

Weekly Meetings

Sunday	3pm	Prayer
	4pm	Afternoon Service (followed by tea in the lower hall ~ please bring some food to share) Both at the Salvation Army, High Street
Monday	7.30pm	FUSION at Andy Mutter's house
Tuesday	7.00pm	Prayer at the Salvation Army with the worship team
	7.30pm	Worship practice Prayer continues in the lower hall

The King's Church Office is usually open as follows:

Monday:	10am-12 noon	Mike	Thursday:	10am-12 noon	Ann
Tuesday:	10am-12 noon	John	Friday:	9am-11am	Veronica
Wednesday:	10am-12 noon	Ann			

Christ. We need the input of pastor and teacher to oversee and care for the people and to open up the Word of God. All these people are given to equip the church. We need each of these leadership roles. Churches are not meant to be led by one man. Having a full-time 'pastor' can lead to everyone sitting back and letting him do it all. One person on their own will always bring a bias; it is important that all the leadership gifts are represented.

As members of the body everyone needs to find his / her function, the goal being to present every man/woman complete / mature in Christ (Colossians 1:28). When the whole body is joined and held together by supporting ligaments, it grows and is built up in love. Likewise the church; it must function together. If one part stops working, the body is impaired. We may think the body can function without a little toe, but if the little toe is missing, the whole body can be thrown off balance.

God has given us all gifts according to the measure of Christ. If we use what he's given us, our measure will increase. If we faithfully use our gifts, they will increase and cause the body to grow. Those parts of the body we consider weaker, are indispensable (1Corinthians 12:22).

We need to remember:

- Not to compare ourselves with other people, but to be who God made us to be.
- To recognise the importance of our gifts. If we say we have no gifts, that is tantamount to saying God didn't know what he was doing!
- To remind ourselves that God made each one of us; we have a role to play.
- To recognise our need of other giftings: we need one another.
- To bear in mind that weaker members are indispensable to the body.
- To treat everyone with the same concern.

Each one of us needs to function properly, to build each other up in love. Jesus' nickname was 'friend of sinners'. Do we love the unlovely? We could change Swanage if we take our responsibility seriously. Let's encourage one another as we function during the week.



The King's Church



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*... the Head, that is Christ,
from whom the whole body,
joined and held together
by every supporting ligament,
grows and builds itself up in love,
as each part does its work,*

Ephesians 4: 15-16

Sunday, October 28th
Celebration time
Family Service
back in the Upper Hall

Sunday, November 4th
Speaker from
King's Church, Poole

This week, next week and beyond

- Sunday, 11th November: Mike speaking
- Monday, 12th November, 7pm: Ladies' evening, with special guest Jennifer Rees Larcombe, at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Howard Road.
- Friday, 16th November – Sunday, 18th November: Tim and Kim with us. Friday evening: Men's evening with Tim at Derek's home 7pm. Ladies' evening with Kim at Suzanne's home (time?). Saturday: opportunity to see Tim and/or Kim at the church office. Saturday evening: meeting for all in King's Church at Mike & Ann's home 7pm.

Praise: are we a people of praise?

Hallelu Yah! Praise the Lord! Why? Revelation 5:12-14

Hallelu Yah! Praise the Lord! Who? Psalm 149:1

Hallelu Yah! Praise the Lord! When? Psalm 34:1

Hallelu Yah! Praise the Lord! Where? Psalm 113:3

Hallelu Yah! Praise the Lord! How? Romans 12:1 ('The Message')

Prayer: are we a people of prayer? Let's pray:

For our family here in Swanage, also in Peru (William still there, Christine with us here in Swanage) and Central Asia (Jonathan, Matty and family). For family and friends who don't know the love of the Lord in their life. For local and national authorities and issues.

Sunday, 21st October

It was good to have so many visitors with us and there was certainly quite a buzz of conversation as we all sat round the tea table after the service. Our thanks to the tea team for producing such a good spread.

We came together to worship God our Father in spirit and truth and he richly blessed us, assuring us of his peace.

Emma outlined the difference between 'being church' (i.e. an expression of who we are) and 'doing church' (i.e. an 'external thing' in which we can be caught up in busyness). Emma then read about a dream ~ a dream containing valuable truths ~ recommended reading, so do ask her for a copy.

On Saturday five ladies had put their bus passes to good use by going to a women's day in Bournemouth. The conference, at the BIC, was called 'Chosen' and had been organised by churches in Hampshire and Dorset. The ladies, Olive, Ann, Veronica, Barbara and Moureen had a fun day out with lots of laughter listening to 3 very lively speakers, Michele Guinness, Debra Green ~ and J. John ~ brave man, as there were 2,500 ladies at the BIC that day! It was quite moving seeing thousands of hands and arms raised in worship as we sang together.

It is always hard to put into just a few words a day packed with good things but here are a few gems, a few treasures from the day:

- We have been chosen, hand picked by God from before the creation of the world!
- We are a special people ~ not meant to hide away or feel insignificant.
- If we belong to God, we will look like his beloved Son i.e. bear the attributes of his character and being.
- We are here at this time for God's purpose.
- Bookends of the Bible: to know Jesus and make him known.
- Jerusalem was the place of the apostles' greatest failure, yet in that place they were commissioned to be witnesses there, in Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth.
- A missionary is not someone who crosses the sea; a missionary is someone who sees the cross.
- Jesus, let the treasure out of this earthen vessel.
- Is there one thing that you can do simply, so that others can simply live?

Tim and Kim were with us once more on a 'flying' visit ~ actually by car but racing down (within the speed limit, of course) to see us just for a couple of hours. They had only returned from the mission trip first to South Africa and then to Uganda a few days before coming to us, so many thanks to you both for giving us your time, energy, input and encouragement after such a hectic time for you.

Reading Philippians 3:12 ~ *Not that I (Paul) have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.* ~ Tim encouraged us to function within the church, using the gifts that Christ has given us. The church is the body of Christ, an expression of him, not yet made perfect as not one of us is perfect. But we are on a journey to become everything Christ intends us to be. We are part of a worldwide body. The devil says we can go it alone, but that is not God's intention.

Ephesians 4: 7-16 ~ God wants us to have the fullness of Christ. Each of us has been given gifts; we are equipped for good works; every one of us has a part to play. We are called to come and share, give what we can. As J.F. Kennedy said, "*And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country.*" We come to bring what God has given us so that the body may grow.

Verse 11: *It was he (Christ) who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers....* Why? To equip God's people for service, to bring maturity. It is important to be exposed to different leadership gifting, different ministers of the gospel as we have been through different speakers on Sundays. We need the authority of apostolic teaching through the Scriptures on governmental and foundational teaching. We need prophetic input to challenge the status quo, to speak out 'something that God has spontaneously brought to mind'. We need the input of the evangelist to proclaim salvation through Jesus