



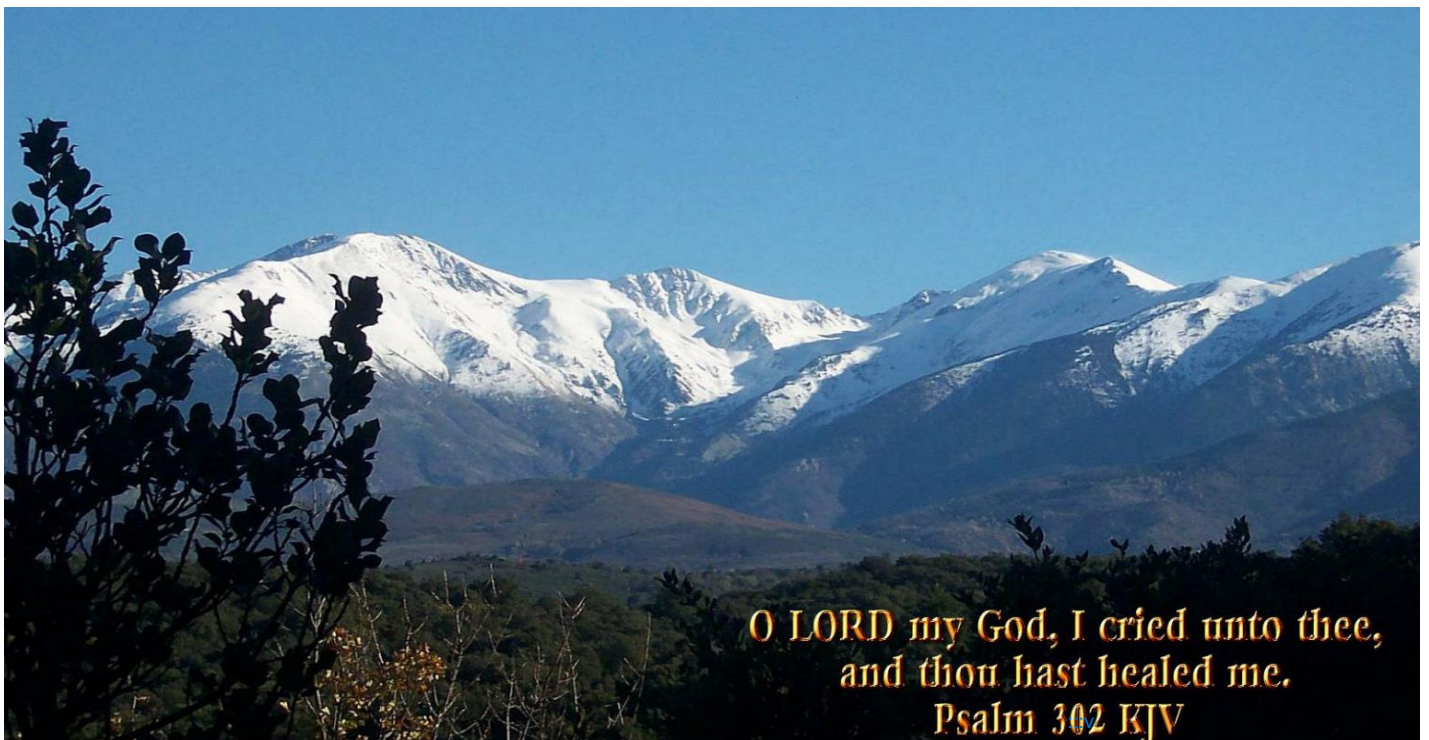
Koinonia

Evangelical Church

- Sunday mornings: 10.30am
- Sunday evenings: 6.30pm

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2022



We welcome you to our services today. If this is your first visit, please make yourself known to us.
May you know God's blessing, as we worship our awesome God.

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UK Church Surveys

A recent YouGov survey stated that “**Britain is still a Christian country, say most Britons**”. It concluded that 56% of people in this country believe that the UK is a Christian country. (It doesn’t say what is meant by a Christian Country”!)

Meanwhile, the Guardian newspaper reported that “*The UK is among the least religious countries in the world, according to a new survey. In a global ranking of 65 countries, the UK came six places from last, with 30% of the population calling themselves religious.*”

A Faith Survey states “*Over the period 2005-2010, the major Christian denominations such as Anglican, Catholic and Presbyterian all saw falls in membership. Orthodox, Pentecostal and other new churches (Evangelical and Charismatic) on the other hand, saw an increase in membership.*”

Obviously surveys often give the answers that the people commissioning the survey wanted in the first place so, what is the truth about the state of the Church in this country?

It does appear that, whilst church attendance in general has been decreasing, attendance at evangelical churches has been increasing. This seems to have been intensified during the pandemic. Whilst it is good news that evangelical churches appear to be growing, the impact on the nation as a whole is still minimal. The situation where younger people are concerned shows an increase in atheism and one report concludes that Britain is becoming more secular because the older, more religious population is being replaced by a younger less religious population.

This doesn’t bode well for the future of the church and might make some depressing reading. We could easily begin to feel like King Canute trying to hold back the inevitable tide of atheism. We may even be inclined to think that we couldn’t possibly have any significant impact on such a godless society. Of course, this would be perfectly true if the impact was ours to make; but it’s not.

I suspect that this is how the first disciples felt after Jesus had ascended to heaven and left them to fulfil the Great Commission. How could such a small group go and spread the Good News to the whole world? The task must have seemed insurmountable.

What made the difference of course was the fact that those first disciples had God on their side. He had called them to do a work and He enabled them to do it. There is nothing that can stand in the way of the living God. That first group of disciples went on change the face of the world. In their lifetimes Christianity spread from tens of people to hundreds of thousands and eventually on to the millions world-wide today.

God hasn’t changed, when He calls us to do a work, He will enable us to do it. We can’t always see the impact we have but as long as we’re faithful to what God requires of us (the Great Commission still stands) then that is all God wants of us. Some are called to sow and some to reap; we must keep sowing in the hope of seeing the harvest!

Don’t be tempted to sit back and think that we can’t make a difference; when we obey God’s call, we can make all the difference in the world.

FEBRUARY DIARY

FEB 6TH.	10.30 am.	- Don Olden
	5.30 pm.	- Prayer Meeting
	6.30 pm.	- Don Olden
FEB 13TH.	10.30 am.	- Don Olden
	5.30 pm.	- Prayer Meeting
	6.30 pm.	- Matt Lockwood
FEB 20TH.	10.30 am.	- Don Olden
	5.30 pm.	- Prayer Meeting
	6.30 pm.	- Don Olden (Communion)
FEB 27TH	10.30 am.	- Don Olden
	5.30 pm.	- Prayer Meeting
	6.30 pm.	- Fellowship Evening

MEET UP WITH DON AT COSTA IN ANDOVER @ 11am.
This month Don will be available on the 8th and 22nd only.

HOUSEGROUP MEETINGS THIS MONTH on 9th, 16th, 23rd
At 1.30 pm 2pm and 7.30 pm. On 10th, 17th 24th at 7.30 pm

CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETING 7.30 pm on 2nd Feb.

MEN'S SPORTS EVENING on 4th Feb. Please contact Lee
for more details.

LADIES' CRAFT EVENING on 12th Feb. Please contact
Jacqui for more details.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Barry and Eileen King: Eileen is now back at home from the hospice. Please continue to uphold Eileen and Barry in prayer at this difficult time.*
- *Please pray for Rosemary, Paula's mum, as she battles illness, and our thoughts and prayers extend to the whole family.*
- *Our prayers go out to Our Heavenly Father that he will influence governments, endeavouring to find a peaceful solution in Ukraine.*
- *Please pray for all the children of the world, especially those who are suffering from the ravages of war, hunger, famine, disease and unspeakable horrors such as trafficking and slavery.*
- *Please pray for Hands of Compassion, a UK Christian registered charity that aims to bring hope through education to children in Zambia.*
- *Please pray for Stan and Eleanor Jeary (Hilary's parents).*
- *Please pray for Syford, Elizabeth and Edward, our friends in Malawi.*
- *Please pray for our young people as they take mock exams, and also for those returning to college.*

Bath Women's Conference – Saturday 19th March

If any ladies are interested in attending the Bath Women's Conference this year please speak to Paula. The cost for the day is £20 per person but if you book by the 15th Feb it is only £15 per person.

main speaker



CHARLOTTE CORNES LIVES IN NEW BARNET IN NORTH LONDON, WHERE SHE HAS BEEN THE WOMEN'S WORKER AT LYONSOWN CHURCH FOR THE LAST TWELVE YEARS. HER WORK INVOLVES OUTREACH IN THE COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS DISCIPLING WOMEN IN THE CHURCH FAMILY AND TRAINING THEM AS PARTNERS IN GOSPEL MINISTRY. GIVEN THE MULTI-NATIONAL LONDON CONTEXT, MUCH OF THIS WORK IS WITH WOMEN WHO HAVE ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE. SHE LOVES GOING FOR LONG WALKS, LISTENING TO LIVE MUSIC, AND ANY KIND OF DANCING. CHARLOTTE ALSO ENJOYS FOOTBALL, CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS AND ADMITS TO PLAYING THE UKULELE RATHER BADLY BUT ENTHUSIASTICALLY!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING CHARLOTTE SPEAKING FROM THE BOOK OF ESTHER.

Seminars

ALONGSIDE THE MAIN TALKS THERE ARE TWO SEMINAR SLOTS DURING THE DAY - ONE IN THE MORNING AND ONE IN THE AFTERNOON. BELOW ARE THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE THIS YEAR - ALL ARE SINGLE STANDALONE SESSIONS. YOU WILL NEED TO SELECT YOUR **TOP 4 CHOICES** OF SEMINAR (OR AFTERNOON TIME OUT) AT THE TIME OF BOOKING. WE TRY TO ALLOCATE YOUR TOP 2 CHOICES WHILE SPACES ARE AVAILABLE.

1	POP GOES THE IDOL?	IT IS OFTEN SAID THAT WHEN A PERSON DOESN'T WORSHIP GOD, THEY DON'T CEASE TO WORSHIP, THEY JUST WORSHIP SOMETHING ELSE. SOMETHING WITH THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD. BUT A DISTORTION. A LIE. WHAT DO THOSE AROUND US WORSHIP? WHAT ENTICES OUR OWN HEARTS? WHAT IS THE INFLUENCE OF POPULAR CULTURE ON OUR AFFECTIONS AND WORLDVIEW?
2	LIVING HOPE AT A TIME OF LOSS	HEALTH OR WEALTH, LOCKDOWN LONELINESS OR PANDEMIC PAIN, LOSS IS ALL TOO REAL AND NEVER FAR AWAY. TO WHOM OR WHAT DO WE TURN WHEN WE FIND OURSELVES OR OTHERS FACING LOSS? LET'S RE-FOCUS ON THE ONE WHO IS OUR LIVING HOPE.
3	PRAYING FOR THE LOST: FAMILY AND FRIENDS	OUR DESIRE IS FOR OUR LOVED ONES TO KNOW CHRIST. IN THIS SEMINAR WE WILL EXPLORE WAYS THAT WE CAN BE EFFECTIVE, CONSISTENT, PERSONAL VISUAL AND BIBLICAL IN PRAYING FOR THEM.
4	PEACE IN ANXIETY	ANXIETY AFFECTS ALL OF US AT TIMES. THIS SEMINAR WILL HELP US TO UNDERSTAND ANXIETY THROUGH A BIBLICAL LENS OF BODY AND SOUL AND SHOW US HOW GOD DRAWS CLOSE, BRINGING PEACE TO ANXIOUS SOULS.
5	REACHING THE SPORTING WORLD	DO YOU (OR YOUR FAMILY!) PLAY, COACH OR ENJOY SPORT? ARE YOU A 'TOUCHLINE PARENT'? SEE HOW GOD CAN USE YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN SPORT, BIG OR SMALL, TO SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH LOST SPORTSPeople!
6	LEARNING TO LISTEN ...AGAIN!	HOW WELL ARE WE LISTENING TO ONE ANOTHER? HAS THE EXPERIENCE OF COVID/ZOOM CHANGED THE WAY WE LISTEN? WHAT PART DOES LISTENING PLAY IN EVANGELISM? HOW DOES GOD LISTEN?
7	TRAUMA AWARENESS	TRAUMA AFFECTS MANY IN OUR CHURCHES TODAY. IT IS GREATLY MISUNDERSTOOD, MEANING WE FURTHER HURT THE HURTING. THIS SEMINAR WILL HELP US TO BE TRAUMA-AWARE, ENABLING US TO HELP NOT HARM. <small>"PLEASE NOTE - THIS SESSION MAY FEEL DIFFICULT OR TRIGGERING FOR SOME"</small>
8	SHARING OUR HOPE IN THE EVERYDAY	DO YOU LONG TO SHARE YOUR FAITH BUT ARE UNSURE HOW TO DO THIS WHEN AN OPPORTUNITY COMES UP? COME ALONG TO AN EXTREMELY PRACTICAL SEMINAR WHERE WE WILL CONSIDER HOW AND WHY WE CAN FEEL MORE CONFIDENT IN COMMUNICATING OUR STORIES WITHIN OUR EVERYDAY SETTINGS.
9	FLAME AND VALLEY - A MOVEMENT WORKSHOP	AN IMMERSIVE JOURNEY FOR A TIME SUCH AS THIS. USING DANIEL 3 AND PSALM 23, WE BEGIN TO MOVE AND DISCOVER COURAGE IN VULNERABILITY, FAITH UNYIELDING, LOVE UNFAILING, HOPE EVERLASTING...!
10	TRANSGENDER TEENS	IN RECENT YEARS WE HAVE SEEN A RISE IN PEOPLE, INCLUDING TEENAGERS, COME OUT AS TRANSGENDER. MANY OF US MAY NOT KNOW SOMEONE AFFECTED BY THIS, AND IT CAN BE HARD TO KNOW WHERE TO GO FOR INFORMATION BEYOND MEDIA REPORTS. A SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHER GIVES HER EXPERIENCES AND REFLECTIONS ON A BIBLICAL RESPONSE.
11	PREGNANCY LOSS - HOPE IN THE HEARTACHE	AROUND A QUARTER OF A MILLION WOMEN EXPERIENCE PREGNANCY LOSS EVERY YEAR IN THE UK. CAN WE NAVIGATE SUCH OVERWHELMING GRIEF WITH THE HOPE-FILLED DETAILS OF SCRIPTURE? AND HOW MIGHT WE, THE CHURCH, WISELY LOVE THOSE AFFECTED?
12	TIME OUT	SPEND SOME TIME IN QUIET REFLECTION/IN DESIGNATED AREAS.

more info

- PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN PACKED LUNCH. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.
- A BOOKSTALL WILL BE AVAILABLE.
- DOORS OPEN AT 9.30AM. PLEASE AIM TO ARRIVE BY 9.30AM TO ALLOW TIME FOR REGISTRATION.
- FOR ANY QUERIES PLEASE EMAIL: info@bathwomenconference.uk OR CALL JENNY SINCH ON 01225 427 428.
- IF YOU NEED DISABLED ACCESS, PLEASE INDICATE WHEN BOOKING, SO THAT WE CAN ALLOCATE SEATING & SEMINAR ROOMS APPROPRIATELY, ACCORDING TO NEEDS.

Church Walks

Dave and Hilary are starting up the monthly Saturday morning walks again. The first one is Saturday 26th February starting at Dobbies Garden Centre - SP11 7DN at 10.00am. The walk is 8 miles and should take approx. 2 hours 15 mins. If this is too far, you can meet us at the Eagle Pub in Abbots Ann - SP11 7BG at 10.30am for a 4 mile walk.

It's a great opportunity to get to know people as we walk and talk and for those who wish to make use of Dobbies café after the walk there is further opportunity for fellowship.

These walks are not suitable for families with small children, so we will aim to organise a family walk on a Bank Holiday in the future.

If you'd like to come, please let Dave Salter or Hilary know so we don't leave without you!

Christmas Craft Fayre – Advance Notice December 2022

I know right, Christmas 2022 only 46 weeks away! Well, there's a reason for this crazy very early notice. We are hoping to hold a Christmas Craft Fayre in the school hall one Saturday in December, the idea being people of Koinonia will have an opportunity to sell items made during the year, things that would make an ideal Christmas gift.

There will be activities for children too, such as face painting, guess the sweets in the jar, competitions and of course there will be food and drinks to purchase.

The aim is to make ourselves known in the area and have the opportunity to personally invite people to our Christmas services.

I trust all those who are good at craft will enjoy this advance notice to get creative in the hope we will have a good display come December. If you have any questions, please speak to Hilary.

Koinonia Church Accounts

Accounts are produced quarterly and members automatically receive a copy. However, we recognise many of the congregation who are not members faithfully give to the financial needs of the fellowship and may like to view the accounts to see how their gifts are used. If you are not a member and would like to receive a copy of the church accounts, please email me at treasurer@koinonia-andover.org

I would also ask that you join us in praying that we will be good stewards of the money given to Koinonia and that God would guide us to use the finances for His glory and His purposes.

Hilary

THE MANY WONDERS OF GOD'S CREATION

EACH MONTH WE'LL BE HIGHLIGHTING SOME FEATURES FROM THE NATURAL WORLD, WHICH DEMONSTRATE THE OMNISCIENCE OF OUR AWESOME CREATOR.

THE ECHOLOCATION SYSTEM OF BATS

More than half of the 900 or so species of bats, use echolocation to navigate and forage for food. This excellent article from Scientific American is well worth a read.

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/how-do-bats-echolocate-an/>

THE SCHUMANN CAVITY RESONANCE

The ionosphere is the region of the Earth's atmosphere that stretches roughly from 30 to 620 mi (50-1,000 km) above the surface and, along with the upper atmosphere, forms a boundary between Earth's lower atmosphere and the vacuum of space.

There is a great deal of electrical activity between the surface of the Earth and the ionosphere. Some of this is in the form of standing waves of electricity. These standing waves are known as **Schumann Resonances**. Each lightning burst creates electromagnetic waves that begin to circle Earth in the cavity between Earth's surface and the ionosphere. Some of the waves — if they have just the right wavelength — combine and increase in strength to create a Schumann resonance. The base frequency is 7.83 Hz and our whole atmosphere resonates continuously at this frequency. Four weaker harmonics are found at higher frequencies.

THE OLDEST TREE IN THE UK

The Fortingall Yew in Perthshire is believed to be our oldest tree at 2000 to 3000 years old. Counting annual rings is not possible with yew trees beyond a certain age, because their centres become hollow, so that an estimate is made based on the width of this hollow section, and the annual rings surrounding it.

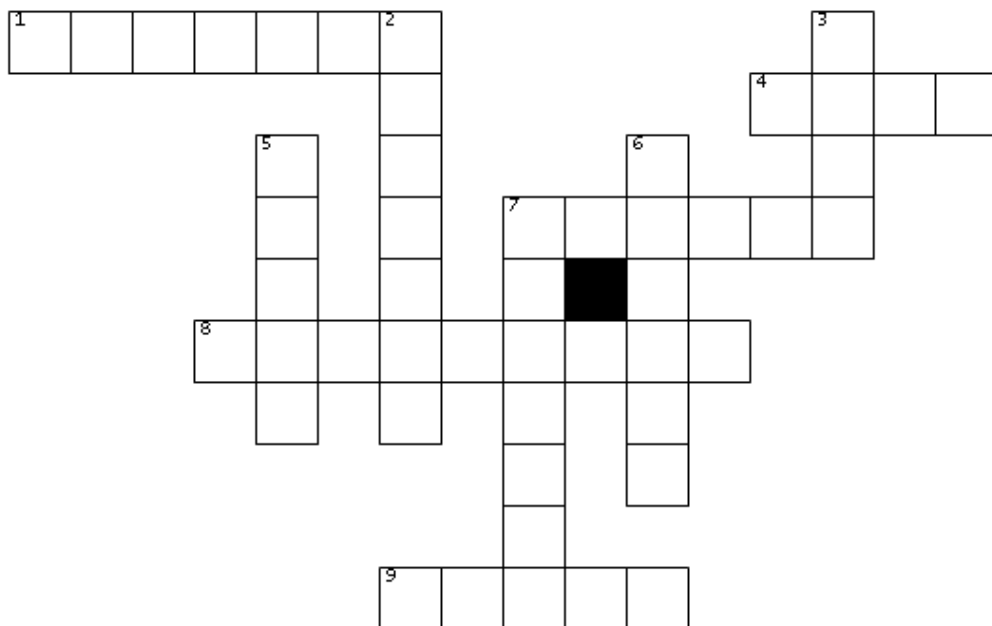
THE DEEP OCEAN

The area of the ocean between 650 and 3,300 feet (200-1,000 m) is called the mesopelagic. Barely any light filters down to these depths, and yet still life thrives here. Squid, krill, jellies, and fish are super abundant in this zone. About 90% of the world's fish (by weight) live in the mesopelagic—about 10 billion tons of fish. The bristlemouth fish alone may number at about a quadrillion, making them the most numerous of vertebrates (animals with a backbone) in the world.

THE HUMAN HEART...SOME INTERESTING FACTS

The heart is the most powerful source of electromagnetic energy in the human body, producing the largest rhythmic electromagnetic field of any of the body's organs. The heart's electrical field is about 60 times greater in amplitude than the electrical activity generated by the brain. This field, measured in the form of an electrocardiogram (ECG), can be detected anywhere on the surface of the body. Furthermore, the magnetic field produced by the heart is more than 100 times greater in strength than the field generated by the brain and can be detected up to 3 feet away from the body, in all directions, using SQUID-based magnetometers

THIS MONTH'S CROSSWORD FOR ALL TO TRY. ANSWERS BELOW IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER



ACROSS

1. Mary and Martha's brother, whom Jesus raised from the dead
4. Number of loaves to feed the multitude.
7. His twelve year old daughter was raised from the dead.
8. His servant was healed in Capernaum.
9. Jesus quelled this.

DOWN

2. The day Jesus healed a man's deformed right hand.
3. Jesus sent many demons possessing a man, into these animals.
5. He walked on it and turned it into wine.
6. A blind man is healed in this pool.
7. Jesus was leaving this town when he healed two blind men.

JAIKUS WATER SILOAM CENTURION LAZARUS PIGS FIVE JERICHO STORM
SABBATH