

## **CBC OPEN AIR 4.10.2020 (HARVEST)**

- **Matthew 6:11: "Give us today our daily bread"**
- **Call to worship: Psalm 65:1-2; 9-13**
- **Opening Prayer of ADORATION: celebrating our great God!**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

- We live in nervous days
- Jesus teaches us to bring our needs to God
- The reason we panic so often? We forget God, and try to manage life without Him.

### **Prayer of CONFESSION: for the times when we have lived our daily lives in forgetfulness of God.**

Jesus tells us to ask God to provide what we need for life: *"Give us today our daily bread"*. Notice three things Jesus teaches in this simple prayer:

#### **1. OUR DEPENDENCY: "Give ..."**

- We depend on God for everything, so let's live close to Him in prayer.
- And God is generous! *"GIVE"* - *not "sell"*! An encouraging word!

### **Response: Prayer of THANKSGIVING: for God's generosity to us, and for our harvest**

#### **2. COMMUNITY: "us ... our"**

- *NOT "give me my ..."*. This prayer trains us in being a community.
- God cares for all He has made, so praying for others and serving them is the normal Christian life.

### **Response: Prayers of SUPPLICATION: for the needs of our community, our nation, our world**

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### **3. SUFFICIENCY: "daily bread"**

- Jesus teaches us to pray for enough to live and serve ...
- ... but not for so much that we grow proud and forgetful of God.

### **Response: COMMUNION: God so loved the world that He gave His Son ...**

### **SUMMING UP**

- In all the complexity of our present troubles, the simple prayer that our Lord gave that points us to the way of wisdom. *"Give us this day our daily bread."*
- Here's the way not only to pray but to live: *dependency, community, sufficiency, – and confidence in God.*

### **Response: The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*Let our annual harvest remind us that God is our loving Heavenly Father. And so let's live in freedom in these anxious times, and show our neighbours where true hope is to be found!*

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- **Church on the Screen, Sunday @ 10am:** Details at <https://www.churchonthegreen.online/>
- **Harvest Celebration @ 11am:** Book to come to Priory Street in person via the church office. Or join online. **Please remember to bring things so we can celebrate communion together.**

### **THE RETURN OF THE [SUNDAY EVENING] GATHERING!**

We are restarting the prayer meeting on the *first* Sunday of each month.

- **In person:** please book via the church office
- **Computer or smart phone:** [meet.google.com/vjm-gkgi-obq](https://meet.google.com/vjm-gkgi-obq)
- **Phone (std London charge):** 020 3957 3964 PIN: 916 886 270#

On the *third* Sunday we will be Gathering to Praise consisting of a combination of worship and testimony. It will premier on YouTube at 6pm and available to rewatch afterwards. At this extraordinary time God has doubtless been teaching you, refining you or blessing you so why not encourage your brothers and sisters by sharing it? Contact Rob.

### **CHURCH MEETING**

We are planning a combined online and in person church meeting *next Monday* (12th Oct). Full details in next week's notices.

### **WATCH BACK THE WEC ONLINE CONFERENCE**

There's a note from Steve and Gill and [more details on the web site.](#)

### **MERCY SHIPS NEED TRADESPEOPLE**

You will undoubtedly have heard of the Mercy Ships work to bring a mobile hospital as well as healthcare training to parts of Africa from our great

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friends Stuart, Lynne and Matthew. Now you too could get involved for as little as two weeks commitment. [Read more on the website.](#)

### **MEAL TRAIN – UPDATE AND CALL FOR CHEFS**

A **massive** thank you to Sarah for her dedication to the Meal Train team over several years.

For more details, to refer someone, or to volunteer, please contact Lucy Lewis (07446 953259 or [jameslm88@gmail.com](mailto:jameslm88@gmail.com)) or Joan Cooper (07817 458651).

### **YOUTH UPDATE FROM DAN**

Unfortunately, the annual youth weekend will not be taking place in the Autumn half term (we already missed the summer camp). **Please pray:**

Firstly, that God would overrule, that young people will bond with one another and that they grow in their relationship with God through the weekly youth meetings even without these two key opportunities.

Also, for several years we have benefited from holding the weekend away at [Woodcroft Christian Centre](#). They have been very good to us, and the centre has been fundamental in many of our young people's Christian journeys as well as my own. However, with Covid restrictions, Woodcroft find themselves short of finances. Please consider supporting by:

- **Family Lets:** For details please contact [families@woodcroft-online.org.uk](mailto:families@woodcroft-online.org.uk).
- **Newsletter:** Subscribe at <https://mailchi.mp/cb004193896c/friends-of-woodcroft-newsletter>
- **Watch** at <https://www.facebook.com/WoodcroftChristianCentre>

### **COMING UP...**

*If your small group wants to meet in person, space is available @ Priory Street. Bookings and virus-limiting precautions are needed for all such events. For details and bookings, please contact the office.*

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