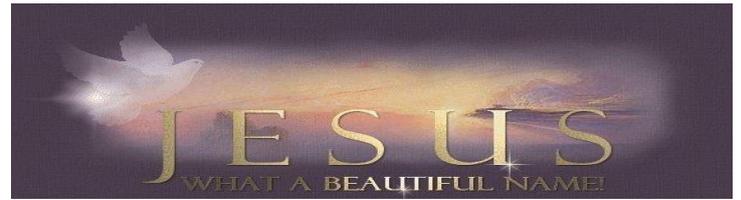




**WELCOME:** We are here to celebrate God's Love and share with others the GOOD NEWS of



**Newsletter:**

**Sunday March 6th 2022**

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

**URC Wrington Covid 19 Safety Measures**

1. Face masks optional.
2. Social distance seating available.

If you prefer to keep your distance, please speak to any chapel member, who will direct you to the Duty Elder.

All doors will be kept open to increase ventilation.

URC Wrington, attendees are free to take whatever risk prevention measures they feel comfortable with.



**Sunday Message**

Speaker: **John Vyce**

Message: **What I've Learned from Slimming World**

Scripture Reading: **2 Corinthians 5:13-19 NLT**

Worship Leaders: **Yvonne Slocombe**

Duty Elder: **Marshall**

**Diary Dates – Advanced notice**

Wrington Chapel

**JONAH**  
THE SIGN OF  
**JESUS**

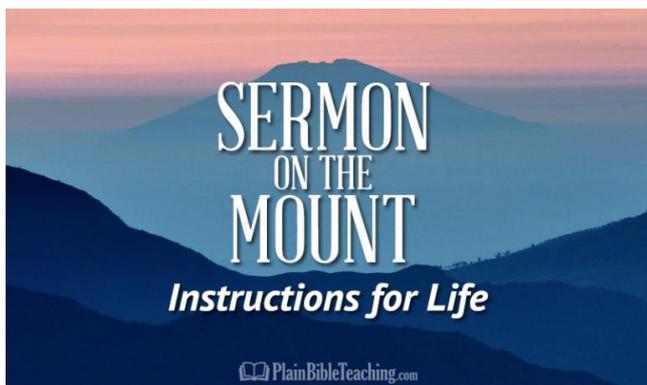
A Lent dive into scripture

Mondays at 7.30pm  
14th, 21st, 28th March  
4th April 2022

**Duncan will run courses for Lent. Commencing on 14th March and running for 4 weeks (Monday evenings)**



Tea, and coffee, will be served in the Schoolroom, after the service. ☺



**Tuesday March 8th at 7:30pm – Bible Study at URC with Marshall and Anna. 5th of a 6-week study on Jesus' 'Sermon on the Mount'**

**Need a Friend: That's us at URC.**

**Whatever you need, whether its practical help, prayer or just a chat.**

**Contact us, on one of the numbers below.**

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Marshall Clements Tel: 863285

For House groups Information  
Rev Duncan Tuck Tel:707143:

For Hall booking  
Jackie Tester Tel: 862060

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Oleksandr, who leads our team in Ukraine, has a plan to provide 56,000 Bibles. **He needs your help.**

‘Will you help our Bible Society meet the spiritual need in our nation by providing access to the Bible at this time of fear and uncertainty?’

‘A few days ago, a pastor visited our office, asking for Bibles. When he heard that we had none left, he pleaded for Bibles that were damaged or even copies with pages missing. He said, “These Bibles would be of immense value to my congregation and the community!” It was heart-breaking.

‘God’s word can help bring comfort, peace and reconciliation to our nation. ‘Oleksandr and his team are more determined than ever to see God work through them. They’re an inspiration to us. Will you work with them today?’

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## ORDER OF SERVICE – SUNDAY MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup> -MUSIC VIDEO SERVICE



### WELCOME, NOTICES AND INTRODUCTION - YVONNE

**SONGS:** ONLY BY GRACE CAN WE ENTER

**PRAYERS** CALL TO WORSHIP +LORD’S PRAYER - YVONNE

**SONG:** LORD REIGN IN ME

### REFLECTION – YVONNE

**SONG:** HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

**READING:** 2 CORINTHIANS 5: 13 – 19 - PAULINE

**SERMON:** WHAT I LEARNED FROM SLIMMING WORLD- JOHN VYCE

**SONG:** PSALM 23

### INTERCESSION – YVONNE + WHOLE CONGREGATION

**SONG:** HOW GREAT THOU ART

**BLESSING AND GRACE - JOHN**

**SONG:** CORNERSTONE



## Ukraine crisis: How Psalm 31 is bringing comfort

Psalm 31 has become 'the key scripture for all Ukrainians' according to our colleagues. People across the Ukraine are reading it in bunkers and shelters.

Ukraine crisis: How Psalm 31 is bringing comfort



### Prayers for Ukraine as civilians suffer

'Pray for humanitarian corridors to be established'. That is the appeal today from the Bible Society in Ukraine.

A spokesman said, 'Please pray for safe corridors to be established very soon in Kherson and Kharkiv, so that inhabitants can receive the necessary food and medicines.'

The call came after the south-east city of Kherson was taken over by Russian military forces.

The Bible Society reports that all its staff in Kharkiv are safe, though they are living in bomb shelters 'under constant shelling'.

In the western town of Lviv, close to the border with Poland, Bible Society staff are working with churches and volunteers to 'provide spiritual support along with physical aid' to hundreds of thousands of people arriving from the rest of the country.

Church leaders gathered at St Sophia's Cathedral yesterday to pray for peace. Though many were fearful that the cathedral could be destroyed by bombardments at any time, they were, the spokesman said, 'thankful for God's grace and presence over the week. We are thankful that the Lord gives us another day.'

Author: Bible Society, 4 March 2022

# Minister's Website Article for March 2022

I don't know if anyone has ever said to you, 'Be a Christian, it's wonderful. Follow Jesus, it's all about love and support and grace and comfort.' I don't agree. If you're reading this thinking, 'I'll start going to church, just to make my life easier,' this message isn't for you.

Yes, being a Christian, and knowing Jesus as Lord, having his Spirit inside us, following him, is the best thing that can ever happen to you; but no one said it was easy. The bible makes that clear. If we are 'Christ-followers,' we should remember that we follow someone crucified; someone with little money, not many possessions; who died early, misunderstood, hated and abandoned. When we follow Jesus, everything other than early crucifixion is a bonus. So, when we say, 'I want to follow Jesus,' do we mean it? Or do we simply mean, 'I want Jesus to help me get what I want.'

That's a big misunderstanding. The Apostle Paul, in the Bible told off the church at Corinth for having that attitude. And it still happens today. Some people who call themselves Christians don't really follow Jesus. They do the tradition, show up at church; but, when it comes to anything harder, they back off.

Don't get me wrong: if you are reading this, and you haven't given your life to Jesus, then I would love to see you do so. But you can't define 'being a Christian' as going to church and following some rules. That's not the point. The Apostle Paul continually said to the people in Corinth, 'I'm not giving you rules; but I'm saying this so that you might live IN DEVOTION TO THE LORD.'

It should be all for Jesus. He challenged them, and us, to ask, 'What if we gathered up all our energies and desires, and said, "Jesus, teach me how to fully express the heart of God in the way I am RIGHT NOW."' Following Jesus is all-embracing. It means living his way, no matter what. It means not living for what we can get out of it, but living to share the way of our God of love in everything - with our energies, our money, our homes, our hospitality. It means bringing all our energy into being content WHERE WE ARE; to focus on being good Christians, instead of pursuing contentment elsewhere. After all, contentment never fully comes. We know that. The grass is always greener. Paul challenges us all.

So, don't become a Christian, unless you mean it. Go away and think about it. Be sure. Then, if you are sure, find someone who can teach you, who can tell of Jesus and of the all-consuming life you can live.

Have a wonderful spring.

Duncan