

## Bible Verse for the Year

*Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at things which are seen, but at the things that are not seen. For the things that are seen are temporary, but the things that are not seen are eternal.*

**2 Corinthians 4:16-18**



## Normal Services Times

**Sundays** 10.30am Worship Service (speakers to be announced)

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month we will break bread at the Lords Table.

6pm Fellowship Meeting & Prayer

**Last Friday of the Month** Evening of Prayer 7pm-10pm (Please come for all or part of the meeting)

## Jam Club

Jesus and Me

Children meet during Sunday morning service

(ages 2-11 & 11-16)

for details speak to Tineke Juggins

## Jesus ("God Saves")

**Matthew 1:21** *And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus for He will save His people from their sins.*

**Luke 2:21** *And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.*

All of us at sometime get roped in to naming of babies. Sometimes it's nothing to do with us, but we still put our twopenn'orth in! Mary didn't have to spend long on the subject. Her baby was a completely unexpected miracle, and named by the Angel at the announcement! "Jesus". (Mt 1:21 Lk 1:31). To us who are redeemed, that name has become so precious. The truth is, His name is ordinary. Apparently Spain has quarter million Jesus's! In English the name is simply Joshua, still popular in the UK! Why was Mary's "bundle of joy" given such an ordinary name?

Its meaning: Yeshua/Jesus/Joshua simply means "God Saves". To most, the name is an outward statement of faith of that. For us today, the reason for the name is clear. **Psalm 118:14** *The Lord is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation.*

Actually, its not just the reason for His name, it's the reason for the Baby!

What does it mean for us?

- It means more than organised religion. C.T. Studd said *"If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him"*.
- He saves from the sin that is rightly taking each of us, the people of this world, to hell.
  - ◊He has come to SAVE, not "try to make us good" - we can never be good enough!
  - ◊The Son of God did not come to "bless us" - make our lives easier. He came that we might be "Born Again" to be like Him.
- Jesus means our eternal destination is Heaven, not Hell!

It's no wonder Praise and Worship is the primary function of every blood bought Believer !

*Terry Gillard*

## Ebley Chapel Leadership Team

**Elders** : Clive Dale and Terry Gillard

**Deacons**: Stella Gray, Sue Holder

**Secretary and Treasurer**: Stella Gray

## A Time of Fellowship

Please stay and enjoy some time together after the morning service.

Tea and coffee and biscuits will be available.



## Dates for Diary

**Monday 14th February and 14th March Fellowship Walk** – Weather permitting approx. 2-3 miles at your own speed. Stop for a coffee and a chat. The walks are open to everyone so invite your friends. Meet at the Chapel at 10.20 to start at 10.30 promptly.

**Sunday 13th March** We will have a **Guest Speaker**. Awaiting confirmation

**Sunday 24th April Baptism Service**

If you know anyone who would like to be Baptised at this service please speak to Terry.

### Ladies Fellowship

On 23rd February the fellowship will have afternoon tea at Sue Holders at 3.30 to 4pm start.

On 30th March we will be meeting for lunch at Sandra Dales starting at 1pm.

Please let one of the ladies know or leave a message on the What's app group chat, if you are going to attend for numbers. To find out where to go, or if you need a lift, or you need prayer, or just want more information please ask. The meetings are a great time of fellowship with amazing ladies and a time of great blessing and provision from the Lord.



**Song of Songs: 2:10-14** *My beloved spoke and said to me, "Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, come with me. See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me.*

Are you ready for the Lord Jesus's return to call us to "arise and come" with Him. Winter is almost past and the season of singing is just around the corner.

Be ready Church!



### Prayer

*In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice ; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait with expectation (Ps 5:3)*

Father every day may we be aware of your presence in all that we do, getting up, going to work, at school, having coffee with a neighbour or lunch with a family member. May our lives be a testimony of Christ living in each one of us to those who are around us. Let us pray for reconciliation between families, in nations and to you. Let us forgive others as you have forgiven us. And love as you love. May all our friends and families come to know and be reconciled back to you.

We pray for our fellowship, for the leaders and the worship team. For members who have been faithful for many years, and for those who are new to faith. We pray for those who will come to be baptised this month and pray that others will come forward to take part in this holy sacrament.

We pray for those of our fellowship who are unable to attend services in person due to sickness or other circumstances. May they know that you are ever in their company.

We pray for the young people of our fellowship, that they will become bold and confident followers of Jesus and that they are fruit bearers and a testimony to their Saviour Jesus Christ.

We pray for the people of Tonga and their recovery from the volcanic eruption and subsequent tsunami damage.

In Jesus Name we pray. **Amen**

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### Giving towards the work of Ebley Chapel

*Proverbs 11.25 tells us, "A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed".*

*2 Corinthians 8:2-4 says that "In the midst of very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people.*

*Generosity is a response of gratitude to God who was generous to us first.*

We are grateful for your regular donations for God's work in this place.

**A basket** will always be available at the front of the sanctuary for your cash tithes. Alternative ways of offering are:

#### **Direct debit or Bank Transfer**

Bank Account No:- 00116962

Sort Code: 30-98-29

**Cheques** made payable to :-

Ebley Congregational Chapel

Also please consider whether you can **gift aid** your tithe.

Please see Stella for more information

#### Sierra Leone Mission

If you would like to donate to the work of Sierra Leone Mission or obtain more information on our involvement as a Church. Please speak to Sandra or Clive Dale