

"The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God." **Romans 8:16**

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Sermon Notes



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Teach those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ Acts 28:31

May 2024

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy

Psalms 145

The Lord is extolled for the goodness of who He is and what He has done.

There has never been a generation that did not praise God. Since the beginning of time, salvation and praise have been passed down in unbroken succession. David writes, "One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts" (v4). That praise is directed to God for who He is (His character) and what He has done. Of God's character, David writes: "The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy" (v8). The Lord is good. Writing of God's work, he says, "The Lord upholds all who fall, and raises up those who are bowed down" (v14); "is near to all who call upon Him" (v18); and "will fulfil the desire of those who fear Him" (v19). "The Lord preserves all who love Him" (v20). For these reasons, we praise Him along with David.

Future Dates to Remember

May 9th VISIT DAY at LONDON SEMINARY

This Month's Speakers

- May 5th Family worship and God willing Pastor Robin Asgher will be preaching and leading the service.
Gioel Serio (Joel) will be speaking about his missionary calling to Albania.
After the service, we will have fellowship lunch on bring and share basis. A crèche is also available for toddlers during the second part of the service.
Sunday evening service at 5pm and Pastor Robin Asgher will be preaching and leading the service.
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- May 12th God willing Pastor Robin Asgher from will be preaching and leading the service.
The service will be followed by the Lord's Supper.
Sunday evening service at 5pm and Pastor Robin Asgher will be preaching and leading the service.
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- May 19th God willing Pastor Robin Asgher will be preaching and leading the service.
Ambassador for Christ Baptism class 2pm
Sunday evening service at 5pm and Pastor Robin Asgher will be preaching and leading the service.
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- May 26th God willing Pastor Robin Asgher will be preaching and leading the service.
Sunday evening service at 5pm and Pastor Robin Asgher will be preaching and leading the service.

Weekly Meetings

Sundays	Morning Service 11am Evening Service 5:30pm <i>We thank God that He is a faithful God. We do not take up an offering during the service. Our offering box is located at the back of the church.</i>
Tuesday	Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at the Local Detention Centre 9am - 5pm
Wednesday	Toddler Group 9am-11am Morning Prayer Meeting 10am Evening Prayer Meeting 7:00pm (Via Zoom)
Thursday	Elders & Deacons Prayer Meeting 5:30pm
Friday	Kids Club (5-8 years old) 4:00pm-5:30pm Kids Club (10-16 years old) 6:00pm-8:00pm

If you are interested in any of these meetings or would like further information, please contact Pastor **Robin Asgher 020 8754 1184**

Points for Prayer

We believe that the Scriptures call on churches as well as individual believers to pray fervently, reverently, humbly, sincerely, regularly and with faith (Luke 21:36 Watch therefore and pray always: James 5:16 The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much).

Please pray for Bro Alex's mother as she is house bound due to a fall and waiting for a stair lift.

Please continue to pray sister Hannah's mother in India as she is hoping to move into her home for regular care.

We give thanks and praise the Lord for Carol Stephen, as her husband Alex joined her from Pakistan.

Please pray for it has been a year since the Lord

called Tony Sansom our secretary home and we are hoping to have a thanksgiving service soon.

Please pray for Abraham hoping to buy a flat in Bristol.

Please pray for Samuel, Rohan, Myra, Anneka, Attimika and Elijah having exams.

Please pray for our youth activities Sunday school, Toddler Group and Friday kids club.

As you make your requests known to the Lord, include:

- Faithfulness in sharing Christ
- The Lord's work in world affairs
- Your activities for the day

Missionary Interest

PLEASE PRAY FOR MISSIONE CHIESA, GIOELE SERIO (JOEL) MISSIONARY TO ALBANIA:

I am an Italian missionary from Rome. I was born in a Christian family and received Jesus when I was 11: God worked in my life incredibly, calling me to serve Him when I was 13.

Teenagers were difficult, as health dragged me down physically and mentally: but God never left me and when I was 20, He called to Bible College in Rome.

God opened just 1 year of that college, as He was preparing me to move in the UK: in 2019 in fact, I moved to a second Bible College in West Sussex, IBTI (International Bible Training Institute).

2019-2021 was a difficult season, student during COVID, but Jesus was with us, and I graduated and moved to London in 2021 to serve a local church in Berrymondsey, Central London.

Assisting the pastor, evangelising, God did a great work in my personal life, stressing out the importance of prayer.

This last year I've been visiting Albania a few times: an Italian missionary in Kosovo invited me to see the work they do in the North of

Tirana back in March 2023: after many doors closed and God moving the path of my life in directions I could have never predicted, He confirmed with His word in November 2023 that He was then calling me to Albania as a missionary.

Now, I am in that process of moving out from the UK after 5 years and going to Albania as a full-time missionary.

There's a lot to do in Bathore, the Muslim area of Tirana: kids need Jesus, women need protection, and men need to be empowered and transformed.

May God bless us and keep us. Pray for pastor Genci Zeka and his wife Ilda, the pastor I will work with the church in Bathore, pray for Tirana and Albania, pray for the Balkans and God is moving. Grateful for Pastor Robin Asgher for praying and supporting me in past few months.

Gioele Serio (Joel) will be supported by Assemblies of God Albania. For further info please contact Joel on: 07448867305