

Jubilee Lunch May 30th



Today we welcome David and Hazel into Membership and are thrilled they feel this is where God would have them worship and serve!

Other Church Family News.....

Simon and Suzannes daughter Abby suffered an accident resulting in a serious eye injury. Please pray for healing and wisdom and skill for those treating her.

Marge Exton is recovering well from her recent problems.

Jean Hopkins continues with slow but clear improvement both with speech and mobility as well as coping with the effects of a cataract operation on Gordon.

JoJos arm has recovered well with no lasting effects following the accidental scald. Remember Tracy and Kerryyn dealing with the sudden loss of a friend.

Continue to pray for the plans and preparations for the arrival of Robert and his family as our new Minister. Pray that Jack and Jill's retirement will be a time of abundant blessings for them and their family!

You are the everlasting God!

Minister: Rev Jack Walker.

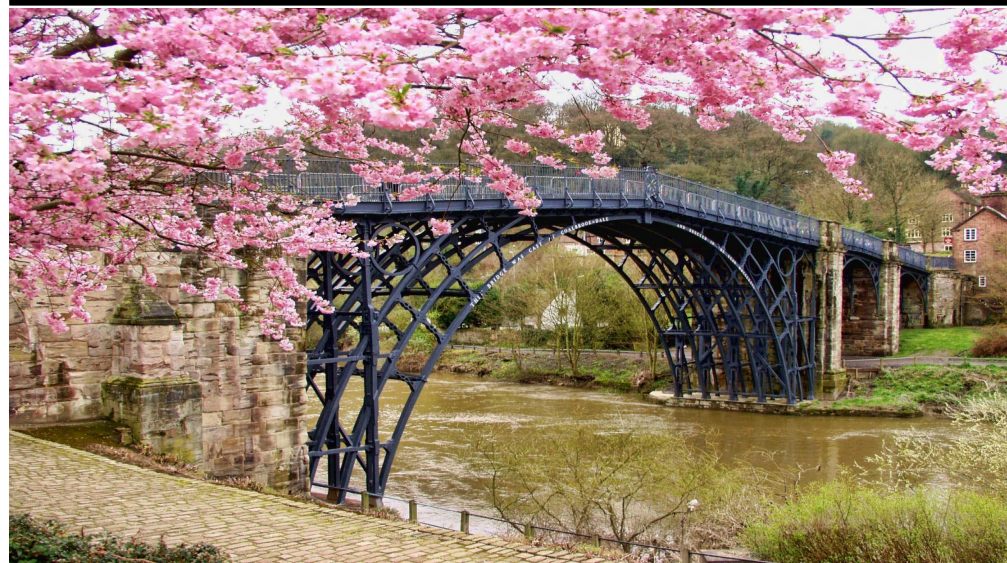
Secretary: June McCaughren

Treasurer: Laura Ivey

Leadership Team: Adam Stacey. John McCaughren. John Hadley.

Whitchurch Baptist Church

Sunday June 12th 2022



Morning worship led by

Rev Jack Walker

You are Welcome!

Today we begin a new series on

The Book of Romans through the lens of Romans 12

No 1 'Who influences who?' Romans 1 8-26

Today we celebrate Communion

What's on this week:-

Monday 13th 10.30am Ladies Meet
8pm Leaders meet

Wed 15th 8pm Mid week Study

Sunday 19th Morning worship.

No 2 in Romans 'Live in peace'

Future Dates:

Sat June 25th Treorchy Male Voice Choir. 7pm.

[Whitchurch Football Club]

Sunday 26th 'All Age Service'

No 3 in Romans 'Gifted'

Afghanistan now the most dangerous place in the world to be a Christian.

[Open Doors] Open Doors says that Afghanistan is the most dangerous place in the world to be a Christian. The charities World Watch List records global levels of persecution towards Christians and is published annually. For the first time in 30 years, North Korea avoided the top spot despite persecution continuing to rise there.

Open Doors Ben Cohen said it was a substantial and deeply shocking achievement, for Afghanistan to jump ahead of North Korea, where being discovered with a Bible can result in permanent incarceration inside one of the countries re-education camps or immediate execution. Most believers in Afghanistan are converts from Islam and face torture, imprisonment and execution if discovered. Since the Taliban takeover last year, many have been forced into hiding or have fled the country, although with

neighbouring India and Pakistan also in the top ten of the World Watch List, their safety is far from assured. Islamists are hunting down Christians in Afghanistan and if found, men are detained, interrogated and then killed. Women and girls can be subject to forced marriage, imprisonment and, if raped, they are often trafficked as a result. The situation for Christians at the moment in Afghanistan is horrific!

The number of Christians killed because of their faith rose by a quarter last year to an estimated 6000. Nearly four fifths of those killings took place in northern Nigeria home of Boko Haram and Islamic state. After Afghanistan and North Korea, the next most dangerous places to be a Christian, were listed as Somalia, Libya and Yemen.

Open Doors consistently pressure the UK Govt 'to uphold in every country around the world freedom of religion and belief' and our Govt has said they want to raise human rights issues as part of their foreign policy and trade negotiations.



The Vine Trust Bookshop, has many special offers on many Christian Adult books valid up to the end of June. For details see copies of the latest

Take Note booklet at church or ask John McCaughren. Greetings Cards, Bibles, Bible Study guides, CDs and gifts are also available.

I could have pulled the trigger Pt 3.

I found myself in prison where I deserved to be. But when in prison, the most incredible thing took place. Again I got in to gangs but a guy tried to talk to me about faith and I tried to brush him off. The next day I had an incredible encounter with Almighty God in a prison corridor. It happened through signing up for chapel on an A4 sheet of paper on the wall. I wrestled with the idea of signing up but as soon as I did a real sense of peace came over me - a sense I had never experienced in my whole life. I was in prison but I sensed hope. I felt there was a way out. I began to go to chapel each week, hearing stories about the incredible God who loved me! The inmate who spoke about faith gave me a 'Good News for Everyone' Bible, which he had received from another inmate in a another prison. Who knows how many hands it had been through before it came to me! Wrestling with the pages in the Bible began to transform my mind. After I left prison I found myself back in my old environment with my old acquaintances and the old pressure. For 10 months I went out with the gangs, got into fights, did drugs but when I got home I kept reading the Bible and praying. It was a crazy battle going out fighting, doing drugs then getting home and praying.

My God who I met in prison was the only one who could save me and set me free.

A few months went by and a girl rang me up and said she had met with Jesus and He had saved her life and set her free from drugs. I knew her through the old networks of gangs and frien and prayer which set me free.ds. She could now be a mother to her child. I told her I had met with God but was not too sure who this guy Jesus was. She invited me to church and I found there the same love, the same presence, the same God who I had met with in prison. He was in the church, in the people. Eventually I gave my life to Christ and His word spoke to me in such a profound, deep and intimate way. It set me free from drugs. There was no rehab, no support workers, it was just the power of God and prayer that set me free.

I am now a Recovery Coordinator in a Drug Rehabilitation Centre helping others find hope through the Word of God. I am also a Youth Worker helping with a brand new Youth Community trying to do everything I can to prevent others from making the same mistakes as I did. I am also a Church Minister -- how crazy is that!! I am married to an incredible woman who loves me for who I am. The days can still sometimes be dark, we can still struggle in life, but the Bible is the Rock, the foundation and the thing that set me free.

Ashley