

Open Door Church Sunbury

May 2019 Newsletter



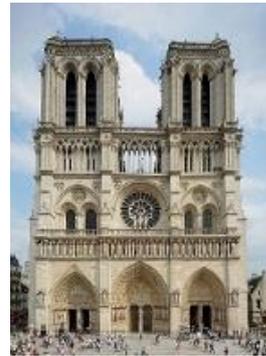
Welcome to our monthly Newsletter letting you know what's going on at Open Door Church. This Newsletter can be accessed through our website www.opendoorchurchsunbury.com/. In this issue you will find:

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A word from Jez Hawthorn

As I write it is barely a week after the devastating fire that destroyed a substantial part of the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. There has been much debate over who should pay for the repairs (estimated to be billions of Euros) and the significance of this cathedral to Christians, to the French and to the rest of the family we have been to Paris and enjoyed visiting Notre Dame and walking the south bank of the Seine. It is a wonderful piece of architecture with some artwork both outside and in, depicting biblical scenes, which can be helpful to worship. But it is just a building!

Paul when he wrote to the Christians in Corinth told them in 1 Corinthians 3: *know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives within destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is together are that temple.*



world. As a past it daily to beautiful focus us in our

16-17 *Don't you you? If anyone sacred, and you*

In his letter to the Christians in Rome, Paul writes that when you become a Christian the Holy Spirit dwells in you. When addressing the Corinthian church Paul is explaining that when Christians gather together we are God's temple (the

Greek word for temple literally means the dwelling place of God). As we gather on a Sunday morning or during the week in smaller numbers God's Spirit (the Holy Spirit) is dwelling with us. He helps us pray, he brings revelation and understanding about God, he convicts us about the wrong things in our lives, he gives us peace, he relates with our spirits which results in an outpouring of praise and worship and he gives spiritual gifts which build-up and encourage each other.

We had a prophetic word brought to us earlier this year about God raising the bar for us as individuals and as a church. There will be more evidence of the Holy Spirit and God is looking for our expectations to increase. God wants all the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be in evidence through all people; meaning more healings, more prophecy, more words of knowledge etc.

Whether you are young or old, experienced or inexperienced, we want to

encourage all to raise the bar of expectation, step out in faith, and see what our mighty God wants to do in and through our church.

Jez.



May's Calendar

Wednesday 1st 13.00–14.45pm: ESOL classes @ ODCC

Thursday 2nd 07.00–07.30: Early Morning Prayer Meeting @ ODCC

10.30–12.30: Tea Pot @ ODCC

Friday 3rd 10.00–12.00: Mini Steps mother and toddler small group @ ODCC

19.00–21.00: SALT (Yrs 7-13) @ ODCC – Pizza Night

Sunday 5th 10.00 Prayer meeting & 10.30–12.15 Sunday meeting, both @ SMS. Speaker Andy Bell. There are crèche facilities for those aged 0-4 and children's work for those aged 5-11 (Yrs 0-6)

Community Food Bank Sunday – please leave your items on the table at the back of the meeting hall. And thank you!

19.30–21.00: All Church Prayer meeting @ ODCC

Tuesday 7th 10.15–12.30: Coffee Pot @ ODCC

20.00–22.00 Blowing Your Cover Course Week 1 @ ODCC

Wednesday 8th 13.00–14.45: ESOL classes @ ODCC

Thursday 9th 07.00–07.30: Early Morning Prayer Meeting @ ODCC

10.30–12.30: Tea Pot @ ODCC

Friday 10th 10.00–12.00: Mini Steps mother and toddler small group @ ODCC

19.00–21.00: SALT (Yrs 7-13) @ ODCC - Games Night

Saturday 11th ODCC being used by another church all day

Sunday 12th 10.00 Prayer meeting & 10.30–12.15 Sunday meeting, both @ SMS. Speaker: Stephen Goater

10.30–12.15: Kidz Klub in Sports Hall @ SMS for those aged 5-11 (Yrs 0-6). There are crèche facilities for those aged 0-4

ODCC being used by another church all day

Tuesday 14th 10.15–12.30: Coffee Pot @ ODCC

20.00–22.00: Photography Interest Group Week 1 @ ODCC

Wednesday 15th 13.00–14.45pm: ESOL classes @ ODCC

19.00–21.00 Makaton Interest Group Week 1 @ ODCC

Thursday 16th 07.00–07.30: Early Morning Prayer Meeting @ ODCC

10.30–12.30: Tea Pot @ ODCC

Friday 17th 10.00–12.00: Mini Steps mother and toddler small group @ ODCC

19.00–21.00: SALT (Yrs 7-13) – Movie Night @ ODCC

Sunday 19th 10.00 Prayer meeting & 10.30–12.15 Sunday meeting, both @ SMS. Speaker Ollie Elliott. There are crèche facilities for those aged 0-4 and children's work for those aged 5-11 (Yrs 0-6)

Tuesday 21st 10.15–12.30: Coffee Pot @ ODCC (next one after half-term is Tuesday 4 June)

20.00–22.00 Blowing Your Cover Course Week 2 @ ODCC

Wednesday 22nd 13.00–14.45pm: ESOL classes @ ODCC (next one after half-term is Wednesday 5 June)

Thursday 23rd 07.00–07.30: Early Morning Prayer Meeting @ ODCC (next one after half-term is Thursday 6 June)

10.30–12.30: Tea Pot @ ODCC

Friday 24th 10.00–12.00: Mini Steps mother and toddler small group @ ODCC

19.00–21.00: SALT (Yrs 7-13) @ ODCC – Games Night (next one after half-term is Friday 07 June)

Saturday 25th 19.00–21.00: Philippines Mission Trip team meeting @ ODCC

Sunday 26th 10.00 Prayer meeting & 10.30–12.15 Sunday meeting, both @ SMS. Speaker Andy Phillips. There are crèche facilities for those aged 0-4 and children's work for those aged 5-11 (Yrs 0-6)

13.00–18.00: ODCC being used by another church

Tuesday 28th 20.00–22.00: Photography Interest Group Week 2 @ ODCC

Wednesday 29th 19.00–21.00 Makaton Interest Group Week 2 @ ODCC

Thursday 30th 10.30–12.30: Tea Pot @ ODCC

19.30–22.00: Curry Pot - Meal and After Dinner Talk by Dr Simon Walmsley on Faith and Environmentalism @ The Shahin Indian Restaurant, Thames Street, TW16 5QF. £15 per person

Please Pray for...

- **Rachel Smith** as she undertakes her FP Training year at Hope Church, Exmouth
- **Brexit** *"Pray for rulers and for all who have authority so that we can have quiet and peaceful lives full of worship and respect for God."* 1 Timothy 2 v 2
- For healing for **Sarah Page** who has been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis
- **Filipinos' UK Visit.** Rolando, Levy & Grace are coming in August (see future diary below). Commission HQ are overseeing their **Visa Applications** which need to be submitted 3 months before they travel. Please be praying now for quick and straight-forward Visa Approval so that flights and full itinerary can then be organised
- The **Hawthorn family** as they help Jez's mother who is very unwell

Future Diary Dates & Information

PHILIPPINES Visit. Andy and Ethan Phillips are going to the Philippines from **14 to 29 June**. Please pray for a safe journey and that they build deeper relationships and support Cavite Open Door Commission Church

ODC Men's Weekend Away 2019. From **05 July to 08 July** we're going to a bunkhouse in the Lake District. Please register your interest with Mike Sivyer at mike_sivyer@ntlworld.com. More details about the weekend and costs to follow. This is a great time to grow friendships with non-Christian friends and men @ ODC

Andy Phillips' 50th Party! All are welcome to come and celebrate this momentous occasion @ ODCC from 19:30 until late on **Saturday 20 July**. Snacks provided but please bring a bottle of your favourite drink

NEWDAY Youth Festival. This year it's taking place on the **29 July to 03 August**. Up to the 30 May tickets cost £140, increasing to £150 thereafter. If finances are keeping your child from going then please contact an Elder

FILIPINOS' UK Visit. Rolando & Levy De Guzman and Grace Cayetano are coming to the UK from **21 August to 11 September** to continue growing relationship with ODC Sunbury, but also to get blessed, refreshed and empowered at Westpoint. More ODC family events to follow

WESTPOINT 22 to 26 August 2019. It is a great time to be in the presence of God in worship, to hear some excellent speakers, to get to know people better and to relax in the evenings with some good entertainment. Serving at Westpoint gives you a significant discount and so maybe this is something you can do to make the event happen. Book online at <https://www.commission-together.org/westpoint/>. We want as many people as possible to come this year, and if finances are your reason for not going, then please come and speak to an Elder or your Small Group Leader.

ODC Day @ The Beach! Roll up your trousers, grab your bucket & spade and don your finest sunnies and let's head off to West Wittering on **Saturday 31 August**. More details nearer the time but stick this flag in your diary now

ODC Philippines Mission Trip. The team are flying out on **Thursday 31 October to Friday 15 November**. Please pray that they bless and are blessed by stepping out for God in this evangelistic trip

Sunday Morning Set-Up Teams. We desperately need more helpers - could you help fill this vital role? You will be on the rota once every 4 weeks. Need more info? Please email the office at office@opendoorchurchsunbury.com

Christian Dating Websites: If you are single, and would like to look for a partner, we would encourage you to consider looking at online Christian Dating sites. One in four relationships now start from meeting on an online dating site and a number of relationships have started this way within Newfrontiers churches. A site we would recommend is www.christianconnection.co.uk. Please be wise and pray if you decide to use this site