



*“releasing us to release
Jesus’ love into our
community...”*

Sunday 7th February 2021

**Trust in Me with all your heart and
I will guide you. Proverbs 3:5-6**

GVC services from January to March
The first Sunday in the month will be a live zoom service with the rest being pre-recorded.
Most housegroups will be studying Acts at the same time. If you are not a member of a housegroup but would like to join one please email Dave: df@gvc.org.uk

- 7th Feb** Workshop with Live Zoom -see
- 14th Feb** Courage of Peter and John Acts 4:1-31 with Dave Francis
- 21st Feb** One in heart and mind Acts 4: 32-5:11 with Sarah Bennett
- 28th Feb** Kingdom Healing Acts 5:17-42 with Katy Duncan
- 7th Mar** Live zoom worship Stephen an example of faith Acts 6:8-7:60
- 14th Mar** How the Gospel Spreads Acts 7:54-8:25
- 21st Mar** Philip Speaks to the Eunuch Acts 8:26-40

This Sunday February 7th we will be having a Zoom worship Sunday Service with workshops where you will have the opportunity to opt for one of 3 topics. The topics are:
* **From Protest to Praise** a Journey through the Psalms with Peter Kay.
* **The Armour of God** Suitable for all ages with Carol de-Beger and Katy Duncan.
* **Are Christians arrogant to believe Jesus is the only way to God?** with Dave Francis.
These workshops will use the breakout group facility in zoom.

We will start our **zoom service at 10am** with worship and prayers before joining one of the workshops above. When the service has reached its conclusion we will then automatically continue with our coffee chat time.
The link will be in the email that came with this newsletter.
We are planning to record the 3 workshops (technology permitting) so you will be able to catch up with the groups you didn't join if you wish. These will be sent out (as Youtube links) to all those who receive the GVC newsletter by email.
The service (without the workshops) will be available to watch on the GVC website: <https://www.gvc.org.uk/online-sunday-services.html> during the week.

How to choose your own workshop on Sunday.
When Lois announces she is opening the breakout rooms you need to hover your mouse over or touch the main screen. A new button will appear (see right). Click on this. You will see three rooms:
From protest to praise join
Armour of God join
Are Christians arrogant? join
As people click **join** their name will appear under their chosen workshop so scroll down to find the group you want. Lois will manually move anyone who is left so please be patient!!!



See what's happening in Portishead this week



For electronic banking the account details are:
Account name: **Gordano Valley Church**
Sort code: **08-92-99**
Account No: **65654718**
Reference: **your initials or name**

For any items you would like me to put in the newsletter please send to Lois by Friday 11am at: admin@gvc.org.uk

For Prayer this week Sunday 7th February

Pray for church family:

- *Continue to pray for **David and Ann Tossell** – Dave suffering with Parkinson's and Ann with motor neurone disease.
- ***Margaret Maynard** who continues to have 3 weekly immunotherapy following invasive surgery last year
- *Give thanks that **Rachel Burkinshaw** reports good recovery following laser surgery so far – pray that her sight continues to improve and will be stable when she has her check-up next month.
- ***Simon David** continues to suffer from his very painful frozen shoulder and frequent migraines – causing loss of sleep. He is also has extreme work pressure – please do pray for him at this time.
- *Pray for Katy Duncan's father-in-law, **Peter**. He's in the BRI and has just started a 5 day course of chemotherapy. This is a 'trial' - he's staying in for a couple of weeks to monitor effect of the treatment. If successful he will receive more. Peter has no immunity at all at the moment so that's a big concern. At present there is no named diagnosis but his bone marrow isn't producing what it should for his blood.
- ***Brian Boyland** awaiting test results.
- *Give thanks that **Margaret Reader's** recent test results revealed nothing serious.
- *Pray for Tom Knight in a care home in Weston-super-Mare.
- *Continue to pray for the **parents** of: Jon & Debbie Bonner, Laura Fairhurst's mum, and Ali Smith's mum. Kat Nightingale's elderly parents who've both had Covid – doing well - pray they make good recovery and know God's presence, comfort and healing.

- *Give thanks that **Ben Gradwell** – has now had his Covid vaccination.
- *For **Food bank** and all those who work so tirelessly to make it happen each week.
- *12 people have volunteered as 'Wellbeing Group Facilitators' for our **Kintsugi Hope** initiative – pray that the training goes really well.
- *For our **church leadership** - especially for Tim Dobson's [Woodlands Church Bristol] involvement with the leaders in 2021
- *For us all as church as we continue our journey through Acts on Sunday mornings and in house groups

Pray for online Alpha Courses currently under way:

- *Our own GVC Alpha Course
- *Colin de-Beger's place of work at Hinckley Point
- *Keziah Nightingale - involved in running Alpha for students at St Nic's Nottingham.

Pray for Portishead's Rector, Rob Dewing.

Rob came off his bike on ice and fractured his pelvis badly so is now on crutches - pray for his speedy and full recovery.

GVC Mission Partner: Demelza Pop in Romania:

She asks us to pray:

- *For Simon Attila whose workplace closed in January and is left without a job.
- *For the girls with special needs who are struggling with the ongoing Covid situation and the restrictions in place.
- *For Demelza herself & Csaba who are finding Christian life on their own far from easy at times. Pray for fellowship opportunities. Demelza says: "Pray God will fill us up with His Holy Spirit and with His strength & energy".

[Demelza will be present in our Zoom Intercessory Prayer Group on Monday evening at 8pm – she will share more points for prayer – do come and pray with her]



Heart Bomb your home, street or neighbourhood and let everyone know they are LOVED!

Pin a note on the neighbours door, add hearts to trees, set up a community love board, decorate windows.



SHARE the love, LIKE the love and let's get everyone involved.
Let's spread LOVE around the world.

The idea is that from **7-14th Feb** we put hearts up all over the town of Portishead to remind people they are loved - they can be drawn and displayed in windows, crocheted, knitted, woven, whatever people want to do.

(sent by Fran Smettem on behalf of Portishead Churches Together)