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Living in a Dream World

by Pastor Phil

I wonder, have you ever been in a situation where you needed to pinch yourself to check that you're not dreaming? I can think of a few such moments in my lifetime. I think we might have missed the fact that we participate in one of these moments as a church family, on a regular basis!

I was reading Exodus 24 this week – it is a fascinating moment. The people of Israel have reached Mount Sinai and God has given Moses the Ten Commandments. The covenant is confirmed, sacrifices are made, blood is shed, God calls Moses and 73 leaders to draw near and they all see God and eat and drink in His presence (vs. 1-11). The parallels with communion in the New Testament are clear. Jesus invites us to eat and drink together, His blood has been shed, the sacrifice is finished and the New Covenant has been established!

Each time we meet around the communion table we are gathering to eat and drink with the living God! This is a level of access that was unimaginable for the Israelites in the Exodus. We have inherited a privileged position in Jesus and we should not take it for granted.

“For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

1 Corinthians 11:26

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EASTER SERMON SERIES

Journey with Jesus

Good Friday 29th March

Walk of Witness

Starting at Sainsbury's,
9am.

Communion

Short reflective
communion service,
6pm at 3C.

Easter Sunday 31st March

Sunrise Prayer

Cam Peak, 6:30am

Easter Celebration

Easter Sunday celebration
at 3C, 10:30am.

David & Monica

The group has continued to meet fortnightly on a Wednesday morning between 10.30 and 12.30.

We have seen positive results in praying for Josie regarding her heart operation and for Margaret in getting an operation appointment and have been of particular value and encouragement to Sue Softley in that it is very difficult for her to get any other fellowship outside her home.

Some of the concepts we have discussed this year have "The Fruits of the Spirit" and "Passover".

Jeff & Anne

Our house group, led by Peter and myself (Jeff) started in September 2023 with just 5 or 6 of us and now we have eleven members of varying ages and at various stages in our walk with the Lord.

We meet every Wednesday evening in one of three venues and we are currently studying John's epistle. We are really pleased that the facilitation of each week varies between four of us within the group, giving others the opportunity to take the facilitation role.

After completing the passage, we spend as much time as the members want in prayer and praise.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Saul & Ester

Woodland House Community Group meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

Our group has shrunk recently and so we have spaces for anyone wishing to join a group.

We spend time in Bible study, last year's study included 'Time in the Vineyard' looking at Jesus' parable of the vineyard. This year our focus has been on prayer and we're currently approaching Paul's prayer thematically.

Social aspects of our group involve summer barbecues, curry evenings and we've even had a Christmas meal together!

Karen & Steve

We continue to meet in Beryl and Nick's house.

Last August it was decided that my group would split in order to give more space for people to join a small group as we felt we had reached capacity in Beryl and Nick's living room.

Anne, Jeff, Peter and Claire started a new small group, inviting many to join them. This has left us with only 7/8 which feels small. We would welcome people joining us.

Last year we studied Revelation and Old Testament characters. We are now going to look at biblical images of Jesus.

church events this... Spring

MARCH	APRIL	MAY
11:00am – Sunday 24th Hollies Service	12:30pm – Tuesday 2nd Tearfund Soup Lunch, 3C	12:30pm – Tuesday 7th Tearfund Soup Lunch, 3C
12:30am – Sunday 24th Church AGM	7:30pm – Thursday 11th Men United, Old Spot	7:30pm – Thursday 16th Prayer & Fasting, 3C
9:00am – Good Friday 29th Dursley Walk of Witness	9:00am – Saturday 13th Church Maintenance Day	11:00am – Sunday 19th Hollies Service
6:00pm – Good Friday 29th Short Reflective Communion, 3C	7:00pm – Monday 15th Ladies Group Meeting, 3C	12:30pm – Sunday 26th Church Family Gathering
6:30am Sunday 31st Sunrise prayer, Cam Peak	7:30pm – Thursday 18th Prayer & Fasting, 3C	
10:30am Sunday 31st Easter Sunday Celebration	11:00am – Sunday 28th Hollies Service	

WEEKLY EVENTS		
Sunday	10:30am	Worship Service
		Trailblazers - Primary aged children (Speak to Becky Greenow)
Monday	7:30pm	Leadership Meetings (Fortnightly)
Tuesday	7:30pm	Community Group (Speak to Saul & Ester White)
Wednesday	10:30am	Community Group (Speak to David & Monica Stevenson)
		Christianity Explored (Speak to Karen Peers or Naomi Verlaque)
	2:30pm	Lifeline Craft Group (Speak to Lis Palmer)
	7:15pm	Community Group (Speak to Jeff & Anne Martin)
	7:30pm	Community Group (Speak to Steve & Karen Peers)
Friday	6:00pm	SuperTroopers [Term time] (Speak to Tim Fletcher)
		* Thursdays are usually Pastor Phil's day off.