



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

Sunday 7th March 2021

GVC services

The first Sunday in the month will be a live zoom service with the rest being pre-recorded.

Most housegroups are 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

This Sunday our service can be seen at **10am**.

<https://www.gvc.org.uk/online-sunday-services.html> Facebook or YouTube

The zoom coffee chat will start at **11am** and will include communion.

Go back to the email that came with this newsletter and click on the zoom link...

7th Mar Live zoom worship with 3 workshops to choose from. (See opposite)

14th Mar Stephen an example of faith
Acts 6:8-7:60

21st Mar How the Gospel Spreads
Acts 7:54-8:25

28th Mar Palm Sunday

4th Apr Easter Day Live Zoom Worship

11th Apr Philip Speaks to the Eunuch Acts 8:26-40

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 somewhere (see right). Click on this.



You will see three rooms:

Finding God in Creation join

Sure Hope in Uncertain Times join

Asking and Answering ?'s 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

I delight to reveal My kingdom to those with a childlike heart.

Matthew 11:25-26

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

Pints of View

On March 28th - **'Should we abolish the Monarchy?'**
Led by Ian Coules

Workshop Sunday on 7th March

There will be 3 workshops to choose from:

- ◆ **Finding God in Creation** with Carol, Katy, Jane and Sarah. An opportunity to bring & share an item or two that illustrates how the natural world speaks to you about the awesomeness of God. Please bring a picture or a natural object with you. (You can also share an image on screen) Suitable for all ages.
- ◆ **Sure Hope in Uncertain Times** with Peter Kay. Is Hope still just for the young and foolish or for old fools too? Finding an anchor in Christ in adversity without losing one's grip on reality.
- ◆ **Answering questions and asking questions the Jesus way** with Dave. (Jesus was asked to respond to all sorts of questions, some questions were looking to trap him some were real enquires looking for truth. Jesus had a unique way of answering. He also asked questions of people, What kind of question and what can we learn from them?)

For Prayer this week Sunday 7th March

Pray for church family:

- Pray for the **Tossell family- Dave, Joe, and Becky** this week – it is Ann’s funeral on Tuesday (9th March) 3pm at South Bristol Crematorium. Pray for Dave Francis too, who will be leading the service. Numbers at the service are limited due to Covid, so attendance is by invitation only.
- Pray for **Phyl Llewellyn** – she continues to await surgery for a hernia (hopefully quite soon now) and for hip and knee replacement surgery.
- **Peter Duncan** (Katy’s father-in-law) continues to be in hospital. Unfortunately, he has developed an infection - pray for this to clear and for a good response to chemo treatment for his underlying condition.
- Continue to pray for **Margaret Maynard, Rachel Burkinshaw and Simon David**
- **Tom Knight** relocates from the care home in WSM to one in Clevedon this week. Pray for Tom, Joy and their family - that the transfer goes smoothly and that he settles in well.
- Continue to pray for: Jon Bonner’s dad, Debbie Bonner’s mum, Laura Fairhurst’s mum, Ali Smith’s mum and Kat Nightingale’s parents.
- Pray for others known to you in our church family who need our prayers at this time.
- And continue to pray for our GVC Leaders.

Pray for Children and young people:

- Pray for the full reopening of Portishead schools over the course of this week – for children, for students and for teachers and other staff members. For those who are excited to be going back and those who are apprehensive. Pray for parents too.
- Pray for mental health wellbeing for children and young people in Portishead – that those who need help will be well supported.
Pray that this time the schools will be able to remain open.

Pray for families in Portishead:

- Carol asks us to pray for:
 - **Restored Lives** – the next course is due to start on 21st April and run for 8 weeks. Pray for preparation for this course, publicity and practicalities.
 - **Kids Matter Parenting** - The Youth Centre are happy for us to run a Kids Matter group from their building – pray for the timing and practicalities of getting this underway.

People in other places:

Julian and Liz Marsh are at the SeedUK church plant (in Churchill) via video and zoom on Sunday morning where Julian is speaking. Julian mentors the Pastor of the church.



Ann Tossell

6th March 1961—9th February 2021

Private funeral service is on Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 3pm

The service is being recorded and once it has been edited we will make available a YouTube link should you wish to see it.

A giving page has been set up in Ann's memory to the benefit of Marie Curie, who gave the Tossell family huge support in the final weeks of Ann's life.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ann-tossell>

Carol and Colin de-Beger are on holiday this week, but not going away, and are hoping to do lots of local walking!

