



# Koinonia

## Evangelical Church

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

NEWSLETTER

August 2023

For he satisfies the longing soul and  
fills the hungry soul with goodness.

Psalm 17 v 9 KJV



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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It hardly seems believable that we are close to running the third Koinonia Holiday Club. We are using material by John Hardwick: The Big Top Holiday Club. Through the week our presenters will be retelling stories from the Old Testament. Each one points to a different characteristic of God, giving us something to learn for our own lives today.

**GOD'S STRENGTH** - *Samson* was strong when God was with him, but not when he forgot about him.

**GOD'S LOVE** - *Jonah* tried to escape from God but found there is no limit to God's love.

**GOD'S POWER** - *Elijah*, even though he was on his own, knew that God's power was the greatest.

**GOD'S FAITHFULNESS** - *Daniel* is a great reminder of God's faithfulness to us.

**GOD'S LEADERSHIP** - *Moses* didn't expect it, but he became a great leader because he trusted God.

The lives of these people give us clear indications of how we can know God today.

In addition to listening to these stories children then take part in 3 activities with their team Leaders and Helpers before returning to the hall for a quiz and recap of the story: craft, sport, and an activity planned by their Leader.

Each year we have seen numbers grow from 30 a day in year 1 to 40+ last year and this year we have 50+ children every day. This is amazing and shows God's blessing in this work. Thank you all for your support and prayers.

Our memory verse this year is taken from Romans 8:38. NLT "*I am certain that nothing can separate us from His love.*"

Please can I encourage you to pray that the children and young people attending will come to know God's love for them in their lives and want to respond.

Helen.

# August Diary

August 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Don Olden
	5.30 pm	Prayer Meeting
	6.30 pm	Neil Stickland
August 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Don Olden
	5.30 pm	Prayer Meeting
	6.30 pm	Adam Feak
August 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Don Olden
	5.30 pm	Prayer Meeting
	6.30 pm	Tim Coles
August 27 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	David Pickard
	5.30 pm	Prayer Meeting
	6.30 pm	Don Olden

MEET UP WITH DON AT COSTA IN ANDOVER @ 11 am

This month Don will be available on the 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

## HOUSEGROUP MEETINGS

There will be no meetings during August

## HOLIDAY CLUB

This will take place from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> through Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

CHURCH SOCIAL – Would I Lie To You?

Saturday, September 16th, 7pm

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Thank God for our pastor Don. Pray that the Lord will keep him in good health. Pray that the Lord will guide him and give him the wisdom he needs as he looks after us and ask the Lord to bless him as he prepares the sermons each week.*
- *Thank God for Steve and Holly. Pray that the Lord will bless them as they draw their work in Cambridge to a close and prepare to move to Andover. Pray that their house purchase will go through quickly and without any complications.*
- *Pray for our musicians as they practice and rehearse each Tuesday evening. Thank God for them and all the hard work they put in as they serve us faithfully each week. Pray that God will bless them as they lead us in our worship in the Sunday services. Pray that God will encourage them.*
- *Thank God for our children's summer holiday club (21st – 25th August). Give thanks that we now have over 40 children signed up every day. Please continue to pray for the planning of activities and daily scheduling. Pray for God's continued blessing and protection on this event and that any difficulties will be overcome by his grace. Pray that the children will hear the message of God's love for them and want to respond.*
- *Continue to pray for the Answers in Genesis conference (30<sup>th</sup> September). Pray that the publicity and advertising material will impact the right people. Pray that the Lord will give us many opportunities to invite non-Christians.*
- *Thank God for the safe arrival of baby Lily on 1<sup>st</sup> July. Pray for Andre and Daniela that God will bless them as they learn to look after Lily.*
- *Pray for those suffering from health problems. Pray particularly for healing for Carmina Adams, David Sullivan and Ian Waite. Pray for Carl Henderson that he will continue to regain strength. Pray that the Lord will comfort those who have been bereaved and miss loved ones.*
- *Thank God for the many Christian Summer camps and Beach Missions which will be taking place across the country over the holidays. Pray for God's blessing on these events and all those who organise and run them. Pray that many will attend and that many will come to faith in Jesus Christ.*
- *Thank God for those who witness to Muslims in our nation. Pray that many Muslims will be drawn away from Islam and come to faith in Jesus Christ.*
- *Thank God for those who present the gospel to Jews in our nation. Pray for Jews for Jesus and Chosen People Ministries. Pray that many Jews will come to recognise Jesus as their Messiah and Saviour.*

# 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 LIFE HISTORY OF THE GREEN TURTLE

Green sea turtles are common in shallow tropical and subtropical waters as well as coastline beaches. They forage in coastal areas with plentiful of algae and sea grass. Male and female green turtles use major current systems when migrating to nesting beaches. Once females find a suitable beach with accessible sloping platforms, the green turtles will lay their eggs in the sand and then return to the ocean. After the eggs hatch, juvenile green sea turtles will then return to the ocean. Juveniles are known to spend several years drifting in the open ocean as they grow and mature. Once the juveniles have matured, they will return to their natal beach for mating.

Green turtles travel in large groups that usually originate from the same natal beach. They spend a lot of their time swimming, traveling about 20-90 km/day. They also can be found eating, diving, reproducing, and migrating. Juvenile green turtles are said to be faster swimmers than other sea turtles such as loggerheads.

Green turtles primarily use vision to detect plants and other prey and use visual displays when communicating. Green sea turtles also use a sense of wave propagation direction to help them navigate under water. Magnetic channels are also used to assist the orientation of the turtle in deep waters. In one study, researchers found that the turtles' inner ear can detect the acceleration and direction of the wave which assists their sense of direction. Females use two displays to communicate with males whether or not they wish to mate. Female green sea turtles will show approval of a mate by being completely submissive when being mounted by the male. Females will clearly reject a male by either swimming away with their hind legs closed or biting a male if he gets too close. Female green turtles also have a "refusal" position, which consists of floating upward having their plastron facing the male and an extending all limb.

Green sea turtles begin their lives as omnivores and gradually shift to a more herbivorous diet. As juveniles, green sea turtles will feast on small marine invertebrates and neustonic material like sea serpents, moss animals, and sea hare eggs. They also consume large quantities of wetland plants such as api api and salt-water cord grass which are commonly found in salt marshes. Their diet also consists of a variety of red and green algae such as: filamentous red algae, red moss, freshwater red algae, lobster horns, sea lettuce, green seaweed, and crinkle grass. Because green sea turtles are highly mobile throughout their lives, their food choices are often opportunistic.

Green turtle hatchlings are at a higher risk of predation than adult green sea turtles. Eggs are preyed upon by multiple land mammals, reptiles, and crustaceans. Some of these mammals include jaguars, red foxes, feral dogs, golden jackals and humans. Young green sea turtles also are consumed by crabs (and saltwater crocodiles which can attack on land or in the water. The only defence mechanism of hatchlings is swarming in large groups toward the ocean. Once the hatchlings reach the water, they face a new group of predators such as tiger shark and white tip shark. Juvenile and mature sea turtles also are preyed on by sharks. Mature green sea turtles' best form protection from their predators is their large hard shell. When females come on land to nest, their head and limbs become vulnerable and easily accessible by predators. Green turtles are also hunted by humans for meat.

Green turtles are considered an endangered species according to the IUCN Red List. The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species classifies green sea turtles under Appendix I which include species that are most endangered and most at risk of extinction. This specific appendix explains that trade of this species is prohibited unless the species is being used for research.

# THIS MONTH'S BIBLE CROSSWORD

Answers Are Below, In No Particular Order.

## ACROSS

2. Worthy to open the seven seals of the book in Revelation.
3. Protects from the fiery darts of the wicked (3 words)
5. The things that are not seen are this.
6. Paul lowered in this to escape capture in Damascus.
10. False prophets are inwardly these (2 words)

## DOWN

1. Received, examined and believed the truth in Acts.
4. Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus.
7. Blessed and called the children of God.
8. The things that are seen are this.
9. A lukewarm church in Revelation.

