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Hello and welcome to Jubilee Church.
It is with great sadness that this newsletter is the first in living memory that does not look forward to us getting together as a church on Sunday morning. This has been a particularly hard decision to make but over the last few days governmental advice has become increasingly clear that we should not meet in order to actively slow the spread of what is proving to be a very dangerous virus.

This means sadly that Steve Brading is not visiting us and we will not be continuing our Holy Spirit: Person, Presence, Power series. As an alternative we are looking to provide an online facility on Sunday that will include a time of worship and message/ shorter sermon. Please bear with us as we try to set up this new provision. We'll update you with links and how to log in ahead of Sunday.

The theme for this new 'mini sermon series' will be '*Staying in touch with God*'. Ironically enough, I've been doing a fair amount of reading on this subject over the last couple of weeks and will therefore be tentatively launching our new series.

Finally a little reminder that during this season of cancelled meetings let us do our best to continue meeting together by staying in touch through the wide array of communication devices that we have at our disposal. Hebrew 10: 24-25 wisely says, '*Let us consider how we can encourage one another and spur one another on towards love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing but all the more as we see the day approaching.*'

We may be stopping our formal meetings for a while but our 'relational interaction' needs to be stronger than ever. God bless you as we continue to do a slightly different sort of church together.

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MOTHER'S DAY

We haven't forgotten that it's Mother's Day. It will be very different this year for everyone. Let's stay in touch and encourage mothers - and not-mothers - everywhere!

A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Lord, we remember the mothers
who have gone before us.

**For their love, sacrifice, struggle and joy,
We thank you.**

Lord, we remember the mothers of Scripture
who are part of our story,

As we are a part of your story.

**For their courage, faith, love and fierceness,
We thank you.**

Lord, we remember those who have not
given birth to us, but are mothers to us.

**For their gift of themselves that they have given,
We thank you.**

For the women who struggle with fertility,
For those women whom society labels as less in
their childlessness,

For those women who have lost children;

For their tears, for their strength,

For their wisdom, for their lives,

We thank you.

Claire Schoepp



BAGS OF FOOD jubileechurchshepperton.org/bagsoffood

Bags of Food has a huge challenge ahead in the coming weeks. We appreciate that it is difficult to get many items at the moment but if you can pick up one or two extra things they would be most gratefully received.



Items can be dropped into the foyer of the Jubilee Centre if it's open (try calling 01932 228882 first), or put in the box in the porch if doors are locked; it may be that our car park gates are locked for longer than usual if the school closes - in which case, please call or text 07503 488318 or email bagsoffood@jubileechurchshepperton.org to arrange drop off.



Items we need:

- anything you can lay your hands on!

We'll use any financial donations to top up our supplies: email finance@jubileechurchshepperton.org for details.

And please pray for Bags of Food at this difficult time - for supplies, for volunteers, for operational success, and for the needy recipients.

ALPHA HOLY SPIRIT WEEKEND

Thanks to the generosity of the Webb-Peploe family we were so fortunate to be able to spend time together in their delightful Oak Cottage in Burley New Forest. Arriving around 10.30am on Saturday morning, we enjoyed refreshments (there was plenty of food this weekend!) and settled down to watch the first two videos titled 'Who is the Holy Spirit?' and 'What does the Holy Spirit do?' followed by a discussion time. This led us into lunch. We enjoyed delicious home cooked soup (thank you Diana) breads and various nibbles that everyone had brought with them and shared.

We set out on a lovely walk around Burley to walk off our lunch and enjoy the beautiful scenery, the wild roaming horses and cows, and time spent chatting and getting to know each other more. Rather a long time was spent perusing the famous fudge shop and after a while I realised both my wellies had split whilst walking through a bog. What can you do? Just keep walking!



Then back to the cottage for more refreshments and the last video 'How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?' We broke off into three small groups where we were able to pray together and ask the Holy Spirit to come. What a tremendous time this was. Next was more food! We ate tasty lasagne and garlic bread together and washed and dried up the dishes like one big family. The whole weekend was filled with God's peace, we experienced so much joy and laughter. Magnificent memories have been made and I for one will never forget it.

Lucy McLaren

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Commission's vision is big - and big vision needs strategy, which has led to the introduction of the [SURE](#) programme: *Send, Unify, Release, Equip*, with teams working to developing various aspects of the vision.

Commission have just published their [Commission Family progress report](#), where you can read all about the realisation of this vision, events and highlights of the year, as well as the finance report outlining income and expenditure breakdown, so we can see where our money is being invested and put to good use!

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