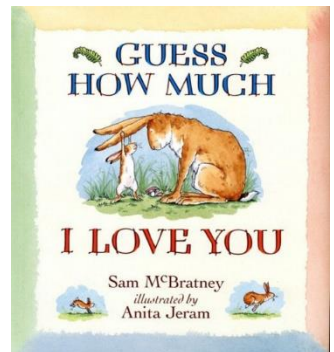


28<sup>th</sup> February 2021

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

A classic bedtime story book that I used to enjoy reading to the girls was **Guess How Much I Love You** by Sam McBratney. The storyline was relatively simple. Little Nutbrown Hare and Big Nutbrown Hare were involved in a debate with regards to who loved each other the most. It was a competition that Big Nutbrown Hare tended to win because he was taller and could both reach further and jump higher. However, Little Nutbrown Hare remained persistent and just before dropping off to sleep said that he loved Big Nutbrown Hare *"up to the moon"*. *"That is very, very far"* agrees Big Nutbrown Hare. *"I love you right up to the moon - AND BACK"* is the final line of the story.



In this slightly saccharine sweet bedtime classic, love is measured using the very vague yardstick of distance. It all seems very subjective, gushy and emotional and one is left concluding that the whole business is a rather pointless exercise. At the end of the day saying you love someone more than they love you is both unmeasurable and unprovable.

Which is why when God chose to quantify his love for humanity, he did so not in terms of distance but in terms of sacrifice. He gave up a son. And his son gave up a life. Carrie takes up the Limitless Living series this Sunday by looking at God's **Limitless Love** for us.

In the meantime, I think it would be true to say that whilst Big Nutbrown Hare loved Little Nutbrown Hare to the moon and back, Jesus loved us to the cross and back, which in my mind is a far greater distance.

**Dave Webb-Peploe**  
**Lead Elder**

## BAGS OF FOOD



During this week the last of the food boxes we were able to buy with the Winter funding from Surrey County Council were delivered by Morrisons. As you know, these have been well received by families and the funding came at the perfect time for providing lots of help during the peak infection rates in our area. It also helped us support more families than we could do normally.

At the same time, our packing team have continued to pack for those who have more specialist diets or for whom there was not a suitable food box. Additionally, everyone has received a regular supply of household and personal hygiene items.

In this short month we have fed **145 people** directly from the food and financial donations from our members and local community. Added to this, **36 hygiene packs** for the families receiving food boxes delivered directly to them by our volunteer drivers.

This week (Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March) we're missing a couple of our regular volunteers who deliver to our larger families so we could do with some strong drivers who could drop off to these families. If you think you might be able to help out please get in touch [bagsoffood@jubileechurchshepperton.org](mailto:bagsoffood@jubileechurchshepperton.org)

### We continue to need:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Washing up liquid
- Angel Delight
- Instant Custard
- Rice Pudding
- Tinned meat pies

**We are also in need of strong and sturdy carrier bags**

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

The Jubilee Centre will not be staffed as usual this week, however Bags of Food donations can be left in the box by the doors. For larger drop offs please get in touch [info@jubileechurchshepperton.org](mailto:info@jubileechurchshepperton.org) to arrange a time when someone can be there to receive it.

## STAFF UPDATE

During last Sundays service Tim mentioned that Dave was awaiting results of a covid test. Unfortunately, Dave tested positive for covid. Track and trace procedures have been implemented and anyone who needs to isolate has been contacted. We're thankful that Dave currently only has mild symptoms and Ruth and Emily's results are negative at this time. **Please pray for Dave that he recovers quickly and also for protection over Ruth and Emily. As well as others who are isolating.**

Jo Jones is also currently isolating after a positive test in her family, **please keep her and her family in your prayers too.**

If you have any questions, concerns or offers of help please do not hesitate to contact us via [info@jubileechurchshepperton.org](mailto:info@jubileechurchshepperton.org)  
**Thank you for your prayers and support.**

## THANK YOU STEPHEN MORRIS

The presentation to Stephen Morris has had to be postponed, due to Dave having to isolate. We will reschedule as soon as it's safe to do so. In case you missed last weeks announcement Stephen is stepping down from his role as Trustee and Secretary to the Trustees (after 30 years). However he will continue with many of his other responsibilities including looking after Crowning Years, writing the home group study questions, regularly preaching as well as a whole load of pastoral care responsibilities.

## A CALL TO PRAYER FROM COMMISSION

The last year has been incredibly difficult for all of us which is why, now more than ever, we need to be united together in prayer.

On **10th March at 19:30** Commission will be gathering together online for one hour as one church family to pray for the UK.



It will be a great evening, with prayers led from across the nation, worship and a short message from Guy Miller. So put the date in your diary, and sign up at [www.commission.global/prayer](http://www.commission.global/prayer) to receive reminders and details on how to access the event.

## DEBTSCAPE

**Debtscape Shepperton** has continued to meet people's needs throughout the difficult times that we have had over the past year. We are talking to those who have come to us for help, speaking to their creditors and looking for manageable ways out of debt for them.



From September to December there were 12 people asking for help, in 2021 we have had 5 people so far. It is a challenge to explain the process and get paperwork signed, but not insurmountable, especially when there are obstacles to face to face meetings. We also have enquires from outside agencies going on too, sometimes they are the ones doing the face to face meetings and we use them as intermediaries for us. Something to celebrate is that in the past year, despite all the challenges, we have seen **14 people become debt free** as you can imagine they were very grateful for our help.

### Please keep praying for us:

- That we would build good relationship with the people we are helping.
- That we would find manageable debt solutions for them.
- That the creditors would be considerate in the current climate.
- That John, Diana and Ray would not be overstretched by the workload.

If you are interested in finding out more about our service or are considering helping please contact us [advice@debtscapesthepperton.org](mailto:advice@debtscapesthepperton.org)

A poster for Debtscape Shepperton. At the top, the text 'MONEY TROUBLES?' is in a light blue, sans-serif font. Below it, 'DEBTSCAPE' is in a large, bold, dark blue font, and 'SHEPPERTON' is in a smaller, dark blue font. To the right, there is a logo for 'jubileechurch' with three small crosses above the text. In the center, a hand holds a hammer, about to smash a pink piggy bank that is already cracked and broken. Below the piggy bank, the text 'Free · local · confidential debt advice service' is written in a dark blue font, followed by 'aiming to see people set free from the burden of debt' in a smaller, dark blue font. At the bottom, the website address 'www.jubileechurchshepperton.org/debtscape' is written in a dark blue font.

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February

**10.30am:** Morning Worship with Communion ([on YouTube click here to watch](#))

**Preacher:** Carnie Uzo

**Theme:** Limitless Living - Limitless Love

Previous Sunday messages and worship can be found on our [YouTube channel](#) if you'd like to catch up 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 1 March

8.00pm Prayer Meeting (on Zoom)

#### Thursday 4 March

FAITH - Youth Home Group  
Home Groups

#### Tuesday 2 March

8.00pm Focus Bible Study  
Home Groups

#### Friday 5 March

10.30am Bublees Baby Group

#### Wednesday 3 March

7.00pm Oak Tree Cafe  
Home Groups

#### Saturday 6 March

7.00pm 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 7<sup>th</sup> March

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

**Preacher:** Dave Webb-Peploe

**Theme:** Limitless Living - Limitless Hope

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

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