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## Thank you to all our contributors this month:

Hugh Boorman, Jonathan Farnhill, David and Dorothy McMillan  
and Terry Young

It would be great to see your name here next time!

The **June magazine** will be available on  
Sunday 2nd June and the deadline for articles to go in it is  
**Sunday 26th May.**

Please give your contributions to Hugh Boorman or Mary Parker.

# Thought for the Month

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## The Prize

Is it OK to disagree with Scripture?

You see, Paul wrote, "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize?" (1 Corinthians 9:24) but I'm not sure that I entirely accept his claim.

Over the last few weeks, I have been an avid watcher of BBC2's "Race Across the World" – a competition where originally five (but soon four) couples had to get from Greenwich to Singapore without taking a plane and travelling via five stop-off points. They were stripped of their credit cards, mobile phones and other modern technology and given the cash equivalent of a one-way economy flight to Singapore, which had to cover their travel, food and lodging for the whole journey (though they were allowed to earn money on route). Each

episode started with the couples discovering their next stop-off point and then followed them as they tried various routes to get there. I wouldn't say that it is my usual viewing-fare but I found the interplay between the individuals making up each couple



quite enthralling. As well as the physical travelling, all of them seemed to be on an emotional journey too.

One couple I particularly enjoyed watching – a father and son who had been separated for many years following the break-up of the father's marriage. The 20-year-old son had lived with (and apparently been thoroughly spoilt by) his mother and was yet to find any employment. The father had his own issues, struggling to express the love that he clearly had for his son. At the beginning of the series, the father was having to encourage the son who seemed to find everything a problem. But by the end the son had grown up and taken responsibility for many of the decisions on the trip while the father was coming out of his shell.

[Spoiler Alert!] Did they win? No. The couple who won were the only couple who I didn't want to win and they went home to Yorkshire £20,000 better off.

Well, when I say that the father and son didn't win, they didn't win the

race and their close second must have been quite frustrating but I would say that what they did get was worth way more than £20K. In fact they called it priceless. The son discovered that he was far more able than he had realised and grew in confidence, the two of them re-established their relationship and by the end of it the father even managed a hug. The son concluded, "I've seen a lot, I've done a lot, I've learnt a lot about my dad along the way. That's the main thing. I'm happy!" And Dad added, "Ultimately, we're a success"

Prizes come in many shapes and sizes and so do the answers to prayer.

Jesus gave us some interesting teaching on the subject in Luke 11: 'So I say to you: ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. 'Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give

good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

He didn't say what "it" is or tell us what we would find or identify the door that would open. Similarly we know a father wouldn't give a snake or a scorpion but Jesus doesn't guarantee the asker a fish or an egg. We are promised the Holy Spirit in our lives but what He will want to get up to... well, only God knows.

You see, sometimes the response that we seek from God is much less than what he longs to give us. Sometimes what we need is not what we think we want.

Paul continued his advice to the Corinthian Church with the words, "Run in such a way as to get the prize." So perhaps I don't disagree with him after all. God has a prize for each one of us – what we get is what we need when we need it.

Perhaps the call is for each of us to live lives worthy of that calling and leave the prize-giving to our Father in heaven.

**Hugh Boorman**  
**Minister of the Ladygrove Church**

# Coming Up

## Muffin Sunday

Those of us who were at the AGM in April will know that we spent some time discussing our Sunday services – how we should provide for the needs of young and old, wherever we are on our faith journey – and how we can encourage a greater sense of being the “one body”. We concluded that we could devote a whole Sunday morning to praying and discerning the way forward and that we should have muffins during the service and a shared lunch after.



So, that’s what we’re doing on **Sunday, 2nd June**. Please try to make it if you can. The more input we get from everyone, the better picture we will get of the route we should take.

## Prayer Spaces at Ladygrove Park Primary School

The next Prayer Spaces is at Ladygrove Park Primary School during the week of **17th–21st June**. We haven’t got a timetable as yet but set-up will be on the Monday morning so it is likely to be a full week. Please pencil it in your diary and we will get a sign-up sheet out as soon as we can.





## News from the Netherlands March 2019

We write from Nieuw Vennepe, where Spring has arrived! The cherry tree in our garden is in bloom and the tulips and daffodils are peeping out. The fields in our part of the Netherlands are full of bulbs and the brightly coloured stripes replace the dull brown of the fields in winter. It's a lovely time of year and the new growth around us reminds us of the Easter resurrection truth: death gives birth to life and Jesus' death has brought us new life in him!

### Spring at IBTS Centre

After all the activity of our January Colloquium and Induction Week for new students, we began February more gently by discussing feedback from students and staff in order to help our planning for next year. In mid-February we welcomed a group of fifteen Welsh Baptist pastors for a Sabbatical Teaching Week. The group came from both the English and Welsh wings of the Baptist Union of Wales. IBTS Centre staff provided the teaching, as well as leading visits to the first Baptist sites in Amsterdam (from 1609) and to a present-day community church in the city. The singing at our morning prayers was greatly enriched by the Welsh voices and several of the group



expressed appreciation of the fellowship, practical teaching, nourishing food and the challenge for many aspects of their pastoral work. This is an area of ministry to churches in Europe that IBTS Centre is hoping to develop further in the future.

We both continue to be occupied with preparing detailed documentation for IBTS Centre's application for accreditation by ECTE (mentioned in our last letter). In addition to this:

- » Dorothy continues to be busy with journal planning and editing. We recently combined our two journals into one – an expanded Journal of European Baptist Studies, which is published twice per year. The next issue is due for publication in May, so proofreading and formatting have begun!
- » David has been busy with preparations for the IBTS Centre Board meetings at the end of March and has also been travelling: in February he took part in a conference on Disability Missiology in Oxford; in March he attended the Central European Baptist Mission Conference in Poland and he hopes to go to Beirut in April for EBF Executive meetings.

### **Family news**

Early in February we nipped off to England for a few days to see our new granddaughter, Eve Caitlin. Her parents, Tom and Catherine, and her older sister Isla (2) are adjusting well to a new family member and we really enjoyed our time with them. We look forward to having our other daughter Sarah, along with husband Simon and their boys Joel (7) and Luke (6), to stay with us over Easter weekend.



We have both been well over the winter, thankful that we have had no flu this year. David continues to experience hip pain, though he has been more mobile after starting physiotherapy sessions. He hopes to have an orthopaedic consultation soon to take advice on future treatment.

We are looking forward to spending time with family and friends during our Home Assignment in April/May. We plan to be in N Ireland for two weeks with our family and home church and then to spend some time taking part in church services and other events in England and Wales. We may see you then!

### **The Joys of Online Learning**

Put six students, an experienced facilitator and a leading Baptist theologian in the same room and what do you get? You get an engaging and challenging discussion that has real impact on the lives of the students. The fact that the room is a virtual room on the internet, that all the participants are in different countries, that the time zones stretch from Russia to the west coast of Canada and all eight participants are from different cultures only adds to the richness of the training IBTS Centre provides for those on the new Postgraduate Research Certificate in Theology.

### **Praying with us**

Thank you for praying with us for the work of IBTS Centre, for our involvement with the English Reformed Church here in Amsterdam, as well as for deepening friendships with our neighbours in Nieuw Vennep. We appreciate your prayer support for all these aspects of our life here in the Netherlands. Please also remember:

- » IBTS Centre Board meetings at the end of March;
- » David travelling to Beirut in April for EBF Executive meetings;
- » A profitable Home Assignment during late April/May – safe travel and helpful ministry.

If you would like to keep up with our news (and other random thoughts), then follow our blog [www.reclaimedground.wordpress.com](http://www.reclaimedground.wordpress.com) and you will find more information on IBTSC at [www.ibts.eu](http://www.ibts.eu)

At this Easter time, we pray for you all God's richest blessings,  
David & Dorothy

[www.bmsworldmission.org/ddmcmillan](http://www.bmsworldmission.org/ddmcmillan)





*To all at Ladygrove, Didcot*

*Sorry we won't be visiting you this time on our Home Assignment in May. We thank you for your continued interest in IBTS Centre Amsterdam and your prayerful support of us and the work here.*

*May you all know God's blessings as you celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at this Easter time.*

*With all good wishes,*

*David & Dorothy  
BMS World Mission*

**Saturday 22nd June 2019 11.00am–3.00pm**

# **Didcot / Vauxhall Barracks Play & Activity Day**

**Edmonds Park, Didcot, Oxon. OX11 8QX**

**FREE Entrance and FREE Activities for Children and Young People of all ages and their Families**



**ARMED FORCES  
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**Bright Sparks Science / Go Kart Party / Tricky Trails Biking  
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This is an Open Access event. Please note that NO Childcare is provided. There is NO Parking on site.

Food and Refreshments will need to be purchased, you are most welcome to bring a picnic.

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# May Prayer Diary

Feel free to make suggestions of topics that we can add and, in the future, if you would like prayer for something particular on a specific date, whatever it might be, please let one of the editors know and we can add it to this prayer diary.

## Wednesday, 1st May

- Please pray for those working in all aspects of the Civil Service.
- People living in Medlock Grove.

## Thursday, 2nd May

- Please pray for the local elections taking place today.
- People living in Chinnock Brook.

## Friday, 3rd May

- Please pray for Sharon Jones, our mission partner in Lima, Peru, with Latin Link.
- People living in Abbey Brook.

## Saturday, 4th May

- Please pray for the Soul in Didcot taking place this morning.
- People living in Sutherland Beck.

## Sunday, 5th May

- Let's pray for a clearer vision of how God sees our world and our community so that we might be able to discern where he is calling us to partner him.
- People living in Dudwell.

## Monday, 6th May

- Please pray for those who are affected by mental health issues.
- People living in Dart Drive.

## Tuesday, 7th May

- Please pray for RGB, our youth group, meeting tonight at the children's centre.
- People living in Alphin Brook.

## Wednesday, 8th May

- Please pray for the Ladygrove Church Committee meeting this evening.
- People living in Tavy Close.

## Thursday, 9th May

- Please pray for David and Dorothy McMillan, our mission partners with BMS World Mission in Amsterdam. See elsewhere in this magazine for their latest news.
- People living in Dagdale Drive.

## Friday, 10th May

- Please pray for those working in catering.
- People living in Cole Court.

### Saturday, 11th May

- Please pray for those who have nowhere to call home.
- People living in Wandle Beck.

### Sunday, 12th May

- Please pray for all those involved in making final preparations for the Baptist Assembly taking place in Telford next weekend.
- People living in Old Bourne.

### Monday, 13th May

- As exam season starts, please pray for those who will be facing 'A' levels, GCSEs and the like and all the families and teaching staff who will be supporting them.
- People living in Rawthey Avenue.

### Tuesday, 14th May

- Please pray for those who are looking for meaningful employment.
- People living in Yealm Close.

### Wednesday, 15th May

- Please pray for our parent/carer and toddler groups that meet every Wednesday and Thursday morning.
- People living in Tweed Drive.

### Thursday, 16th May

- Please pray for Sharon Jones, our Latin Link mission partner in Lima, Peru. You can find out about her latest prayer requests at [www.lifeinlima.com](http://www.lifeinlima.com).
- People living in Cray Court.

### Friday, 17th May

- Please pray for the ASSA Disco taking place at the Community Centre this evening and give thanks for all the hard work that the group puts into raising funds for All Saints' School.
- People living in Brent Avenue.

### Saturday, 18th May

- Please pray for Messy Church meeting today.
- People living in Cherwell Close.

### Sunday, 19th May

- Please pray for our hospitality – the welcome that we all offer, the refreshments we enjoy, the shared lunch we provide and all the conversations that go on.
- People living in Ruge Furlong.

### Monday, 20th May

- Please pray for the Didcot TRAIN Youth Project, our local mission partner.
- People living in North Bush Furlong.

### Tuesday, 21st May

- Please pray for those working in accountancy.
- People living in Bayswater Brook.

### Wednesday, 22nd May

- Please pray for those who feel abandoned or lonely.
- People living in Shinmoor Close.

### Thursday, 23rd May

- Please pray for the European Union and the UK's hopeful departure from it.
- People living in The Frith.

### Friday, 24th May

- Please pray for all those involved in preparing for our weekly services.
- People living in Upperway Furlong.

### Saturday, 25th May

- Please pray for wisdom for those involved in the continuing development of our town.
- People living in Bush Furlong.

### Sunday, 26th May

- Please pray for God's blessing on the other church fellowships in the town.
- People living in Middle Furlong.

### Monday, 27th May

- Please pray for those struggling to make ends meet.
- People living in Short Furlong.

### Tuesday, 28th May

- Please pray for the Didcot Foodbank and Community Larder– those who run them and those who use them.
- People living in Abingdon Road.

### Wednesday, 29th May

- Please pray for Pastor Gay, our mission partner in the Philippines.
- People living in Tamar Way.

### Thursday, 30th May

- Please pray for the various groups that meet each Thursday for fellowship.
- People living in Lune Close.

### Friday, 31st May

- Please pray for those who freelance or work for themselves.
- People living in Stour Close.



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## June

### Saturday, 1st June

- Please pray for those settling in to new surroundings.
- People living in Medina Close.

### Sunday, 2nd June

- Please pray for a fresh vision of worship in our church.
- People living in Arun Mews.

### Monday, 3rd June

- Please pray for Andy Lord as he continues to make preparations for his move to All Saints' Church in the summer. Please also remember his wife, Debbie, and their three children, Peter, Hannah and Simeon, as they make all their necessary adjustments too.
- People living in Hamble Road.

### Tuesday, 4th June

- Please pray for the Bungokho Rural Development Centre, our mission partner in Mbale, Uganda.
- People living in Waveney Close.

### Wednesday, 5th June

- Please pray for those working in all the different parts of the National Health Service.
- People living in Eden Court.

### Thursday, 6th June

- Please pray for our MP, the Rt Hon Ed Vaizey.
- People living in Thurne View.

### Friday, 7th June

- Please pray for our waste and recycling services.
- People living in Derwent Avenue.

### Saturday, 8th June

- Please pray for those who have eating disorders and the professionals, families and friends trying to support them.
- People living in Orwell Drive.

### Sunday, 9th June

- Please pray for Beauden Jones being baptised this afternoon and for Corin, Lewys and the rest of their family and friends joining in the celebrations.
- People living in Humber Close.



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## **Making better decisions and developing better people**

***What can churches learn from the workspace about decisions, development, and supporting good people? The second blog of a series by Terry Young exploring bringing the workplace into our faith***

It is not until the exile that we discover what it meant for a believer to hold down a secular job in a world of radically different values. Kings, for instance, need to make good decisions, so Nebuchadnezzar appoints Daniel as Head of Forecasting. Is this good news, since a believer gains unprecedented access to the King? What about the appalling methods the workforce uses, techniques Harry Potter might recognise as the Dark Arts?

Of course, Daniel doesn't face geopolitics and the occult immediately, but starts with teenage challenges about his diet. He passes his first forecasting challenge and interprets the King's dream (using a whole new toolkit) to become a master negotiator, pragmatist and a very mystical prophet.

Nehemiah is another exile who does an astonishing job for his people because he also did a good job for a secular King. When was the last time someone at a church business meeting could offer a short prayer and then tell everyone how long the project would last and what it would cost?

By Jesus' time, the nation had retrenched and decided that secular service meant siding with an administration that was ruining the nation. It took history's seismic event to catapult believers once more out of Jerusalem and into secular roles in society at large.

Has what Daniel and Nehemiah achieved been lost? Daniel learns how an imperial mind thinks. His prophecy contains wild concepts – even we can sense breath-taking scales of time and distance – to describe God's plans for the good news that is about to go global. He can also structure problems quickly and accurately. Even on the back foot, woken by an execution squad, he manages to persuade someone important that this is all a bit harsh and if he can just get a message to the King, everything will be alright on the night.

Nehemiah's project management would hardly earn him a PRINCE 2 qualification<sup>1</sup>, with all those prayers scribbled in the margins of his notebook, but his structured thinking solves a very open-ended problem and he builds a wall with a demoralised workforce surrounded by enemies.

How can we, like Daniel and Nehemiah, take the best of what is out there, filter it through godly living and prayer, and restore something to our churches that has gone missing?

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1 <https://www.prince2.com/uk/prince2-qualifications-explained>



## Decision-making

Decisions are tricky, so let's take a common example: your church has become too small or has reached a state of dilapidation where money will have to be spent. What do you do next?

One secular approach is to create wildly different scenarios and compare them. One scenario might involve rescheduling meetings into more, but smaller, events in the same building. Don't leave it there: work out from the start whether equivalent events will be identical or if each will shape itself around its new congregation.

Another scenario might be to refurbish the building to obtain a better match between the needs of the church and the space you own. A third might be to relinquish the building entirely and use rented spaces: a school, serviced offices, perhaps even a hotel at times. A fourth option might be to sell up and buy or build elsewhere. Other scenarios exist (e.g. demolish and rebuild) but the four outlined can help you structure your thinking, so flesh them out carefully with as much detail as you realistically can, including budgets and representative numbers.



Since the scenarios are not directly comparable, you need to set your assessment criteria carefully – accessibility and usability for the average church-goer, parking, wear and tear on permanent staff and those who run things, flexibility, growth potential, capital costs, running costs, scheduling, etc.

The spiritual work of praying together about the future and praying for the resources to fill in the gaps that each scenario creates, carries on throughout.

When you reach a decision – which may be to combine several scenarios – everyone can back it. If you decided to take a risk, everyone was on board. If you couldn't reach consensus, it's probably not worth troubling the Kingdom with another dysfunctional congregation and you certainly don't want to grow into an even bigger problem.

### **Assessment frameworks**

One of my big gains from working life was learning how to grade: exams, projects, even people. In industry we had annual appraisals, the best of which were underpinned by an elegant framework: it reflected how the company worked and what it needed from staff. One model I liked had seven characteristics from technical competence through to skills in management, including a category on how well you coped with uncertainty! Selfishly, it helped me to identify my developmental needs. When I moved to university, I discovered new dimensions to frameworks in assessing students, refereeing research papers and proposals, and even in deciding what drugs to fund on the NHS.

There are several examples of the early church laying down specifications for people it was after. We don't have access to all their thinking, but they could identify a standard leadership requirement that would be met in any local church and also managed to select some of the most remarkable people in history for special missions. We know about the paperwork but we rarely push the concepts to the limit as they did nor do we enjoy their earlier success.

Scenarios and frameworks are just two methods that have been developed by the secular world, which could influence our decisions for the better. Those at church who really understand how to build scenarios or frameworks are probably in secular positions, so if they walk close to Jesus, why not unleash their skills on the problem? Neither method will make a decision, but both can help people work out what really matters to them and support groups in prayer for guidance.

Do you think Jesus had any of this in mind when he encouraged his followers in Matthew 10:16 (NIV) to be ‘as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves’?

**Terry Young** was born to missionary parents working in the Middle East. He has always tried to unify his life of worship and secular missions, and has been part of church leadership teams in Essex, and at Slough Baptist Church. He has written a few books that link worlds, including *After the Fishermen*, and *Jake, Just Learn to Worship*.

After a mobile early childhood his family settled in the UK to the northwest of Birmingham, and eventually he studied at the local university. After his doctoral studies he worked for 16 years in Chelmsford undertaking research and business development in the aerospace sector, where his interest was in fibre optics and photonics. In the end he gravitated to healthcare systems and move to Datchet with a position as a university professor.

This article was first published by *The Baptist Times* and is reprinted here with permission. We will share Terry’s next three blogs in future editions of this magazine.

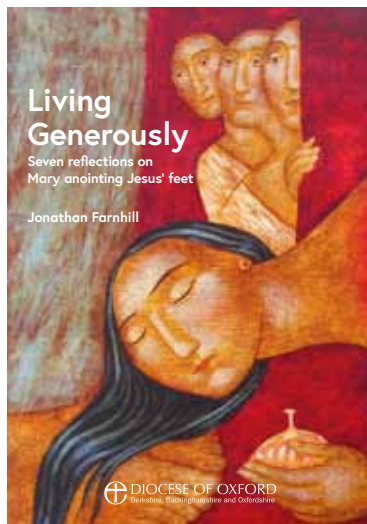
# Generous with Possessions

by Jonathan Farnhill

*Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard,  
anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair.  
(John 12:3)*

'If you own something you cannot give away, then you don't own it, it owns you.' So said Albert Schweitzer. That quote sat on my notice board for many years. It's a quote that makes me feel uncomfortable, because I feel I should agree with it, but I fight against it often enough. I like to think there is another option that we can have things we cannot give away and yet they don't own us. I've been trying to find that other option over several decades, but I'm not sure it exists.

It's an exaggeration to say we live in a society that lives by



the mantra 'you are what you own', but it is not that much of an exaggeration. What we possess is often seen as a key indicator of the kind of person we are, what aspirations we have and what we value. If we give away what we have, it is a profoundly counter-cultural act. It is an acknowledgement of faith, a belief that everything comes from God and that we are called to share what we have in the way that God would want.

It can also be a liberation, as Albert Schweitzer suggests. It is easy to fall under the tyranny of things where, without realising it, our lives become dominated by the accumulation of possessions. As painful as it can be to give up some of our possessions, it can also be liberating, as we feel less encumbered, less weighed down, lighter.

Mary had lost, and then found, her beloved brother. Compared to that, material possessions were insignificant to her. She also knew that Jesus would soon die, and she knew that he knew, and so he had a far greater need of the nard than she ever would. Nard sounds uncomfortably close to lard; in reality it is anything but. An incredibly expensive natural oil, it is known for its calming qualities and is used for reducing anxiety. Mary's choice was quite deliberate. She generously gave away a treasured possession and, in doing so, showed her faith and love for Jesus. By giving away some of what we have, we can do the same.



**Jonathan Farnhill** is the Generous Giving Adviser for the Diocese of Oxford, and has an MA in Applied Theology from the University of Exeter. He has written seven reflections on this episode in the Bible.

# May Diary

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday, 1st – Thursday, 2nd		Prayer Spaces at Aureus Secondary School
Wednesday, 1st	9.30am	Ladygrove Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group
Thursday, 2nd		Local Elections – Don't forget to vote!
Saturday, 4th	9.45am	Soul in Didcot – litter-picking and pruning overgrowth. Meet at Didcot Baptist Church. Finishes at 12.30pm.
Sunday, 5th	10.00am	Morning Service Luke 5:27-32 Living the Gospel: Understanding
Wednesday, 8th	9.30am	Ladygrove Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group
	7.45pm	Ladygrove Church Committee Meeting at 12 Trent Road
Thursday, 9th	9.30am	Ladygrove Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group
Sunday, 12th	10.00am	Baptist Communion Service Luke 6:12-16 Living the Gospel: Praying
Monday, 13th	8.00pm	Prayer Hour at 12 Trent Road
Wednesday, 15th	9.30am	Ladygrove Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group
Thursday, 16th	9.30am	Ladygrove Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group
Saturday, 18th	3.00pm	Messy Church. All welcome.
Sunday, 19th	10.00am	Worship All Together John 13:1-17 Living the Gospel: Serving
Monday, 20th	8.00pm	Worship All Together Planning Meeting at 12 Trent Road. All welcome.
Wednesday, 22nd	9.30am	Ladygrove Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group
Thursday, 23rd	9.30am	Ladygrove Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group
	<b>OR</b>	(Possibly/Probably) European Elections – Don't forget to vote!

Date	Time	Event
Sunday, 26th	10.00am	Morning Service 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, 1 Peter 3:15-16 Living the Gospel: Stepping Stones
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Sunday, 2nd	10.00am	Worship All Together Service with Muffins
Monday 3rd	8.00pm	Prayer Hour at 12 Trent Road. All welcome.
Wednesday, 5th	9.30am	Ladygrove Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group
Thursday, 6th	9.30am	Ladygrove Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group
Sunday, 9th	10.00am	Pentecost Anglican Communion Service Acts 2:1-21 Come, Holy Spirit: Pentecost

## Messy Church

**Saturday 18th May - 3-5pm**  
Ladygrove Community Centre



Crafts, games, activities and worship for families, followed by picnic tea. Offers of help and donations of finger food will be welcome! Please speak to Hugh for more information.

## Homegroups

There are a number of homegroups meeting throughout the week at various times and venues - some with a specific focus; others more generic.

For more details, speak to Hugh.

Tuesdays	7-8:30pm	RGB youth group at the Children's Centre Contact Hugh 819036
	8:00pm	Re-hydrate Men's Group on the first Tuesday of the month for Bible study Contact Jamie 07881 710171
Thursdays	7:30pm	Kitchen Table for 20's and 30's at Sarah and Vaughn Lawfull's home Contact Sarah and Vaughn 211868
	8:00pm	Refresh Ladies' Group - check with Lindsey for venue Contact Lindsey 819036
	8:00pm	Re-hydrate Men's Group on the third Thursday of the month for a social gathering Contact Jamie 07881 710171
	8:00pm	Home Group at Ian and Kathryn Sykes' home Contact Ian and Kathryn 850085

