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In God we Trust

It is said that a week can be a long time in politics. Well, this week has certainly lived up to that, hasn't it? Who would have thought this time last week that the entire country would now be in another extended period of lockdown, or that the civil unrest in America we have seen playing out on our televisions over the past few days would have taken place?

The American constitution that appears to have been under attack during this week is founded on Christian principles as well as democratic ones. All US coins bear the words 'In God we Trust' – and this week more than most, we find ourselves placing our hope again in God that He will help us (and the world) through turbulent times. We must trust in God that better times are indeed just around the corner.

*The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him,
to the one who seeks him. [Lamentations 3 v 25](#)*

Paul Heath



Despite another lockdown, God continues to give us more hope

PRAYER DIARY:

Over the next week, please pray for the following:

11th	Rita A; Wesley C; Keith, Mary, Dennis, Victoria & Sophia H; Hazel & Tim S; Jay & Lydia M
12th	Charmaine I; Shirley N; Arnold & Pat T; Sheila T; Michael & Valerie B; Hayley & Mark C
13th	Janet B; Valerie C; David Ja; Valerie & Martyn P; Marion W; Jill We; Gary W
14th	Margaret & Peter B; Adam D; Nathan, Rachael, Poppy & Alice J; Gerry W
15th	Claire B; Aimee B; Brenda D; Matt, Ruth, Isabella & Amara A; Louise, Karen & Natalie P; Josie K
16th	Margaret B; Hannah, Nick & Arthur; Garry & Gill J; Bob & Pauline P; Josh D; Robert H
17th	Ed Bowen, Becky G; Joe S; Martin, Amy S & family; Sharon D; Iris & Ivan D; Brian & Vera R

GOING FORWARD TOGETHER:



Over the next few weeks, during online worship and in Extra Slice groups we will be 'Going Forward Together'. 2020 was a year like no other, and we have now entered a new year 2021 – what a great time to Go Forward Together! If you want to join an Extra Slice Group please get in touch.

FOOD PARCELS IN LOCKDOWN:

Since the beginning of Lockdown last March, we have been providing Emergency Food Parcels for people struggling in Staple Hill and the surrounding areas. We are really grateful for everyone who has helped with this, either by volunteering or donating to our food bank, thank you. Deb Hatcliffe has been compiling all the data and as it was a New Year, we thought you may be interested in how many people we have helped during this time.

As you know many people are experiencing financial hardship at the moment so we are pleased to say that we have provided 758 parcels to 1067 adults and 283 children. Or to put it another way we have provided approximately 13,500 meals to local people between March and December. Much of the food has been donated by Morrisons in Fishponds and the Salvation Army food hub, but we still need to buy items that are not donated, so if you would like to help in the ongoing work, a financial donation would be gratefully received. Thank you for any help you have already given.

PRAYER NETWORK:

Over the Christmas period, we have prayed for:

- Ena Bailey who has Covid 19 (Luncheon Club and Over 60's). Ena needs our continued prayers
- Ash and Moses. Ash's father has died in Zimbabwe
- Barry Clarke (Bandmaster at Wellingborough) who is seriously ill in Hospital
- Colin and Simon from Hereford, very ill with Covid 19. They are the father and brother-in-law of Pat and Arnold Tilling's daughter.
- Doreen Roberts (please see later in this bulletin), and also the family at this time
- David Leonard and family as they laid Hazel to rest on Friday

If you would like us to pray for something, then please drop us an email (a couple of sentences only, please) on staplehillprayers@gmail.com.

ONLINE BROADCASTS:

- There will be an online divisional youth event held on 16th January 2021 at 6.30pm. Everyone attending this event should already have signed up by now!

FLOWERS:

- Flowers on our altar table would normally have been provided by Marc for Kay's birthday.

ACROSS OUR FELLOWSHIP:

- Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with David L following the funeral of Hazel on Friday. We also uphold David J's as he prepares for the funeral of his brother, Malcolm, on the 19th January. There are a number of our friends who are grieving at the moment, and we continue to remember them.
- It is with great sadness that we have to let you know today that Doreen Roberts was Promoted to Glory in hospital on Saturday morning. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.
- Brenda has broken her ribs and arm following a fall. Whilst we cannot visit, please keep in touch by phone or send a card.
- Roy has moved from Peache Court to a new address – please contact us if you would like details. We hope that he soon settles into his new flat - I understand that he has some good neighbours!
- As we start another lockdown, we will continue to try and keep contact with you. Whilst we are trying our best there will always be the one or two who we fail. If that is you, please let us know, and we will try better.

JANUARY MAILING:

We are hoping to send out our January mailing next week, which will include our details of our time of commitment. It is slightly later than we had hoped, but hopefully it will be of help.

THE WEEK AHEAD:

All activities within our buildings continue to be suspended until it is deemed safe, but the following activities re-commence this week:

TODAY Sunday 10th January 2021

- from 10am Lighthouse Club Session available online (ages 7-11)
- 10am Youth Group meets online (ages 11+)
- from 11am Sunday Worship – online
Going Forward Together ‘God’s Invitation’
[Jeremiah 31:31-34](#)

Tuesday 12th January 2021

- 11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

Wednesday 13th January 2021

- 2pm Extra Slice Group online
- 3.30pm Extra Slice Group online
- 7pm Extra Slice Group online
- 8.15pm Extra Slice Group online

Thursday 14th January 2021

- 11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall
- 8.15pm Extra Slice Group online

Sunday 17th January

- from 10am Lighthouse Club Session available online (ages 7-11)
- 10am Youth Group meets online (ages 11+)
- from 11am Sunday Worship – online
Going forward Together ‘God’s Gift’ [Luke 22:14-20](#)