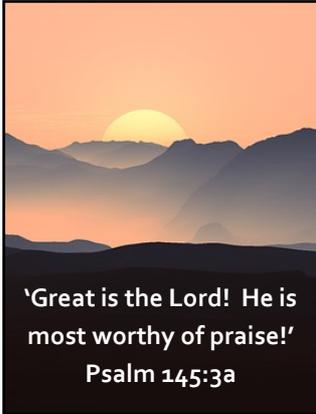


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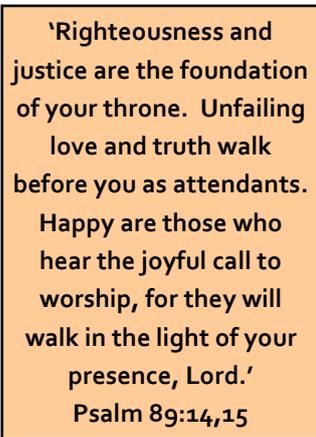
Being Transformed Together



26th June 2022



'Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise!'
Psalm 145:3a



'Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne. Unfailing love and truth walk before you as attendants. Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship, for they will walk in the light of your presence, Lord.'
Psalm 89:14,15



'Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you.'

Psalm 37:5



'Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for him to act.'
Psalm 37:7

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.” (Acts 1:8a)

Do you remember Ed's illustration with the car jack from last Sunday? He was saying that it would be crazy to try to lift the car by hand when you have a device to do the job for you, and I was pondering on that afterwards. Of course, we still have to be involved - get the jack out, position it and then operate it. Then there is the purpose for which the car is being jacked up – the job's still got to be done. We were thinking about the Holy Spirit with His mighty power, and how foolish it is to think we can manage in our own strength. Of course, all illustrations fall down at some point and we can't push them too far, but I felt that the above points were relevant. Firstly, we need to engage with the Holy Spirit through our prayers, so that He can be involved in what we are doing. Secondly, He doesn't take over and do everything for us, but He wants to equip and empower us to do the task that God has given us. That's why we should not be daunted when God calls us to do something that seems well beyond our ability.

On a personal level, there are only a few times that I've used a jack in this country. However, it was a fairly frequent occurrence when I lived in the bush country of northern Kenya. Three- or four-inch acacia thorns pierced through tough Land Rover tyres amazingly easily and we often had to jack up the car to change one of the wheels. The other great use for the jack was

when we got bogged down in deep sand, thick mud or when crossing a riverbed. The idea was that we would jack up the vehicle, put rocks, branches or other materials under the wheels so that they would get enough traction to get us out of trouble.

In these examples, the whole purpose of the jack was to enable us to continue on our journey. God has a journey through life for each one of us and it's rarely plain sailing all the way. There are difficulties, like punctures, along the way; or times when we just get bogged down with circumstances and troubles. It's at those times that we can be grateful that God's Holy Spirit shows up when we invite Him into the situation. Of course, ideally we regularly interact with the Lord and know that sense of Him refilling and refreshing us with His Spirit, so that we know that He is close by when a need arises. This, of course, is not just to make us feel good (although He often does!) but to help us forward on our journey with the Lord. What a tremendous privilege it is that we can work together with God's Spirit to bring about His purposes in the world today, however inadequate we feel or however small our part seems!

In the Amplified Version, Ephesians 5:18 reads, "ever be filled and stimulated with the Holy Spirit."

Chris Doust

PRAYER POINTERS

Ukraine

'Pray for the people of Ukraine as they grieve for their country, for loved ones lost and for loss of livelihoods.¹ For aid agencies and churches caring for refugees. That God will sustain all under duress, and comfort those who mourn. ¹BMS website

Our Country

Pray for those with power and authority in our country be it in politics, local government, industrial relations, commerce or sector services. For wisdom, integrity and good judgement. For organisations supporting the most vulnerable.

Trip to Holy Land

Please continue to pray for the BBC team in Israel. Pray for good health and safety. That the children will engage with and enjoy all the teaching, games and craft activities that have been planned. For the Holy Spirit to be at work powerfully.

NEWSLETTER

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jenny Lear: Dennis Nolan will lead a service of thanksgiving for Jenny's life on Tuesday 5th July at Hastings Crematorium at 11.15am.

Looking ahead to the summer...

Ed is on **sabbatical** from Aug - Oct 2022.

BBC Premises: During the holidays, Caterpillar Pre-school is being completely redecorated and the carpet is being replaced. This means that a significant amount of the furniture and equipment from the setting will need to be stored temporarily in the Manna House.

Also, scaffolding is being erected around the Chapel on 20th July to allow essential maintenance to take place.

Provision for children and young people:

Sunday Club will take a break for three weeks during August, then resume on Sunday 28th. Sunday Youth will not run in August, and will resume on Sunday 11th September.

Renew 1066 will run on Wednesdays throughout the summer - except for 3rd August when there will be no gathering.

Church Office: The church office will be closed from 8th August -19th August inclusive. Newsletters will be produced for 7th and 28th August, but not in between.

WORLD VIEW

Latvia (pop 1.9m): After decades of communism pre 1990, the collapse of the Soviet Union left a moral vacuum in Latvia which was quickly filled by negative influences. Drug and alcohol abuse are widespread, and the sex trade, high rates of abortion and suicide all point to significant needs. Latvia needs prayer for the deeper and eternal needs of its people. Please pray for a new move of the Holy Spirit in the mainline churches where there is increasing signs of new life already and for the many nominal Christians to become true believers.

Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Becca Lewis and Carl Newell on the announcement of their engagement.

Alpha

Invitation flyers are available now. Please continue to pray for this opportunity to share and explore the good news of Jesus.

Foodbank

Please get in touch with Janet Walsh if you would like to find out more about volunteering at the Foodbank.

What's on this week...

Caterpillar Pre-School is open Monday to Friday this week.

Sunday 26th June

● 10am **Worship Gathering** at the Chapel followed by refreshments in the Manna House

Monday 27th June

- 9 - 11am **Caterpillar Toddlers**
- 9.30 - 10am **Prayer Meeting** in the Prayer Room
- 3.30 - 5pm **Chosta** for years 7-13

Tuesday 28th June

- 10 - 11am **Walking Football** at the Rec
- 2pm **Tuesday Fellowship** in the Manna House

Wednesday 29th June

- 10am - 12 noon **Renew 1066** in the Manna House
- 6.30pm **BTFC Runners** meet at the Chapel

- 7 - 8pm **Prayer Meeting** (for Ukraine & current affairs) in the Prayer Room

Thursday 30th June

- 9am **Prayer Meeting** in the Prayer Room

Friday 1st July

- 10.30am - 12 noon **Coffee Club** in the Youth Room
- 7 - 9pm - **BBC Youth**

Sunday 3rd July

- 10am **Worship Gathering** at the Chapel followed by refreshments in the Manna House