

Through the calm and the storm...

Martin recently preached online about Jesus calming the storm on the Sea of Galilee, and he wondered if any of us had experienced a storm at sea. I thought at the time of one occasion when this happened to Barbara and myself, and the amazing thing is that it happened on the Sea of Galilee.

We were drifting in the middle of the Sea of Galilee. The crew had stopped the engine so that we could read together the well known Bible passages about Jesus stilling the storm, and also about Him walking on the water during a storm. I looked at the calm, blue water and found it hard to imagine a storm there. We sang some songs and ended with, "Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place". Suddenly a powerful wind hit the sea, and within seconds waves broke over the side of the boat. Several of us were drenched from head to foot. The engine was quickly started and we travelled through the waves to our destination but the crew were worried that we would be swept against the jetty. They decided that it would be best to go all the way back through the storm to the more sheltered town of Tiberias, where we were able to get off the tossing boat with great difficulty.

During our journey back across the sea to Tiberias, I looked at my friends. Some appeared very worried about the storm and others were obviously nauseous. Normally I would have been worried too, but on this occasion I loved every moment of the storm! Firstly, instead of worrying, I was excited that the words from the Bible that we had read were true.

"Without warning, a furious storm came upon the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat", (Matthew 8:24), and on the other occasion, "Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind he was afraid and beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord save me"" (Matthew 14:29-30).

Secondly, and even more importantly, I didn't worry as the boat rolled from side to side because I was filled with a tremendous sense of the presence of the Lord, and a calm assurance that He was in control.

At the present time we are facing a sudden, powerful storm that no one expected. Many have suffered through terrible illness, thousands of others are grieving through the loss of loved ones, NHS staff and care workers are struggling to treat those people who are seriously affected by the virus, and even the rest of us are finding problems with the lockdown.

In a song that we sing, the chorus has these words, "Oh no, You never let go, through the calm and through the storm". Most of us have never experienced a storm like this in our lives and there may come a time when we begin to sink; but we can cry out to Jesus to save us. We can have a calm assurance that He takes hold of us just as He did with Peter. By faith we can hold on to Him too, but He is the one Who never lets go of us. **"I will never leave you nor forsake you"**. (Joshua 1:5)

Michael Goble

**SUNDAY 26th APRIL 2020
WELCOME TO
HORLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**



A VIBRANT CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

10.30 am - Life Changer series - Zacchaeus
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

APP Available, Search: HORLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



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

email: admin@horleybaptist.org.uk

website: www.horleybaptist.org.uk

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Prayer Corner



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

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.

We also pray globally

- ✝ For all 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.

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

Pastoral Care update:

Some people have enquired whether those known to HBC who are 'shielded,' living alone or having to self isolate are receiving ongoing contact and pastoral care support.

I would like to advise you that yes, they are.

We are blessed with a great team of people who are regularly ringing to chat and pray with those we think would welcome such support. And we also have a keen group of volunteers ready to help with shopping if needed. I am also aware that many of you have already taken the initiative and are keeping in touch with each other via phone, WhatsApp and other social media, so thank you everyone for all that you are doing to show God's love to our friends, neighbours and colleagues.

If you know of anyone who is not receiving telephone support or needs help with shopping & would like to hear from us then please let the HBC office know.

God bless you.

Sarah Bell - Pastoral Care deacon.



The only reasons to leave home are:

- ✔ To shop for basic necessities or pick up medicine
- ✔ To travel to work when you absolutely cannot work from home
- ✔ To exercise once a day, alone or with members of your household
- ✘ Do not meet others, even friends or family

Our videos of activities and live-stream services are now available on YouTube via your smart TV or device:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDz4VWg4V_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

Horley Baptist Parent and Toddler Group
@hbc toddlers

Friday @ 8pm

JOIN US FOR
Friday Night Worship
8pm every Friday

Sunday @ 10.30am

JOIN US FOR OUR
Sunday Service
10.30am every Sunday

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