

London Street United Reformed Church

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

This month, Beryl Wootton presents her article entitled 'Immeasurably more!'



'Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen'.

Ephesians 3: 20-21

I have supported M. A. F. (Mission Aviation Fellowship) since I was 17 years old. They bought their film 'Jungle Pilot' to my home church and I was so inspired by it that even today I can remember almost every detail. I also bought and read the book by the same name, written by Nate Saint.

A long time ago now, but I still find their work stimulating. This is their 80th year and the letter that begins their Prayer Diary (April – June 2025) underlines their attitude to prayer:

'It's very easy to get caught up in the here and now and the cares of today, and lose our heavenly perspective.

When coming to God in prayer, it's imperative that we direct our eyes and hearts heavenwards. When we hear that 1 billion people live in isolation and more than 80% of these are extremely poor, it can feel overwhelming. The need can appear too great.

It's at times like this when I think of Jesus feeding the 5,000 with just 5 loaves and 2 fish. The need was great and what they had in their hands was clearly not enough – a mere drop in the ocean, as it were.

'As evening approached, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

'Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat"

"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

“Bring them here to me,” He said. And He directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, He gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.

'They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over' (Matthew 14: 15-20).

Jesus was enough!

The above account reminds us that all we need to do is bring what we have to Jesus, fix our eyes on Him and look heavenwards. The God of abundance and 'immeasurably more' is at work. In this diary, the Scriptures on each page recall the mindset from which we're to pray and remind us that the God we serve is a miracle-working God!

Celebrating 80 years of MAF reminds us that God has always provided and has never let us down. This edition of the prayer diary provides a couple of pages that reflect on the importance of prayer to MAF.'

They have included an Audacious Prayer page, sharing some really big faith prayer requests for the coming year.

They thank God that one in every five flights are made possible thanks to gifts in Wills and pray that this continues.

They currently serve 2,500 communities in 533 destinations. With so many living in isolation they pray that they will be able to expand their reach and help reduce this staggering statistic.

MAF has launched a bold environmental policy that focuses on cutting carbon emissions, in proportion to their flying, by 30% by 2035. They ask us to pray that over the next 10 years, they will be successful in their desire to be better stewards of all that God has given them.

This is just a flavour of the prayers they are praying, and asking us to pray for, and believe that He is able to move mountains!

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15: 13

THE NOTICEBOARD

Information, updates, tips, and more.



Fellowship Evening & Meal

On May 17th there will be a Fellowship Evening consisting of a cooked meal (cottage pie and dessert), starting at 6pm, at London Street. This will be followed by Peter Dixon playing your favourite hymns. The evening will conclude with Peter playing one or two pieces of his own choice.



There is no charge for this evening but donations will be welcome.

If you wish to come to the meal please sign the form on the noticeboard in the concourse.

Gill Miller

FOCUS: Next Issue

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition of Focus magazine. If you would like to contribute to the June magazine, please contact the editor by **18th of May**.

Eco Tip

God's Gift -- Our World

The Environment -- Our Responsibility



Clean brown leather shoes and bags with the inside of a banana skin, then polish with a soft cloth.

Don't forget, you can recycle the following items at London Street:

Empty Printer Cartridges, Aluminium Containers and Foil, Batteries, and Plastic Milk Bottle Tops.

Can you help to make sure that no one in our local community goes hungry?



Items **urgently** needed: Savoury Spreads (e.g. Marmite), Cuppa Soup, Savoury Snacks, Deodorant (Male), Loo Roll.

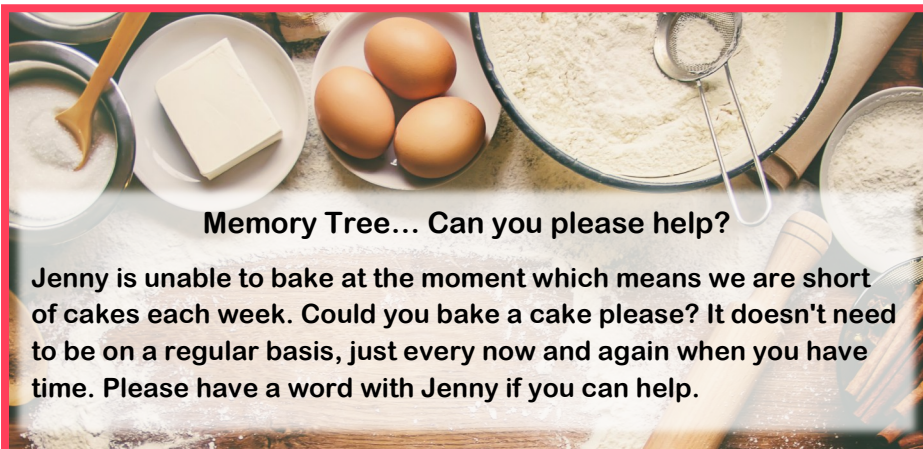
Items needed: UHT Fruit Juice, Hot/Cold Desserts (e.g. Jelly, Sponge Pudding, Angel Delight), Crackers, Coffee, Hair Conditioner, Household Cleaning Products and Washing Up Liquid, Powdered Milk, Squash, Sweet Spreads (Jam, Marmalade etc.), Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meat (e.g. Chilli, Stewing Steak, Ham), Tinned Soup, Tinned Spaghetti/Ravioli, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Veg, UHT Milk, Pet Food.

Please **do not** give Baby Food, Hot/Cold Cereal, Nappies, Non-Dairy Milk, Pasta, Pulses, Rice, Sanitary Pads, Tinned Beans, as these are already in surplus.

Donations can be left at London Street URC in the container provided. For up to date lists, or to find other donation points, go to:

<https://basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk/givehelp/food/>

Or download the BankTheFood app from the Apple App/Google Play store and select Basingstoke Foodbank.



Memory Tree... Can you please help?

Jenny is unable to bake at the moment which means we are short of cakes each week. Could you bake a cake please? It doesn't need to be on a regular basis, just every now and again when you have time. Please have a word with Jenny if you can help.

The Bible Society's

ROMANS course

**Starting 7:15pm for 7:30pm Monday
12th May through to Monday 21st July**



**Tadley United Reformed Church Immanuel
Centre, Malthouse Lane/Main Road, Tadley
Info & let us know: tadleyurc@gmail.com**

ALIVE 4U

A SERVICE 4 CHILDREN & FAMILIES

**NEXT
SERVICE**

10:30am

11th May

**Tadley United
Reformed
Church, Main
Road, Tadley
Info: Mark
07849546894**



Church Flowers

The Flower Committee would like to thank Elspeth Anthony for donating and arranging the May flowers. Also Victoria Paice for donating the vase of flowers on 25th May in memory of her husband.

Additional Prayer Request

Two members of the congregation also belong to "Open the Book", which takes Bible stories into local schools. Please pray for them as they take in the following stories for this half term:

Walk to Emmaus, Breakfast by the sea, Goodbye at last, The Helper arrives.

-Beryl Wootton

Congratulations!

We send our love and congratulations to Gillian & Tony Patterson's son Stephen on his marriage to Hana on April 26th. We wish them every happiness in their future life together, with their baby son, Teddy.



An Update on Our Friend Joan

Joan Musselwhite is happily settled in her new home. She welcomes visitors, but you would need to check with the home before visiting so that she isn't overwhelmed!

She enjoys hearing news of everyone in the church family, and has said that you can, if you wish, text her.

Joan hopes to be in church whenever possible. She is one inspirational lady!

-Jenny McCloy

THE PRAYER CIRCLE

Please remember the following people in your prayers...

Isobel's husband Ted, a great support at Memory Tree, who is recovering amazingly well after surgery on a broken hip.

Louise & David Waller

Joan Musselwhite

Mrs Noorie Khatkur

Dick & Anne Davey

Christine & Eric Clucas

Carys Haywood

Barbara Banbury and David Corfield

Marguerite Hurford and her son Michael

Alison and David

Bev Harris and Dom

Claire Macro

Stan & Sandra Marut

Hyacinth Ridguard

Ruth Bentall

Owen Collins and family

The Patterson family

Chris Jones' grandson, Archie

Maggie & Richard Morgans

Zoe, Rebecca, and Caitlin

Gill Vickery

Seb and Dorcas

Nicolle and Gavin's wedding



A Quiet Thought...

You will find, as you look back upon your life, that the moments that stand out, the moments when you have really lived, are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of Love.

Henry Drummond

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

This month's assigned readings.



	Psalm	New Testament		Psalm	New Testament
1st	54	Luke 20: 1-26	17th	61: 4-8	John 3: 22-36
2nd	55: 1-8	Luke 20: 27 - 21: 4	18th	62: 1-8	John 4: 1-26
3rd	55: 9-16	Luke 21: 5-19	19th	62: 9-12	John 4: 27-42
4th	55: 17-23	Luke 21: 20-38	20th	63: 1-5	John 5: 1-23
5th	56: 1-8	Luke 22: 1-30	21st	63: 6-11	John 5: 24-47
6th	56: 9-13	Luke 22: 31-53	22nd	64	John 6: 1-24
7th	23	Luke 22: 54-71	23rd	65: 1-8	John 6: 25-47
8th	57: 1-6	Luke 23: 1-25	24th	65: 9-13	John 6: 48-71
9th	57: 7-11	Luke 23: 26-49	25th	66: 1-7	John 7: 1-24
10th	58	Luke 23: 50 - 24: 12	26th	66: 8-15	John 7: 25-53
11th	59: 1-9	Luke 24: 13-35	27th	66: 16-20	John 8: 1-30
12th	59: 10-13	Luke 24: 36-53	28th	23	John 8: 31-59
13th	59: 14-17	John 1: 1-28	29th	67	John 9: 1-17
14th	60: 1-4	John 1: 29-51	30th	68: 1-6	John 9: 18-41
15th	60: 5-12	John 2	31st	68: 7-14	John 10: 1-21
16th	61: 1-3	John 3: 1-21			

EVENT DIARIES

What's on this month at London St. & Old Meeting URCs.



At London Street URC (unless otherwise specified):

Regular Events

Sunday Worship 10:30am			
Mondays	10:15am	Craft Group	
Tuesdays	5:45-6:45pm	Beavers	In Term Time.
	7-8:30pm	Cubs	All in the Den except Scouts who meet in the Wessex Hall.
	7-9pm	Scouts	
Wednesdays	10:30am	Memory Tree	
	12:15pm	Lunchtime Prayers	
Thursdays	7:15-9:15pm	Explorers	In Term Time. In the Den.

May Worship Diary

4th	Led by The Worship Group; Musician: TBC.
11th	Led by Andy & Diane Taylor; Musician: Revd. Denis Smith.
18th	Led by Mark Ward; Musician: TBC.
25th	Service includes Holy Communion. Led by Revd. Adam Payne; Musician: Peter Dixon.

Duty Elder for the month: Leng Ayland.

Next Church Meeting:

~~14th May (Wednesday)~~ at 7:30pm

19th May (Monday) at 7:30pm (in the Hook Room)

At Tadley (Old Meeting) URC (unless otherwise specified):

Regular Events

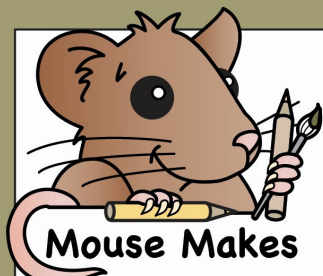
Sunday Worship 10:30am		
Monday Afternoons	Ladies' Cell Group	Contact Penny O'Bee.
Monday Evenings	Cell Group	Contact Mark Ward or Paul Gross.
Tuesday Evenings	Joint Prayer Time with St Paul's	Contact Penny O'Bee.
Wednesday Evenings	Prayer via Zoom	Contact Mark Ward.
Friday Afternoons	Men's Shed	2pm, once a fortnight. Contact Paul Gross.
Saturday Mornings	Ladies' Breakfast & Talk	10am, 2nd Saturday of each month. Everyone welcome.
	Men's Breakfast & Talk	10am, 4th Saturday of each month. Everyone welcome.

May Worship Diary

4th	Led by Eve Baker.
11th	Children and family service Led by Mark Ward.
18th	Joining with London Street
25th	No service at Old Meeting

Colour In!

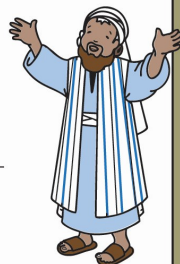




MIRACLES OF PETER

At which temple gate
did the crippled man lay?

Acts 3:1-10



Who were the man and wife
who lied to God?

_____ and _____

Acts 5:1-11

People carried the sick into
the streets so that when Peter
came by at least his

_____ might fall on them.

Acts 5:12-16



How long had Aeneas
been paralysed for?

_____ years

Acts 9:32-35

Where had Tabitha's body been laid?
in the _____

Acts 9:36-42



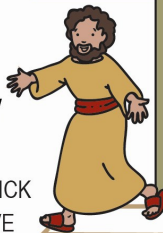
"And the word
of God
continued to
increase,
and the number
of the disciples
multiplied
greatly."

Acts 6:7

E L P R A I S I N G M H
B E A U T I F U L M I T
S A R W S A P P H I R A
A P A C R I P P L E A B
N I L W O N D E R S C I
A N Y P W D I R A I L T
N G S R A A E R L C E H
I H E A L E D O I K S A
A K D Y K N F O V I L L
S K P E T E R M E D E B
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G S I G N S S H A D O W

After Jesus
ascended into
heaven, the
Holy Spirit
came upon
the Apostles
and Peter was
able to perform
many miracles
in Jesus' name.

**See the book
of ACTS**



PETER • SIGNS • WONDERS • MIRACLES • HEALED
CRIPPLE • LAME • WALK • LEAPING • PRAISING • LIED • DIED • SICK
AENEAS • PARALISED • TABITHA • ILL • PRAYED • ALIVE

Find the words from the questions too!

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