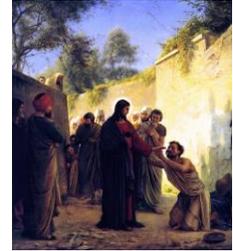


**Beulah Update:
Weds 27th January**



This week's theme is: Miracles!

1. Worship resources

-On **Sunday 31st January**, Rev John Prior will be with us- he is preaching on John 2 v 1-11- the wedding in Cana.

On **Sunday 7th February**, Rev Ruth Wollaston will be with us and the service will include Communion so have a drink and food ready!

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

We do hope you can join us for these services and please share with any family or friends or former members of the congregation that you are in contact with. It was lovely to have Mavis join us last Sunday. If you don't have internet you can join in by ringing one of the following numbers:

Dial by your location

+44 203 481 5240 United Kingdom

+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 is Thurs 4th Feb) 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=UkFhZ0xyNXkySnRkQkptWHdZZTZEZD09>

Meeting ID: 936 519 5146

Passcode: 1251

Dial by your location- telephone numbers as above.

- Graham Tarn, one of the Ministers for the Oldham + Tameside Missional Partnership has recommenced 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=a1pCVUI5eHNGbDZtZktiSFhxdFJBUU09> **Meeting ID: 867 1203 3672 Passcode: 694220**

Graham will also be leading a Lent Study course on Tuesdays- the theme is to be confirmed but likely to be on Caring for Creation and using material from the York course. Further details in the next edition!

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 Maureen's funeral last week. We pray for all those others we know who are grieving for the

recent death of loved ones- the families of May and Andy. Please also pray for the family of Colin and Hazel Price. Hazel was the long time secretary of Shaw URC. She had been caring for her husband Colin for some time but he died from Covid a fortnight ago and Hazel also died from Covid yesterday. The Church at Shaw will be shocked at this news.

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 for Millie, who is still waiting for a lumbar puncture; for Frank D recovering from his accident on New Year's Eve; for Ian Wh waiting for a scan; for David C who has an angiogram on Thursday; for Irene B, who is now back at Acorn Lodge; for Elsa who is back in the home and now out of isolation, but she has had several trips to A+E after falls and has broken 3 ribs; for Peter as he has multiple appointments for his health issues; for Joe; for Wally; for David Hey; 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.

A very belated happy birthday to Sheila and to Elsa !

A very happy birthday to Millie who will be 7 on Sunday.



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
The Vilela family contacted us to ask for prayers for Mozambique. A cyclone was heading for them last weekend and coupled with that was an alarming increase in the cases of Coronavirus and they lack the resources we have to treat people. We haven't had news since, but news reports suggest up to 250,00 people were affected with winds up to 160 km/ hour and Beira was badly affected.

<https://reliefweb.int/report/mozambique/mozambique-tropical-storm-eloise-information-bulletin-no-2>

Roots on the web

Attached to this posting.

3. Messages from the Leaders

-The Leaders are meeting next on Thursday 4th February. Do share any thoughts about how we can improve what we are doing- we seem likely to be worshipping online in the near future. Please also pray for decisions we have to make about essential improvements to the Hall after a recent fire assessment. These will be costly and require a lot of work in getting estimates and organising the work. Thank you to Ian and Steve for all they do in maintaining the buildings.

- The message from Lynn Green in the latest magazine for Baptist Churches had an encouraging piece about confident churches. It was based on Hebrews 10 v 23-25:

“Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching”
Lynn makes the point that the writer of Hebrews was communicating with a community of believers who were facing challenging times themselves- in particular persecution. The letter to them was a plea to keep going and to remember they had found something precious in Jesus- to remember who God is, his presence is with us and his promises are for now and eternity. That is something to encourage each other with!

5. Weekly Challenges

- Who can you encourage over the next couple of weeks- through a phone call, a letter, a reminder of a Bible verse, through prayer...?
- How can you build your faith through your reading of the Bible, through one of the many worship opportunities?

6. Quiz on miracles- answers at the bottom of the page!

1. In Mathew 9 a woman with a bleeding issue was healed by Jesus. How was she healed?
2. Where did Jesus perform the miracle in John 2?
3. This tree produced no fruit, so Jesus cursed it and it withered and died. What kind of tree was it?
4. Jesus brought this dead son of a widow back to life. Who was she? (Luke 7)
5. In Luke 17 Jesus heals 10 lepers. How many came back to thank him?
6. In Matthew 14 Jesus caused this Apostle to walk on water. Who was he?
7. What was the name of the brother of Mary and Martha who Jesus raised from the dead?
8. John 9 presents a man who was blind and was healed. How long had he been blind?

Answers:

1. Touching the hem of his cloak
2. Cana
3. A fig tree
4. Widow of Nain
5. 1
6. Peter
7. Lazarus
8. Since birth