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# Dear Church Family and all other readers,

Throughout the past two years, prayer has had a central role in sustaining the life of our church. To everyone's surprise, Zoom as proved an unexpectedly powerful tool for members of the church family to meet together regularly in prayer. During the first lockdown, when we were unable to meet in person, Together in Prayer met weekly online with more attending than in the face to face meetings; we have become close in supporting one another in praying for the needs of our church. Now, as our church faces the challenges of too few people doing too many jobs and roles left unfilled, we turn again to the Lord in urgent prayer, meeting every Thursday morning during Lent from 9-9.30am on Zoom. We ask that those of you who love our beautiful church will pray for us and with us, together on Zoom or in the quiet of your hearts, that we will grow and flourish with willing volunteers to keep us going.

This issue has a focus on prayer along with other items. Please pray with us.

With every blessing, Val

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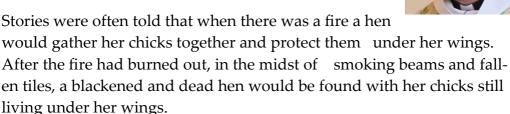
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# An extract from Richard's sermon at St Paul's on 13 March 2022 based on Luke 13: 31-end

To be read in the context of the current situation in Ukraine



Which is what Jesus is preparing for. The world is ablaze. The foxes are in the henhouse. And Jesus comes to open wide his arms and gather the people beneath them, to guard them from the fire and to save them from the fox.

The crisis is coming. Jesus tells us and shows us. And we need to decide which side we're on, who we are with, who we want to emerge victorious from the coming battle. Will we wash our hands in baptismal water or the blood of the innocents? Will we welcome those who come in the name of the Lord or will we run with the foxes, gleefully massacring the hens?

It's not enough for Jesus to say love- he has to do love as well. And it's vital to get this- the hen not only says that she loves her chicks but proves it through action. And it's not enough for us to say disciple, to say redeemed child of God, to say Christ's- those, too, are things to be lived, demonstrated, done. Because choosing our side, deciding where to stand, is something we do with our hearts, yes, but with our hands and feet and voices as well. Love is not just felt but it is shown as well. Love is not only an inner emotion- it is also a verb, a doing word, an action, a response. **Richard Lamey** 



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#### A Message from our Minister

Dear Friends,



#### GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER - TWO DIFFERENT APPROACHES

Tradition has taught us to view the Good Friday and Easter events with a spirituality that is induced by guilt and awe. Guilt - because Jesus Christ, the Son of God had to die on our behalf to put us right with God; that our first parents Adam and Eve had been disobedient to God, and subsequently the whole of humanity became sinful and that the only way to make things right in relation to God is the sacrificial offering of a sinless being. Therefore, God himself became man in the form of Jesus Christ and offered his life for our sake.

However outside the scriptures, we have inherited from early Church Fathers a different explanation to the Good Friday events, this tradition that induces a sense of spirituality in that we feel what a stupendous act of love Jesus had done on our behalf - something that we do not rightfully deserve.

In the same way, Easter events induce a sense of awe. What was predicted by Christ himself and foretold by the transfiguration, became a reality on the third day after his crucifixion. It is awesome that finally the wicked forces could not succeed; that the most beloved leader rose again from death; that the magnificent deed of love was complete; and above all, the divinity of Christ shining through and the glory of God being revealed.

There is another approach to the Good Friday-Easter events which is apparently overlooked and overshadowed by the traditional way. In this, we view the events with a spirituality that is induced by inspiration. Jesus, the one who came to earth as a man with a mission as stated in Luke 4:18, staying steadfast in his work, defying the strictures imposed by those against him, until his death on the cross. Here, Jesus Christ is seen as a part of our own life stories: he experienced all that we experience in our own lives - love, friendship, loneliness, denial, betrayal, hunger, thirst.... But still, amidst all personal difficulties he went on leading a group of followers, reforming the social, religious and political structures. And finally, he was assassinated for political March - April 2022

reasons. The final charge for the punishment was as displayed on the cross `Jesus of Nazareth, the king of Jews` (*INRI*). Pontius Pilate did not want to displease the emperor, so Christ had to be crucified.

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The one who inaugurated the Kingdom of God on earth - liberating people from the structures that oppress them, bringing justice and social equality, inspires us personally and collectively to continue the mission he started. The leader who maintained a loving and caring relationship with his close friends and disciples, continued to show the same tender affection after his resurrection. "Mary", he called. "Rabboni", Mary exclaimed. It is an inspirational, personal call in that we all feel included.

With the inspiration that is induced by the action of the bringer of the Kingdom of God on earth, we are encouraged to offer our part. As we contribute our part in this eternal process, our efforts are sanctified and we are enabled to claim our rightful place as we pray *'your Kingdom come, your will be done...*'

May this time be one of peace and blessing for us all.

#### Soba Sinnathamby-

#### Defibrillator

Hopefully you will all have noticed that the defibrillator is now in place to the left of the front doors. A big thank you to those of you who supported our fund-raising efforts. It all took a little longer than planned, just when we almost had enough money covid came along and slowed everything down!!

To use the defibrillator you simply ring 999 and they will talk you through what to do as indeed the machine itself will. 999 will also give you the code to open the box, although church members should have been notified of this Already - we cannot really display in a position that can be seen from outside as that would defeat the purpose of having a locked box to stop vandals.

#### Lynne Paine - Treasurer



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# How poetry can help us pray

The Bible is full of examples of poetry being used as prayer. Tearfund writer and poet Gideon Heugh explores how we can engage with this practice today.

The Bible brims with the poetic. Psalms, Ecclesiastes, Proverbs, the Song of Solomon, Job and most of the Old Testament prophets are written either entirely or in part as poetry.

# Words create worlds

When the prophets are speaking out the voice of God, the text switches from prose to poetry. It's as though the divine utterance is simply too holy, too awesome to be expressed in normal terms.

Words have immense power. In Genesis I, God speaks creation into being. It isn't forged or constructed or simply zapped into place. Words create worlds.

Poetry harnesses the creative potency of language. The fullness of words are brought to bear on a single idea, feeling or moment – helping open our eyes and hearts to the depths of life. It can also help us to see life from another person's perspective, for example someone living in poverty. Poetry builds empathy.

# Praying through a poem

You cannot rush when reading a poem; it forces you to slow down, to dwell, to be present. Because poetry so wonderfully and effectively focuses our attention, it can be a powerful medium through which we can pray. Choose a poem – it could be a personal favourite or one that you haven't read before – that focuses on an issue that you think God might be placing on your heart.

It could be a poem about the beauty of creation. A poem about a particular injustice. Or a poem about the experience of being a refugee.

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# A song thrush makes the poet think of God

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After perhaps fifteen minutes or so I gave up looking for the song thrush. Not because I am impatient (though there is that), not because I didn't want my coffee to get cold (though there is that), no. it is because I realised that as long as I was searching I was not listening, as long as my mind was grasping my heart was not receiving, as long as my eyes were straining to see the source of the music I could not stop to revel in the fact that there should be music at all.

# By Gideon Heugh





#### Thursday groups at Woosehill Church

We are relaunching our Thursday morning groups after Easter. Below is the notice which will appear in the April Wokingham Word. Please share this information with anyone you think might be interested. New leaflets will be in church from the start of April, please feel free to give to anyone you think might be interested. We will also hopefully have some leaflets in the library and Wokingham information centre.

# Woosehill Church – Thursday Morning Groups

Are you feeling lonely or would you just like to get out a bit more now that Covid is more under control? If so, then Woosehill Church's Thursday Morning Groups may be just the thing for you. Come along to as many or as few as you want.

On the **first** Thursday of each month joining in with our singing group 'Sing Something Simple' can't fail to lift the spirits.

Our knitting group Woolwam operate on the **second** Thursday of each month. So bring along your needles and wool for a cuppa and a natter.

On the **third** Thursday we change the knitting needles for sewing needles, for any type of needle craft. You can still have a cuppa and a natter!

Finally on the **fourth** Thursday, bring along your pencils and paints (we can supply some bits) to join our Art group.

All of our groups are informal and friendly, starting at 10am. Woosehill Church is situated in the top half of Chestnut Avenue behind Hawthorns School of Northway, RG41 3RS. For more information, please email <u>stewards@woosehillchurch.org</u> or visit our website at <u>https://woosehillchurch.org/</u> and look under the "Church Groups" heading.



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#### A Young Soldier's prayer

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve. I was made weak, that I might learn humbly how to obey. I asked for health, that I might do greater things. I was given infirmity, that I might do better things. I asked for riches, that I might be happy. I was given poverty, that I might be wise. I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men. I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God. I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life. I was given life, that I might enjoy all things. I got nothing that I asked for – but everything I had hoped for. Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered. I am, among all men, most richly blessed.

This prayer was written by a young soldier in the American Civil War who will forever be unknown. He had gone to war because his state (which was then his country) had been invaded by a Northern army that seemed determined to overturn illegally a Southern way of life in existence since colonial days. Just before burying him on the field, the grave-diggers made the usual search of the body. Inside the shirt pocket was a sheet of paper. On it this common soldier a day or so earlier had scrawled some thoughts. They were a statement of what life meant to him. As such, the words are an everlasting testimonial to one simple human being.

There is an obvious resonance with the current situation in Ukraine.

Thanks to Lyn for sending in.



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When I say I a	m a Christian — by Maya Angelou
I'm not shoutin I'm whispering	"I am a Christian" ng "I'm clean livin'." g "I was lost, I and forgiven."
I don't speak o I'm confessing	"I am a Christian" of this with pride. g that I stumble st to be my guide.
I'm not trying I'm professing	"I am a Christian" to be strong. that I'm weak strength to carry on.
l'm not braggi l'm admitting l	"I am a Christian" ng of success. I have failed I to clean my mess.
l'm not claimir My flaws are f	"I am a Christian" ng to be perfect, ar too visible eves I am worth it.
I still feel the s	re of heartaches
l'm not holier t l'm just a simp	State and the second

#### To serve, share, and surrender

As a teenager, part of the youth group at Christ Church Chorleywood, a friend and I help out at Sunday School. One of the kids in our class of 8 year olds is called Martyn, and he is always the one who (to our great relief!) comes out with the right answers to our questions when we are teaching a Bible story. His parents, delightful members of our church, some-

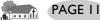
times ask me to babysit Martyn and his younger brothers for them. Later on, the boys join the youth group themselves, but by then I have gone away to university.

Fast forward a few years, and I am married with a growing family, happily worshipping at Woosehill Church and a Licensed Lay Minister. With some other friends from the Christ Church youth group, who are a few years younger than we are and have kept in touch with Martyn, Pete and I are invited to a Christmas drinks party at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, one of the Church of England's finest Theological Colleges, where he is now the principal. By this time Martyn is one of the foremost theologians in Britain, with a host of well-received books and a glowing reputation. However at the party he and his wife Emma (also a shining star in the Anglican community) are friendly and approachable; we have a great chat over wine and nibbles about the trials of parenting and the difficulty they both have, when filling out forms, fitting "Reverend Canon Professor" into the Title box!

Fast forward a few more years, and I move to Oxfordshire. I realise that I am now close enough to the city to attend services at the Cathedral, and I get into the habit of going in on Sunday mornings to attend the Eucharist service at 11 o'clock Oxford Time (that's 11.05 to the rest of the world!) with its wonderful choral singing and inspired preaching. The best of the preachers I have the privilege of listening to is Martyn, who in 2014 had moved from Cuddesdon to become the Dean of Oxford Cathedral; under his leadership, the Cathedral has become a place of powerful spirituality, teaching and inclusion.

But then things go horribly wrong. The Cathedral in Oxford is very unusual, because it is the chapel of one of the greatest of the Oxford Colleges, Christ Church, and the ruling body of that College are heavily steeped in tradition and very authoritarian. The balance of power is awkwardly balanced between the College and the Dean, and sometimes that balance tips. Martyn, who is someone who could never compromise the Christian values he holds dear, and who happens to be married to one of the Church of England's most powerful feminist priests, calls them out on some serious issues which include the pay levels and treatment of women within the College.





Clashes get more heated, accusations start to fly, and soon my childhood friend, refusing to be intimidated, is fighting desperately for his career.

As the attacks get more intense and personal Martyn has to stand down from an active role as Dean, concentrating instead on his writing, lecturing and pastoral ministry; in fact, he spends several months providing ministerial cover for one of the most challenging parishes in the Oxford area, whilst its vicar takes a well-earned sabbatical! As court cases against him loom and lawyers have to be appointed, a

GoFundMe account is set up to help with his crippling expenses. He very understandably suffers from stress, and begins to look thin, bowed and weary. Yet amazingly, during this time, his teaching is as uplifting and joyful as ever! His Bible Studies for the excellent Church House "Reflections for Daily Prayer" guide for 2019-2020 help to build up the faith lives of many people, including myself, during the challenging months of the first Lockdown when meeting for worship is impossible and we are desperate to strengthen our relationship with God to see us through a hideously difficult time. I could fill this magazine with quotes from those notes which would make your heart soar, but I will settle for this one, Martyn's commentary on Acts 11:19-end, where the name "Christians" was given to the early Church for the first time :

This is our calling: to become like Christ. To cherish, care, console-as Christ did. To serve, share and surrender-as Christ did. To be an embodiment of the love of God-following the example of Christ, the supreme exemplar of the love of God poured out in one person for the whole of humanity. What's in this name, "Christian"? That is.

In February 2022 the dispute between the governing body of Christ Church and the Dean of the Cathedral finally ends; all charges are dropped and law suits ended, and Martyn is able to peacefully resign from his post. After he has healed from his ordeal, there will be many new and exciting directions for his life to take, and many ways in which I am sure that the Lord will use his amazing gifts to enrich the lives of believers. So let me give you a piece of advice: if you ever get a chance to hear a sermon or read a book by one of the most inspiring figures in the church today, Rt Revd Martyn Percy, **take it!** 

#### Elaine

## A prayer from St Aidan of Lindisfarne

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I pray the protection of Christ to clothe me,

Christ to enfold me,

To surround and guard me, this day and every day,

Surrounding me and my companions, enfolding me and every friend.



# **WOW - Women of Woosehill Church**

Our social group of ladies is meeting again with a range of activities. After a planning meeting in February on Zoom, we had a most enjoyable evening at the Oakingham Belle when 10 of us enjoyed a tasty meal and good company.

Our next meeting will be on **7th April** when Jane Kraft will host us for tea, coffee, cake and biscuits - more details to follow.

Our **May** meeting will be a walk led by Amy and in **June** Lynne Paine will organise a cream tea.

This is just a taster - more to follow as the year progresses. All are welcome at this friendly sociable group.



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# A Celtic Blessing

May the strength of the wind and the light of the sun, The softness of the rain and the mystery of the moon Reach you and fill you. May beauty delight you and happiness uplift you, May wonder fulfill you and love surround vou. May your step be steady and arm be strong. May your heart be peaceful and your word be true. May you seek to learn, may you learn to live, May you live to love, and may you love ~ always.

#### **News from Tadpoles**

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With the success of the prayer mat, made by our Banner Group, we have looked at ways in which we can extend the offer of prayer to the parents, grandparents and carers in our Tadpoles group.

We often pick up good craft ideas from the '1277 Make Them Count' Facebook group - so named because:

'On average a UK child has just 1,277 days between birth and starting nursery education. Together, we want to 'make them count' for the children, for their families and for the toddler groups that they attend.

This Group is for people who are passionate about Church based toddler groups and provides the opportunity for people to share ideas, good practice and support one another through chat and prayer.'

We are about to pick up on one of the ideas and start a 'Prayer Teapot'!

The idea is that slips of paper will be available, some blank and some with prompts such as 'Today I feel ---'; or 'I am worried about ---'; At our Circle Time we will lift the teapot and bless its contents, (without reading them out), using a form of words such as;

"We ask a blessing on all prayers placed here for friends, family, our world and ourselves.

Praying too for all who have requested them. Amen"

We'll let you know how it goes! Val, on behalf of the Tadpoles team



Pot by Sue Youle



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### Wasting Time with God

Our Curate Cara was one of the winners of the Manchester Cathedral poetry competition with this poem. We send our love and prayers to Cara.

They tell me not to waste my time but, I dunno, I kinda like wasting time with you, God,

as we sit and listen to one another, lighting a candle for a prayer.

You do more of the listening than I do, but I think that's probably ok,

and we wait awhile, watching until the flame on the candles die out,

watching and waiting as each one represents the life of a loved one,

someone you know more than I do, but now I get to join in with that holy watching and waiting and grieving,

and I can't really find the words to express what a privilege this is so instead, instead, I wait with you, praying and watching the flame flicker,

praying for a life that was and the family and friends that are.

For the people who wanted to hide their grief from me, the same way I, of course, hide mine from them.

Though I can't really hide it from you, God, can I, as we sit and waste the morning together.

The flames flicker and slowly, one by one their final prayer rises and so do I. Thanks for wasting time with me this morning, I'm so glad we did this together,

'cos I can't do this on my own.

But you already know that, don't you.



#### Listening

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To listen is very hard, because it asks of us so much interior stability that we no longer need to prove ourselves by speeches, arguments, statements, or declarations. True listeners no longer have an inner need to make their presence known. They are free to receive, to welcome, to accept. Listening is much more than allowing another to talk while waiting for a chance to respond. Listening is paying full attention to others and welcoming them into our very beings. The beauty of listening is that, those who are listened to start feeling accepted, start taking their words more seriously and discovering their own true selves. Listening is a form of spiritual hospitality by which you invite strangers to become friends, to get to know their inner selves more fully, and even to dare to be silent with you.

#### -Henri Nouwen



# **Book Review**

# How to Pray - a simple guide for normal people

# by Pete Greig

(founder of the 24/7 prayer movement)

Lyn Brown and I both love Pete Greig's books; they are very readable, very accessible, yet give pause for reflection throughout - if only to nod head in agreement at his wonderful way with words. I am currently re-reading 'How to Pray' for Lent and really commend it to you. He has also written 'God on Mute' about the difficult issue of unanswered prayer which is close to his heart.

Why not pop down to Quench at Holme Grange and see what they have to offer.

#### Val

Prayer for Trust in Jesus ~ St. Ignatius of Loyola

O Christ Jesus, when all is darkness and we feel our weakness and helplessness, give us the sense of Your presence, Your love, and Your strength. Help us to have perfect trust in Your protecting love and strengthening power, so that nothing may frighten or worry us, for, living close to You, we shall see Your hand, Your purpose, Your will through all things.



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## To Make You Smile

As recommended by the wonderful Nadia Bolz-Weber- students' end of term comments on being taught by Jesus. Not to be taken seriously!

#### Selected Negative Teaching Evaluations of Jesus Christ by Amanda Lehr

"Very inconvenient class! Always holds lectures on top of mountains, in middle of the Sea of Galilee—but never close to the main campus."

"Inconsistent attendance policy. Said we had to be in class by 9:00 a.m. every day. Over half the class showed up late or didn't attend until the last meeting, but we all got the same participation grade."

"Wears sandals too much. No one wants to see your dusty feet."

"Not what I expected. They say his area of specialty is carpentry, but we never built anything."

"Kind of absent-minded. My name's Simon, and he's called me 'Peter' for the entire semester."

"Feels like a class for farmers. Hope you like talking about seeds. Wheat seeds. Mustard seeds. Seeds, seeds, seeds."

"I asked him to sign my accommodations form from the Disability Services Office, and he spit on the ground and rubbed the dirt in my eyes. I can see now, but it was still rude."

"Doesn't respect students' time. A line of us had been waiting outside his office for over an hour. Finally, he showed up, said, 'And the last shall be first,' and started seeing us in reverse order. Made me late for work-study."

"I wanted to like this class, but on the first day, he submerged us in a river instead of going over the syllabus, and that was kind of a lot."



#### A Message from Sue Youle

The Woosehill prayer chain is a wonderful thing and I would like to thank all those who supported, and continue to support, my family and me since the death of my Dad last December. Just knowing so many people are holding us in their prayers at a time when we found it hard to pray for ourselves was a real comfort. The power of prayer was evident to me in the timing of events around the funeral and in finding care for my Mum over Christmas. Thank you all for your love and support. God has not promised sun without rain but prayer has certainly helped to give me strength for each day and continues to do so as we try to find the right solution for my future Mum's care. Thank you all so much.

God's promises
God has not PROMISED
SUN without rain,
JOY without sorrow,
peace without pain.
But God HAS promised
strength for the day,
REST for the labour,
light for the way.
GRACE for the trials,
help from above,
unfailing SYMPATHY,
undying LOVE.





It is difficult for us to think beyond the situation in Ukraine right now, but we are still finding out more about our nominated church charity. Here is some information about them:

It is estimated that 75% of all blindness is avoidable. That means 3/4 people who are blind don't need to be.

Put simply, millions of people around the world are needlessly blind because they can't get simple surgery or treatment that could save their sight. And too often, if you live in a poor community, going blind means losing your chance to go to school, earn a living or live independently.

CBM works across the world's poorest countries to prevent avoidable blindness and restore sight.

Lena was living needlessly blind. Her cataracts could have been easily treated, but for people living in poverty the cost is out of reach. A gift this Easter of just  $\pounds$ 24 to our Light up Lives appeal will be DOUBLED and can give sight to two people like Lena.

#### Our impact last year

- 10m people treated for blinding diseases
- 197k people given sight-restoring cataract surgery
  - 239k glasses and low vision devices distributed





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#### Why we need House Groups

This article was written partly in response to a prompt from Val and partly due to the demise of the home group that used to meet at Geoff Peck's house on a Monday evening.

The place to start is to consider the benefits of a house group both to the individual and the church as a whole. House groups add perspective to an individual's understanding, since they allow participants to explore different aspects of their faith through a medium that provides an additional dimension to that offered by formal worship and organised Bible study. Each house group takes on its own character, according to the make-up of its attendees and their concerns and to an extent birds of a feather flock together. For the church, house groups add to its vitality, prompt spiritual debate and strengthen the church community.

All of this sounds a bit formal, but it's not necessarily so. Perhaps one of the least formal groups I have been associated with is Pints of View, the ecumenical group started by Michael Johnson, who is now vicar at St. Thomas' in Beaconsfield. This grew out of the All Saints informal Sunday service, but now embraces all denominations. It now meets at the Hope and Anchor on a Sunday evening at 8pm and offers the opportunity to discuss all manner of topics under a very loose agenda. In setting up a house group finding a leader can sometimes be a problem, although you don't really need a leader, just somewhere to meet. The Quest House group used to take the approach of meeting to decide a topic for the term and subdivide this into sessions. A venue was decided and each house group member in turn would volunteer to lead a session. Topics varied from covering books like Charles Handy's the Hungry Spirit and Rowan Williams' Silence and Honey Cakes, to what the Bible teaches us about working together (Kings 12: 1-17 seems to be very relevant to modern industrial relations). This worked very well for many years.

Which brings me to my next point, even the best of house groups will need to change with time and sometimes will reach the end of its natural life, when members find new outlets or are absorbed by other activities. If this results in the birth of a new group, offering new insights and stimuli to members of the congregation, then so much the better.

So if you feel like discussing this further, why not come along to the Hope and Anchor next Sunday to see if Pints of View (best to let me know on 9787065 if you are coming) has anything to offer? Alternatively you might want to consider if a new Woosehill based house group is a better option.

#### Ed Smith

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### **Woosehill Church Services and meetings**

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As more of us return to church, we continue to livestream our 10am service on our Woosehill Church YouTube channel, the link also advertised weekly on our Facebook page, newsletter and website woosehillchurch.org

Also at the moment on Zoom:

Parish Bible study on Tuesday evenings 7.15 - 8.30pm

**Together in Prayer** on the third Thursday of the month from 8-9pm Contact Lyn Brown for details

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#### **Our Current Pattern of Services at Woosehill Church**

Ist Sunday - Holy Communion

2nd Sunday - Morning Worship

3rd Sunday Holy Communion

4th Sunday - Morning Worship

5th Sunday - Morning Worship / Café Church

We also now have a reflective evening service on the **first Sunday of each month,** from **6.15 to 7pm** - a chance to be still in the presence of God and one another, with some Taizé chants, Bible reading, candles and time for quiet reflection. All are very welcome.

