

Bishop Sutton Community Church Letter

We are just back from a week in Hong Kong over Easter where we were invited to lead worship at a conference on deliverance. It was an amazing week, on the last day of the conference, a planned 45 minutes of worship turned into 4 hours of praise and worship with many being set free into the glorious liberty of the children of God (Romans 8:21). This is what we pray in the Lord's prayer "Thy kingdom come". My fingers were getting pretty raw after 2 hours of playing the guitar, so some wonderful Chinese folk took over. 3,000 years ago King David established praise and worship at the centre of the nation of Israel with a team of 4,000 musicians to maintain praise and worship 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Psalm 134 was written to encourage musicians working the night-shift to "Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord! Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord!" How the nation prospered with the worship of God at the centre of all activities. King Henry VI had the same intent in establishing King's College Cambridge in 1441 that the worship of God would be at the centre of our nation.

Jesus told the Samaritan woman " But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:23-24). There are a number of words for worship in the Bible meaning to revere, honour and serve but the one we love is proskuneo meaning to draw near and embrace, rather like a child running into their parent's loving arms... to love God with all our heart, mind soul and strength and love one another as Jesus loves us. If we could all do this, what a transformation we would see in our nation like King David.

God bless,

Dave & Jenny Dickerson, Tel: 01275 332746 Mob: 07766331146.

Bishop Sutton Community Church Activities:

Sunday gatherings: 10:00am on Zoom for a time of worship, teaching, fellowship, encouragement and prayer; we can include live transcription for those with hearing difficulties.

Mid-week courses and fellowship meetings: On the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 7:30pm on Zoom. We also offer a range of bible courses that can be arranged at a time to suit you. More details are on our facebook page and web site, please get in touch if you would like to join us.

Ukrainian Hub: Please continue to hold these broken families and Ukraine in your prayers.

Keynsham Food Bank: The following can be donated at the Co-op in Chew Magna: Chick peas, Peanut butter, Squash, Sponge puddings, Instant custard sachets, Crackers, Mayonnaise, Razors, UHT milk (semi-skimmed, and whole). If you hear of people in difficulty, contact Dave/Jenny to help.

A number of food banks in Bristol are running seriously short of food so if you shop in Bristol, please consider donating food in the baskets at supermarkets in the City.

Lonely or self-isolating? If anyone is lonely or self-isolating and would appreciate a call, internet meeting or in need of help, please contact us.

To join us online on Zoom: Click on the link on our facebook page / web site or use the Meeting ID: 871 1725 3595 and Passcode: 578732.

Email: bishopsuttoncommunitychurch@hotmail.com

Web: www.bishopsuttoncommunitychurch.com

Facebook: @BishopSuttonCommunityChurch