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

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Cover photo | The leaders of the Tour of Britain power their way through the Roe Cross cutting

Martyn Cooling

Leader, Hope Community Church

The apostle Peter begins his first letter to under-pressure believers (in modern day Turkey) with a reminder that, in spite of the opposition and affliction they were suffering, they had been born again to a **living (or lively) hope** that looks forward confidently to unimaginable future glory.

This reminder is expressed in an overflow of joyful praise from Peter for God's magnificent greatness and his lavish, undeserved grace. Consider his words recorded in 1 Peter 1:3-5:

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be **born again to a living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

In this short paragraph, Peter provides his readers (including us!) with some clues about how to maintain a confident, unshakeable assurance that, as believers in Jesus Christ, we have everything to live for now, in the present struggle of life in our groaning world, because we have a cast-iron guarantee of an inheritance in the unimaginable splendour of the everlasting life yet to come.

Paul expressed a similar confidence when he reminded the Corinthians that our present struggles, which he calls light and

Foundations of Lively Hope

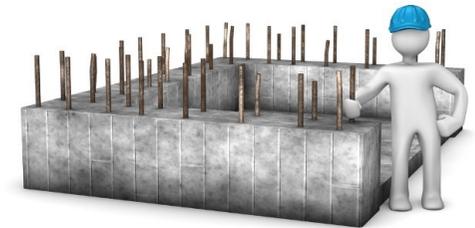
momentary, are preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond our ability to imagine. And so we don't lose heart. Our hope remains lively!

Why?

Peter teaches that this is possible because of **glory and grace!** The radiant glory and wisdom of God displayed in the life, death, resurrection, exaltation and soon return of Jesus Christ. And because of the scandalous, utterly undeserved **grace** and tender mercy of God extravagantly poured out to us in Jesus Christ.

So one solid foundation stone for **lasting, lively hope** in a hurting world is unrestrained, authentic, exuberant **enjoyment of God** made possible through all that Jesus Christ, God's radiant Son, has accomplished for us.

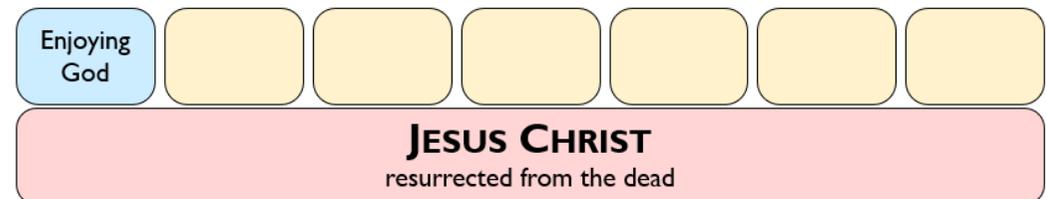
Growing in our delight for God is one of core, foundation values and ambitions as a church! We will consider other core



values in future editions of Insight.

May our minds and spirits become increasingly captivated with awe-filled wonder at the incomparable glory of God so that nothing this life offers can establish a competing foothold in our hearts! And may we spend the rest of our days savouring and being continually enthralled by the exquisite beauty of God's grace and kindness to us, as he leads us and softens us to true repentance and increasing faith in Jesus.

Martyn



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Hope Community Church Matters

New Website www.hopecommunitychurch.online

We are so grateful to the small team of people who have served so faithfully in designing, hosting, updating and generally maintaining our existing websites (MEC and the old HCC). As those who use the website to download sermons and catch up with news about events, the site has been rather out of date for quite a while (no reflection whatsoever on those who have been supporting this).

We are now able to begin to unveil the new site which reflects our name change, our logo design and our vision strapline. You will find it at www.hopecommunitychurch.online and it should automatically upload a desktop or mobile phone version depending on the device that you are using.

As with all new developments, there will be some teething problems with the site! Please be patient as we try and sort out spelling mistakes, format issues and content improvements. If you notice something that isn't working quite right, please let Martyn know (martyn@mottramec.co.uk or 07974 565710) and we will work our way through the inevitable snag-list over the next few months.

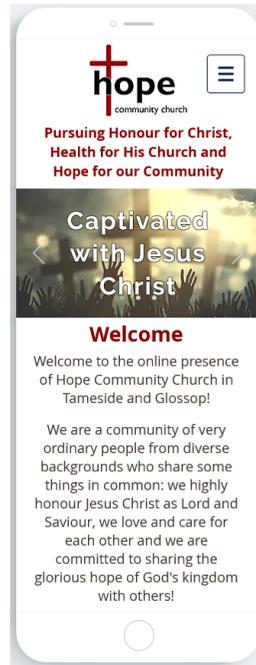
However, it should now be possible to get up-to-date information about forthcoming events and access recent teaching/sermons and Insight publications etc. Enjoy!

Prayer

Prayer has been described as "the Christian's vital breath". It is a sign of our utter dependence on God, our desire to do things His way and to be led and enlivened by the Spirit. And so we take time to pray together, holding regular weekly, monthly and annual gatherings for prayer and fasting (see the diary pages at www.hopecommunitychurch.online for more details).

On the third Wednesday of each month (except when we have a church members' meeting) we have a **Prayer & Vision Evening**. This is an opportunity to remind ourselves what we understand God has called us to be and do and to pray for his help in fulfilling this. Our next Prayer & Vision evening will be at 8 pm on Wednesday 16th October at Hope Christian Centre.

We are also holding a **Night of Prayer** from 7 pm on Friday 25th October to 7 am on Saturday 26th October, again at Hope Christian Centre. Come for as long as you can to praise God and intercede on behalf of others.



Family Lunch Sunday 6th October

We are planning our next church family lunch to follow the worship service on Sunday 6th October.

As usual, we will provide baked potatoes with a selection of fillings. We would ask that you please bring your own dessert suitable for eating from your hands (i.e. fruit, small pies etc) as we endeavour to minimise the need for washing up and mess across the floors in the school!

Hyde Celebration 6.30 pm | Sunday 6th October Pop Cafe, Hyde, SK14 1AB

An evening for the Christians of Hyde to gather to worship the Lord Jesus. Hosted by St Georges Church, Zion Congregational Church, The Way Community Church and Hope Community Church.



A full English breakfast, England v France in the Rugby World Cup and a Gospel presentation to bring your friends to. Could there be a better start to a Saturday?



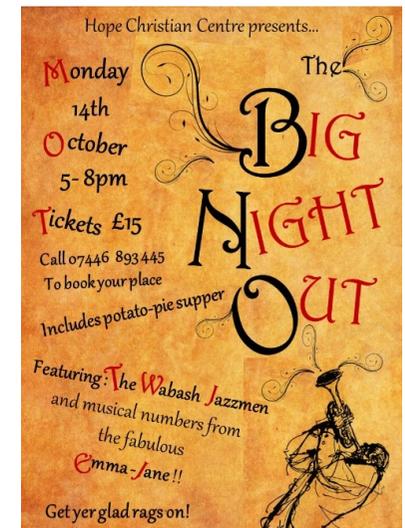
Men's Breakfast 8 am | Saturday 12th October Hope Christian Centre, Mottram

A full English, a life-changing talk and a big screen viewing of the England vs France rugby world cup clash! Bring a friend for a great start to a Saturday!



The Big Night Out 5-8 pm | Monday 14th October Hope Christian Centre, Mottram

The Big Night Out is an evening in which we celebrate friendships made within the community with good food, music and dancing! Places are limited so please book your ticket (£15) by calling Debs on 07446 893 445.



Llandudno

We had a beltin' day in Llandudno for our summer jaunt with the Matinee gang and friends!

As we left a rainy, misty Manchester - we were blessed with glorious sunshine all day!



We enjoyed fish and chips at a lovely cafe (who all came out to wave us off later in the afternoon!). In the afternoon, some browsed round the shops, went up the Great Orme, watched Punch and Judy and strolled along the pier.

Those of us that feasted on 99's also had the traumatic/amusing encounter of a seagull dive-bombing John's ice-cream (see picture for his courageous comeback).

Debs



11+ Youth Events in October

Refresh | Friday 4th 7.30-9pm | Student age 16-20's | @upstairs in HCC
We have started the 24/7 Prayer Course. Each week stands alone - come and join us!



Dig In' | Friday 11th 7-9.30pm | @Sam's place-33, Stalybridge Rd.
Food, fun and a youth bible study at Sam Patterson's (33 Stalybridge Rd)



Youth Film Night | Friday 18th 6.30-9pm ish | @HCC
Ask Sam for the film choices to vote on and enjoy the action with mates!

Lifecentre Camping Trip | Sat 19th/ Sun 20th
Aimed at Rock Solid and Adventure club younger youth- (under 14's) .To join in the fun ask Sam or Simon for a letter



Big Night Out | Mon 14th | @HCC
Debs would love some help serving the older people at this amazing community event. Become the waiting staff for the night and be paid in chips. Then join the fun on the dance-floor! **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.

A Night of Prayer | 7 pm Friday 25th to 7 am Saturday 26th October | @HCC

We will be hosting a night of prayer on Friday 25th October from 7 pm. Hephzibah shares her heart here:

About 5 years ago, God started to teach me about prayer and fasting. I'd never really understood it, but then I discovered the impact of prayer and true fasting from Isaiah 58, which climaxes in verse 9: "Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'" I loved what God taught me about biblical prayer and fasting, and prayed that he would grow me in ways that embraced this as part of my life.

Over the last year, there has been a real growth in prayer among different groups within the church. Some of the young people have started looking at the 24/7 prayer course together, and praying and fasting more – both together and individually, generally

focussing on certain issues in need of sustained prayerful petition such as Hope Citadel, Image, individuals within the church etc.

We've seen as we've engaged more in prayer and fasting that at the very heart of things lies a hunger after God, and an expression of our utter dependence upon Him and desperation for Him, and Him alone. Each time we prayed and fasted, our hunger for Him grew, and so did our passion for prayer.

Through times of prayer and fasting to-date, we have discovered the amazing power of God to respond to the prayers of His people. We have seen situations turned around, lives changed, and God's healing at work. And good though those things are, best of all, we've known God answer the prayer that He give us more of Himself. We are to seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually! He is the Answer we seek, and His presence

is the source of all we need.

It is the next step in our journey of prayer to have a more extended time of prayer, and I am so excited that we are having 12 hours of prayer as an opportunity to seek God together. It has been an absolute joy to see the church grow in prayer, and the young people grow in prayer, but so far they have felt like separate journeys. Our heart is to see young and old crying out to God in prayer together. If you are willing to participate in this please get in touch.

If you're thinking of coming to join in, please speak to Hephzibah or Steve to assist with planning of the night.

Steve



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*

MIGHTY MEN'S

BREAKFAST

GOSPEL

A full English breakfast, England v France in the Rugby World Cup and a Gospel presentation to bring your friends to. Could there be a better start to a Saturday?

Saturday 12th October

at 8:00am

Hope Christian Centre,
Stalybridge Road

ENGLAND
v
FRANCE

HYDE CELEBRATION

An evening of Praise & Worship



SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER 6.30 pm

at
POP



11 Corporation Street
Hyde SK14 1AB

An evening for all the Christians of Hyde to gather to worship the Lord Jesus - hosted by:
Hope Community Church
St. Georges Church
The Way Community Church
& Zion Congregational Church

Roll up roll up!! It's that time of year again where HCC is transported back to the years of the dance halls!

At this years Big Night Out on Saturday 14th (5-8pm) we are delighted to present our resident 5 piece New Orleans Jazz Band 'The Wabash Jazzmen' and musical numbers from the fabulous Emma Jane! Accompanied by top nosh and service from our wonderful young people - this ticket-only event is well worth every penny (book in quick to ensure a place and why not bring a friend?)

The Big Night Out is a great opportunity to demonstrate something of God's heart for all-age communities - your prayers for His presence to be felt and known throughout would be greatly appreciated.

Sing for your supper?

This really is a 'Big' event and requires some muscle and nimble fingers for dress up and pack down. If you are able to offer an hour or so in any of the following slots please contact Debs. Many thanks in advance!

Saturday 12th or Sunday 13th between 1pm and 5pm (set up).

Monday 14th 9am-3pm (food prep/set up), 4.15-8pm (Kitchen), 8-9.30pm (pack down). Food provided on the evening.

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Hope Christian Centre presents...

Monday 14th
October
5-8pm

Tickets £15
Call 07446 893 445
To book your place

Includes potato-pie supper

The **BIG NIGHT OUT**

Featuring: *The Wabash Jazzmen*
and musical numbers from
the fabulous
Emma-Jane!!

Get yer glad rags on!



image news



VALUES PEOPLE
from beginning to end

image is a Christian charity that exists to provide a compassionate response to those who are facing or affected by abortion, and to be a resource to the church on abortion and related issues.

Visitors from America: From 12-19 October Denny and Claire Hartford (see picture) will be visiting from Omaha, Nebraska.

They last visited Mottram in the early 1990s to speak at an image conference and encourage us in our work.

Their work in the States is called Vital Signs Ministries and their focus is on speaking, writing and working for those at the beginning and end of life.

I visited them last November and was very blessed by observing the work in Omaha and challenged to think into the next phase with *image*.

As well as spending time with me, Sue Dray and other friends, they will be inspiring us in *image* and getting to know the work that Debs is doing. They will be staying with Alison and Jonathan.

Please pray for them and welcome them.

National Day of Prayer for Life: Please consider fasting and praying on the day. Prayer guidelines will be posted on the *image* website (www.imagenet.org.uk) in October.

Christine Fidler



27.10.2019

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
FOR LIFE



National Day of Prayer for Life



Purpose statement

- To unite in prayer around a shared belief in the value of all human life born and unborn.
- To remember those whose lives have been affected by crisis pregnancies and abortion.
- To pray for those involved in the work of crisis pregnancy counselling.
- To exemplify cross organisational commitment to pray for the country, that it would value the lives of both parents and unborn children.
- To encourage churches, charities, and Christians to champion compassionate care and advocate for parents in crisis and unborn children.

PRAYER FOR LIFE

Tour of Britain



On Saturday 14th September, Mottram was privileged to be part of the last leg of the Tour of Britain!

What a day it was too! The sun shone across Tameside, there was bunting galore and our beautiful bikes decorated by the Monday Matinee gang and Mottram Primary donned the front of the church.



We welcomed almost 100 people through the doors at Hope Christian Centre - many we had never met before. They were greeted with free refreshments, flag making, games and, of course, live coverage of the race on our big screen.

The build up to the cyclists coming through was almost as exciting as seeing them whizz past - in the words of Tommy Cooper 'just like that' and they were gone!

It was a great opportunity to be a blessing to this community and share with others the joy of the event. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make it happen. I described it to one person as feeling slightly 'apocalyptic' (please allow for the drama queen within!) - anyone and everyone coming together in excitement for what's on its way! May God stir new life and joy in and through us and to many more in this area as we await His return!

Debs

Christmas Day



Sorry - I know it's too early to be speaking of Christmas but I think this heads up is worth starting to shout about now! 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**

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 to 12 noon **The Meeting Place**
HCC
Susan C. 07947 632283

10.00 am to 12 noon **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 (2nd Saturday) **Mighty Men's Breakfast**
HCC
Martyn Catterall
administrator@mottframec.co.uk

Miscellany

**PRAYER FOR PRODIGALS
TUESDAY
22ND OCTOBER
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 October
Youth Movie | Friday
18th @ 6.15 pm**

**Family Movies | Saturday
19th @ 10.00 am**

**Matinee Movie | Monday
21st @ 2.00 pm**

**November Insight
Copy deadline
Sunday 20th October**



**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.

To find out costs and how to book , please
see *Christine Slack*
www.cdfb.org.uk

K4C

**Thursdays @ MEC
Fun Games
Crafts
Bible Questions**

**From age 8
To end of primary school
6.30 to 8.00 pm Term time**

Jim T and the Team

October Diary Dates

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

Mon 30th		7.45 pm	Spice Girls (at Herb & Spice)
Tue 1st	HCC	6.30 am	Tuesday Upper Room Prayers
Sun 6th	APS	10.10 am	Prayer 4 Church
	APS	10.30 am	Morning Worship and Lord's Supper followed by Family Lunch
Mon 7th	HCC	7.00 pm	Prayer 4 Revival
Tue 8th	HCC	6.30 am	Tuesday Upper Room Prayers
	HCC	9.15 am	Team Prayers
Sat 12th	HCC	8.00 am	Mottram Mighty Men's Breakfast and Mighty Rugby (England vs France)
Sun 13th	APS	10.10 am	Prayer 4 Church
	APS	10.30 am	Morning Worship
	BAL	3.00 pm	Silver Sunday Service at Balmoral
	HCC	7.00 pm	Search The Scriptures
Mon 14th	HCC	5.00 pm	The Big Night Out
Tue 15th	HCC	6.30 am	Tuesday Upper Room Prayers
	HCC	9.15 am	Team Prayers
Wed 16th	HCC	8.00 pm	Prayer and Vision Evening
Fri 18th	HCC	6.15 pm	Mottram Movies—Youth Movie Night
Sat 19th	HCC	10.00 am	Mottram Movies—Family Movies
Sun 20th			November Insight Deadline
	APS	10.10 am	Prayer 4 Church
	APS	10.30 am	Morning Worship and Lord's Supper
Mon 21st	HCC	2.00 pm	Mottram Movies
	HCC	7.00 pm	Prayer 4 Revival
Tue 22nd	HCC	6.30 am	Tuesday Upper Room Prayers
	HCC	9.15 am	Team Prayers
	HCC	8.00 pm	Prayer for Prodigals
Fri/Sat 23rd/24th	HCC	8.00 pm	Night Of Prayer
Sun 27th			November Insight available in print and online
	APS	10.10 am	Prayer 4 Church
	APS	10.30 am	All Together Worship
Mon 28th	HCC	7.00 pm	Prayer 4 Revival
Tue 29th	HCC	6.30 am	Tuesday Upper Room Prayers
	HCC	9.15 am	Team Prayers

Event Location Key

APS
BAL

Arundale Primary School
Balmoral Care Home

HCC
MAG

Hope Christian Centre
Magdalene Centre