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

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Cover photo | Mottram Matinee take on Llandudno—full report next month

Martyn Cooling

Leader, Hope Community Church

Isaiah's prophecy presents us with a profound challenge. It asks of us: "How will we respond to the glorious presence of the Holy One of Israel?"

Will we fall before Him in humble sorrow over our sin, our lives devoted to His glory in a fallen world? Like Isaiah (Chapter 6). Or will we rebel against Him and produce stinky fruit instead of exquisite, glorious vintage grapes even though He has committed to patiently and generously tend and care for us? Like Israel (Chapter 5)?

God chose Israel to be his servant. He chose this otherwise insignificant people to live in intimate reliance on Him. He chose them for a supernatural mission. He chose them to be a source of divine blessing to all nations, near or far, great or small. He called them to be different to other nations: distinctive in attractions, attitudes, allegiances, ambitions and actions. He chose them to show how anyone can be restored to friendship with their Maker and Creator. And He was incredibly kind to them, patient, generous, full of tender mercy in the face of their many sins and failings.

Tragically, Israel stuck up two proverbial fingers to God, rejecting His invitation to serve Him, and chose for herself the role of rebel. And what a sorry story emerges as a result of this decision.

But God's plan to lavish grace on all humanity could not be thwarted by Israel's rebellion. Ever faithful to His promises, Isaiah reveals how God

Rebels or Servants?

offered comfort to grieving rebels by raising up another servant to lavish divine blessing on the world. We read about this servant in Isaiah 42:1:

"Look at my servant, whom I strengthen.
He is my chosen one, who pleases me.
I have put my Spirit upon him.
He will bring justice to the nations.

Isaiah provides many clues to the identity of God's perfect servant who will lavish divine blessing to humanity. But these clues paint a bitter-sweet picture of "the One" God chose for this task.

- This unblemished servant would accept God's just punishment for all human rebellion, being horrifically marred in order to secure their freedom from guilt and shame (Isa. 52:13-53:12).
- He will offer hope to those weeping in shame, deliver them from harm and invite them to share in his salvation (Isaiah 54-55).
- He will bring justice and joy to the nations and deal with the issue of sin (Isaiah 56-59)
- He will offer glorious good news to the oppressed and restore ruined lives (Isaiah 60-63)
- He will overpower all God's enemies (Isaiah 64-65)

- He will make all things new, establishing a new heaven and a new earth (Isaiah 66)

Who is He, this magnificent, strong, yet marred and suffering, servant of God? To whom are we to look for justice in the nations?

There is only One capable of such glory. He alone is worthy of our trust, our hope, our worship and our lives.

And He is Jesus, Son of God, Messiah, the only Saviour of the World, now seated on Heaven's eternal throne.

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honour and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

Martyn



Hope Community Church Matters

Tour of Britain | Saturday 14th September | 10.45 am to 3 pm @HCC

The Tour of Britain is cycling past our very own Hope Christian Centre on Stalybridge Road on Saturday 14th September!

Come and join us from 10.45am - 3pm to watch it live on the big screen! The day will include refreshments and family activities (including flag making to cheer them on as they cycle past!).



Men's Breakfast | Saturday 14th September | 8 am @HCC

Join with men from HCC and other churches for a hearty breakfast, uplifting worship and bible teaching as we encourage one another in our pursuit of honour for Christ. This will be the last one before the summer break, so get yourself along for a good time of fellowship.



Depending on the arrangements for the Tour of Britain cycle race which passes past HCC later in the day, things may be a little different on Stalybridge Road!

Please let Martyn Catterall know if you're coming.

Silver Sunday | Sunday 8th September | 3 pm @Balmoral

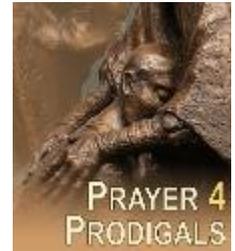
Silver Sundays are an opportunity to provide a brief time of worship for the residents of Balmoral Nursing Home in Mottram. We gather at 3pm and sing some favourite old hymns, pray and have a short talk from the Bible. Then there is an opportunity to chat with the residents and develop our friendships with them.

Silver Sundays

Our next opportunity for this simple time of worship is Sunday 14th July. If you are available and willing to join us on these occasions, please come along! For further information, see Debs Fidler.

Prayer for Prodigals | Tue 24th September | 8pm @HCC

A small group meet to pray for prodigals each 4th Tuesday of the month starting at 8 pm in the church premises. Do come along to intercede on behalf of those who are "a long way off ...".



AGM | Wed 18th September | 8 pm @HCC

HCC will hold its AGM on Wednesday 18th September at 8pm at HCC. A lot has happened over the last 12 months, so do come along to reflect on God's faithfulness on our journey and together we will prepare for the next period.



Macmillan Coffee Morning (and a tiny bit of afternoon!) Saturday 21st September

**10 am to 12.30 pm
4 Hall Drive
Mottram. SK14 6LH**

**WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING**

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

We are throwing our doors open to everyone who wants to enjoy a lovely cup of coffee (or tea!) and cake in good company and in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.



So if you love a good coffee, cake and good company or just want to see if our house has changed any from last year, please come along.

Once again there will be a quiz to fry your brain and for any kids, those pesky Lego people will be hiding again!
Margaret and Stephen Winfield

Midlife: making the most of it

For some, a crisis; for others, a non-event; for all, an opportunity

Midlife Retreat

led by Bruce & Lois Murray

Sat 19th October 2019 10am-6pm

at Barnes Close Centre, Bromsgrove B61 0RA

Lunch will be provided. Suggested donation £30 towards costs.

To explore the **challenges** and **opportunities** of midlife including:

Restlessness Questions Growing older Searching for meaning

Wanting to make a difference Dreams still unfulfilled

Making peace with the past Living more authentically

Roles and responsibilities that no longer fit Changing spiritually

To book a place, or for more info, contact Bruce & Lois:

07765 786573 brucemurray@hotmail.co.uk

Midway along the journey of our life I woke to find myself in a dark wood *Dante*

11+ Youth Events in September

'Dig In' | Friday 13th September 7-9.30pm | @Sam's place-33, Stalybridge Rd.
Pizza, games and bible study at Sam Patterson's (33 Stalybridge Rd)

Youth Film Night | Friday 20th September 6.30-9pm ish | @HCC

Saturday Afternoon Social | Saturday 28th September 2pm (t.b.c)

If you are 11 or older you are more than welcome to join us for some or all of our events. I'd recommend getting really stuck in as there is such value in Christian fellowship and in encouraging each other.

There is also a youth Whatsapp group and a student aged one to keep you updated with extra ad hoc stuff and to keep us all in touch, so get yourself linked in. Ask one of the leaders for help with this.

We are also planning some other events for September, so do check details with Sam Patterson, Simon Davidson or Helen Fidler.

Soul Survivor Stafford Youth Trip

We had an amazing time as a group at Soul Survivor this August. There were 21 of us sharing the fields of the Staffordshire showground with youth groups from churches all over the North.

Each day we had two main meeting times packed with worship, relevant youth talks and prayer ministry times. A lot of our older youth found the prayer ministry really helpful, and the talks sparked lots of conversations out of the meetings. The rest of our day was filled with eating, footie, swingball, badminton, water fights, more eating, craft, inflatable fun, skateboarding, café chilling, more eating, UV parties, silent discos, card games, late night movies, hot chocolate making and yes you've guessed it more eating! The one thing we didn't do much of was sleeping!

We had a blast and on the last night had an incredible outdoor party with fire jugglers and fireworks to celebrate the end of the Soul Survivor era. We were so excited to hear of 3 new large scale youth camps that will be moving things on in 2020- so we may not have seen the last of the Staffordshire Showground and shower queues quite yet. Thank you for your prayers. Our youth team worked hard, but with incredible unity and I came home spiritually refreshed as I hope others did.



Sam

Tanzania News



Dodoma Tazama na Tunza Dispensary

The Health Centre's good reputation is getting established! The Health Centre is very clean, friendly and efficient and offers holistic care with the Prayer House next door and the Health Volunteers ready to visit the poorest at home to promote healthy living.

The story I heard everywhere on my visit was "IT CAN BE TRUSTED" i.e. test results are true and if negative other causes of the symptoms are sought. (In Tanzania many false positive results are given to gain income through the tests and medication and as an "easy" option.) This was the main drive of our Health Centre: that the tests could be trusted, diagnoses trusted and treatment trusted. Praise God.

An example: on one community visit with the volunteers, little Terezia was found with "odd behaviour" and so was being kept at home. On our initial home assessment, the cause was found to be Epilepsy (untreated). The mother thought that Terezia was under a witch doctor's curse; so she was shut away at home. After explaining what Epilepsy is, after 2-3 attempts, we succeeded in getting Terezia to our Health Centre. There she was assessed, given the 50,000/- (£18) for an EEG and should start on free treatment then. This should enable her to be fit-free and the family strongly encouraged to enrol her at school and live a normal lifestyle.



Dodoma Outreach

The Dodoma Church Mission outreach that we have supported monthly for many years, now have a new direction. Since January 2019 our money goes to support new work in Lindi and Mtwala: a very poor Muslim area with little infrastructure. We support 10 Pastors there. They all have to have small alternative incomes as their Churches are still embryonic (Muslim society actively hinders them getting paid income or Christians from meeting together.) The Churches do however meet together regularly for mutual support and the churches are slowly starting to grow, as Muslims cross the barriers to embrace Jesus as Lord.

Photo; Mission Pastor Yuta with Zeph



Tanzania (UK) Trust: The Future

We still need to support the Health Centre £500 a month while it becomes established. For the last year God has miraculously provided this money. Local Schools and Compassion Children's groups already use the Health Centre as well as the Community. We have also applied to a 2nd health insurance company for their patients to be able to use our Centre. Thank you so much for those who give monthly to support the work.



Please pray for the Government to include a Fridge for our Mama's Unit in their July Budget as we understand that is all that is stopping us from being able to open. The Mamas Unit is very much needed in the Community as the poorest families will be able to access health with us, when this opens.

Youth Trip 2020

God has made it clear that this is His wish for next year! So we are following His lead and inviting anyone aged 18-30 to pray about joining us! It is aimed at the Youth, for the Youth. Anyone interested: please contact me or Hepsi (Ruth 07854688373, Hepsi 07776841209)



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@mottframec.co.uk

Various Days

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

Monday

10.00 am **Pilates**
HCC
Debbie Hansom 07758 217754
Susan C. 07947 632283

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

11.15 am **Tuesday Café**
HCC
School term

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

8 pm **Prayer For Prodigals**
HCC
Bryan Blakeborough

Wednesdays

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

9.30 am to 11.30 am **Mums' Bible Study**
HCC
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 **The Meeting Place**
HCC
Susan C. 07947 632283

10.00 am **HCC Womans' Prayer & Bible Group.**
HCC
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**
HCC
Martyn Catterall
administrator@mottframec.co.uk

Miscellany



**PRAYER FOR PRODIGALS
TUESDAY
24TH SEPTEMBER
8 PM AT
HOPE CHRISTIAN
CENTRE**

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



**In September
Youth Movie | Friday
20th @ 6.15 pm**

**Family Movies | Saturday
21st @ 10.00 am**

**Matinee Movie | Monday
23rd @ 2.00 pm**

**October Insight
Copy deadline
Sunday 22nd September**



**Saturday 19th October 2019 -
Dance and Movement afternoon
event to be held at Hope Christian
Centre in Mottram
1 - 4pm.
Led by members of the Christian
dance fellowship NW.**

'Freedom in our Dance' – Psalm 119 V 16,
19.

*I won't forget to walk in your words. They will
bring such fantastic freedom into my life.*

For anyone new to this form of worship we
invite you to come along and be inspired; It
is suitable for men as well as women.

The event programme is being organised by
the NW Regional Co-ordinator Janet
Booth as an introduction to anyone
interested to share and explore this with
us.

Christine Slack

www.cdfb.org.uk



September Diary Dates

Sun 1st	APS APS	10.10 am 10.30 am	Prayer 4 Church Morning Worship and Lord's Supper
Mon 2nd	HCC	7.00 pm	Prayer 4 Revival
Tue 3rd	HCC	6.30 am	Tuesday Upper Room Prayers
Sun 8th	APS APS BAL HCC	10.10 am 10.30 am 3.00 pm 7.00 pm	Prayer 4 Church Morning Worship Silver Sunday Service at Balmoral Search The Scriptures
Mon 9th	HCC HCC	7.00 pm 8.00 pm	Prayer 4 Revival Wider Leadership Team Meeting
Tue 10th	HCC HCC	6.30 am 9.15 am	Tuesday Upper Room Prayers Team Prayers
Sat 14th	HCC HCC	8.00 am 10.45 am	Mottram Mighty Men's Breakfast 'Tour of Britain' family event.
Sun 15th	APS APS	10.10 am 10.30 am	Prayer 4 Church Morning Worship and Lord's Supper
Mon 16th	HCC	7.00 pm	Prayer 4 Revival
Tue 17th	HCC HCC	6.30 am 9.15 am	Tuesday Upper Room Prayers Team Prayers
Wed 18th	HCC	8.00 pm	HCC Annual General Meeting
Fri 20th	HCC	6.15 pm	Mottram Movies—Youth Movie Night
Sat 21st	HCC	10.00 am 10.00 am	Mottram Movies—Family Movies Macmillan Coffee Morning (until 12.30 at 4, Hall Drive, Mottram)
Sun 22nd	APS APS	10.10 am 10.30 am	October Insight Deadline Prayer 4 Church All Together Worship
Mon 23rd	HCC HCC	2.00 pm 7.00 pm	Mottram Movies Prayer 4 Revival
Tue 24th	HCC HCC HCC	6.30 am 9.15 am 8.00 pm	Tuesday Upper Room Prayers Team Prayers Prayer for Prodigals
Sun 29th	APS APS	10.10 am 10.30 am	October Insight available in print and online Prayer 4 Church Morning Worship
Mon 30th	HCC	7.00 pm	Prayer 4 Revival

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