

Welcome to the Chapel In the Valley

JESUS HAS TOLD THIS CHURCH TO GO AND MAKE
DISCIPLES AND TEACH THEM TO OBEY HIM.

14th August 2022



This Sunday

Come and join us in Church (and on Zoom)
this morning at 11.00 am
...and 'Meet James" with Jan

This evening

evening worship is at 6.00 pm.

As usual we will also have our online prayer meeting on
Sunday morning at 9.30 am (Z)

LET US PRAY...

- With worship for our great God and with thanks that we have a risen Saviour.
- Pray with great thanks for the awareness of answered prayers, for pains eased and problems overcome.
- Pray for those who are called to preach God's Word. Pray for courage and encouragement, and pray that others may be raised up to continue the work.
- For our own local churches as they continue to serve God and minister to those around them. Pray that they might be given wisdom and opportunity to show the light of our risen Saviour.
- For our own church family around the district, near and far, fit or struggling, full of joy or beset by anxiety. Also with thanks for those who have been made well again or are on the road to recovery.
- Pray for our friends at the Good News hospital. For Nathan who continues to serve and Lesley who prepares to return to the UK.

Newlands Netherseal Leonard Cheshire home

Our next donation morning will be this Sunday.

Can you aid this cause with a donation of food, fresh or packaged? (not frozen)



James 1

Greetings from James

1 This letter is from James, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. I am writing to the "twelve tribes"—Jewish believers scattered abroad. Greetings!

Faith and Endurance

² Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. ³ For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. ⁴ So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

⁵ If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. ⁶ But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷ Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸ Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

⁹ Believers who are poor have something to boast about, for God has honoured them. ¹⁰ And those who are rich should boast that God has humbled them. They will fade away like a little flower in the field. ¹¹ The hot sun rises and the grass withers; the little flower droops and falls, and its beauty fades away. In the same way, the rich will fade away with all of their achievements.

¹² God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. ¹³ And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else. ¹⁴ Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. ¹⁵ These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

¹⁶ So don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. ¹⁸ He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.

Listening and Doing

¹⁹ Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. ²⁰ Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. ²¹ So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.

²² But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. ²³ For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. ²⁴ You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. ²⁵ But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

²⁶ If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless. ²⁷ Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.

Do you ever wonder if...

...the very hot weather, the seemingly increasing global conflicts, the continued prevalence of different forms of contagion, the worldwide economic crises, are all part of God's considered warning to His people.

If you had lived in the Near East in Biblical times you would have almost certainly have said 'yes'.

You might have been saying it about your local gods and you would certainly have been saying it about *Elohei mishpat* (God of Justice).

The prophet Isaiah had much to say on the subject – *"For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!"*

"But's that then, and this is now – and anyway who believes this stuff these days?"

I don't know if the events of today are a wake-up call from God, but what I do know is that a bit of self-examination at both a personal and nation/international level would not come amiss, and neither would the thought that perhaps after all, there is a God who loves both His creation and His created and will not see any of it abused for ever.

This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says:

"In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it..."

Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion.

For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

(Isaiah 30:15-18)





















And Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind."

(John 9:39)

Amsterdam railway station

Church Flowers	
21/08/2022	Helen
28/08/2022	Jen
04/09/2022	Jen
11/09/2022	Judith D

Diary

15	AUG, MON		10 – 10:30am	Morning prayer time Zoom
18	AUG, THU		7:30 – 8:30pm	Jill's Bible study Zoom
21	AUG, SUN		9:30 – 10am	Prayers on Sunday Zoom
			11am – 12pm	Worship on Sunday CIV and Zoom
			6 – 7pm	Evening worship at Griffydam CIV
22	AUG, MON		10 – 10:30am	Morning prayer time Zoom
25	AUG, THU		7:30 – 8:30pm	Jill's Bible study Zoom
28	AUG, SUN		9:30 – 10am	Prayers on Sunday Zoom
			11am – 12pm	Worship on Sunday CIV and Zoom
			6 – 7pm	Evening worship at Griffydam CIV
29	AUG, MON		10 – 10:30am	Morning prayer time Zoom
1	SEPT, THU		10am – 2pm	Ambler Ramblers
			7:30 – 8:30pm	Jill's Bible study Zoom
4	SEPT, SUN		9:30 – 10am	Prayers on Sunday Zoom
			11am – 12pm	Worship and communion on Sunday CIV and...
			5 – 6pm	Evening worship at Ibstock CIV
5	SEPT, MON		10 – 10:30am	Morning prayer time Zoom
8	SEPT, THU		7:30 – 8:30pm	Jill's Bible study Zoom
11	SEPT, SUN		9am – 12pm	Newlands collection Leonard Cheshire Disab...
			9:30 – 10am	Prayers on Sunday Zoom