

Faith or fear

When I think back to the last item I wrote for *Yours*, it was all about being thankful, during the ensuing time there have been so many changes in or lives, the world even.

Who would have thought that we would not be meeting for our Easter service and around the world churches would be closed? Yet there are indeed things still to be thankful for. We have amazing technology and a skilled congregation that we can still connect and see and worship together despite our physical separation.

As the pandemic still rages and lives are lost it can be a fearful time, worrying about health, loved ones, work or finances. However, as a believer of Jesus we can overcome that fear and worry with faith and prayer. God still loves us and wants to hear our prayers and worship during this time. It was not his desire that we would suffer, but because of that first sin His plan had to change and through Jesus' sacrifice we have been given hope. Hope of better things to come, but before then we will be tested like the gold that needs refining. Are we seeing the growing pains of faith? Of minds turning, I pray it is so.

I heard a story this week, that resonated during this time and will try to do it justice. A man relayed a dream he had been having. Two dogs were fighting, there was no let up they were locked in battle with one another. One dog was good and named faith, the other was bad and named fear. This dream kept reoccurring, so he shared this dream with his friend, who asked, 'which one wins?', to which he replied the one I feed. Therefore, at this un-presented time of lockdown, where fear and uncertainty can cloud our minds, we need to flood out those fears with faith, with daily worship and prayers, to be thankful for all we have – the NHS, homes, provisions, faith, to name but a few.

Heavenly Father, I pray that you will give us faith and growing confidence in you and your love and healing.

I pray that you will watch over those I love and those working to save lives and stock shelves. Those who run the country and the services we depend on.

I pray for those fighting the virus and those who have lost family and friends. Lord I pray that you will keep us strong in love for you and our neighbour.

Help me and all of us to extend kindness and grace. I pray Lord, that you will restore this world and forgive us where we have put material things before you.

Heal this land father, heal our hearts and heal our minds, help us in faith and love.

Amen.

Nancy Aldred

**SUNDAY 19th APRIL 2020
WELCOME TO
HORLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**

HBC
Horley Baptist Church

A VIBRANT CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

10.30 am - "Nothing's gonna stop us now"
Speaker: Martin Shorey

Live-stream through Facebook
OR

watch later via

YouTube - search for Horley Baptist Church
on your smart TV or device

6.30pm - No service

If you need help please use the office email (Monday to Friday):
admin@horleybaptist.org.uk

You can also use the Facebook page to message us:
<http://www.facebook.com/horleybaptistchurch/>

If you need prayer please use the following email:
prayer@horleybaptist.org.uk

Keep in touch on the APP or our website

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During the Coronavirus Pandemic Lockdown we are working remotely ... so office hours (below) still apply.

Horley Baptist Church, 289 Court Lodge Road, Horley. RH6 8RG

Pastor: Reverend Martin Shorey

Children & Families Pastor: Dazz Jones

Facilities: Alison Dowrick Administrators: Carol Black & Lizzie Alton

The church office is open 9.00am - 1pm Monday to Friday

Reception is manned week days from 9am -12 noon. Answer-phone in use when office is closed.

To contact the church or to seek help of any kind please ring the office on 01293 456258

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Prayer Corner



There is so much to pray for in our world at the moment...

- ✝ We pray for all countries who are dealing with Coronavirus ...
- ✝ We pray for our essential services such as:
health services, local grocery businesses, delivery companies and postal services as they cope with increasing demand due to Coronavirus.
- Locally Please continue to pray for ...**
- ✝ For our telephone outreach volunteers and volunteer shoppers as they continue a chain of support for those who are in isolation for 12 weeks.
- ✝ For all that are working to keep our daily needs met whether in hospitals, shops, factories, farms, electrical facilities, gas supplies. We have many in our congregation who work in vital back up services as well as in caring roles.
- ✝ For those in our congregation who are finding isolation very difficult.
- ✝ For those who are unwell or recovering, may they feel the love of God envelop them with the kindness of friends and neighbours.

If you have a prayer request please email the church office by Thursday morning or use our prayer email: prayer@horleybaptist.org.uk



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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDz4VWq4V_LBiFaVha46neQ/featured?disable_polymer=1



Some of our homegroups are now using Zoom to meet weekly



THIS WEEK HBC

All on sit events are cancelled due to the government guidelines for the coronavirus pandemic.

In the interim via the digital world Messages from our Ministry team

Friday @ 11am



Friday @ 8pm



Sunday @ 10.30am



Contact Us

