Sermon Notes

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Prayer Diary

Sunday 10th January

Praise God that he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ (Ephesian 1v3). Pray that we delight in all we've been given in Christ.

Monday 11th January

Pray for our NHS. Pray they will be able to cope with the increased Covid cases. Pray all staff will be able to rest at the end of their shift and find strength to carry on.

Tuesday 12th January

Pray for our Connect groups as they meet together again this week. Pray for times of great encouragement and comfort to all who attend as they listen to God speak through his word.

Wednesday 13th January

Pray for business owners in our community who have had to close during this lockdown. Pray they will be able to get financial help for themselves and their workforce. Pray jobs will be protected.

Thursday 14th January

Pray for Bishop David Sheppard School as they teach key worker children and provide classes online. Pray all children will have access to education. Pray for parent's home schooling, for patience and energy.

Friday 15th January

Pray for Pastor Michael and his wife Alice as they mourn the loss of Alice's sister Melvina. Pray for her daughter Saveena. Pray for comfort especially as they have lost many close family members in recent years.

Saturday 16th January

Pray for our church family. Pray we will 'look up' and know God is on His throne. Pray we will 'lean in' and rest in Jesus' presence. Pray we will 'look out' to the needs of those around us with compassion and love.



WELCOME

10th January – Epiphany 9am & 11am Sunday Service Ephesians 1v1-14

COVID-19 & Services

Thank you for coming this morning - we're delighted to have you with us!

We've done everything we can to make our services as safe and welcoming as possible. We are required by law to wear masks inside the building, we have some disposable ones by the door if you have forgotten yours.

We ask that windows remain open and that you take this sheet away with you at the end of the service. Please follow the one-way system and leave by the Fire Exit at the front of the building.

Our services will continue to be livestreamed and available every Sunday via our website and YouTube Channel. Why not share the link with a friend or family member?

Our Vision Statement

"To call people into a loving community that follows Jesus Christ"

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EPHESIANS 1 v 1-14

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To God's holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus:

² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfilment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

DAILY BIBLE READING

The beginning of the new year is a great time to get into the habit of reading the Bible each day. The Good Book Company have lots of great resources for all ages to use. Have a look on their website: www.thegoodbook.co.uk.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday January 17th - Ephesians 1 v 15-23

Coming in person? Please book by contacting admin@stsimonsouthport.org.uk or calling 07548193566.

The 9am will be an all-age service which those with children and young people are encouraged to come to. Both services will be livestreamed via the St Simon's and St Jude's with All Souls YouTube Channel

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

We have a course starting on zoom on **Monday 18th January** at 7.30pm.

If you are interested in investigating the Christian faith with a group of other people, then this course is for you. Everyone is welcome. Please take this opportunity to invite others to come along. More information can be found on our website.

Email Andy & Annie at <u>ce@stsimonsouthport.org.uk</u> for the zoom code or to ask any more questions.

NORTH WEST GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP

Annual Conference 2021 – 'Celebrating the joy of gospel partnership'

In January and February guest speakers from around the North West will be unpacking Paul's letter to the Philippians. Sessions will be available on the North West Gospel Partnership YouTube channel.

Dates of sessions are: Sat 23rd Jan; Weds 27th; Weds 3rd Feb; Weds 10th; Weds 17th and Sat 20th.

Each session will have a short talk, some songs, prayers and news from around the region.



Is this your first time?

Hello & welcome! Please make yourself at home.

Need anything?
Ask one of our
welcome team who
will be pleased to
help you.

Young Children
Groups for 3-14s
happen during the
service. Please drop
your child off before
the service begins.
There is also an
unsupervised creche
room with sound
feed.

Hearing difficulties?
A hearing loop is installed.

Mobile Phones
Please turn them off
or to silent.