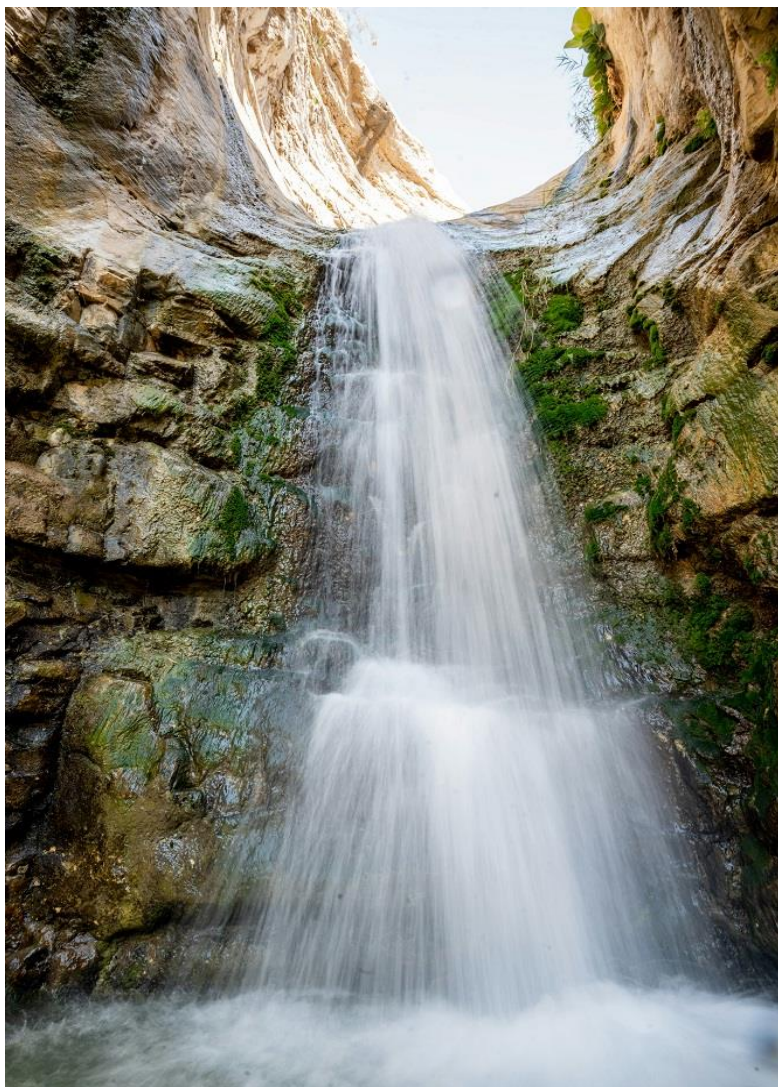




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Seek the Kingdom of God
above all else
Matthew 6 v 33 (NLT)

Dear

Dear Friends

What do you do, and to whom do you turn when you are desperate? The Bible tells of a situation where a lady's husband had died, leaving great debts. The person to whom she owed the debt planned to take her two sons as his slaves. You can read the story in 2 Kings 4 v 1-7. The lady turns to the prophet Elisha. Her husband had been part of his company of prophets, so she already knew him.

After she has explained her situation, he asks, "Tell me, what do you have in your house?" Her answer was, "Nothing except a little oil." Elisha replies, "Go around and ask all your neighbours for empty jars. Don't ask for just a few. Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour the oil into all the jars...." She obeys his instructions and returns to ask what she is to do next. He tells her, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left." She knew where to go and saw God act and rescue her. You and I have a Heavenly Father to whom we can go. He has promised to be "A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows." (Psalm 68 v 5). He also tells you to, "Cast all your care upon Him, for he cares for you." (1 Peter 5 v 7)

The question Elisha asks the widow has stayed with me, "What do you have in your house?" I understand that God is all-powerful, all-loving, and caring, and I have his promise that I can come to Him and ask for anything in Jesus' Name. When the situation is desperate and the need is great, I know where to go and find help. Repeatedly, I've experienced His help.

However, when the situation is less clear, it is easy to be self-reliant and fail to turn to Him. I want to be someone who waits for Him to act on my behalf, whatever my needs are. One who

quickly turns to Him to see His wonderful care and provision, whatever the circumstances, knowing His resources are limitless.

God bless you, David

Bible study Dates - Tuesday 2pm

Summer break – resume in September

A short history of medicine

"Doctor, I have an ear ache,"

2000BC "Here eat this root."

1000BC "That root is heathen, say this prayer."

1850AD "That prayer is superstition, drink this potion."

1940AD "That potion is snake oil, swallow this pill"

1940AD "That pill is ineffective, take this antibiotic"

2000AD "That antibiotic is artificial, Here eat this root"

Communion Offering for August

Nailsea Leg Club

Their aim is to provide high quality, evidence-based clinical treatment by qualified NHS nurses whilst alongside providing refreshments, social interaction and fun



Prayers from Christian Aid

Prayers written for Christian Aid's 80th Anniversary service

We give thanks for the staff and volunteers of Christian Aid who, for the past eighty years, have given of themselves in the support of the most vulnerable across the world.

We pray for those who continue to work to bring dignity and hope where there is inequality and despair, that they might know the strength and power of the Holy Spirit.

We give thanks to God for the gift of his creation, and all that gives us hope and sustains us in our work. We pray for all supporters of Christian Aid and for our partner organisation, that those who work in the midst of danger and difficulty might be upheld by the love of Christ.

Let us pray for all those who are wounded by conflict, injustice and poverty; for all who are at risk or in distress this day and who are unable to live full and flourishing lives. We pray for that day when peace will reign over the earth, and all people will be known, loved, and valued as God's children.

A prayer from Christian Aid partner Peter Nasir, General Secretary of the East Jerusalem YMCA

God of justice and mercy,
we cry out for a world where all are treated as equals,
where no one is oppressed, and dignity belongs to all people.
Break the chains of injustice.
Lift up the weak and humble the powerful.
Make love our foundation.
Let peace and justice flow like a river that never runs dry.
Amen.

August Rotas

Flowers

Readers

August 2nd
August 9th
August 16th
August 23rd
August 30th

Flower Fund
Sally
Patricia & Esmond
Donation
Lorraine

Jane
Richard
Peter
Jeremy
Philip

CHURCH EVENTS DIARY – AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY 2 ND	SUNDAY WORSHIP with Revd. David Jewell	11.00AM
SUNDAY 9 TH	SUNDAY WORSHIP with Mr Richard Paterson	11.00AM
SUNDAY 16 TH	COMMUNION SUNDAY WORSHIP with Revd. David Jewell	11.00AM
SUNDAY 23 RD	SUNDAY WORSHIP With Mr Trevor Howard	11.00AM
SUNDAY 30 TH	SUNDAY WORSHIP with Mrs Stella Paterson	11.00AM
SUNDAY 6 TH	SUNDAY WORSHIP with Revd. David Jewell	11.00AM

My New Coat designed by God

I have a new coat, it was designed by God and given to me by Jesus Christ. All I had to do to receive this coat was to believe in God's only Son.

I find it fits me perfectly unless I allow myself to become puffed up with foolish pride, then it's too tight. If I walk with my head high trying to be above those about, then it is too short. But if I walk humbly as I should before God, it fits me just right.

How is the coat made

The shoulders are wide and roomy so that I can help my fellow man carry his burdens.

The collar is made of God's mercy, yes, the mercy of God's promises. First that I may become His child and second that I will one day dwell with Him in that home prepared for His saints.

The cuffs are narrow, so that there is no room to tuck away grievances and hard feelings toward my neighbours.

The pockets are oversized. One is for the love of God; the other is to hold my love for my fellowman and all humanity.

There are three buttons on my coat which stands for faith, hope and charity. I check on them often so that none become loose or lost.

The lining is made of God's forgiveness which I need so often that I want it next to me at all times.

The belt is made of God's love that encircles me every day. The material is thick enough to protect me when the storms of life come my way, but not too thick that I will not be able to feel the presence of the Holy Spirit who guides me.

There are many threads in my new coat, but not one thread of doubt that God's promises are true.

Do you wonder about the colour of my coat? Why, it's the colour of Jesus' eyes that must sparkle when a lost soul accepts Him.

I will need my coat all through life. When I travel through the valley of death and when I view the future, I will always wear my new coat.

ACTS 9: 36-43

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha in Greek her name was Dorcas; she was always doing good (Acts 9:36)

When Mats died, aged 25, from a degenerative illness that left him significantly disabled, his parents were most saddened by him living a lonely and restricted life in his final years. He spent his days playing an online game. But after his death, Mats' parents received a deluge of emails from his friends who only knew him by his avatar in the game, but remembered him as wise, generous and helpful.

One of Mats' friends was the mother of an autistic boy, Mikkel, who was unable to show any physical affection. Mats got Mikkel to join the game, encouraged him to be socially courageous in the online environment, and eventually Mikkel was able to hug his mum in real life.

Like Mats, Dorcas was mourned by her friends because of how kind she was to those in need. Dorcas was important to others not for her hierarchical position in society or her riches but for "always doing good and helping the poor" (ACTS 9:36). The group she most seemed to help were the widows, themselves very vulnerable in society, whom she had literally clothed (v.39).

So Peter prayed for her resurrection and God answered.
There are many people whose acts of kindness are only seen
by the people they help. Perhaps you are one yourself. Be
encouraged that our quiet lives of goodness are seen and
valued by others, and most of all by God.

Who do you know who is a Dorcas?

**What helps you to remember to pursue kindness rather
than riches or social status?**

*Loving Jesus, thank You for your kindness to us,
for Your salvation and care of us.
Help us pursue kindness, even when it is unacknowledged.*

Source: Our Daily Bread