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ELDER'S MESSAGE

They say that time flies when you are having fun. If that's true then I must be having a great time because time for me seems to be hurtling on. I suspect, however, that it is for you too. I hate to say it but it's only 12 weeks until Christmas.

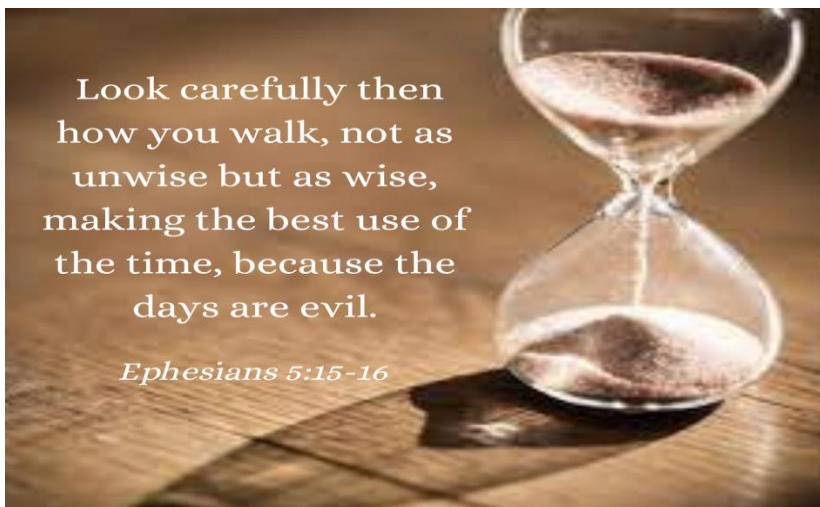
Time is the one thing that God has given each of us but we can't store it up, speed it up or even slow it down. But we can and must use it wisely. What is the best thing we can do with the little time we have given to us?

The Westminster Catechism says that the chief purpose of mankind is to enjoy God and serve Him forever. Let each of us come to Jesus and know that He has died to save us and then enjoy the fellowship of the Holy Spirit whom He gives to everyone who believes.

Live your today for the glory and honour of Jesus. Invite the Holy Spirit to lead you through today, to guide your footsteps and to give you a joy and delight that can truly satisfy your soul.

God bless.

Dave



POETS CORNER

TO THE GOD OF HEAVEN

By Pam Wood

To the God of heaven, I lift and raise,
My hymns and psalms and spiritual songs in praise.
I need to get nearer to Him with each new day,
As I walk and talk and as I pray.

For healing, for rest, for forgiveness too,
As you mould me and guide me and make me new.
How do we truly thank a God So great,
Who waits on us from heaven's gate.

Your amazing word Lord just opens up to me,
The world around us as I really look and see.
It's all connected to your heart Father dear,
As you hold us so close and so very near.

The Cotton wool clouds that move slowly above,
Express to me your gracious, constant love.
As do the ocean's waves in the deep blue sea,
That You made for the pleasure of humanity.

One day the lion will play with the lamb safely,
And the child and the viper will sit faithfully together.
And in heaven where we shall see angels with wings,
We'll glorify Our Lord the King of Kings.

You will come down as we fall to our knees,
Then everyone will look, and everyone shall see.
The fairness and might of God's heavenly glory,
Now they shall see this was no fairy story.

You have held us and loved us and kept us on track,
And now you have come to bring those of us back.
Those who were faithful and trusting of you,
As the whole earth brings glorious praises anew.

WORRY

Worrying is carrying tomorrow's load with today's strength – carrying two days at once. It is moving into tomorrow ahead of time. Worrying does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow; it empties today of its strength.

Corrie Ten Boom



Worry weighs a person down: an encouraging word cheers a person up.

Proverbs 12:25 NLT

There is so much sorrow in this world. At any given time, there are many within your sphere of influence who are hurting. Worry weighs them down as they face disappointment, loss, and other trials. Think about how much it means to you when someone takes the time to encourage you, Do the same for others. Be the voice of encouragement. There is blessing to be found in lifting up those around you.

DISCIPLESHIP COURSE

WALKING THROUGH LIFE WITH JESUS

Learn more about who Jesus is and what He has called you to. A life rooted in God's Word, in His Church and amongst His people.

Starting
**Friday 29th
September
7.30pm at Church.**

Jesus said "Go and make Disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the father and of the son and of the holy spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you".
Matthew 28 v19



Dates in this cycle

13th October

27th October

10th November

Dates in the cycle

29th October

**(This month it will be combined
with the Light Party)**



All welcome, please join us.

Crafts

**Bouncy
Castle**

Games

Light Party
Sunday October 29th
3pm - 5pm

Places are limited so please
reserve your child's place by
emailing:
contact@hopechurchshaw.org

Hotdogs

**& MUCH
MORE**

**Candy
Floss**

TESTIMONY

By Daryl Reeves

In 2009 at the age of 21 I was working at Littlewoods NDC in Shaw, at the time I was living in Middleton travelling to and from work by bus Monday to Friday.

One afternoon before my shift started, I approached a colleague, the colleague was sitting reading a booklet called UBC Word For Today. I greeted her and sat down at her table and her first question was what do you think about Jesus? I gave the usual response which for me was "I used to go to Church with school, I but I don't really believe anymore".

At this time, I was somewhere between agnostic and atheist, however she passed me the booklet advising me to read it in my own time and that I come to church with her and her partner one weekend, an invitation I would later accept but not yet. On break times I started to read the booklet and had read some testimonies of what God had supposedly done for people. I thought to myself if these testimonies I see in the daily devotionals are true, then I want to give God a chance.

So, I accepted the invitation to church a week later, and I was taken to The Lighthouse Pentecostal Church on Sandy Lane in Chorlton (however the Church is now situated in Eccles).

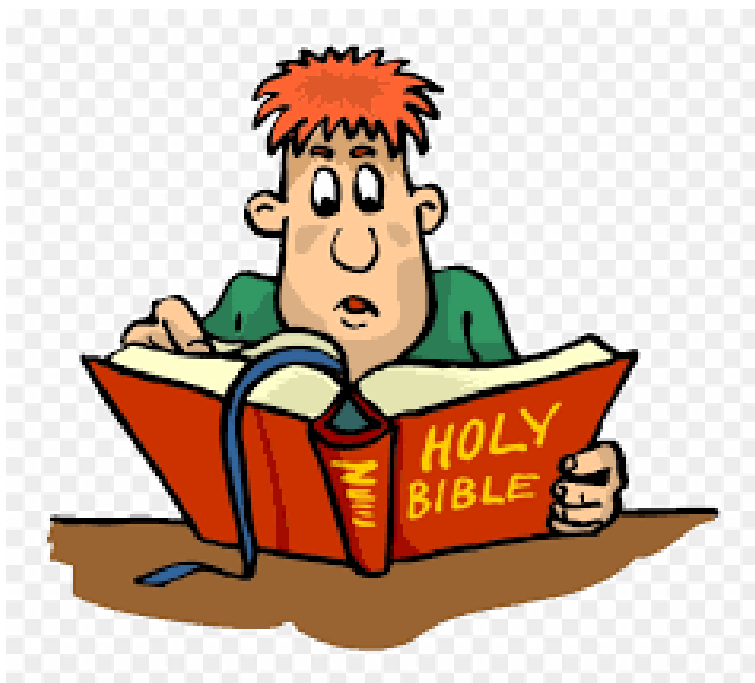
I arrived at the church with my friends and went straight into the service as worship began. I remember hearing the worship team do a song called Today is the Day by Lincoln Brewster this would be the first Christian Song I ever bought on iTunes. During worship I got involved, I sang and I tried to reach out to this God everyone is here lifting up and the sense Gods' spirit was so evident. I become filled with a feeling

that I had never experienced before. The feeling feels like a fire ignited in my stomach and I still get this feeling to this day.

The following week I remember I had been to a Snow Patrol Concert on the Saturday night, but I made sure I still got up Sunday morning and made my way to Church, this time on my own and my Christian journey had begun.

When Lighthouse services moved to Peel Hall at Salford University, I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Saviour and was later Baptised at a service in 2010.

Fast forward to the present day I now enjoy debating atheists wherever I may find them, which is usually at work, and I put forward my case for God's existence and why the gospel of Jesus is reliable and true.



LOVE IN ACTION

Love one another with brotherly affection, outdo one another in showing honour – Romans 12 v 10.

If you can give a lift on a Sunday or to any midweek meetings, hospital appointments, shopping for those who are too unwell to get out, cook a meal that people can warm in the microwave. This is a very important ministry and you be blessed in so many ways. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to ask for help, we are one!



Please complete this and give it to Brian if you would be able to help.

Name.....

What blessing can you offer and on what days

.....
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God Bless you



MEMORIAL

Remembering with love John's wife Susan who went home to be with the Lord last October. Although we didn't know her for long, she was loved by many. Please remember John and his family in your prayers.

Susan Gail Warner



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Psalm 23 – The Psalm of David

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters.
He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are
with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my
head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will
dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

MY FAVOURITE VERSE

By Cirsty Waller

2 Timothy 1:7 – For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. NIV

I was bold and daring but I had a soft and vulnerable side. I suffered anxiety and depression in the past and I could and can have relapses back to that former self from time to time.

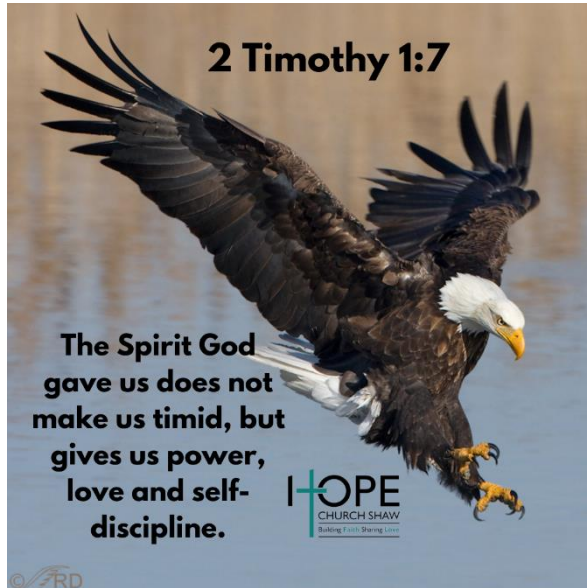
In 2015 I'd met a man online in a war game, he lived in America, after 8 months, I thought I'd be bold and daring.

I got on a plane and went to visit. I'd never been to the states before and I'd never done anything even remotely like it before, so I was completely out of my comfort zone, but for some reason while I was there in Indiana (4000 miles away) I felt completely at home, like I'd always been there except for one afternoon.

My friend had to pop into work, so I said I'd go for a wander, all of a sudden in the middle of Dollar Tree I felt completely out of my depth, a wave of anxiety came upon me, I felt sick, the radio playing in the background wasn't making sense, (I remember saying to myself in a few different words but what a load of rubbish and pull yourself together) I started feeling really alone, the panic started really setting in - then a voice, strong and bold "2 Timothy 1:7". I figured it was a bible verse quite quickly and looked it up but still very unsure of where it had come from. Had I imagined it, had I seen it before and remembered it. I didn't know.

After that it kept appearing or coming back to me when I was feeling particularly lost or saddened. I know now that that was just the start of God calling me home.

What's your favourite verse and why – send it over to Cirsty in a text or WhatsApp.



**“Do Not Be Afraid,”
Is written in the bible 365 times.**

That’s a daily reminder that God is with us,
It’s a daily reminder that we are not alone.
It’s a daily reminder that we need not fear anything, for he has
everything in his hands.

It’s all in his time.
Nothing is possible without him,
He does everything in his own time,
And according to his will.

“Do Not Be Afraid”

LET YOUR FAITH BE BIGGER THAN YOUR FEARS

DATES TO REMEMBER & ROTAS

Sunday 15th October

WELCOME TEAM – Alison & Pam
TEA & COFFEE – Cirsty & Pam
SUNDAY SCHOOL – Comfort & Pam

Saturday 21st October

OUTREACH DAY

Sunday 22nd October

WELCOME TEAM – Sophia & Brian
TEA & COFFEE – Elaine & Pam
SUNDAY SCHOOL – Karen & Sue W

Sunday 29th October

BRING & SHARE LUNCH
WELCOME TEAM – Pam & David O
TEA & COFFEE – Pam & Pat

Wednesday 1st November

SOCIAL EVENING details TBC

Saturday 4th November

OUTREACH DAY

Sunday 5th November

WELCOME TEAM – Sue W & Elizabeth
TEA & COFFEE – Sue W & Kirsty F
SUNDAY SCHOOL – Comfort & Cirsty

Sunday 12th November

WELCOME TEAM – Cirsty & Caleb
TEA & COFFEE – Barbara & Hannah
SUNDAY SCHOOL – Comfort & Pat

****Remember to swap directly if you can't make it, and the Milk & Biscuits if you're on Tea & Coffee****

WEEKLY PROGRAMME

Our **Sunday** Services start each week with Prayer in the office at 9.45 am. All Welcome to this very important time before our service which then starts at 10.30 am. There is also opportunity for prayer during the service. We serve refreshments in the Cafe area after the service. Creche facilities available.

Monday 8 am to 12 noon. The Church is open for prayer. Come when you can between these times and stay for as long, or as little as you can. Come and seek God together as He calls us to commit everything, we do to Him. Philippians 4 v5-7

Tuesday Evening at 8 pm on Zoom is the Elders Meeting. Please pray for them as they lead us Spiritually. Also, once a month is a combined Elders and Deacons meeting where the more practical things are discussed.

Wednesday is our life Groups. We start at 7.30 pm with refreshments and then move into a time of discussion about the biblical teaching that was brought on the Sunday before, and we then pray together. Please speak to Dave or Emmanuel if you'd like more details or if you'd like to be a part of a group.

Thursday is Coffee Morning that starts at 10 am till 12noon, there is prayer available after the coffee time.

Friday is our Youth Fellowship. This will be held at church starting at 7.30pm and finish by 9pm. More details to follow.

Saturday once a fortnight (monthly during winter) is our Outreach Event into Shaw. We meet at 1.30pm for worship and prayer. At 3pm we meet up again for coffee (or tea), cake and a chat.
See Noticeboard for dates.

KIDS PAGE

LETTER QUIZ

Think of something beginning with the letter “B” for each of the following: -

Something you wear

A Fruit or Veg

A Song

Bible character

A Job

An Animal



When my son was two and a half I had sent him to clean his room but each time he went in he got distracted by all the toys and nothing got put away.

Following some principles I had learned at a recent prayer conference, I went in and said to him “Stephen, what did mummy tell you to do?”

“Clean my room”

“And, did you clean your room?”

“No” he replied quietly.

I disciplined him and then helped him to pray and confess his error to God and ask Jesus to help him get his room cleaned. He seemed to respond really well to this, and I thought ‘Wow, this stuff really works!’

But Stephen just got down and sat in the middle of the mess, doing nothing.

In frustration I asked “Stephen, what are you doing?”

He replied, just as frustrated, “I’m waiting for Jesus to come and help me clean my room!”.

Can you name 4 books of the OLD & NEW Testaments?