



Worship at Home

Call to Worship and Prayer

Psalm 89:14-17a

¹⁴ Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.

¹⁵ Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, LORD.

¹⁶ They rejoice in your name all day long; they celebrate your righteousness.

¹⁷ For you are their glory and strength,

Lord, sometimes it is hard to raise our hands and hearts in praise, because we are struggling; But you remain worthy of our worship. In the light of your presence we find light and love and strength, and we can trust in your truth even if we feel conflicted. Though there may be pain in the offering, help us by your spirit to give you glory at this time, Amen.

Worship songs suggestions

Blessed Be Your Name

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rw4H5t3TwHM>

Whole World in His Hands

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iRC82ryeksc>

Great is Your Faithfulness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErwiBz1QA4o>

The Lord's Prayer (*Our Father*)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5eIVSWdBaTE>

Bible Teaching

Theme – 'Inside Out - Sadness'

Reading – Psalm 88

Video recording -

<https://youtu.be/H1XTYXI3ICw>

Worship song suggestion

Praise You in this Storm

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dB4eC55dh-U>

Even Though I walk through the Valley

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NM14VZVu0og>

Abide with me

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=84YASWe3_2Q

At the Foot of the Cross

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hk7_SBxYSZs

Prayer

The Blessing Prayers:

You may have seen over recent weeks that a song of blessing which originated in the US has become globally adopted and recreated by churches, nations and beyond, as an anthem from churches together praying blessing on people throughout the world. This week we are going to use this as an aid to help us pray for people, nationally, internationally, and for the next generation.

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you
And give you peace
Amen

May His favour be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family and your children
And their children, and their children
May His presence go before you
And behind you, and beside you
All around you, and within you
He is with you, He is with you
In the morning, in the evening
In your coming, and your going
In your weeping, and rejoicing
He is for you, He is for you.

If you have access to the internet we have included the links to 3 recorded versions of 'The Blessing' which we suggest you listen to before you pray for each category. (The UK, World and Children)

UK Blessing for the nation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUtll3mNj5U>

The Blessing (Global Choir)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rw4H5t3TwHM>

The Blessing [Kids]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uiWZXLsdE9w>

Questions to ponder this week ...

1. The psalmist endured sadness and suffering, yet kept on praying? How do you reconcile the fact that sometimes our prayers seem to go unanswered?
2. How difficult do you find it to come to God in prayer when the loss you feel is raising questions for you? What does God promise to give us in these times?
3. C.S Lewis in *A Grief Observed* said
'I see people, as they approach me, trying to make up their minds whether they'll 'say something about it' or not. I hate if they do, and if they don't.'
From experience, can you relate to that feeling at all? How can we as Christians support each other in times of grief?

All-Age talk & Challenge

We continue to think about 'finding God in the everyday' and this week's All-Age thought video can be found on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/High-Street-Baptist-Church-164135853596490/>

Read the Psalms in 30 days!

All-church challenge to read 5 Psalms a day for 30 days! You can download and print the book-mark from our church website to track your progress!

<http://tringbaptistchurch.co.uk/>

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

²⁴ ""The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵ the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the LORD turn his face towards you
and give you peace.""

Other resources ...

Resources reflecting on Personal Stories of Grief:

Book: CS Lewis - A Grief Observed

Films: Disney's Big Hero 6 (for families)

The Shack (For adults)

What We did On Our Holiday (for adults, but be warned that this one does contain some strong language)

We have copies of all of these that we can lend if that would be useful to people, so please do just ask if you would like to borrow one.

Care for the Family

Provide support for families in various ways, and have set up a specific section on their website developed for 'Covid19 specific items' including links to features on parenting, marriage and bereavement.

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/family-life/covid-19-support-for-your-family>

They will also be streaming '**It Takes Two – Building a Marriage that Lasts**' – free of charge!

This is an evening event from 8-10pm available on any of the following dates: 19th, 20th, 21st May, 2nd, 3rd and 4th June.

Whether your marriage is in good shape or things are difficult right now; whether you have been married for many years or just got together, this even will positively impact your relationship.

Simply sign up at the link below to register and you will be sent a link to virtually attend:

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/it-takes-two#book%20now>

Worship at Home WhatsApp

Alongside the various WhatsApp groups that already exist through the church, we have set up one specifically to focus on sharing worshipful conversation and encouragement with each other to help ensure that everyone who can access it, has an option to connect with one another during the week. If you want to join this group, please let us know.



High Street 'Gatherings'

Sharing Together: Sunday Service with Communion

We do hope you can join us via Zoom on Sunday 31st May at 11am for a service of sharing together; sharing testimony and communion. As before, please have something to eat and drink to hand (it doesn't have to be bread and 'wine'!).

It would be great to have 3-4 people to share what God has done/is doing in their life to encourage one another and praise God together.

If you are able to share please contact Joe.

The meeting code for this is: 978 9592 0392



Sharing together
Pentecost

11.15am (coffee from 11am)
Sunday 31 May

A worship service with sharing and Communion, please have at hand something to eat and something to drink.

zoom
Meeting with ID: 978 9592 0392

Church Social: Saturday Night Live:



Saturday Night Live

A whole church social with time to chat plus some fun and games!

7pm on Saturday 23 May
Zoom meeting ID: 977 7654 3445

zoom

Coffee Time Together:



Coffee Time Together

Drop by for a catch-up at 10.30am on Wednesday, Friday or Saturday.

Zoom codes

Wednesday: 355 790 154
Friday: 607 189 990
Saturday: 132 591 870

zoom

Church Prayer Meetings on Zoom

Start of the Week on Monday at 9:15am (the scripture readings for this week are:).

The meeting code for this is: 100 710 735.



Start the Week

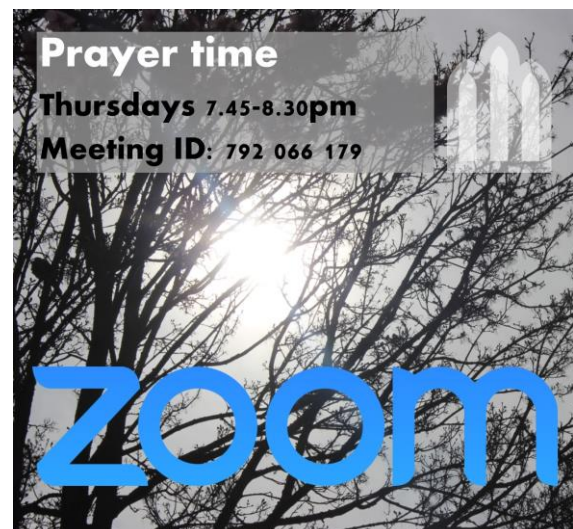
Mondays 9.15-9.45am
Meeting ID: 100 710 735

The meeting will be open from 8.45am, to give time to 'arrive' and get set up.

zoom

Thursday evening prayer meeting at 7:45pm.

The meeting code for this is: 792 066 179.



Prayer time

Thursdays 7.45-8.30pm
Meeting ID: 792 066 179

zoom