



“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, THEY
WILL **WALK** AND
NOT BE FAINT.”

ISAIAH | CHAPTER 40 | VERSE 31



We seek to be evangelical in our understanding and charismatic in our experience.

Pursuing Honour for Christ, Health for His Church, Hope for Our Community

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Foundations of Lively Hope

We are using this Insight article to review the unchanging core values of Hope Community Church, the foundations of the lively hope Jesus brings to all who trust him.

This month, building on our commitment to faithful gospel proclamation, described in November, let's consider the outcome of Christ-exalting, Cross-centred ministry and mission in community life in the local church.

We expect the fruit of gospel ministry to shape our life together as a community in at least the following ways.

Joy & Gladness.

A joyful, hope-filled community whose worship gatherings resound with awestruck praise of God's excellencies and are marked by fervent, trusting, penitent prayer, humble enjoyment of God's grace and an unflinching

devotion to Christ-exalting exposition and application of the Scriptures.

Distinctiveness.

A counter-cultural, distinctive community of people who, rejecting the world's selfish seeking for personal pleasure, prosperity and contentment, are filled with God's warm, compassionate holiness and moved to serve and love others selflessly, especially those who despise us.

Restorative.

A community who increasingly integrate their faith into their family-life, friendships and vocations, using their influence, creativity, gifts and abilities to cultivate a distinctively Christian worldview at home and in society to bring healing and restoration to hurting people and our broken culture.

Merciful.

A community always calling people to repent toward God and trust in Christ's atoning

sacrifice whilst consistently embodying God's commitment to human flourishing through acts of mercy in the relief of all forms of poverty, isolation, injustice and ignorance.

Diverse.

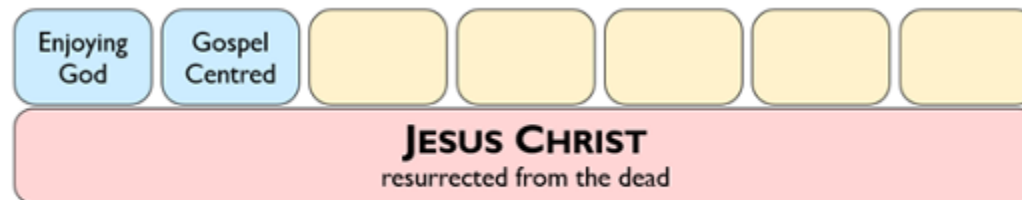
A community so filled with respect for human dignity, created in God's image, that we warmly welcome people from every sector of society into an impartial, intergenerational, multi-cultural family, tearing down walls that obstruct outsiders from joining us to explore faith and worship God.

Becoming this kind of community will bring many challenges to our natural inclination for comfort and familiarity. We will face calls to change our message, to tone down our emphasis on repentance from sin, and to affirm the pluralistic, secular world-view so prevalent in Western culture.

But as we enter a new decade, let us commit to proclaiming Christ crucified and living lives in a manner worthy of his name, so that we shine like lights in the darkness and people see our good works and give glory to our Father in heaven!

May God bless you richly in 2020.

Martyn



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Hope Community Church Matters



5 Day Bible Reading Plan

Tragically, the statistics for Bible reading and study amongst evangelical Christians are not very encouraging. One statistic I saw recently suggests that the average pastor spends only 15 minutes per day reading and praying over God's Word.

So that we do not become what these statistics reveal, we have prepared a reading plan designed to help us read through the whole Bible in a year. This is a 5 Day chronological programme developed by the late Dr R C Sproul (Ligonier Ministries) that mercifully allows time for catch up and reflection on what has been read at weekends!

PDF versions of this should have been circulated to all regular attenders on the contact database by the time you read this. Paper copies will be placed on the table at APS and can be collected on Sundays, but should you require a copy in either format, don't hesitate to ask Liz Benstead for one.



week of prayer & fasting

26 JAN – 1 FEB 2020

The elders are calling the church to a week of prayer and fasting as we consider together what the Lord might wish to say to us about our next steps together in ministry and mission as a church community.

Further details of gatherings for prayer will be announced early in January but do set some time aside during this week to pray with others!



Martyn

Tanzania Update



Zeph & Wema's sabbatical in UK.

Zeph & Wema thanked us for hosting them for their month's sabbatical. They went back to Tanzania to take up the reigns again in December. It was lovely seeing them slowly relax and unwind and enjoy the cold, wet Britain in the middle of 'Brexit' and election fever.



Zeph reports that his family, Church, Youth, Nursery School and the Health Centre all survived his absence as he had put good plans in place, delegating the work before he went.

The growth of the Church in Tanzania continues.

Hope Community Church helps support mission outreach from Zeph's church in Dodoma. They are now reaching into the unreached regions in Southern Tanzania and the Mozambique border.

An elder from the church: Mefruda is choosing to give up his life of relative comfort in Dodoma and go south with his wife to face the very real risks of church planting there, in a very poor Muslim area. The spiritual (and possibly physical) warfare will be intense.

I know Mefruda from building Tazama na Tunza Health Centre as he was the glue that kept the building being built and ensured everything went in place in the right time and way. I know his wife as she had cerebral malaria when I was nursing there (she was so unwell that she ran around outside church naked in her fever,



and the church elders had to try and catch her to take her home, but they couldn't as they were trying to catch her with their eyes shut!). She fully recovered and is now a beautiful church elder and is very brave to consider church planting in the south with Mefruda. I will update you on their story: meanwhile, please pray for them as they prepare to go.

Please Pray

Please continue to pray for the **Health Centre**. We need to continue to challenge the culture of only going to hospital when you think you are dying, and to encourage the community to come to us earlier in order to prevent diseases and disabilities and to treat the early symptoms.

Please pray for this culture change and for the Government **Fridge** to arrive for the **Mamas Unit!** Please father, release the fridge to us so that we can start treating the mothers and babies in the area, saving lives and preventing disabilities. We also now have to pay for the **Public Health Nurse** to cover this work as the Government said that they are no longer paying for them.



Youth decision time.

18-30 year-olds are invited to Tanzania this year so please fill in your form to come to Tanzania if you feel that this is God's path ahead for you. We can trust God for the money for travelling as time moves forward, but for now I need to know who is knowing the Holy Spirit's promptings to come...

Thank you Father that we can join with you in partnership across all the cultural and language divides to build your Kingdom here on earth. Ruth

What, Where, When and Who

**What happens in and around our Church,
When it happens,
Where it takes place and
Who to contact for more details
and to volunteer.**

Sundays (see Diary Dates for full details)

10.30 am Hope Community Church Morning Worship
Arundale Primary School
Lowry Grove, Mottram. SK14 6PW
Martyn Cooling 01457 238016
martyn@motttramec.co.uk

Various Days

Various times HCC Small Groups
Martyn Cooling 01457 238016
Steve Percy 0771 814 2599

Monday

2.00 pm Mottram Monday Matinee
HCC
Debs F 07446 893445

Tuesdays

6.30 am Early Morning Prayer
HCC- Drop in as convenient.
Susan C. 07947 632283

9.15 am Tuesday Prayer
HCC
Martyn Cooling 01457 238016

4.30 pm Rock Solid
Ages 8 to 13
Meeting Place
Sam Patterson 07870 984863

8 pm Prayer For Prodigals
(4th Tues)
HCC
Bryan Blakeborough

Wednesdays

9.45 am to 11.00 am Hattersley Prayer
4 Worthington Close,
Hattersley.
Sylvia Garry 0161 368 0952

Wednesdays (continued)

9.30 am to 11.30 am Mums' Bible Study
HCC
School term
Susan C. 07947 632283

1.30 pm to 2.30 pm Pilates
HCC
Debbie Hansom 07758 217754
Susan C. 07947 632283

6.30pm to 7.30 pm Creative Drop-in Sessions
Ages 10-16 years
The Hub
Simon Davidson 07770 427313

7.30 pm to 9.00 pm Lifecentre Youth Group
High School Age
The Hub
Simon Davidson 07770 427313

Thursdays

9.30 am to 11.30 am The Meeting Place
HCC
Susan C. 07947 632283

10.00 am to 12 noon Ladies' Prayer & Bible Group.
School term
Carol Barlow 0161 366 8531

6.30 pm to 8.00 pm Kids 4 Christ
Junior School Age (8+)
HCC
Jim Towell 0161 330 9058
jim@towells.info

8.00 pm Worship Group
HCC
Susan C. 07947 632283

Fridays

4.00 pm Adventure Club
Ages 8-14 years
Simon Davidson 07770 427313

Saturdays

8.00 am Mighty Men's Breakfast
(2nd Saturday)
HCC
Martyn Catterall
administrator@motttramec.co.uk

Miscellany



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A TANZANIA TRIP FUNDRAISING CEILIDH

A group of our young people are planning to visit Dodoma in 2020 to see and serve the great work being done by our brothers and sisters under the leadership of Zeph Mkuyu at Capital Christian Centre.



To raise funds for this trip, they are planning a fun evening of music and dance as follows!

Date: 11th January
Time: 6:30-9:00pm
Venue: Magdalene Centre, Broadbottom, SK14 6BB

Tickets cost £7 per person, £15 per family, £4 concessions.

Refreshments will be available for sale on the evening.

For further information, or to book your tickets, please contact
Eloise 07759 936012, or
Hephzibah 07776 841209

Mighty Men's Breakfast
Saturday 11th January
from 8 to 9.45.

Please let Martyn Catterall know if you will be there for catering purposes

PRAYER FOR PRODIGALS
TUESDAY
21ST JANUARY
8 PM AT
HOPE CHRISTIAN CENTRE

JOIN US AS WE
MEET TO PRAY FOR **FAMILY**
MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND
LOVED ONES WHO HAVE
DRIFTED FROM THEIR FAITH

February Insight Copy Deadline
Sunday 19th January

January Diary Dates

LIFE Group Meetings most Wednesdays and Thursdays at various times and locations

Sun 5th	APS	10.10 am	Prayer 4 Church
	APS	10.30 am	Morning Worship and Lord's Supper
Mon 6th	HCC	2 to 4 pm	Monday Matinee
	HCC	7.to 8 m	Prayer 4 Revival
Tue 7th	HCC	6.30 to 8 am	Tuesday Upper Room Prayers
Sat 11th	HCC	8 to 10 am	Mottram Men's Breakfast
	MAG	6.30 70 9 pm	Youth Tanzania Trip Fundraiser Ceilidh
Sun 12th	APS	10.10 am	Prayer 4 Church
	APS	10.30 am	Morning Worship
	BAL	3 to 4 pm	Silver Sunday Service
	HCC	7 to 9 pm	Search The Scriptures
Mon 13th	HCC	2 to 4 pm	Monday Matinee
	HCC	7.to 8 m	Prayer 4 Revival
	HCC	8.00 pm	Wider Leadership Team
Tue 14th	HCC	6.30 to 8 am	Tuesday Upper Room Prayers
Sun 19th	February Insight Copy Deadline		
	APS	10.10 am	Prayer 4 Church
	APS	10.30 am	Morning Worship and Lord's Supper
Mon 20th	HCC	2 to 4 pm	Monday Matinee
	HCC	7.to 8 m	Prayer 4 Revival
Tue 21st	HCC	6.30 am	Tuesday Upper Room Prayers
	HCC	8.00 pm	Prayer for Prodigals
Wed 22nd	HCC	8 to 9.30 pm	Prayer and Vision Evening
26th Jan to 1st Feb		Week of Prayer and Fasting	
Sun 26th	February Insight available in print and online		
	APS	10.10 am	Prayer 4 Church
	APS	10.30 am	Morning Worship
Mon 27th	HCC	2 to 4 pm	Monday Matinee
	HCC	7.to 8 m	Prayer 4 Revival
Tue 28th	HCC	6.30 am	Tuesday Upper Room Prayers

Event Location Key APS Arundale Primary School HCC Hope Christian Centre
 BAL Balmoral Care Home MAG Magdalene Centre