

**19<sup>th</sup> May 2019**  
Morning worship

Hello and welcome to Jubilee Church.

## **Transformation - a new purpose**

Have you ever heard of the famous quote, '*Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die*'. It's a phrase that is occasionally used today but its origins lie in the dim and distant past. Paul used it as a quote in 1 Corinthians 15:22. However the phrase also appears in the Old Testament used by both Solomon and Isaiah (Ecc 8:15 and Isaiah 22:13). This possibly suggests that these famous OT authors borrowed it from an even earlier source.



The quote is significant because it essentially describes a state of existence without the presence of God in the equation. An atheistic viewpoint to life if you like. *We live, we die, we rot* (Bertrand Russell) and therefore everything has to be crammed into the space between the living and the dying.

Eating and drinking and merriment are in this context hedonistic activities that are pursued for their own sake because there is no meaning to life other than the fact that it is always terminated by death.

Variations on this theme have been thought up over the centuries in various 'isms' - Nihilism (Nietzsche), Existentialism (Camus & Sartre) and Utilitarianism (Mill). But they are all essentially the same ethos identified clearly in scripture a very long time ago (there is after all nothing new under the sun!) Are things different for the Christian or do we lead a similarly aimless existence? Matt McLaren and Paul's letter to the Philippians help us to find the answer.

If you're visiting today we hope you have a good time with us, and if you want to know anything, please feel free to ask someone. May God bless you as you meet with us today.

**Dave Webb-Peploe,**  
Lead Elder



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## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May

**9.15am:** Prayer meeting

**10.30am:** Morning worship, with Communion

**Preacher:** Matt McLaren **Theme:** Transformation - New purpose

**Serving:** Furniture, Welcoming/Stewarding, Tea/Coffee: **Green team 3**

**Jubilee Tots:** Green Team **Jubilee Kids:** Green team

**Senior steward:** Matt McLaren **First aider:** Jo Jones

**Audio/visual:** Thomas **Duty trustee:** Jo Jones

### This week's diary

#### Monday 20 May

9.30am Jubilees toddler group  
7.00pm Gaming club  
7.00pm Men's discipleship group  
8.00pm Prayer meeting  
at Mike and Nicola's

#### Thursday 23 May

7.30pm FAITH - youth home group  
Home groups

#### Tuesday 21 May

7.00am Men's prayer breakfast  
10.30am Ladies meeting  
7.30pm Focus bible study

#### Friday 24 May

10.30am Jubilees baby group  
7.00pm Themba Theatre's  
*Legally Blonde Jr*

#### Wednesday 22 May

7.00pm Oak Tree Café  
7.30pm Themba Theatre  
Home groups

#### Saturday 25 May

7.00pm Themba Theatre's  
*Legally Blonde Jr*  
7.00pm Addiction recovery group

## Next week: Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May

**9.15am:** Prayer meeting

**10.30am:** Morning worship, with baptisms

**Guest preacher:** William John Butler

**Serving:** Furniture, Welcoming/Stewarding, Tea/Coffee: **Blue team 4**

**Jubilee Tots:** Blue Team **Jubilee Kids:** Blue team

**Senior steward:** Mark Stevens **First aider:** Becky Stevens


**Audio/visual:** Diana Cowles **Duty trustee:** Lucy McLaren

*If you're not available to carry out your duty for any reason please  
bless your team leader by arranging a swap*


**STAFF DAYS OFF:** Dave Webb-Peploe: Wednesday  
Jo Jones: Friday John Cowles: Friday

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## COME AND PRAY - Tomorrow, 8pm

Monday evening, 8-9pm at Mike & Nicola's; please ask if you need the address.   
An hour of concentrated praying for our church (people, gateways, the vision), our neighbourhood and beyond. The next meetings are Tuesday 28 May at the Jubilee Centre and Mondays 3, 10 & 17 June at Mike & Nicola's.

## BAPTISM

We're excited that we'll be having a baptism service next Sunday, in which several people will be getting baptised. We believe that baptism is a key event in the life of a new Christian; it symbolically speaks of cleansing, and of joining ourselves to Jesus' death and resurrection, as well as being a marker of obedience to him. If you have received Jesus Christ as saviour and Lord and would like to be baptised please speak with one of the elders. [jubileechurchshepperton.org/baptism](http://jubileechurchshepperton.org/baptism) 

## BAGS OF FOOD [jubileechurchshepperton.org/bagsoffood](http://jubileechurchshepperton.org/bagsoffood)


Bags of Food has had an unprecedented number of calls on its stores this month and we would love your help to re-fill the cupboards so we can help more families in crisis.

### For Bags of Food we especially need:

- jars of cheese/ tomato pasta bake, tomato pasta sauce
- baked beans
- cereals
- desserts: sponges, rice pudding, jelly, tinned fruit, Angel Delight




## JUBILEE WHOLE-CHURCH LUNCH

Last Sunday's whole church lunch was so good! Huge thanks to Nicola Gilson who oversaw the whole thing, and to her excellent team, especially Ade Agoro who cooked a delicious meal for us all. Part of our vision is to build community - and last week's lunch did exactly that! Here are a few comments: 

*'Brilliant lunch! Superb food, great service and, of course, brilliant company! Ade's shepherd's pie was out of this world!' 'It was a great way to socialise, I had a great time.'*  
*'It was wonderful to spend time with my brothers and sisters at Jubilee Church and to get to know some of them better. Thank you for holding this lunch to make this possible.'*  
*'Brilliant lunch! Thank you to everyone who made it happen. Excellent food!'*  
*'Thank you to all the workers, we had a lovely time!' 'Thank you Ade for all your hard work, and the helpers and waitresses for your great work too. Much appreciated.'*

## SUE DANIEL

It is with great sadness that we say farewell to Sue Daniel today as she moves to Billingshurst. Sue has been part of our church for over 30 years; throughout this time she has loved faithfully, served diligently and become a dear friend to many. Shepperton's loss is Billingshurst's gain - we'll miss you Sue - God bless you. 

## JUBILEE CHURCH DIARY DATES 2019

29 May: Ladies night out! 8pm at *The Crown*, Chertsey

30 May: Crowning Years meeting, 2pm

4 June: Men's social evening, 7.30pm at the Barley Mow

20 July: Life line community day, 10am – 2pm

22 – 26 August: Commission's Westpoint festival at Exeter showground



## THIS WEEK!

Based on the award-winning Broadway musical and the smash hit motion picture, Legally Blonde The Musical Jr. is a fabulously fun



journey of self-empowerment and expanding horizons, following the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes, snobbery and scandal in pursuit of her dreams. The show's instantly recognisable songs and large, energetic dance numbers are filled with humour, wit and sass - leaving cast members and audiences alike seeing pink!



**Themba Theatre** members have been working hard rehearsing week in, week out for this production. Earlier this year they had the opportunity to go along to see a performance of Legally Blonde by Magna Carta school (who also helped with scenery & props and their cast spent some with ours, giving acting tips). There was also a trip to the courtroom at County Hall in Kingston for a photo shoot.



**Themba's vision** is to build relationships through drama, and to draw young people in to the life of the church. Natalie Wells heads up this dramatic ministry for Jubilee Church, with help from Simon Bagg and Shirley Chew at rehearsals; they pray for the kids weekly and share with them biblical principles. Others are involved in support capacities throughout the year, as well as during

show week. It would be great if as many as possible from church could go along and support the show and this 'gateway.'

**Friday 24 & Saturday 25 May, 7pm** at Jubilee High School, School Lane, Addlestone KT15 1TE. Tickets are £10 for adults/ £8 for concessions, plus booking fee; available online now. Click [here for Friday](#) and [here for Saturday](#)

**Compassion** Proceeds from this show will be supporting a Compassion project in Uganda, focused on completing the construction of a hall at Mirambi Child Development Centre to provide a safe space for children to learn.

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