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GET IN TOUCH

CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed to physical visitors, but phone calls will be answered as normal between 9.30am-12.30pm. You can also email: reception@fulwoodchurch.co.uk. Please get in touch if you have any questions or need any help. You can also contact our Pastoral Care team using the details below.

PRACTICAL SUPPORT

PASTORAL CARE

Our pastoral care teams are ready to respond in appropriate ways to offer any support they can. One team is **the Biblical Counselling Team** who are here to walk with you through a particular problem, area of struggle, or pain of suffering. Talking, praying and reading the bible together, they will help you draw closer to our ever-loving, merciful, and compassionate father God. If you need help, or know of anyone who does, please contact any of the teams through the use of [this form](#).

HARDSHIP FUND

We have launched a hardship fund for those who need financial support. To download an application form visit: fulwoodchurch.co.uk/hardshipfund

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Please remember in prayer the family of one of our older church members, Tony Hammond, who died in hospital on the evening of March 16th. Pray especially for Margaret who has faithfully and lovingly cared for Tony over many years.

Please let us know if you have any news you'd like to share with the church family.

NEWS & EVENTS

SUNDAY SERVICES

Online at 10.30am

Sunday 28th March

The glory of the King: Condemned
John 19:1-16
Hugh Palmer

VIRTUAL COFFEE TIME

Sunday 21st March at 11.45am on Zoom

[Click here to join the call](#)

Meeting ID: 849 8610 4905 Password: 926809

EASTER SERVICES

1 April Maundy Thursday 7.30pm on Zoom

2 April Good Friday

Family Service - 10.30am
Reflections from around the Cross – 3pm

4 April Easter Sunday

Easter Celebration - 10.30am

For more information visit our [website](#). To book for in person services click [here](#).

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

In preparation for building work, various items in church are going! If you would be interested in buying anything, please see the [list of items](#), then complete the [expression of interest form](#) by 26 March. We'll be in touch after that date to confirm. All items will need collecting between Monday 12 – Saturday 17 April. All proceeds will go towards the Building for the Future Fund.

The grand piano in church needs a temporary home while building works take place (around 6 months). If you have space and would like to find out more, please contact [Steph Johnson](#). The costs for professional removal would be covered.

Could you help prepare the site for building work to begin – whether clearing out church, packing up offices or cleaning? We're looking to have two work teams a day, from 9am-12pm and 1.30-4pm between 12 – 16 April. Work teams must follow current Covid-19 regulations. If you could help, please contact [Steph Johnson](#).

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The APCM will be held on **Monday, May 24th**. You must be on the Electoral Roll to vote at the APCM or stand for the PCC. If you have joined the church this last year and have been 'attending' for at least 6 months, you can join the Electoral Roll by completing this [form](#) and return it to [Carolyn Edmonds](#). If you signed an Electoral Roll form in 2019 or 2020 you do not need to complete another one.

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22-28 MARCH

PRAYER DIARY

MONDAY 22

Neil and Lucy fly today to Central Asia and should complete quarantine before the outdoor Easter service at the international church they are pastoring there; pray for physical stamina and spiritual insight as they draw alongside the Lord's people there and settle into a new pattern of life and ministry.

Pray for the Staff Team and for the 'Building for the Future' Committee as they work out the practicalities and logistics of holding our Sunday Services in the Hall after lockdown is eased and the building work begins. Pray we might be patient in waiting and to remember that Christ is our cornerstone and on him alone we build.

TUESDAY 23

Lift up in prayer the family of James Megaw whose funeral service is being held today. Ask our loving heavenly Father to carry them in their grief and sadness, to cover them with his great wings of love and to give their weary hearts rest both today and in the days ahead.

WEDNESDAY 24

At this time of great uncertainty in our country and around the world pray that people would turn to our Heavenly Father for stability and comfort. Pray particularly for those who don't yet know Jesus that, through some means in the midst of all that is happening, they would hear the good news of the risen Christ. Ask that they would come to repentance and a knowledge of the truth that they may know God as Father and the secure joy of eternal life in Jesus.

THURSDAY 25

Pray to the Lord for lasting fruit from 'Christianity Explored'. Praise him for the person who became a Christian during the last course and for all those who engaged with the gospel. Pray that, as the next course (April 15) is advertised over Easter, our merciful God will start to draw people to himself. Give thanks that, despite the pandemic, the gospel is still being shared in many places and that livestream services are being seen by those who might not otherwise hear the good news.

FRIDAY 26

Pray for Matthew Lawes as he continues this period of 'curacy training' and especially for the training sessions with other curates from the Diocese - that they would all be equipped to serve the church well and that the diocese would be built up by their ministry. Ask the Lord to help Matthew build good relationships with those whose view of ministry might be quite different.

The 'Staffing Subcommittee' of the PCC has the responsibility for ensuring we pursue best practice as employers and is charged with providing pastoral care for all the staff team. This has never been more important so pray they would function well, with wisdom, discernment and discretion for each and every situation.

SATURDAY 27

Thank God for the Pastoral Care teams covering Bereavement, Biblical Counselling, Practical Care, Meals, Community and Visiting. Pray especially for the teams engaged in Biblical Counselling and providing Meals for the hard-pressed as they can be particularly busy. Pray that people's needs would be met through this ministry and through the 'one another' service to which we are all called.

SUNDAY 28

Pray for Hugh Palmer as he preaches from John 19:1-16 and ask that we will listen well and be encouraged. Knowing how many of us fear being mocked, may we see afresh the scorn and condemnation that Jesus suffered for us so that we might freely say, "No condemnation now I dread" and be confident in speaking truth to those who do not know him.

PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH (from Barnabas Aid)

O Jesus, our Lord and Saviour, we thank you for every new convert from another religious background who willingly takes up their cross to follow you, enduring loss and suffering for Your sake, knowing that they may even have to lay down their life for you. Please strengthen, encourage and protect them. Equip them with all they need to grow in the knowledge and love of you. Be very close to those who have been rejected by relatives, friends and community and assure them that their place in your family can never be taken from them.

