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

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Cover photo | "Is it on the trolley?"
The team ready to serve at the Big Night Out

Martyn Cooling

Leader, Hope Community Church

Last month we reflected on our first foundation for a lively hope: a sheer delight in God and a lifetime of enjoyment of his grace towards us in Jesus Christ!

This month, we consider Paul's letter to the church in Colossae. In the letter, the apostle reminded his readers of another foundation for hope, another footing that gives solid assurance to the hearts of God's people. We find this in Colossians 1:21-23 where Paul wrote:

21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, 23 if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

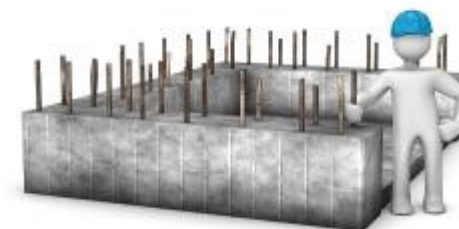
What does Paul mean?

It means that confident hope in the glorious promises of God for restoration to human wholeness and flourishing, laid up for us in heaven, is established and sustained in hearts that keep responding with faith to the good-news message, the gospel!

Paul calls the gospel "the word of truth" (Colossians 1:5-8). It is an utterly trustworthy and life-changing message. It

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is packed with the power to transform human hearts, families, communities and even nations and to deliver us from sin and guilt and shame! As it is proclaimed in the earth, across cultures and throughout the generations, this timeless gospel will bear fruit and keep increasing as many people come to understand and revel in the glory of the grace of God.



The gospel proclaimed, when received with continuing faith in Christ, transforms hostile enemies of God into holy, blameless sons and daughters made worthy to stand in God's presence and inherit every blessing promised in his eternal kingdom of justice, joy and peace!

By affirming a value of gospel centredness, we are declaring our intention to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ as a matter of first importance. We are announcing our conviction that true human flourishing and the hope of ultimate peace with God can be found in none other than Jesus Christ, Messiah, Son of God. And we are

stating our determination to cling in faith to word of truth, the message of the Cross of Christ, no matter what, until our final breath because we know that Jesus has triumphed over sin and death!

May God fill us with his Spirit and with boldness to speak often of his tender mercy to humanity in Jesus Christ. And may he equip us to help people everywhere discover the sensational deliverance that Jesus offers and yield their lives to him in worship as God's chosen and coming king!

Martyn

Enjoying
God

Gospel
Centred

JESUS CHRIST

resurrected from the dead

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Hope Community Church Matters



Search the Scriptures

Mat Martin will continue to lead us in our understanding and delight in the Bible, the Word of God!
7 pm on 10th November 2019 at Hope Christian Centre.
Recordings of previous sessions can be found in the download section of the website.



Light Party

An alternative evening to the darkness of Halloween. Light and colour and beauty and fun and games and food and drink! For 5 to 11 year olds.
5 pm on 31st October 2019 at Hope Christian Centre.



Ladies Day

A day of encouragement for ladies, young and young at heart! Our friend Wema, all the way from Tanzania, will join us for the day.
10 am – 4pm on Saturday 2nd November 2019 at Hope Christian Centre.

Debs Fidler Mini Sabbatical

A bewildering number of community-based activities take place week in, week out through the people of HCC reflecting the church's heart to bless our communities and share with many the reason for the hope we have!

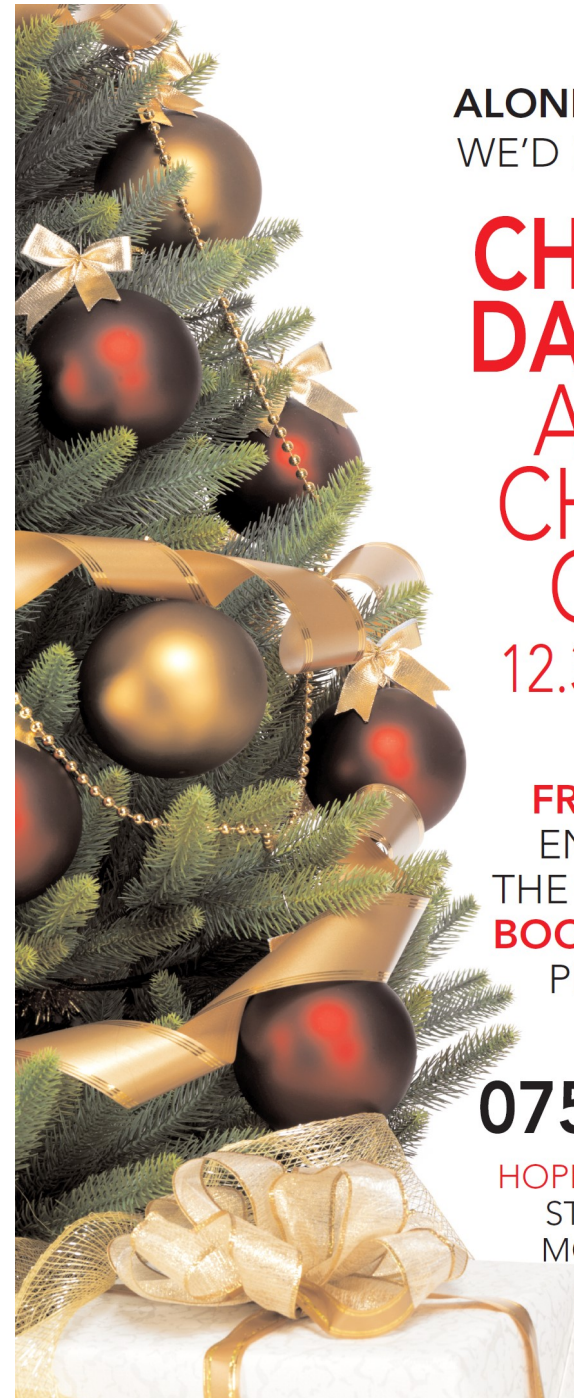
Many of these activities bear the distinctive imprint of the creative, inspiring and faithful person that is Debs Fidler. What a privilege it is that God has graced this church with so many gifted people, and what a privilege that we have been able to release Debs into ministry and mission because of the things that God's Spirit has stirred in her spirit.



In light of the bewildering and relentless number of activities Debs is now involved with, from sitting with isolated and desperate individuals all-but forgotten by the world, organising and leading events like the Big Night Out to speaking at national conferences on the challenge facing the church for intergenerational ministry and mission, we felt it wise that Debs is given an opportunity to pause, take a breath, and allow the Spirit to fill her sails again and direct her thinking about the future.

So, for November, Debs will be taking a Sabbath break. Please join us in praying that she will be refreshed and re-energised with a fresh vision of God's calling on her so that she can pursue this with wholehearted passion and endurance for many years to come!

Martyn



ALONE FOR CHRISTMAS?
WE'D LIKE TO INVITE YOU
TO OUR

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CENTRE**
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LADIES DAY

“More precious than Rubies”

ENJOY BEING WHO YOU ARE!

Come and be encouraged in who you are as a person made in God's image and as a woman of any age of today.

What: time to enjoy time together, listening to other women share about health, love and overcoming.

Guest visitor: **Wema, all the way from Tanzania!**

Saturday 2nd November
10 am to 4 pm
Hope Christian Centre
Stalybridge Rd, Mottram

Refreshments and lunch will be provided.
Please bring a donation towards the day
Text Ruth 07854688373 for more information



Zeph and Wema's Sabatical in UK

The Dodoma Church in Tanzania rang me earlier this year to ask if Zeph and Wema could come and stay with Phil and I.

Zeph is exhausted with managing his present enormous work load covering a thousand strong church, church nursery school, church Health Centre (Tazama na Tunza Dispensary) as well as being regional secretary for over 100 pentecostal churches.

We all agreed the plan, the Dodoma Church helped pay for Zeph and Wema's preparations to come and we paid for their flights and their stay.

After many battles and two months later than planned, they got their passports and then their visas.

They are coming from 1st November to 1st December. As they are coming for a REST, we have tried to plan the *minimal* amount of engagements, so please be gentle with them!

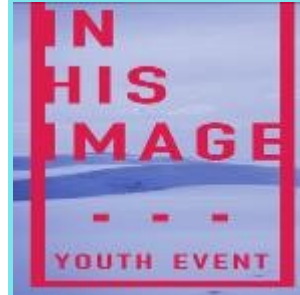
They are staying at our house. If you would like to know more, please speak to me. Thank you all so much for talking to our Father about their stay.

In Him we trust, **Ruth**

11+ Youth Events in November

Dig In' | Friday 8th 7-9.30pm | @Sam's place-33, Stalybridge Rd.

3 courses: pizza, games and bible study!



Kairos Youth Service - Sunday 24th | 6.30-8pm

We think you are going to love the guest performer/ speaker at this event. A brilliant youth service for local Christian youth clubs at Holy Trinity church, Stalybridge. Arrange a lift with Sam or meet us there!

Saturday Social – Saturday 30th late am/ early pm

An exciting Saturday Social on this date. We're hoping we may be able

to volunteer with shoeboxes again, but if not we'll try another adventure – so watch this space!

Sam



Exciting Volunteering Opportunities with Lifecentre

We have **two new volunteering opportunities** that I'd love you to consider getting involved in.

Adventure Club.

We meet our lovely bunch of 8-14 year olds each Friday during term time at 4pm before heading off into the great outdoors for all sorts of adventures. As well as the adventure, we also use the activity to share Jesus with the young people. If we're abseiling over a cliff we'll be talking about faith, if we're out in the dark we'll be talking about Jesus as light of the world.



It would be helpful if you could drive and were willing to transport young people as well as helping supervise the weeks activity. We'd give you all the training and support you need and there's also the chance to complete a qualification in activity leadership and first aid.

Open the Book.

For the last few years the Open the Book team (lead by the Parish Church) have been going into three of our local primary schools delivering assemblies that share key Bible stories with the children. We'd love folk to join us as we support this ministry. There are many ways you can help so if you can act (even badly), play music, design props, or just love Jesus and would like others to know him then please ask us for more details.

If you're ready to sign up or would like some more information please speak to Simon, Sam or Liz.

Big Night Out



Once again we had a blast at our annual glad-rags event The Big Night Out!

Alongside comments about the lovely food, outstanding vocals of Emma-Jane and our resident band the Wabash Jazzmen - the young people and children of HCC stole the show as they waited on with five-star finesse and brought so much energy and joy to the dance floor! We sat almost 70 people and among our Matinee friends were local shopkeepers, new neighbours and many from HCC.

For those who don't know us well, The Big Night Out serves as a great window into our love of all-age community which we believe is very close to God's heart. Denny and Clare who visited from Nebraska described it as the highlight of their trip and the band emailed the next day saying:

We had a great gig and it's always a treat to see so many people dancing.

I'm full of admiration for young people who give so much to the local community.

Of course, it would not be possible without all the people behind the scenes as well who made it happen! A huge thank you goes to those who served before, within and after the event - it's no small feat and I hope you know how much of a blessing your time and energy has been to our friends, to your Jesus and to me!

Debs



Christmas Day



Last year we hosted our first Christmas Day meal at HCC.

What a joy it was! We fed 65 on the day and around 40 of those were people brought in from around Tameside who would otherwise have been on their own for the day. The feedback on the day proved just what a blessing it had been both to those who came and to those who volunteered. One lady, who hadn't had a Christmas Day meal in over ten years said 'it made me feel human'.

So... how's about it for 2019?

We're looking for people who would like to contribute to the event in a few different ways - here's a few:

- Decorating the building
- Table host on the day
- Kitchen (most of it is pre-cooked and brought in but will need heating through)
- Driver on the day (even if it's just the drop off and pick up)
- Financially (there's no guarantees we will have the same funding as last year and no funding can cover the £5 gift bag we would like to give to each guest).
- Elf - packing the gift bags a couple of days before the event

Have a think and a pray and if you think one or more of those are something you are able to offer help in - speak to Debs, Mark Lee or Martyn Cooling.

Thanks! Debs



The Amazing Journey of a Simple Shoebox Gift Begins With Us

A simple shoebox gift packed with love and fuelled by prayer can have a huge impact!

Operation Christmas Child brings Good News and great joy to children around the world.

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to show God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Since 1990, more than 168 million children in over 160 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child.

How it works is simple

Find a medium sized shoebox or pick up one of the flat pack boxes. If using your own box, decorate the box and lid separately.

Pick up one of the 'How to pack your shoebox leaflets' and fill your box with suitable gifts. Try to strike a balance between toy fun items and useful/hygiene items. I've made a list of suggested suitable items which you can use.

Include your donation or make a donation online following the instruction on the leaflet.

Bring your completed box to our Shoebox Sunday on November 17th or take to one of the other Drop Off Points as advertised on the OCC website between 11th and 18th November.

Pray for your box and the future recipient!

For more information, leaflets or flat pack boxes, please see me
Stephen Winfield

www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/



Shoebox Sunday

17th November



Reverse ADVENT CALENDAR

Please ensure all donations get to us by 14th December so we can distribute the food in time for Christmas. Either bring to foodbank during opening hours or put it in the collection box at Tesco Extra Hattersley.
Email address: info@tamesidesouthlongdendale.foodbank.org.uk | M: 07901 786905

1 Tinned Potatoes	2 Instant Mash	3 Rice Pudding	4 Long-life juice	5 Snacks	6 Biscuits
7 Pasta sauce	8 Tinned carrots	9 Tinned sweetcorn	10 Tinned meat	11 Breakfast Cereal	12 Washing powder
13 Tinned tomatoes	14 Loo roll	15 Tinned potatoes	16 UHT milk	17 Rice	18 Christmas biscuits
19 Christmas pickles	20 Box of chocolates	21 Christmas pudding (alcohol free)	22 Selection box	23 Mince Pies	24 Tinned ham

tamesidesouthlongdendale.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1154377)

How does a reverse advent calendar work? Instead of prising open a little cardboard door to reveal a little overpriced piece of chocolate, you give a little something to the Foodbank for each day of advent. Donations can be given before 14th December please to Foodbank during opening hours or put in one of our drop boxes e.g. at Tesco Extra Hattersley. **No alcohol please, so do remember to check out those mince pies and Christmas puds.** Sue M

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@mottramec.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**
(4th Tues)
HCC
Bryan Blakeborough

Wednesdays

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

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

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

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

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

Thursdays

9.30 am **The Meeting Place**
To 12 noon
HCC
Susan C. 07947 632283

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

6.30 pm **Kids 4 Christ**
to 8.00 pm
Junior School Age (8+)
HCC
School term
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@mottramec.co.uk

Miscellany



**Mighty Men's Breakfast
Saturday 9th November
from 8 to 9.45.**

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

**December Insight
Copy deadline
Sunday 17th
November**

**Bonfire at Isherwoods's
Sunday 3rd November**



Jason, Rachel and the rest of Family Isherwood invite all Church Family and friends to a bonfire on Sunday evening, 3rd November from 5pm onwards.

There will be sausages and soup provided.
Please RSVP



**There is room for YOU in
the picture!**

Experience God's wonderful world in the company of other **Christians on an Oak Hall winter holiday.** Suitable for beginners or experts, on skis or on foot. See **Stephen W** for more details

November Diary Dates

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

Sun 27th Oct	Pinfold PS 10.10 am Pinfold PS 10.30 am 7.00 pm	Prayer 4 Church All Together Worship Missions Support Team (@Isherwood's Place)
Tue 29th	HCC 6.30 am to 8.00 am 9.15 am	Early Morning Prayers (@ Sylvia's Place) Prayers
Thu 31st	HCC 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm	Light Party (for 8-11 year olds)
Sat 2nd Nov	HCC 10.00 am to 4 pm	Ladies Day
Sun 3rd	APS 10.10 am APS 10.30 am 5.00 pm	Prayer 4 Church Morning Worship and Lord's Supper Bonfire and Bring and Share Supper (@Isherwood's Place)
Mon 4th	HCC 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm HCC 7.00 pm	Monday Drop-In Prayer 4 Revival
Tue 5th	HCC 6.30 am to 8.00 am HCC 9.15 am	Upper Room Prayers Team Prayers
Sat 9th	HCC 8.00 am	Mottram Mighty Men's Breakfast
Sun 10th	APS 10.10 am APS 10.30 am BAL 3.00 pm HCC 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm	Prayer 4 Church Morning Worship Silver Sunday Service at Balmoral Search The Scriptures
Mon 11th	HCC 1.00 pm to 3 pm HCC 7.00 pm	Monday Drop-In Prayer 4 Revival
Tue 12th	HCC 6.30 am HCC 9.15 am	Tuesday Upper Room Prayers Team Prayers
Sun 17th	Shoebox Sunday APS 10.10 am APS 10.30 am	December Insight Deadline Prayer 4 Church Morning Worship and Lord's Supper
Mon 18th	HCC 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm HCC 7.00 pm	Monday Drop-In Prayer 4 Revival
Tue 19th	HCC 6.30 am HCC 9.15 am	Tuesday Upper Room Prayers Team Prayers
Wed 20th	HCC 8.00 pm to 9.00 pm	Prayer and Vision Evening
Sun 24th	APS 10.10 am APS 10.30 am	December Insight available in print and online Prayer 4 Church All Together Worship
Mon 25th	HCC 1.00 pm to 3 pm HCC 7.00 pm	Monday Drop-In Prayer 4 Revival
Tue 26th	HCC 6.30 am HCC 9.15 am HCC 8.00 pm	Tuesday Upper Room Prayers Team Prayers Prayer for Prodigals

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