



**Beulah Update:  
Weds 30<sup>th</sup> December**

**This week's theme is: Jesus finds us!**

### **1. Worship resources**

-On **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January** the Zoom service will be led by Dorothy

On **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January** the service will have a reflection from Liz Dean.

**The ID you need is 483-214-0593 and the password is 92315.**

Please share with any family or friends or former members of the congregation that you are in contact with. If you don't have internet you can join in by ringing one of the following numbers:

Dial by your location

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+44 131 460 1196 United Kingdom

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+44 203 481 5237 United Kingdom .

-Usual services and reflections from the home pages of the NWBA and the URC; and Sheila's weekly services from the Macedonia website: <https://macedonia-urc.org>  
Thanks to Dorothy for the weekly Vine.

- Could you join in the midweek service led by Ruth, which takes place fortnightly on a Thursday at 2 p.m. and lasts about 30 minutes ( next one Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Jan) or the URC coffee morning on a Friday at 10-30 a.m? Both use the same log in details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9365195146?pwd=UkFxZ0xyNXkySnRQkptWHdZZTZEdz09>

**Meeting ID: 936 519 5146**

**Passcode: 1251**

Dial by your location- telephone numbers as above.

-A message from the Missional Discipleship Mentors for the URC: "We all found 2020 a difficult year in many different ways, therefore it is important to look afresh at our own wellbeing as well as to those around us, from within and without the church. The Missional Discipleship mentors, Daleen and Dave, would like to support you through a series of zoom workshops on wellbeing that are OPEN TO ALL. You do not need to be elders or members to partake. The series will have a Christian background and ethos, but will be available to anyone connected to the churches in whatever way. Please encourage as many people as possible to join the TASTER SESSION on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January from 1:30 to 3pm** There will be no obligation to join the following five week course from 26<sup>th</sup> January to 23<sup>rd</sup> February, but we hope that once you have joined the taster session, you will see how helpful this could be to you and to others, as well as to your ministry to others. **The zoom code is 844 8968 2928 password 959839.**

- Graham Tarn, one of the Ministers for the Oldham + Tameside Missional Partnership will be recommencing his weekly Bible Study/ conversation sessions on a Tuesday evening from 7.30. The log in details are as follows and will be the same:  
Topic: OTMP Tuesdays Time: Jan 12, 2021 19:30 London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86712033672?pwd=a1pCVUI5eHNGBDZtZktiSFhxdFJBU109> **Meeting ID: 867 1203 3672 Passcode: 694220**

### **2. News from our fellowship and issues to pray for:**

**We are asking everyone to set aside 20 minutes on Saturday mornings from 10.00 until 10-20 and pray together for all the members of our congregation in their different situations, and in particular for the people and issues below:**

Please continue to ring people to ease the isolation and anxiety during the restrictions.

Pray for all those we know who are grieving after the death of loved ones. We remember especially Alan Knott and Martin, Judith and Gareth after the sudden death of Maureen. She was a faithful member of our fellowship and we will dearly miss her. The funeral will take place on Tues 19<sup>th</sup> January at 3 p.m. but is restricted to 22 people. You may want to pray for the family especially at that time. We pray for all those others we know who are grieving for the recent death of loved ones- the families of May and Andy.

Pray for all those who are working on the front line in whatever way, and give thanks for the scientists, health care workers and volunteers who are working so hard to administer the vaccine and to cope with the numbers of patients in hospital.

Pray for those with health worries and particularly for Elaine and Millie; for Irene Binns, who is now back at Acorn Lodge; for Elsa who is still in hospital; for Peter as he has multiple appointments for his health issues; for David and Dorothy; for Joe; for Wally; for all those who are housebound for whatever reason.

Pray for all those we know in care homes or hospital, who cannot have the normal visits from family and friends, and for their families who worry about them

Pray for all those for whom the restrictions are causing distress and a feeling of isolation. Help us to be a source of encouragement and hope.

Pray for those with other anxieties- for Carol and her housing situation.

We have had several updates from our Link Missionaries. Do read their latest blogs on the Missions page of our website: [www.beulahcommunitychurch.co.uk/missions](http://www.beulahcommunitychurch.co.uk/missions)

It is encouraging to read about the new projects in Nepal for example, even through a period of lockdown, and the moments of joy highlighted in the latest blog from the Dupree family in Albania. Joy Ransom asks us to pray that "we would know how best to support schools in the coming weeks as they transition out of lockdown; that the planning and preparation for all our new ventures will be effective, timely and wise; that new members of our team will be found and trained to enable us to continue with all our training plans; that those of us who are currently out of the country may be able to return in God's perfect time. In relation to the last prayer point, I have a flight ticket to return on 15th January. At present Brits are not allowed to enter Nepal due to the new variant of the virus and so I am expecting my flight to be rescheduled. An extra complication, I recently slipped on the ice and broke my wrist and pelvis, so I will need to wait until I recover before returning. I would value your prayers for pain relief and complete healing."

The ` ask us to pray for the following:

"Through our 'Recovery Program' we've been involved in community and church mobilisation to help vulnerable people improve their income. Pray that these interventions would continue in 2021 to bear fruit and lead to a better quality of life for Albanians wrestling with poverty.

-We've established community-based self-help groups, including cells for people with disabilities and their carers. Pray that this work will continue to help Albanians support themselves and their families in 2021

-Continue to pray for communities in Tirana where people are suffering the effects of economic downturn due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Pray that they will be able to

recover quickly. Give thanks that Tek Ura has been able to support so many marginalised people in crisis, including more than 1000 people with emergency food during the height of the lockdown

-Through our 'Skills Program', educational work brings opportunities to many who are otherwise excluded from the system, particularly marginalised Roma women and children. Pray for our team, especially Megi and Matilda as they affirm the value of women and children and support their education.

-Since 2017 Tek Ura has established and developed a full-time rehabilitation clinic in Tirana, providing a range of therapeutic interventions. These are provided to some of the most marginalised in Europe, and give free of charge. Recently, our unique sensory therapy won an award from a respected U.K. disability charity. Pray for Annie and Xhina as they continue to develop the rehab work and clinic, attempt to keep it free in challenging times, and develop sustainability in 2021.

### **Roots on the web**

Attached to this posting!

### **3. Messages from the Leaders**

The leaders met last week and in accordance with the latest guidance received from the church authorities, which strongly advises churches to close even though they can legally open, we reluctantly decided we need to remain closed for the time being. We will meet again on Thurs 4th February to review the situation. In the meantime, if you have suggestions about how we can improve our online services, reach more people or improve the fortnightly newsletter, please do share your opinions.

### **5. Weekly Challenges**

-Following on from Chrissy's reflection on Sunday, make a prayer jar so you can pray intentionally for people in our fellowship and others you want to pray for. Decorate (or not!) a glass jar and write the names of people on slips of paper. Put the slips in the jar and every day take couple out of the jar and pray specifically for those people.

- Complete these 3 phrases:

I am... (e.g. kind/ caring/ generous)

I'm here to.... (e.g. learn; love; help others)

I want to be... (e.g. a blessing to others; more patient; deepen my faith)

Then simplify this to 3 words or a sentence and put it somewhere you will see it as a reminder to you and to help us all become the people God wants us to be.

-God can use us as agents to answer prayers. Can you give someone a phone call or send a card/ letter or postcard to encourage someone or brighten their day, particularly in these difficult times?

**6. Find** the words in the wordsearch! The words are from the lectionary reading for next Sunday: 1 Samuel 3 v 1-10. The words can be vertical, horizontal ,diagonal or backwards!

Level 1 ( hard!) – read the passage and try to find the words chosen from it!

Level 2- the words are at the bottom of this page!

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7. Hollins Millgate are still operating their food pantry, although the church services are online. If you have any donations or time to volunteer then please contact Natalie.



Words in the wordsearch:

Eli; Samuel; servant; listening; speak; Lord; ark; answered; called; lay; ministered