



Newsletter:

Sunday 28th June 2020

A special welcome if you are worshipping with us for the first time.

WORSHIP TODAY

SCRIPTURE – Luke 12 : 13 - 21
THEME – Radically Generous

Today is our third and final look at compassion. We look at living counter-culturally, and what the bible says about surplus. Do we have too much, and what does God say we should do about it? It's a challenging message for us



Closing affirmation

Brother Christ, You walked into our lives, took the anger of our hearts, forged them in righteousness, and gave them direction.

You took the hurt in our souls, washed them from self-pity, and made them a touchstone for compassion.

You took our selfishness and death, and made of it life enough for everyone.

You took our prejudice, said, 'I prefer the downtrodden,' and turned this world on its head.

Brother Christ, now where are you walking? May we walk with you, for a while? Amen

Chapel Opening for Prayer and Reflection

We're really pleased to announce that, from this Tuesday, the chapel will be open twice a week for two hours (Tues 10-12 and Thurs 2-4pm) for prayer and reflection. There will be a themed area of peace set aside at the back of the chapel to fit with social distancing and chapel members will be present to steward, allowing two people at a time to enter. Please feel free to come and spend a few quiet moments in this place.

Prayer awareness : Tearfund

Message to Renew our Minds

Whether you are black or white, the outcry regarding the racial injustice that led to the death of George Floyd has caused pain. It has caused pain in those around us, whether we have recognised this or not. It has caused deep divisions and broken relationships as discussions about race have become impassioned and fractured. It has revealed the best of us and the worst of us, all at the same time.

At Tearfund, we believe poverty is caused by broken relationships with God, with creation, with each other and with ourselves. Racial injustice is a clear example of our broken relationships with each other. This cannot be denied but it has the tendency to be forgotten. However, in remembering we find ourselves with a choice. In Romans 12:2, Paul writes: 'Do not conform to the patterns of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.'

It's clear that as followers of Jesus we cannot conform to the broken patterns that perpetuate inequality and injustice. We must dig deep and invite God to renew our hearts and minds too. What if the death of George Floyd was the catalyst we needed to cause an awakening because we had buried racial injustice so deep we'd forgotten it was there?

Now is the time to recognise that both our world and our hearts need a reboot. This global outcry happened now for a reason. In the midst of this pandemic, we've taken time to meet and love our neighbours. We've started to really see people and hear their stories because we've had the time to listen, rather than getting caught up with the busyness of everyday life. Let's hold onto that change and together champion the cause of the oppressed.

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