

Welcome to the Chapel In the Valley

JESUS HAS TOLD THIS CHURCH TO GO AND MAKE
DISCIPLES AND TEACH THEM TO OBEY HIM.



Sunday 13th September 2020

Our programme for this Sunday

All our chapel Sunday and mid-week meetings will remain cancelled until further notice - ...BUT

...We are using Zoom to meet online
on Sunday morning at 9.30 am for a prayer meeting,
and 11.00 am for an act of worship.

This morning - Greet the Shepherds

If you are able to join with us from your home we'd love to see you; so... if you have not received an invitation and would like one, please email us at civ.griffydam@gmail.com

What's on(line) this week. *Email us if you would like to be added to the Zoom invitations to any of these activities*

Monday

•Our weekly prayer meeting at 10.30 am

Come and join with spoken or silent prayers.

Thursday

•Chat Café is still on holiday. We are looking at the possibility of meeting again in church or maybe back to Zoom. Watch this space.

Prayer of Approach

God who speaks. The earth came alive at the sound of Your voice. Would You speak to me and make me come alive?

Jesus, You alone have the words of eternal life.

Holy Spirit, would You intercede for me in my weakness and teach me how to pray?

LET US PRAY...

- With worship for our great God
- For our friends and neighbours - for the continuous improvement of Craig and for the family Nicholls; For Lisa M; for Rob and Elaine; for Elizabeth and Jim as Elizabeth continues her treatment, for those who are dear to us personally.
- With thanks for our continued desire to worship and pray together.
- For our friends at Mandritsara
- With repentant hearts and minds for all of our transgressions
- With awareness of God's grace and then with grateful thanks for answered prayer
- For wisdom as we see churches around us opening - that we might make the right decision for all of our possible start-ups, and for each of our local churches as each seeks to make decisions with wisdom.

James 1:5

The Collect of the day
Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through Him who was lifted up on the cross,

Sunday morning prayer time.

As Judith and I will be away on Monday, volunteers to host the morning Prayer Meeting please.

U-turn

Like many people we have a satnav device, and like many people I suspect that sometimes when we are using it and it doesn't seem to be taking us where we need to go, we take route-finding into our own hands. And again, sometimes we are proven to be right.

However, correct or not, depending on the settings of our device it may well say to us "*Where possible, make a U-turn*".

And interestingly, a number of times in the media, the government have also been accused of making U-turns, either with various rules concerning Covid-19, or more recently over Brexit.

I suppose, depending upon our political persuasions, we will either see these events as evidence of incompetence, or of sound judgement under changing circumstances.

But did you know that there are a significant number of references to U-turns in the Bible.

If we consider a U-turn as being a situation where the route which we are taking is diametrically opposite to the one we should take, then Scripture has lots to say on the subject.

Of course you won't find the phrase U-turn in any Bible dictionary, but you will find the word 'repentance'.

Wikipedia says that '*The repentance called for throughout the Bible is a summons to a personal, absolute and ultimate unconditional surrender to God as Sovereign. Though it includes sorrow and regret, it is more than that. ... In repenting, one makes a complete change of direction (180° turn) toward God*'.

The Gospel Coalition says that '*True Christian repentance involves a heartfelt conviction of sin, a contrition over the offence to God, a turning away from the sinful way of life, and a turning towards a God-honouring way of life*'.

Whichever way you look at it, there is that call to 'turn-around'.

Of course, failing to make a U-turn with our satnav may mean no more than lost time and more miles, but failing to do so in our spiritual lives will have eternal consequences.