

**20<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

**H**ello and welcome to Jubilee Church.

When I was a lad (about 12 -14 years old - sorry my memory is a bit vague for such a long time ago), I remember going for a swim in the sea with my mate Andy Johnson. He was a strong swimmer and as for me - shall we say a lot less so. So - we were playing with a giant beach ball when the current started to take it out to sea. He innocently suggested we go after it, not realising that I was little gifted in the generally staying afloat department. The results were predictable. He swam out, recovered the ball and swam back. While I just sort of rapidly drifted out doing my best just to stay afloat and nonchalant in the process. If it had not been for a friendly pedalo driver who came across and offered me a tow, I would have been in really serious trouble.



As Jonah similarly found himself in deep water and seriously out of his depth in chapter 2, we get a chance to consider both his attitude and that of his rescuer (God not the fish). In Jonah's case as Simon Bagg will unpack for us this week, the results are rather surprising in terms of Jonah's rather ambivalent approach to his rescue. Further character warnings exist for us in chapter 2 as they did in chapter 1. We need to take serious notice if we are to be a genuine light for Jesus in these testing times.

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## BAGS OF FOOD

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A very big THANK YOU to **Shepperton Lockdown Doorsteps**. As well as financial donations towards Bags of Food they've also had a trolley in Sainsbury's on Shepperton High Street for people to leave donations of food. Last Friday they turned up with a boot full of food for us. Thank you everyone who donated!



Please continue to pray for Bags of Food and the families being supported.

### We continue to need:

- Anti-bac spray
- Bleach
- Washing up liquid
- Jam
- Tinned Veg

*We have plenty of soup, baked beans and pasta at the moment. Thank you for your generosity.*

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.

## JUBILEE CENTRE UPDATE

As well as preparing the Jubilee Centre for some small groups to begin meeting again. Our plans for launching a livestream of Sunday services are progressing well. Over the summer Matt has rebuilt the old PA/AV desk to better accommodate the equipment needed for live streaming, while also allowing more space for those working there. Our current pre-recorded worship and message will continue until we're ready to begin live streaming, we will keep you updated when we have a date for this.



## OAK TREE CAFE

**Oak Tree Café** (our mental health support group) has continued to meet in a variety of creative ways. At first we embraced the challenge of zoom, brilliantly hosted by Rachael and Steve who kept us entertained with quizzes, charades and many other games. Armchair pilates also became a regular feature. However not everyone has access to zoom so, weather-permitting, we started to meet in the park. We played boules, ate cake and fended off the local dogs. The latest leg of our journey has taken us to the Jubilee Centre garden, where we now meet under a marquee with plenty of social distancing and hand gel of course. Last week we had a double birthday celebration where we played covid bingo and hummed happy birthday to Keighley and Celene.

People have really appreciated the regular social contact in the midst of a very strange and potentially very lonely time. Friendship and community are vital for those suffering from depression, anxiety etc. There are still some of our group who haven't managed to get to any of our gatherings in the last few months because they are feeling too overwhelmed and anxious. **Please pray** that they find the courage to come along again. **Please pray** for wisdom as we think about how we can best support many more people from the local community.



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# Oak Tree Cafe

A friendly and relaxed place  
where adults experiencing  
mental ill-health can  
support and encourage  
one another

*A chance to chat, have some cake,  
play a game, try a craft activity  
or just to sit and chill*

Wednesdays 7 - 9pm

*The Jubilee Centre, Manygate Lane  
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## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September

**10.30am:** Morning worship (on YouTube)

**Preacher:** Simon Bagg

**Theme:** Jonah... Route back from Rock Bottom

Our previous Sunday messages and worship can be found on our [YouTube channel](#) if you'd like to catch up with any you may have missed or watch again.

### This week's diary

Most groups are currently meeting online, although some are meeting in person in line with current guidance. Contact us if you'd like to join any of our groups.

#### Monday 21 September

8.00pm Prayer Meeting

#### Thursday 24 September

FAITH - Youth home group  
Home Groups

#### Tuesday 22 September

8.30am Men's Prayer Breakfast  
8pm Focus Bible Study  
Home Groups

#### Friday 25 September

#### Wednesday 23 September

7.00pm Oak Tree Café  
Home Groups

#### Saturday 26 September

Addiction Recovery Group

Apologies if any groups have been missed off this week's diary, do get in touch if you'd like to be included in future.

## Next week: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September

**10.30am:** Morning worship (on YouTube)

**Preacher:** Malcolm Kayes

**Theme:** Jonah... A City Surprised by God

**STAFF DAYS OFF:** Dave Webb-Peploe: Wednesday, Jo Jones: Friday  
**WORKING DAYS:** Jenny Wilsher: Monday, Wednesday & Friday

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