Online Services

Sun.	18 April	Gun Hill News now on line, ready for Sunday.
Sun.	18April	Online Service of Praise, Worship and Ministry of the Word of God with <b>Graham Jones</b>
Mon.	19 April	Bible Studies of Practical Topics—
	1	Watch; Stand Fast
Tues.	20 April	Bible Study - <b>Hosea ch.10</b>
Wed.	21 April	More of Pastor <b>Tony Jordan</b> 's short readings from his book: "King David—His Times and Our Life"
Thurs.	22 April	Online Prayer Time.
Fri.	23 April	Kids' Stories from Uncle Bill

Gun Hill Events for 2021

# Diary Dates for Month Ahead

Sunday 18 April - Sunday a.m. online Praise, Worship & Word of God

New to Our Church?	I give permission for you to contact me using any of following:
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Email:	Church leaders.
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### **Text for the Week:**

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" **Psalm 27 v 1** 

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# Sunday, 18 April 2021

#### **Christ Our Brother**

"Whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is My brother, and My sister, and mother." Mark 3 v 35

This seems too good to be true. To be the brother or the sister of Jesus—did you ever try to think out what it means? Then for every Christian to be taken by Christ into as close and tender a relationship as his own mother sustained to Him—did you ever try to think that out, remembering that you are the one taken into this loving fellowship?

Thousands of women have wished that they could have had Mary's honour in being the mother of Jesus. Well, here it lies close to their hand. They cannot have Mary's distinction in this world, but they can have a place just as near to the heart of the Christ as she has. How strange it is that sinful creatures can be taken thus into the very family of God, and have all the privileges and joys of the children of God! We cannot understand it but let us believe it and think of it until it fills our hearts with warmth and gladness. We do not begin to realise the blessedness and glory of being a Christian. There is a picture which seen in one light shows a poor weary pilgrim lying on a miserable pallet in a dreary garret; but seen in another light the same picture shows a saint of God, an heir of glory, arrayed in white robes, surrounded and carried up by angels to heavenly glory. The first view is that which human eyes see in the Christian; the other is the reality that which heaven sees.

But we must not overlook the first part of this verse, that tells us who are received into this close relationship, - "whosoever shall do the will of God." At every point, as we go on, we catch more and more distinctly the teaching that obedience to God is part of the faith that saves. We must do God's will, and follow Christ with loving fidelity, if we would obtain the privilege of being the brothers and sisters of Christ.

After preaching about taking our worries to God in prayer, the great preacher G. Campbell Morgan was approached by a lady who said, "I don't bother God with little things; I only take the big ones to Him." Morgan replied, "My dear lady, everything we take to God is little." The Bible says, "Cast your burden on the Lord [releasing the weight of it] and He will sustain you." God knows you are not built to carry the weight of worry, so He invites you to give it to Him today. Anything that is big enough to be a source of anxiety should be turned into a prayer. Peter writes, "Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully" (1 Peter 5:7 AMPC). Note the word 'casting'. That is the opposite of 'carrying'! The moment you recognise that a worry is beginning to weigh you down, 'cast' it on the Lord, knowing "He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully." Now if He was a distant God who did not care about you, you would have reason to worry. Or if He was a weak God who could not do anything about it, you would have reason to worry. The truth is, it is as you give your worries to God that you discover how big He really is. The songwriter Joseph Scriven put it this way: "Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer."

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Morning & Evening Bible Reading				
Date	Morning reading	Evening reading		
18 April	Ezekiel 4 to 7	Ephesians 2		
19 April	Ezekiel 8 to 10	Ephesians 3		
20 April	Ezekiel 11 to 13	Ephesians 4		
21 April	Ezekiel 14 to 16	Ephesians 5		
22 April	Ezekiel 17 to 19	Ephesians 6		
23 April	Ezekiel 20 to 21	Philippians 1		
24 April	Ezekiel 22 to 23	Philippians 2		

#### Prayer for our fellowship and loved ones

fellowship with us.

Pray for all who receive invitations, and tracts - for the Pray for our fellowship, for people to be saved, the sick to be Lord to open hearts to receive Him and to join in healed and those that are burdened or crushed by problems and difficulties to be set free.

Pray that we all may experience a mighty anointing of the Holy Spirit, that we all might be filled with His Spirit to praise His wonderful Name and to see His glory manifested every time we meet together.

## **Prayer requests**

- Ellen's daughter Karen—severe depression etc
- Abigail—PJ's niece— infection after neck op
- Rose-now back home
- Nikkie Jones (George's daughter) much pain
- Danielle in Basildon hospital & conscious.
- $\Rightarrow$ Worley—seems to be making good progress
- $\Rightarrow$ Bernard husband of Joyce (tracts) - not well
- $\Rightarrow$ Keep supporting Rosejov in prayer
- Sheila Barr—some anxiety.
- Tom & Jean Pegg for healing
- $\Rightarrow$ Sheila Maragh—in care home
- $\Rightarrow$ Heidi-emergency operation cancelled

#### **Answers to Prayer**

LET YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

"Now this is the confidence we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions we have asked of Him." I John 5 v 14 & 15 \*Write your prayer requests on a piece of paper and give to Graham for inclusion here.

#### **Prayer requests from Elim Missions**

# Cambodia

"Cambodia is currently going through a challenging time. The effects of Covid-19 are impacting everyday life for people and it is a concerning situation. We ask that you join with us in prayer globally about the pandemic and in doing this you will remember the people of Cambodia."

# Please pray:

- That the current restrictions and curfews in place will help towards curbing the spread of the virus.
- Some people have already received a vaccine for Covid-19. Please pray for the roll out of this vaccine programme to continue.
- This month Cambodians celebrate the Khmer New Year. It is the biggest celebration in their calendar year. This year, many people will not be able to travel to see their families in the provinces. The celebrations will look very different.

<sup>`</sup>If you want a visit or to share a problem or need, please do not hesitate to contact Graham on 01268 553423 \*\* Please keep us updated \*\* with how the Lord is answering.\*