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If you are visiting us today, we offer you a warm welcome. Please make yourself known to any member of the leadership team.

If you require more details of events or would like a visit please speak with one of the Deacons.

We look forward to enjoying worship and fellowship together.

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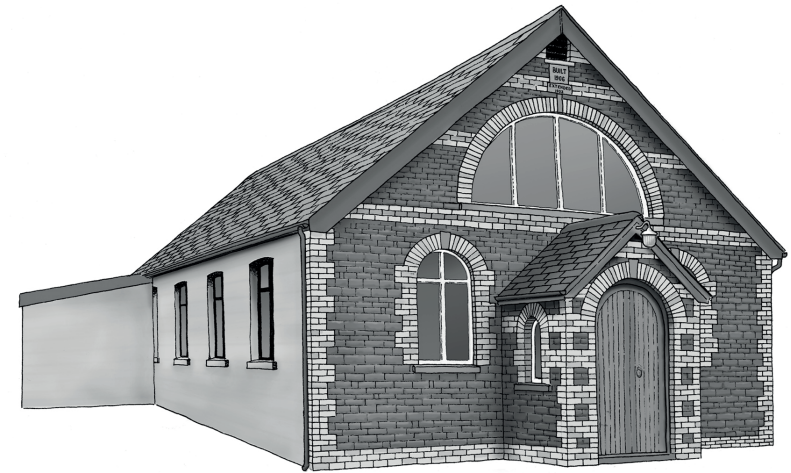
## Church Leadership

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Mrs Mary Morris

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**Deacons** Mrs Dorothy Oliver  
Mrs Christine Temple  
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Mrs Mary Morris



## Newsletter – February 2020

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We are called to love God with all our heart,  
soul and mind, and to love others.

We are committed to learning from Christ;  
doing justice, loving mercy and walking humbly with God.

We are a community in the Holy Spirit;  
a witness, going out with the love of God.

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## H.O.P.E.

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**“Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.”** Psalm 62:5

**As Christians, we are called to hope.** Not wishful thinking, imagining things, or pining for better days. Hope. Hope is not a pipe dream or a fairy tale. It is a strong action instead of a reaction. When we choose to hope we:

### **H – Heed His Word.**

Hang onto encouraging verses in Scripture in times of trouble, stress or doubt. Recall His promises, read, mark and memorize helpful verses, and repeat them often.

### **O – Obey.**

Sometimes we have to do things simply because someone in authority says so. If we can trust God and obey, then in hindsight we may look back and see more clearly why He told us.

### **P – Pray.**

Instead of fretting, if we can drop to our knees and lay it at the cross we will find an inner peace which, as Paul states, surpasses our understanding. Much better than jogging in a hamster wheel of worry and churning it over and over in our minds. Pray, lay it down, walk away.

### **E – Expect.**

The more we rely on God’s promises and His timing, then experience will show us things work out for the best when we **“let go and let God”** handle it.

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## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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**January saw the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme for 2020 is ‘They showed us unusual kindness’ Acts 28:2**

Gracious God, strengthen our confidence in Your providence when we feel overwhelmed by the storms of life.

Gracious God, teach us to fix our course on Christ, the True Light who brings us to safe harbour.

Gracious God, transform our many painful separations into harmony and our mistrust into mutual acceptance.

Gracious God, give us the courage to speak the truth with justice in love.

Gracious God, help us to welcome with unusual kindness our sisters and brothers who are in peril or in need.

Gracious God, change our hearts and the hearts of our Christian communities, that we may be agents of Your healing.

Gracious God, open our eyes to see the whole of creation as Your gift, and our hands to share its fruits in generous solidarity.

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## Quotes

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You will be secure, because there is hope; you will look about you and take your rest in safety. You will lie down, with no one to make you afraid, and many will court your favour.

*Job 11: 18-19*

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Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.

*Martin Luther King Jr*

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The LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.

*Psalms 147:11*

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When we love, we always strive to become better than we are. When we strive to become better than we are, everything around us becomes better too.

*Paulo Coelho*

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We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace.

*Pope Francis*

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So pry your fingers off the situation and relax. Have faith that God will see you through it, and claim that promise.

*Father God, let us always choose to hope in You instead of fretting, or getting stressed over things we have no control over. Replace our qualms with quiet, our fears with faith, and our worries with wisdom. Amen.*

By Julie Cosgrove

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## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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**Christians in Malta and Gozo chose the theme for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.**

On 10<sup>th</sup> February many Christians in Malta celebrate the Feast of the Shipwreck of St Paul, marking and giving thanks for the arrival of Christian faith on these islands. The reading from Acts 28: 2 is the text chosen for this year's Week of Prayer.

'The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold.'

The verse reminds us that hospitality is a much needed virtue in our search for Christian unity. It calls us to a greater generosity to those in need. The people who showed unusual kindness to Paul and his companions did not yet know Christ, and yet it is through their unusual kindness that a divided people were drawn closer together. Our own Christian unity will be discovered not only through showing hospitality to one another, but also through loving encounters with those who do not share our language, culture or faith.

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# Prayer Time with Christine

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## PRAY IN THIS WAY

Continued from November

by David Y. Cho [Christian Assemblies International]

Some people think it is very easy to pray, but actually it isn't. Praying is difficult because it is not a conversation with another person; it is an audience with the Almighty God.

All Christians have the privilege of free access to the presence of God by prayer. Even Jesus' disciples asked Him to teach them how to pray.

Prayer is the basis of Christian living. A Christian who has an effective prayer life is a strong Christian. His faith has life and vigour. I would like to share with you the secret of an effective prayer life.

### 1. Start Praying by Praising God

### 2. Repent of Your Sins

### 3. Make Your Requests Known to God

### 4. Express Your Thanks

#### 4 Express Your Thanks:

The Bible admonishes us to "*Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*" (**PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7**). When we pray, we must continue praying until

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Please continue pray for Neil, Linda and the family.

There are those within our congregation who are unwell or unable to attend due to age and infirmity, and those in care homes too. Please remember them and continue to pray for them.

Bring before the Lord all those who are caring for those who are ill, whether it is family, friends or professionals. All have a great need of support in prayer.

Continue to pray for Andrew our Pastor and his family. Pray for healing as he has been struggling to continue working while feeling so unwell. May he be richly blessed in the work that he has been called to do, and that we may continue to be blessed through his ministry.

Praise God for the many blessings we have in our fellowship together. Continue to pray for our church and our witness to the surrounding area, and that people will want to come and enjoy worshipping our Lord and having fellowship with us. May many come to know Jesus as their personal Saviour so that God may be glorified in this place.

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Please could all contributions for the **March Newsletter** be given to Sally by Friday February 21<sup>st</sup>.

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## Requests for Prayer

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A number of our church family are concerned about family and friends. If you would like to share any prayer requests, there is a box available at the rear of the church.

All requests will be treated confidentially.

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### Please remember in your prayers

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Sadly we have recently lost a valued member of our congregation. Rita Chess will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. She bravely bore a long illness with no complaints as she leaned on the everlasting arms of Jesus. Her faith was a great testament to the love and presence of God in her life. She enjoyed attending church on Sunday, Bible study, prayer meeting and womens League. We will miss her but know that she now enjoys a greater fellowship with the Lord whom she loves. Please remember Maureen, Ian and the family, and also all of her special friends here in Bethel.

Dorothy has completed her treatment and is beginning to feel a little stronger. We thank God for answered prayer.

Barbara has been very ill, please continue to pray for her and also for continued strength and healing for Phyllis, Ceri, Lorraine and others who are on our hearts.

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the peace of God takes control of our hearts and thoughts. When we receive the answer to our supplication, we have the assurance in our heart that God has answered our prayers. He gives peace and joy as an evidence. No fear, unrest, or worry lingers, then we must start giving thanks to Him who answered our prayer.

When we come into the presence of God we must know how to pray. We must know the etiquette of having an audience with the Lord, our Almighty God.

Great men of faith have all been giants of prayer. Prayer produces miracles. All great wonders of Christianity, sometimes beyond our imagination, result from fervent prayer. I can never over-emphasise the need of earnest prayer.

If you learn this secret of the order of prayer, you may be able to experience the proper order of God's blessing: prosperity in your spirit, the blessing of good health, and prosperity in all things.

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I HOPE YOU DON'T PLAN ON TRYING TO TELL ME THAT YOU WERE FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT AGAIN

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## This Month...

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What?	When?	Programme
<b>Prayer Meeting</b> (7.30pm)	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Led by Christine
<b>Bible Study</b> (7.30pm)	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Led by our Pastor Led by our Pastor
<b>Women's League</b> (2.00pm)	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Own Programme A trip to Orkney (part 1) Ceri Hill (Tenovus) A trip to Orkney (part 2)
<b>Hawthorn Senior Citizens</b>	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Junior Church</b>	Every Sunday 11.00-11.45am	Activities and games

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Book online at Ticketsource (booking fee) OR text 07890144096 (no booking fee).

Special Offer for the first two people getting four tickets or more of a FREE CD!

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## Thank you

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The donations in lieu of Christmas cards this year amounted to a very generous £175 and thank you to Awen for designing the card.

The donations in lieu of flowers for 2019 amounted to £140. Many thanks to all who donated.

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## Mug and Muffin

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The weekly coffee morning continues every Thursday from 10.30am to 12.00pm.

A very warm welcome awaits not only chapel members but friends, family and neighbours too. There is always a delicious selection of eats and as much tea and coffee as you can drink, for only £1.50 per person.

We look forward to seeing you.

Volunteers are desperately needed to help at Mug and Muffin. Could you spare a morning now and again to help? Please add your name to the list in the corridor if you can – even one morning will help.

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## Coming up

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### Quiz night

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – 7.00pm

Following the success of the last Quiz night in November, another has been organised for Shrove Tuesday (25<sup>th</sup> February) but this time with pancakes as the half time refreshments! A warm welcome awaits everyone for an evening of fun and fellowship.

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### Jamie Smith's Mabon

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
at Hawthorn Community Centre

Doors Open at 7.00pm Starts at 7.30pm

As part of the Centre's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, the Committee are pleased to welcome Jamie Smith's Mabon to the Centre.

The music of Jamie Smith's Mabon is well described as Original, Interceltic, World Music. Composed by frontman Jamie Smith, and brought to life by five highly accomplished musicians, it draws inspiration directly from the traditional folk music of the Celtic countries.

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## Sunday Worship

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### February

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Morning service  
and Junior Church  
**11am**  
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Evening service  
**5.30pm**  
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**February 2<sup>nd</sup>** Morning: Family dedication and blessing service: *Pastor Andrew McLaughlin*

Evening Communion Service:  
*Pastor Andrew McLaughlin*

**February 9<sup>th</sup>** Morning: *Rev Gareth Evans*

Evening: *Mrs Catherine Hewitt*

**February 16<sup>th</sup>** Morning Communion Service:  
*Pastor Andrew McLaughlin*

Evening: *Pastor Andrew McLaughlin*

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>** Morning: *Mrs Eluned Thomas*

Evening: *Mrs Eluned Thomas*

## Kids Corner

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

# Twelve Disciples Anagram



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# Twelve Disciples Maze



Help the disciples find the fish they caught.

