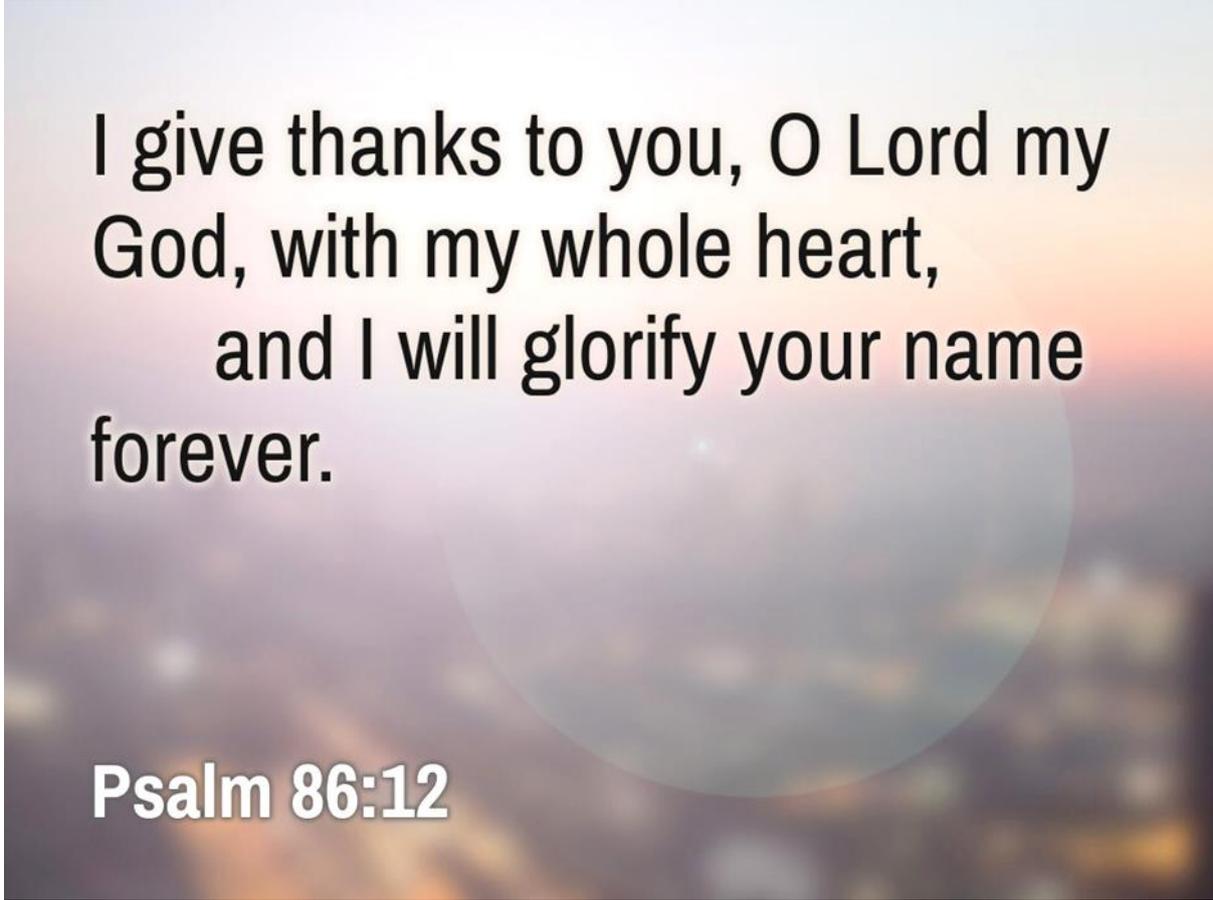


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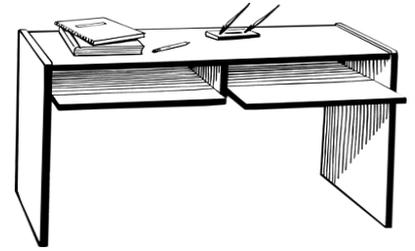


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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

By Pastor Dele



Giving Thanks with Joyfulness

15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, 16 I have not stopped **giving thanks** for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

Ephesians 1:15-17 (NIV)

We should never forget that there is always so much we can give thanks for. Besides, the giving of thanks is good for our spiritual, physical and emotional health.

Charles Spurgeon is famously quoted of saying about thanksgiving and joy that:

“We should all be grateful for gifts, influence and success; a gratitude which is not attended with joy can scarcely be called gratitude at all.”

That is right. True thanksgiving is always accompanied with joy. It's hard to go about being bitter and sad when there is joy in your heart. Real thanksgiving fills us with joy. Joy will literally enrich your physical, spiritual and emotional life.

Last month we were celebrating Mother's Day. Now that is something to be thankful for. Mother's are among the most precious people on earth. Without a mother you could not have arrived on planet earth. Mother's are those special people who have been given enormous assignments by the creator to take care and nurture another person. Yet they have to learn on the job.

There are no perfect mothers only loving mothers. Let's thank God for them.

Another thing to thank God for is the completion of the carpeting and painting of our main church auditorium (the nave). This took a lot of planning and organisation by many of our hardworking brothers and sisters in the Church. God will reward you all greatly.

Due to the generosity of one of our members will also have a new cross at the front of the Church.

We have much to give the Lord thanks for. Now it's your turn. Write down five things that the Lord has done for you or someone else recently and give thanks to the Lord with a joyful heart for them all.

As we express our thanks, we must never forget that our gratitude is shown not merely in the words we utter but rather in the joy we express.

While our words of thanks may last for only a few moments the joy should be continuous.

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MAY DIARY 2019 AT A GLANCE



Deacon on Duty: Nab

DATE	EVENTS & PEOPLE	TIME
1st Sunday each month	COMMUNION	Evening
Every Sunday morning	Prayer Time in Prayer Room 5th Mercy 19th Taiwo 12th Michael 26th Tex	10.25am- 10.55am
Wednesday: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th	Bible Study & Prayer Time (7.30pm Teas & Coffees) Starts at 7.45pm	7.30pm- 9.00pm
Every Saturday	Praise & Worship Practice	5.30pm

DATE	EVENTS & PEOPLE	TIME
Thursday 2nd Evening	Deacons Meeting	7.00pm- 9.00pm
Sunday 5th Morning	Lead: Tex Preach: Pastor Dele	11.00am- 1.00pm
Sunday 5th Evening	COMMUNION Lead: Suzanne Preach: Pastor Dele	6.30pm- 7.30pm
Friday 10th Evening	Prayer Focus	8.00pm- 9.30pm
Sunday 12th Morning	JUNIOR CHURCH ANNIVERSARY A Play: Jesus Post Resurrection Lead: Over 13's/Grid Preach: Nenyi	11.00am- 1.00pm
	Refreshments – All Welcome	After Service
Sunday 12th Evening	NO EVENING SERVICE	No Service

DATE	EVENTS & PEOPLE	TIME
Sunday 19th Morning	COMMUNION SERVICE Lead: Sylvester Preach: Pastor Dele	11.00am- 1.00pm
	Women's Fellowship Meeting	1.15pm
Sunday 19th Evening	Lead: Steve Preach: Michael	6.30pm- 7.30pm
Monday 20th Afternoon	Over 60's Club Speaker: David Orange	12.00pm- 2.00pm
Friday 24th Evening	Friday Night Prayer	8.00pm- 11.00pm
Sunday 26th Morning	Lead: Vivienne Preach: Pastor David Orange	11.00am- 1.00pm
	13+ In Church Couples Fellowship	1.15pm
Sunday 26th Evening	Lead: Jane Preach: TBA	6.30pm- 7.30pm

Advance Notice:

Water Baptism – 23 June 2019

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY'S PEN

By Algi



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray that you are all well. I pray for all who have been unwell, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you, bless and ease all that requires healing.

The Church painting has been completed and last Sunday (14th April) we had Service in Church and not in the Hall. This was lovely, glad to be back. The Church has been refreshed... May the people of God also be happy and refreshed.

The Easter period is here and we remember how Jesus took the sin of the world upon Himself and died for us all, for you and me.

Matthew 27:26

...Jesus is whipped...

Luke 23:33

...the place called "The Skull"...He is crucified...

Isaiah 53: 3-5

...Jesus is despised and rejected...

Amos 8:9

...Daylight in to darkness...

Matthew 27:54

...they were terrified...

John 19:30 - ...

...It is finished!...

1 Peter 3:18

...He was put to death physically, but made alive spiritually...

Matthew 28:5-6

...He is risen...

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us always.

REPORTS

Reports from Across the Church



Thanksgiving & Prayer Requests

By Visiting Team (31/03/19)

- Ethlyn – She was visited on 13th April and although life overwhelms her at times she is quick to remember where her help comes from. Praising God in hymn and psalms, often quoting by heart one of her favourite (Psalm 27). Please pray that she will daily experience God's amazing grace.
- Doreen – She continues to trust the Lord for a favourable outcome to her condition and patiently waits confirmation of a medical appointment. Please continue to uphold her in your prayers.
- Myrtle & Frank – They were visited 31st March and both continue in good health but we still seek God's wisdom for the allergies affecting Brother Frank.
- Icilda – She was visited on 16th March. Present at that visit was someone she hadn't seen in almost a year which brought great joy to her. She was keen as usual to participate in every part of our fellowship time. She asked for details of the Church excursion as she is very keen that one of her daughters attends this year. We thank God for the continual loving care of her family.
- May – She was visited 30th March and remains in reasonable health as pain management treatment and monitoring continues. She faithfully stands upon God's Word which is her daily strength.
- Moses – We continue to remember the family in our prayers at this time. We pray that they may experience God's peace as they prepare for his funeral service which will take place on 17th April at East Ham Baptist Church.
- Doris – Her hope is in the Lord as she waits for an appointment for a procedure to assist with her mobility and is looking forward to getting back in to fellowship with us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Ministry of Flowers

By Suzanne

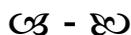
The flowers are being provided by the following:

Date	Provided by
5th	Doris F
12th	Junior Church Anniversary (Central Baptist Church)
19th	Cynthia B / Claudette B
26th	Suzanne G (in memory of Ken Saunders)

Are you celebrating a birthday or anniversary in the next few weeks or months? Why not use the **Ministry of Flowers**, as you celebrate or remember a loved one.

Although all the dates have been taken for May, please come and have a word with me if you would like to give to the ministry of flowers and I would gladly explain all that's involved.

Once you have selected your date, please put your contribution in an envelope with **your name and the date** you are providing flowers and **place it in the collection at least two weeks before the date (longer if possible) you have selected, so that the money can be made available in good time.** Every Blessing.



IMPORTANT: All monies given for flowers must be recorded by the Finance Team initially. It is important that all cash/cheques are recorded as received. If you are unable to place your money contribution in the offering/collection, please hand it to Sylvester (Treasurer) or Algi (Secretary), Suzanne or a Deacon. This will be given to the Treasurer. The receipt received for the purchase of flowers will be given to Finance Team the following Sunday to record and file.

CHURCH EVENTS

Junior Church 165th Anniversary

By Efua

On May 12th the Junior Church will be celebrating 165 years of God's goodness. We will be looking at the Great Commission of God to His followers, and to ourselves. The children will be leading the service and there will be a meal post the service.

Please invite others to the celebration.

Over 60's Club

By Jackie T/Rose T

Speaker for 20th May (as Bank Holiday is the last Monday) will be David Orange who we are sure you are all looking forward to seeing again. Many thanks and God bless.



Other Events

OUTREACH

By Steve

❖ **Teen Challenge – Stratford Drop-In**: .Will re-open April 29th. We are always in need of more volunteers from the Church, if you have time on a Monday please let me know.

‘**Drop In**’at Central every Monday:3.00pm – 5.00pm.

Bus Outreach every Saturday outside Central: 8.30pm – 11.30pm.

❖ **Food Bank** – If you would like to contribute any non perishable items for the Food Bank please, mark clearly and hand to any of the Stewards or Deacons - Thank You.

NEWS FROM CORNWALL

By Ron Meloy–April 1st 2019

Yesterday was Mothering Sunday and British Summer Time began with some real sunshine. We celebrated this by having lunch with our daughter and family at Trebar Gardens, a really beautiful place.

Today has a special place in my heart as four years ago I underwent my heart surgery in The London Clinic. How grateful I am to the surgeon and his team and to everyone who remembered me in their prayers. Having now recovered from losing an hours sleep my thoughts turned to what we will be doing with our time in the days ahead. May I suggest reading Ecclesiastes Chapter 3.1-8.

Regretfully I have to say that there has been an increase in young people carrying weapons, usually knives in Cornwall. There has also been an increase in mobile phones being stolen. There are the county line gangs who use children and young people to sell and distribute drugs. Thankfully there are local people continuing to support good causes, one of them is the Support Group for Cornwall Hospice Care. Doreen and the rest of the team organise money raising events in the villages. Two Coffee Mornings held recently raised nearly £800.00.

The following is an extract from our Minister in the Quarterly Bulletin as we approach the Easter period. The Jesus of Lent is a flesh and blood Jesus, a man of confrontation, a man of action, someone who resists temptation at the outset, and who, when faced with the ultimate challenge, acknowledges His fear, accepts His Father's will and gives His life in agony and humiliation. This is the Jesus, who says, "Follow Me". He is not some ethereal figure, who teaches us to be nice to each other. He is an olive-skinned 1st. Century Palestinian Jew, who upset the religious people of His day, and delighted in spending time with the sort of people that most of us would not want to meet in a dark alley.

A Prayer. Give us wisdom Lord to know your will and courage to do it. May our words declare your love and our compassion give substance to our words.