



May 2023

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

We're entering May with hopefully plenty of days of sunshine to come!

I hope you've been enjoying our series '[Parables – stories to live by](#)' over these past few months. Many of Jesus' stories at a surface level appear incredibly simplistic (which they are) and yet they have such depth and impact. It's been so good.

We're entering the final leg of our series and we're going to be ramping up the seriousness of some of Jesus' Parables. (This is not to say that we will lose all our sense of joy and fun!) During Jesus' life we know that he made some big claims, like he said of himself '[I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me](#)' [John 14:6](#). So what? Well, we must face into uncomfortableness. The Christian belief is more than just trying to be a better person or serving those in need or standing up for injustices. At its very core it is a belief that **everyone** has an opportunity to be rescued, set free and receive new life, everlasting life, yes, a life after this one we're living right now. A belief that this future life will be incredible but also that we get to experience God whilst we're still alive and kicking right now, this changes everything surely? Everything for our families, our friends, our neighbours, classmates, colleagues and strangers. We carry this knowledge, this reality, this hope, this love that we have received, and we're encouraged to share.

**C.S Lewis**, author of the famed Narnia Stories, said this: "[Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance, the only thing it cannot be is moderately important.](#)"

As we enter this next chapter of our series, where we'll look at many of Jesus' stories that had an impact of sharing - let's be encouraged to not consider our faith 'moderately important' but rather look forward in faith with a view of 'infinite importance' and share with whoever God places in our path.

## Thank You

I know I speak on behalf of my fellow Elders where I want to express our thankfulness to you all. We're thankful for the sense of togetherness in the church – have you sensed it? It's not to say that we were not together previously, but just feels like a joyful buzz around. We see it as people catch up before the service, during our refreshments time afterwards and across the multiple activities during the week. We're thankful for the way in which people are serving on teams across all our activities giving up precious time in love. We're thankful for the way in which people continue to faithfully pray for the church, for us as leaders and for God's direction. We're thankful for the financial offerings that enable us to pay the bills and support the work of the church.

In the busyness of life, work, hobbies and just the move from one thing to the next, I don't want to lose sight of expressing my gratitude to you all. Every way in which you serve, and support absolutely makes a difference in the life of this church family. So, **thank you!**

God Bless,

**Tim Cowles,**  
**Lead Elder**



## CORONATION FAMILY LUNCH

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May.** A chance for an extended time of fellowship after the service. Please bring a plate of sweet or savoury food to share (preferably cold buffet food please). If you have any dietary needs please bring your own. Tea, Coffee and squash provided.

If you're able to help with set up and clear up please speak to Jayne or Ros. We look forward to sharing lunch together.



## BAGS OF FOOD

Bags of food continues to be busy, demand increases as the cost of food and fuel hit the poorest. Provisions in the cupboards often look desperate but somehow our Heavenly Father provides.



One of our clients said we *“are his lifeline”*. We are so grateful for your support with the food and your prayers.

Psalms 41:1 says *“Blessed are those who have regard for the weak”*, we can only do this because of your generosity. There are 2000 verses in the Bible about poverty and justice, it is a privilege for Jubilee Church to be part of God's plan in this way.

**Surrey County Council** and **Spelthorne Borough Council** reps have been to talk to us, they are gathering information about the way the five main food banks in Spelthorne work. They really want to help and support us all. We have a Council member coming to talk to us about funding, we would appreciate your prayers, funding is available from different avenues and we will have to apply regularly for this.

**Please pray that we remain encouraging and compassionate to our brothers and sisters in TW17 and food fills our cupboards and theirs.**

**Thank you all!**

Donations can be dropped off at the Jubilee Centre. We have a box in the porch where donations can be placed if no one is there. Please contact us if you need to arrange a large drop off. We also have drop off points on the High Street in **Shepperton Library**, **The Co-op** and **Sainsbury's**.

## PRAYER MEETINGS

Our weekly prayer meeting continues every Monday throughout May, including the bank holidays. **They will all be on Zoom from 8-9pm**, including the first one, which is on May Day. Please contact us for Zoom codes.



## NEWS SHEET

If you don't receive the news sheet by email and would like to, please email [info@jubileechurchshepperton.org](mailto:info@jubileechurchshepperton.org) and we'll add you to the list.



## TRUSTEES UPDATE

We're delighted that **Chris Satterthwaite** has joined the Trustee team. Chris has a heart to serve, and his Godly wisdom, knowledge and life experience will be so beneficial to the church. **Please keep Chris in prayer and continue to pray for the Trustees and Elders as they manage and make decisions over the charitable responsibilities of the church.**

## JUBILEE YOUTH

Please note that there will be no youth meeting on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

## WORSHIP TEAM

If you are interested in finding out more about joining our worship team on Sunday mornings, speak to Rachel or Carnie. Our next worship practice will be on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May.



## COMMISSION FESTIVAL

Full details for the festival, and the link to bookings, can be found at [commissionfestival.com](https://commissionfestival.com) Some great speakers and activities have already been announced including **Kemi Koleoso**, a comedy night with **Andy Kind** and a **Drum Bus**. Flyers are available in the foyer with more details.



## MIDWEEK GROUPS

Our groups are a mixture of in person and online. Do check with group leaders if your group is running over the Half Term Holidays. Contact us if you'd like to join any groups or find out more about them.

## GIVING TO JUBILEE CHURCH

If you're new to Jubilee Church (or have been around a while but haven't quite got round to it yet) and would like to give to the life and running of the church via BACS or Standing Order or have any questions about giving email [finance@jubileechurchshepperton.org](mailto:finance@jubileechurchshepperton.org) or [visit our website](#). The offering basket is available on Sunday mornings for cash or cheque donations (cheques should be made out to *Jubilee Church Shepperton*).



## SHOPPING ONLINE

If you're shopping online there's an easy way to raise money for Jubilee Church at the same time. Over 7,000 brands will donate, so you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying. These donations could really help us out, so please sign up if you haven't yet. It's easy and FREE! Click the link below to find out more about how it works and getting set up <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/jubileechurchshepperton/>



### STAFF USUAL WORKING DAYS:

**Tim Cowles:** Monday and Sunday

**Jo Jones:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday

**Jenny Wilsher:** Monday, Friday and Sunday

### STAFF HOLIDAYS:

Jenny Wilsher: 26<sup>th</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June

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**Commission**

Jubilee Church Shepperton is the working name of Shepperton Community Church (Registered charity number 1023505). We are part of Commission, and a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

Commission is an international family of churches united by a shared passion for Jesus and his mission, and a clear vision to see 'thousands of lives transformed through hundreds of churches in tens of nations'. Commission is led by Guy Miller with teams of leaders and is enthusiastically part of the wider Newfrontiers family of churches.

## **Sunday's at Jubilee Church**

**9:45am:** Prayer Meeting (in The Green Room)

**10:30am:** Morning Worship

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Preacher:** Chris Satterthwaite

**Theme:** Parables – stories to live by: The Hidden Treasure and The Pearl (Matthew 13:44-46)

Youth will be meeting during the service

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Preacher:** Mike Gilson

**Theme:** Parables – stories to live by: The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023**

**Preacher:** Matt McLaren

**Theme:** Parables – stories to live by: The Lost Sheep (Luke 15:3-7)

With Communion

Youth will be meeting during the service

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Preacher:** Malcolm Kayes

**Theme:** Guest Message



# **PARABLES**

**Stories to live by**

**Sundays at 10:30am**

**Winter - Spring 2023**

## May at Jubilee Church

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
MAY 1	2	3	4	5
Bank Holiday All Day Prayer Meeting 8:00pm	Home Groups 7:30pm	Oak Tree Cafe 7:00pm Home Groups 7:30pm	Faith Womens Group 10:30am Jubilee Youth 7:00pm Home Groups 7:30pm	
8	9	10	11	12
Bank Holiday All Day Prayer Meeting 8:00pm	Home Groups 7:30pm	Oak Tree Cafe 7:00pm Home Groups 7:30pm	Jubilee Youth 7:00pm Home Groups 7:30pm	
15	16	17	18	19
Jubilees Toddler Group 9:30am Prayer Meeting 8:00pm	Home Groups 7:30pm	Oak Tree Cafe 7:00pm Home Groups 7:30pm	Faith Womens Group 10:30am Home Groups 7:30pm	
22	23	24	25	26
Jubilees Toddler Group 9:30am Prayer Meeting 8:00pm	Home Groups 7:30pm	Oak Tree Cafe 7:00pm Home Groups 7:30pm	Jubilee Youth 7:00pm Home Groups 7:30pm	
29	30	31	JUNE 1	2
Bank Holiday All Day May Half Term All Day Prayer Meeting 8:00pm	May Half Term All Day Home Groups 7:30pm	May Half Term All Day Oak Tree Cafe 7:00pm Home Groups 7:30pm	May Half Term All Day	May Half Term All Day