-raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new sales record for a disk featuring a solo monologue extolling the virtues of citrus fruits.

The local paper, the Israel Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Jonah Humana humbly put it, 'The books are right here in plain view hidden from sight'. Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown where they are! One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember there is no need for a mass exodus: there really are thirty-eight books of the Bible lurking somewhere in these paragraphs waiting to be found!

LIFE & TIMES extract

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7.30pm Wednesdays / ZOOM ID: 141 678 796 / Usual password

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MISSIONS

Here is your chance to have a say about which Missions Emmanuel will choose to support in the future. Please read Sally's article in the magazine, **on the link above** (papers copies available in church) or click [here](#) make your choice.

AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT

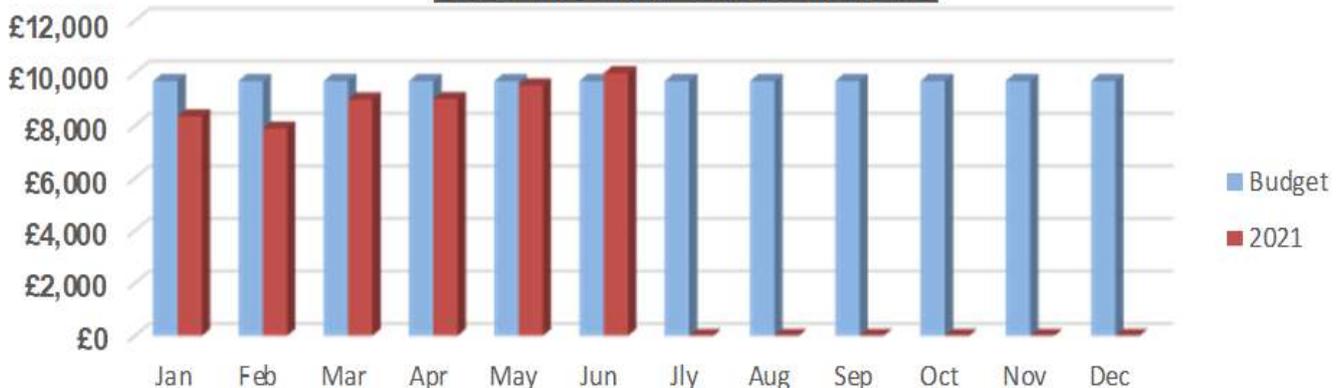
Those on mailing list will have received a four page puzzle / randomness / trivia / brain teaser sheet over recent weeks. If are not on the mailing list but fancy something a bit different, something different to read or do, please help yourself to the spares etc on the bench in the annexe foyer/table by the coffee corner.

They are free of charge but any donations can go in the magazine slot of the bookstall.

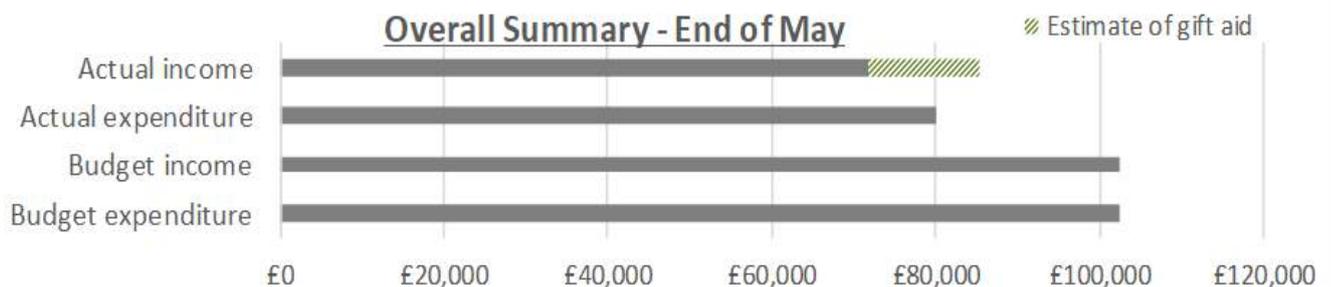
Finance Update

Just to keep everyone in the picture, the financial position of Emmanuel at the end of June is summarised on the picture, the financial position of Emmanuel at the end of June is summarised on the two charts below. After a somewhat shaky start to the year, free-will giving (the red bars) is now around the budgeted requirement (blue bars), and, as services start getting back to normal, other income streams as well as expenditure will increase. For this year, the extra cost of employing a Children's Worker and a Youth Worker will be met from previous years' savings.

Free-will Giving - 2021 Emmanuel



Overall Summary - End of May



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PRAYER FOCUS

HOLIDAYS

SUN	Thank You for the holidays. Time to reflect and unwind. Time to be with our families. Time to explore new places. Time to enjoy Your wonderful creation. Help us to always find time to stand back from business and delight in Your creation.
MON	We pray for all those on holiday at this time. May they travel safely, may they be comfortable and well, help them to enjoy new experiences. Keep them from greed or overindulgence. Help those who go alone to make new friends and never lack for company.
TUE	We lift to You those unable to go on Holiday, because they are too sick to travel, lack resources, haven't the courage to go alone, or have had to cancel their holiday at the last minute. Help them all to enjoy being where they are.
WED	Thank You for all those who work in the holiday industry. Help them to enjoy their work and put their best into it. Help the industry to be well organised, staff well supervised and supported, with fair pay structures.
THU	Help us to enjoy the weather we have and make the best of it, rather than spend our time mourning what we do not have!
FRI	Holidays give us to time to read and reflect. Help us to choose reading material and pursuits that will inspire us to enlarge our horizons. Help us in our discussions and relationships to grow and learn.
SAT	Please be with families through the school holidays and help all ages to have quality time together. Help us to arrive home refreshed and ready to resume our everyday lives.

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