

21st June 2020

Hi and welcome to Jubilee church,

Over the last couple of days I've been particularly impressed at the way in which **Marcus Rashford** (Manchester United and England football player) has been championing social justice.

Over the space of just 3 days, he has almost single handedly persuaded the government to continue to provide free school meals to economically vulnerable children over the summer holidays. How has he managed such a feat?



Two things it seems to me are significant. Firstly the innocent way in which he has presented his case. A combination of hard personal experience simply shared, a gentle self-effacing manner & invitation to empathy have all

been utterly compelling. But linked to this has also been a certain amount of what can best be described as 'shrewdness'. A refusal to take a party political position has been very well executed.

His interview with **Sally Nugent** (Sports Presenter with the BBC) was also clever in again down playing the political element of his appeal (with garden and mini football goal to match). And finally his use of Twitter has been great at inviting us in to sympathise with the plight of those in need. If Jesus were on earth today I think he might point to Marcus Rashford as a great example of *'innocent as a dove and cunning as a serpent'* in his pursuit of supporting those in need.

Tim Cowles uses key examples from the life of Jesus to explore this topic further in his preach this Sunday. But in the meantime I would invite us to consider how we can best follow Marcus's example in pursuing Godly causes with a combination of Christian innocence but also carefully thought through shrewdness. In this age of what can best be described as massive social and economic upheaval, the opportunity for Christians to shine has never been greater.

Dave Webb-Peploe,
Lead Elder

BAGS OF FOOD

jubileechurchshepperton.org/bagsoffood



Thank you to everyone for your support with donations and with prayer. This week was the busiest so far and on Monday food for **19 families** left the Jubilee Centre.

Families vary from one person to households of eight, with each one provided with fresh and long life foods, toiletries and household products such as detergent and bleach.



Particular thanks this week go to **Jon Priddy** for his great re-organisation of the tables in the foyer which made for a very smooth operation and for the way he cares for those who arrive to collect their food. His ready smile and carrying heavy bags to the cars is much appreciated by everyone.

We need more people like John, who can help with Bags of Food. Please contact **Heather Morris** and let her know that you are available to lend a hand. bagsoffood@jubileechurchshepperton.org

The Jubilee Centre remains open **(9.00am-4.00pm)** but in the event that no one is there we have a box in the porch where donations can be placed.

We are currently in need of:

- Tinned meat meals especially chicken
- Tinned Tuna
- Squash
- Jam, peanut butter, chocolate spread
- Rice pudding, Angel delight
- Small jars or packets of coffee
- Shampoo, conditioner & deodorant
- Kitchen roll, toilet roll

JOB VACANCY

COMMUNICATIONS CO-ORDINATOR POST AT JUBILEE CHURCH SHEPPERTON



We are currently looking for a Communications Co-ordinator for Jubilee Church. The post is for 1 and a half days a week (12 hours). In brief, responsibilities would consist of ensuring excellent communication within the church across a number of platforms. For more information including more detailed job description and salary level please contact either:

Dave Webb- Peploe - dave.webbpeploe@jubileechurchshepperton.org or

Tim Cowles - tim.cowles@jubileechurchshepperton.org

The application process will be closing on the **28th of June** so please make contact as soon as possible.

JUBILEE KIDS



Over the last few weeks we have been adding lots of fun activities onto the church website.

You can expect to find crosswords, word searches, 'spot the difference' and much more.



[Click here to visit the Jubilee Kids webpage](#)

MATT McLAREN CLARIFIES

During last Sunday's sermon I spoke about how Jesus went against the religious rules and touched the man with Leprosy and made him clean. I would like to take the opportunity to say that I was not in any way suggesting that it is safe to ignore the current government advice around social distancing. If my preach implied that I was advocating disregarding the rules then I apologise. I was merely trying to give an example of Christ's **Scandalous Freedom**.

Thankyou Matt McLaren.



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LET US PRAY...



Oh Lord God! You have a big heart that beats strong for people who are poor, or imprisoned, or who are oppressed for their faith or colour or nationality. You have compassion for those who live in fear for their lives or in fear for their sanity in these days of isolation and pandemic.

Lord visit our prisons where prisoners spend 23 hours a day locked in their cells. Visit households struggling to look after young ones unable to go to school.

Lord help us!

Give wisdom and courage to our leaders. Guide them to take the right decisions and actions. Lord have mercy on the nations of the world. Your will be done!

Amen

You may like to use the following ideas as a pattern for continued prayer as the weeks pass by:

1. Pray for your household
2. Stay calm
3. Keep watch
4. Encourage one another
5. Show God's love
6. Pray for our leaders, and heed their advice
7. Pray for those who are suffering
8. Pray for Christians and other religious groups experiencing persecution
9. Pray the pandemic will end