

SUNDAY SERVICES

- 11.00 am - Morning Service and Junior Church
- Holy Communion 1st Sunday of each month.
- 4.00 pm - Afternoon Service on Special Occasions.
- 4 - 6.00 pm - Higher Kingdom Church International in the
Hall—(Pastor Sam)

ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

- SUNDAY - MWA - Meeting 3rd Sunday after service.
- WEDNESDAY - 7.30 pm - Bible Studies, on Zoom.
- THURSDAY - Men's Fellowship Meeting at 1pm -
(Normally on 3rd Thursday of the month on Zoom / Hall)
- FRIDAY - Intercessory Prayers - 7:00 –8:00 p.m. on Zoom
- SATURDAY- 7.30—8:30 p.m. Monthly Prayer Meeting –
(Before Communion Sunday—Meeting on Zoom)

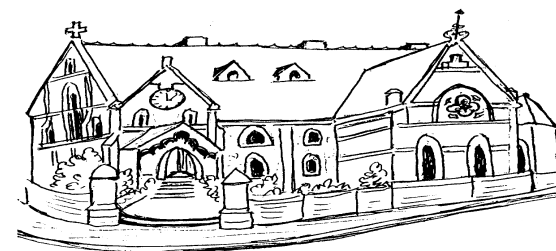
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“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me. Bless His Holy Name. 2. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all His benefits. 3. Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, 4. who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, 5.who satisfies you with good as long as we live so that your youth is renewed like the eagles. [Psalms 103:1-5 NRSV, 1989]

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MINISTER'S LETTER

Sisters and Brothers,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we enter this Lenten season, our hearts turn once again toward the cross! The symbol of suffering and shame. Lent calls us to slow down, to look within, and to walk more closely with Christ on the road that leads to Calvary and beyond.

The forty days of Lent, remind us that discipleship involves both repentance and renewal.

We are invited to 'give up' something for Lent as a form of fasting and denial, or alternatively to 'take on' an activity or action that will draw us closer to God.

During this Lenten season, ask yourself, how can I strengthen my faith? How can I live a prayerfully life that is shaped by prayer. In this world many people are restless with noise and haste, Lent offers us the sacred gift of stillness, where our hearts may once again be tuned to the voice of our Lord and Saviour.

To those among us who feel poor in spirit, burdened by worry, or alone; know that you are especially near to the heart of Christ. He who had nowhere to lay His head understands every hunger and every sorrow.

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Q 18-Compare and contrast Ruth and Orpah.
Read from verses 19 to 22

Q 19- what happened in verse 19 and 20 and why Naomi changed her name (Mara)

Q20- in verse 21, do you agree Did Naomi really come back empty?

Q 21- in verse 22 they both returned in the time of harvest. What do you think they returned to Bethlehem according to God's plan.

Summary:

Faithful friendship is one of the most beautiful blessings that God has given to us. So take some time to think for a while and thank God for the friends and the relatives who have blessed your life especially when the circumstances weren't easy in your life and may be in their life as well. But they have always been faithful to you. Praise God for people who never leave us. Our lives move according to God's plan, as Ruth and Naomi returned to Bethlehem was certainly part of God's plan because in this town David would be born [1st Samuel 16. 1].

As predicted by the prophet Micah (Micah 5.2). Jesus Christ would also be born there. This move, then was a more than merely convenient for Ruth and Naomi. It led to the fulfilment of Scripture. Ruth is the 9 great grandmother of King David. Yet the greatest blessing was not the money, the marriage, or the child; it was the quality of love and respect between Ruth and Naomi. We also see the love and respect between Ruth and Boaz in the next chapter.

So that is the 1st Chapter of Ruth, a story of loyalty and commitment and true love.

Bible Studies—Ruth 1- Sr. Flora.

Q 7- How should a person ascertain God's will?

Q8-What was the result of this decision for the family? Considering they left because of the famine (for health reasons), was their decision effective?

Read verses 6 to 15

In these verse, Orpah leaves, but Ruth stays (6-15)

Q 9-What was Naomi's reason for returning? V 6

Q 10- Was this a good decision? Why or why not?

Q 11-What do we learn in this passage about Naomi? Orpah?

Q12 -What motivated Naomi to suggest that Ruth and Orpah stay in Moab? V 12 and 13.

Old testament ref Deuteronomy ch 25 verses 5 to 10

Q 13-Why do you think Orpah listened to her and left, but Ruth stayed?

Q 14-Do you agree with Naomi that the "hand of the Lord has gone" against her? V 13

Q 15- Do you ever feel like God's hand is against you? When you feel like that, how should you respond?

Read verses 16 and 18:

III. Ruth expresses her loyalty (16-18)

Q 16-What do we learn from these verses about Ruth's character?

If following Naomi most likely meant a life of poverty without a husband, why would Ruth choose it?

Q17-What can we learn from her statement about what love is? Loyalty?

To whom should we have similar levels of loyalty and commitment?

The Lord who was killed on the cross promises you His abiding presence. Let us be mindful, through prayer and action, to extend kindness and companionship to those we meet during Lent. Lent is not an end in itself.

Lent leads us to Easter. When the dawn breaks upon the empty tomb, we see the full measure of God's redemption. The darkness is broken, death is defeated, and hope stands triumphant in the risen Christ.

As we journey together through these holy days, may we bear one another's burdens with compassion. Pray for others and be willing to walk alongside someone in need. Remember with thanksgiving the victory of Jesus over sin and death.

My prayer is that each of you may know anew the life-giving power of the resurrection, not only as a moment in history but as a living reality that renews every heart and home.

May this Lent deepen your faith, and may this Easter fill you with joy.

May the phrase from the Easter liturgy *'The Lord is risen'* remind you anew of our belief and the response, *'He is risen indeed'*. fill you with thanksgiving and peace. *Amen.*

Rev Edwin.

DEVOTIONAL CORNER

1 John 5:1-5 [NRSV, 1989]

1. Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child.
2. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey His commandments.”
- 3 “For the love of God is this, that we obey His commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome,
4. For whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.
5. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Hymn: Chorus: CMP 577—Rejoice in the Lord always.

From Philippians 4. Copyright control.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice! Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice! Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice! Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice.

Hymn: CMP 580 - Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868). V 1, 3 & 5.

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes, 'Hosanna' cry, O Saviour meek, pursue Thy road with palms and scattered garments strowed.

3. Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the skies look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.

5. Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; bow Your meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, Your power, and reign.

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7TH OF MARCH



Psalms 104:1-5:- 1. “Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honour and majesty, 2. wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, 3. You set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, 4. You make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. 5. You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.”

[Psalms 104:1-5 NRSV, 1989].

Holy, Holy is our God, and worthy of our praises. I will praise Thee O LORD with my whole heart. I will shew forth all Thy marvellous works.

I will be glad and rejoice thee, I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.

O LORD how excellent is Thy Name in all the Earth; who has set Thy glory above the heavens.

And those who know Your Name put their trust in You, for You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who see You.

Ref: Psalms 9

Sr. Precious

Hymn: CMP 339 - Anon copyright control

In the Name of Jesus, in the Name of Jesus Christ, we have the victory. In the Name of Jesus, in the Name of Jesus Christ, demons will have to flee. Who can tell what God can do? Who can tell of His love for you? In the Name of Jesus, Jesus, we have the victory.



News of the Fellowship

We continue to remember with love and prayers our members and friends who have been absent from worship due to illness or are housebound; as we lift them to the LORD in prayers.

Anyone who is aware of members or friends, who might be away due to illness, or for any other reason, please advise the Minister. We will continue to pray for Revd. Donald & Sr. Odette. If anyone requires a pastoral visit, kindly advise the Minister or the church secretary.

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It is our custom to welcome all visitors to our services. We trust that they enjoyed fellowship with us. Refreshments are usually served after the service in the hall. Please join us, if possible.

Congratulations, prayers and blessings to all those who have celebrated a birthday or an anniversary since our last Focus. We continue to ask for prayers for members and friends.

Condolences are extended to bereaved families. We remember before God all those who mourn the loss of loved family members, friends and colleagues.

Kindly keep them in your prayers, as well as those who have been absent from church services for a very long period.

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So many messages are communicated through the various images in this hymn. What resonates most with me, though, as the new year begins, is the petition in the opening line. So often in our spiritual pilgrimage we tend to implore God to walk with us as we navigate the vicissitudes of life.

However, there is a positional shift that we are being invited to take with this opening line. It may seem insignificant, but I believe that this opening line encourages us not so much to start with professing that God is walking with us. Instead, we choose to walk with God.

So, for this first FF, we are being beckoned to WALK WHERE GOD LEADS. If we do so, then this positional shift will facilitate all the other spiritual positions that are highlighted throughout the verses of this hymn. Ultimately, if we WALK WHERE GOD LEADS then the last line will be our daily lived reality.

As we **WALK WHERE GOD LEADS**, then every step of our WALK will be God-led.

Prayer

God, as we walk with you throughout this year, lead us with every step we take. Amen

From: Friday Focus <moravianfridayfocus@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, 16 January 2026 at 20:13:02 GMT

Subject: Friday Focus - January 16, 2026 (3)

First off, allow me to extend a very happy new year to all.

As a church musician, I have been asked repeatedly, what is my favourite hymn. It is not a question that I can easily answer since the favourite list changes depending on where I am spiritually. But there is one hymn, the words of which have been churning in my mind. The hymn which I am referring to is '*O Master, let me walk with thee*' written by Washington Gladden.

I share the text with you:

O Master, let me walk with Thee,
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee
In closer, dearer, company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way,
In peace that only Thou canst give,
With Thee, O Master, let me live.

Church Services in March 2026

1st - 11 a.m. - Morning Worship — Revd. I. Green
8th - 11:00 a.m.- Morning Worship —Revd. E. Quildan
15th— 11:00 a.m.— Mothering Sunday— Sr. S. Bailey
22nd - 11 a. m.— Morning Worship—Sr. G. Adjei
29th— 11 a.m.—Palm Sunday— Revd. E. Quildan.

Church Services in April 2026

3rd - 11 a.m.— Good Friday Service—Revd. E. Quildan
5th - 11 a.m.—Easter Day Service - Revd. E. Quildan
12th - 11 a.m.— Morning Worship — Revd. D. Elliott
19th —11 a.m.— Morning Worship— Sr. F. Khan
26th—11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship— Sr. V. Williams

Stewards' Rota – March 2026

1st	Sr. Margaret	Sr. Heather B.
8th	Sr. Pauline	Sr. Denise.
15th	Sr. Ethney	Br. Paul.
22nd	Sr. Beverley	Sr. Shauna.
29th	Sr. Akua	Br. Cecil.

Stewards' Rota – April 2026

5th	Sr. Avis.	Sr. Betty
12th	Sr. Pat F.	Sr. Vivienne N.
19th	Sr. Heather A.	Sr. Geneva.
26th	Sr. Bernadette.	Sr. Grace.



IN APPRECIATION

Flower Donations - January 2026

4th — Sr. Mary Dabreo for her birthday and from the flower fund.

11th— Sr. Pauline and family in memory of her late niece Michelle.

18th — The Flower Fund.

25th— Sr. Victoria for hers and her grandson Kavell’s respective birthdays and from the flower fund.



Once again, much appreciation to all who support the flower fund. Thank you for your kind generosity. Our God richly bless you all.

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We are at the next stage of another questionnaire, date to be confirmed.

Thank you for the suggestion given, these will be actioned in 2026.

The report ends at 31st of December 2025.

However, activities for the church in January 2026
4th January Baptism (of Santiago)

Thank you all again for your continual encouragement and support.

Let us all continue to work together in doing God's will for the Church and Community

Sr. Heather Anderson.

CMP 575 - Charles Wesley (1707-88) Verses 1 - 3.

Rejoice the LORD is King! Your Lord and King adore; mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.

Chorus: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say rejoice.

2. Jesus the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love; when He hath purged our stains, He took His place above:

3. His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o’er earth and heaven; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:

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Br. Leslie Robinson (served at Fetter Lane and the Brondsby Society and Harlesden in 1972)

We thank God for their service and for their souls to rest in peace.

We continued to celebrate all birthdays and anniversaries by singing the "birthday song".

The Church presented a bouquet to Br. Donald Elliott for his 90th birthday.

Bible studies: Wednesdays on Zoom 7:30p.m.

Intercessory prayers: change from 1:30p.m. on the (17/10/25) to 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Saturday Prayers before Holy Communion from 7:30-8:30p.m.

New Members (2025)

Br. Zitroy Hall (February)

Br. Keith Sinclair (April)

Sr. Shirley Sinclair (April)

Thanks are extended to Sr Geneva for writing the focus and for her flower team Srs. Betty, Margaret and Pauline for beautifying the church.

Also Br. Steve Wilkie for taking The Moravian Messenger.

National Church Development Project 32:



Flower Donations— February 2026

1st — The Flower Fund

8th — Sr. Pauline Laud for her daughter Orchid's birthday and from Sr. Denise Allison in memory of her late son Tashan and for hers and daughter Patrice's respective birthdays.

15th — The Flower Fund

22nd — Br. James Williams for his birthday today, from the Williams' family and from Sr. Precious Mullins in memory of her late Mother's birthday, Miss Pearl.

In Appreciation: We give our God thanks for His numerous blessings which encourages anonymous donations for the flower fund.

May our God continue to refill your storehouses, as you remain faithful towards His ministry.

Thank you, all of you.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

A. Looking at the book of Acts

1. What areas of the world are Christians being persecuted today?
2. What is a Martyr?
3. Who the wrote the book of Acts?
4. Read Acts Ch 1 vv 1 - 5; what does it say about the writer of Acts?
5. What is an Epistle?
6. What does Acts Ch 8 tell you about Stephen?

B. What does the term Lent encourage us to do?

1. How many words can you make from 'Fasting'?

C. Looking at Palm Sunday

1. Who is the person in the image below?
2. Where is the rider going?
3. What is happening in the image below?
4. What do the word below the image mean?

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20th July- Sr Sarah Groves retired from stipendiary Ministry (35years Grace Hill)

16th November- Br Donald Howarth accepted call to serve at Grace Hill summer 2026

30th September- Revd Edwin Quildan's retirement

News of the congregation:

Many of our Church members and family have passed away to be with the Lord.

1st February- Revd. Roy Martin (former Minister of Harlesden)

Sr. Marion Edgecombe (funeral 1st April)

Sr Irene Scotland (funeral 25th April)

Sr. Sheree Boakye-Ansah (daughter Sr Akua)

Sr. Comfort Henry

13th June Br. Henry Mills

Sr. Louise McFarlane (funeral 3rd July)

21st June Sr. Shirley Lovell (Sr. Wendy's mother)

17th July Sr. Lindsey Newens (administrator of church house)

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31st December- watchnight service led by Revd. Edwin Quildan to ring in 2026.

Activities supported by the church

Eastern District Lent Course

25th January- The Baptist Church concert (Acton Lane)

9th January- Christian Unity one week of prayer

10th March-7th April Lent Course

14th-18th April - Passion Readings

3rd May- MWA 75th Anniversary Service (Hall Green Birmingham)

15th May - talk on Prominent people buried in Moravian close at Fetter Lane

17th June - Provincial Day of Prayer

Men's Fellowship Rally

URC Synod and Southwest Area Group Meeting

News of Provincial Board

8th June- Sr. Janet Cooper accepted call to Fulneck Moravian Church

8th July - Fulneck Moravian School closure.

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Hosanna blessed is he that comes

D. What happened on Good Friday?

1. Who betrayed Jesus?
2. Who pushed a spear into Jesus' side?
3. How many other people were crucified with Jesus?
4. What happened to the sky when Jesus died?
5. Jesus was placed in a tomb, what was put at the entrance?

E. What happened on Easter Sunday?

1. Who went to the tomb early on Sunday morning?
2. What happened to Jesus on Easter Sunday?
3. Why is Easter special for Christians?

Noticeboard

Gift Aid: Are you a taxpayer? The one way that taxpayers can give more to the Church, without it costing them anything, is to Gift Aid their contributions, this is money that can be claimed back from the Inland Revenue and can make a difference to a congregations' income.

Therefore, if you are not already doing so, I would urge you to contact the treasurer and **complete a Gift Aid Form.**

Our Natural Church Development (NCD) champion is Sr Heather A. If you have any ideas to strengthen our fellowship or to spread the gospel, please use the suggestion box in the Church or speak directly to Sr Heather A.

The coronavirus Protocols

The coronavirus is still around. As a church we believe in looking after each other. The wearing of mask is optional. However, hand sanitizers are to be used frequently.

Thank you for maintaining the coronavirus protocols.

Children's Activity: We are thinking about running some children's activity during the year. If you have any ideas of the things we can do (either on-line or physical) please let the elders know or the minister.

On behalf of other charities that members and friends support in any way, Thank you.

30th March- Mother's Day service and Sr Bernadette Daniel was commissioned as an Elder led by Revd. Edwin Quildan and

11th May - Memorial Service for Sr Sylvia Liddie's led by Sr Geneva.

29th June- Memorial Service for Sr Comfort Henry led by Revd Edwin Quildan

7th September- Preacher Sr. Ola Lawal

21st September- Harvest Thanksgiving Service Led by Sr. Valerie Williams

26th September- love feast and quarterly meeting led by Sr. Heather Anderson

2nd November- Church Anniversary led by Revd. John Danso

23rd November- Moravian Interchange led by Sr. Roberta Hoey.

7th December- Preacher Sr. Susan Quildan Foreman.

14th December- 9 Lessons and Carols led Sr. Valerie Williams.

21st December- Christingles led by Sunday School leaders and Sunday School.

Secretary's Report

I continue to give God thanks and praise for the strength and guidance He has given me of serving Him through the activities of the church and the enjoyment and satisfaction I have gained over the years.

Church Services: The church continues to serve the LORD faithfully. We continue with the covid 19 protocol using face mask and sanitizing at each person's discretion.

Sunday Service: Worship Service continues at 11:00 a.m. and Holy Communion first Sunday of each month guided by our faithful Ministers Revd. Edwin Quildan and Revd. Donald Elliott, with Lay Preachers Sisters Valerie Williams, Venus Khan, Geneva, Heather Anderson, Audrey Kendal, Sandra Bailey and Ola Lawal. Thanks to everyone who led our Services as Preacher or Worship leader.

Special thanks are extended Revd. Edwin Quildan, who has been an exceptional Minister who has continued to work and guide us, until a Minister is appointed. He officially retired since 30th September 2025.

Activities of the Church: The church continues its usual activities on our church calendar for the year and with different persons and group conducting our various services and other activities.

Special Services:

2nd March - The preacher was Revd Ian Green from Amersham Free Church, which was a pulpit exchange.

Noticeboard

Friday Intercessory Prayers from 7—8 p.m.

Calendar March 2026.

Sun. 1st—Moravian Church Day of Prayer

Fri. 6th—World's Day of Prayer

Sat. 21st—Thames North Synod at 10 a.m.

Mon. 30th—Passion Week Meeting at 7 p.m. on zoom

Tue. 31st—Passion Week Meeting at 7 p.m. on zoom.

Calendar April 2026

Wed. 1st—Passion Week Meetings at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

Maundy Thur. 2nd Apr.—In Church at 7 p.m. with Revd. E. Quildan / Sr. H. Anderson.

Sat. 18th—MWA Away Day—Hall Green Birmingham.

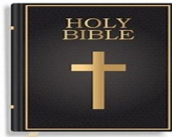
Moravian Church Eastern District Lent Course

A series of stories about different, but interlinked, women, written by Paula Gooder.

Mondays at 7:30pm on Zoom 23rd February and 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd March

All are welcome

Zoom Meeting ID: 940 008 9927



Jonah 1 **Prophet Jonah and the city of Nineveh**

INTRODUCTION

Nineveh was a great and powerful city part of the mighty Assyrian empire, but it was full of evil and lots of corruption and thereby heading for destruction.

But a most and compassionate God saw that it was necessary it to save it as it was a rising power and perhaps a good place to establish power and leadership.

Jonah who hated the powerful and wicked Assyrians was called by God to warn these people that they would receive judgement if they did not repent.

Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh so he turned and ran away from God but God has ways of teaching us to obey and follow him so when Jonah finally preached there the city repented and God withheld his Judgement.

So, the most wicked will be saved if they repent for, their sins and turn to God. The reluctant preacher went to Nineveh. Here we see God's acts of compassion at work.



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Sr. Jean and I were at the Harlesden Baptist Church's January Rally last evening, (Saturday 31st), and we rendered an item, entitled "*Thanks to God my Redeemer*", as the theme for the event was "*Thanksgiving*".

Although, it was not a concert where singing was the main topic, their main choir sung, then the stewards' choir also sung followed by the combined choirs of Evangelism and the main choir. It was very lively and I pray that, we here at SMSG's would emulate them. It's not a competition, but the joy of praising our God is overdue as a congregation with various talents and skills. Thank you.

Church Bazaar November 2025:

The bazaar was held on Saturday 15th November from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Congratulations and thanks to all the various stall holders in managing the different items for sale.

Heartfelt thanks to Sr. Beverley for cleaning and frying three boxes of fish for sale.

By His Grace, she will need a few assistants in future.

The raffle prizes were won by some members and friends of members who attended.

The final total is £908.17 for sales and goodwill donations.

Thank you all, once again.

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A member of our team has officially retired, however, she has agreed to step in when necessary.

The team are looking for one or two more volunteers.

Training will be given, however, if you are already an expert in flower arrangements, you might not need the training.

Church Magazine - Focus

This is a bi-monthly publication from members for members. When no items are forthcoming from the congregation, substitute articles from other ministers are used.

In the Book of Revelation 12:11 states, “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto death”. We are to give testimonies to glorify God for His Goodness in our lives. Why not submit these testimonies to encourage others.

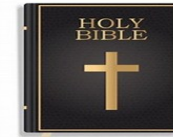
We thank Sr. Wendy Quildan for the proofreading before it finally goes to print. Thank you.

Choir Report:

Sr. Cynthia Jacobs remains the Choir Mistress, unless she advises otherwise.

In her absence, I have stood in as her assistant, endorsed by Revd. Edwin from last year's (2025) meeting.

The anthems that have been selected have been appropriate for some of the sermons.



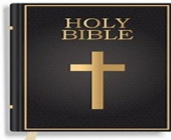
Questions

Read verses 1-6

- 1 Why do you think that God had chosen Jonah?
- 2 Why Nineveh? Verse 2
- 3 Why do you think that Jonah headed for Tarshish?
- 4 Why do you believe that Jonah took the route from Joppa?
- 5 What was Jonah's reaction to the order from God
- 6 How was God's plan manifested in verse 4?
- 7 What were the sailor's reaction in verse 5?
8. What actions did the sailors employ so as to correct what was going on?
- 9 Were the sailors' actions successful, and why you think they were not?

Read 7-12

- 10 What did Jonah do to give him confidence that he could control of the situation?
- 11 What was the captain's reaction?
- 12 How did the sailors identify who was responsible for the situation in which they found themselves?
- 13 Did their action work, and how was it able to work?
- 14 What was the result of their questioning? verse 8.
- 15 How did they know what he was running away from, and who told them?
- 16 What was their reaction to his answer in verse 10?
- 17 How were their answers received, and what was Jonah's solution verse 12?
- 18 What was attempted by the sailors to calm the situation verse 13?



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19 What was they appeal in verse 14, and to whom did they appeal vers14?

20 What did you conclude from Jonah's story?

21 how should we react to a calling from God?

22 With trepidation fear or confidence?

Br. S. Wilkie

Notes for Wednesday 14th January 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

Introduction to the Book of Jonah 2.

Jonah is unique in that the entire prophecy is written in the third person. The fact that the prophecy ends with the prophet in discouragement and under God's rebuke would live the reader discouraged, but because it is written in the third person the reader knows that the prophet wrote it after he had returned from his mission from Assyria and had favourably responded to God's rebuke.

He leaves behind a record of God's dealings with him as an individual and with Assyria as a nation, and in this unique form he magnifies the power of God and obscures himself behind his message.

Authorship: All that is known about Jonah is a brief historical statement made about him in 2 Kings 14:25, which indicates that he gave a prophecy that was fulfilled during the reign of Jeroboam 11.

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“The Advent Candle” Quote from a church member, “a memorable service”. Thank you for those who always encourage.

Psalm 47:1-2 “Be positive and walk with faith. Sing praises to God, sing praises.

Yours in Christ, Sr. Audrey Kendall.

Report on Flower Arrangements. Sunday 1st February 2026

We give thanks to God for the array of colours from His creation, which beautifies His sanctuary.

Thanks to all who donate towards their special occasions, and especially to all those who donate towards the flower fund.

Due to the high rising cost of flowers every year, the fund is used to top up any amount given. However, when there are no donations from members, the fund steps in every time.

Once again, thank you for your generosity.

The team consists of Srs. Betty, Margaret, Pauline and Geneva.

Junior Church Report - 1st February 2026. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

This report highlights the Christingle / Christmas Nativity Celebration on 21st December 2025.

Many thanks go to the Men's Fellowship for funding the oranges,

Br. Edwin for his hands on helping to decorate the oranges and his support on Saturday to ensure all was organised for our special service on Sunday.

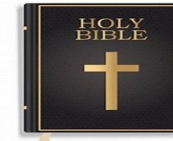
The performance was by all aged groups, Raphael the youngest aged 4, and his birthday was on the day of our service. He is truly part of our services and the church family, continued appreciation to his grandmother Sr. Ethney that, God is in his life.

Our narrators were Srs. Evelyn and Shauna, confidently led the service, reminding us that the Christ Child lies at the heart of our Christmas celebrations. Sr. Betty's and Br. Bill's adult children and grandson were enthusiastically marvellous.

Their grandson was Joseph, their daughters, Angel Gabriel, wisemen and shepherds.

Ten-year-old Zaria was Mary. The famous Christmas story teaches us humans lessons for life. Unity, family, togetherness and encouragement.

Srs. Betty and Patricia are the adult leaders, guiding and reflecting God's Life of Hope; peace, joy, and love.



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Jonah's name means "Dove", and his father's name (Amittai) means "Truthful".

Jonah came from the tribe of Zebulun, one of the tribes in the northern kingdom of Isreal, and he came from the village of Gath-hepher, located about two miles northeast of Nazareth.

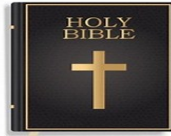
The purpose of Jonah's is to show the sovereignty of God at work in the life of an individual (the prophet Jonah), and His concerns for a heathen nation (Assyria).

The prophecy also shows in an oblique way, His concern for His own people and that the way to avert national catastrophe is a concentrated missionary effort toward all people.

Jonah's theme is God's mercy to the individual (Jonah, a Jew), a group (the heathen sailors), the heathen world power (Assyria, a Gentile nation), and His people (Isreal).

Introduction to Jonah's thanksgiving prayer 2:1-9 with references to alternate verses.

Q1) "Then Jonah prayed to the LORD His God from the belly of the fish," Jonah 2:1 [NRSV, 1989]



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Q2) - ref Psalm 120:1
Psalm 65:2
Psalms 120:1

Q3) Psalm 88:6;
Psalm 42:7.

Cont.. Jonah 2

Q4) Psalm 31:22;

1 Kings 8:38 & 39.

Q5) Lamentation 3:54.

Q6) Psalm 16:10

Q7) Psalm 18:6

Q8) Jeremiah 10:8
Jeremiah 10:10

Q9) Hosea 14:2 & 3
Ecclesiastes 5:4 -6

Psalm 3:8
Jeremiah 3:23

Ref: KJ Study Bible, 1988] NRSV, [1989].

Reports

MWA 1st February 2026.

The MWA meets every Third Sunday in the month after morning service. We have 9 members at present. Our Circle Leader is Sr. Heather Anderson; Assistant Leader is Sr. Betty Graham Bent.

We attend the MWA rally each year, which is held at Halls Green, Birmingham, sharing a coach with the Sisters from Hornsey, and hoping to do the same this year.

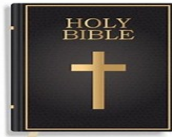
The MWA plays a wider part in the church. Some are Elders. Two Lay Preachers, help in the kitchen after morning service by serving refreshments each Sunday.

We would like to thank everyone for the contributions to the food bank.

Thanking Sr. Betty and her husband Br. Bill for their help by taking the food items to the Food Bank.

We would like to welcome sisters to join us any Sunday after church service.

Sr. M. Dabreo.



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Questions for discussion:

1 Read verses 1 to 5. Family and Famine:

Discussion Questions

Q 1-What was Israel like when the judges ruled?

Q2-On what basis did the people generally make decisions (Judges 21:25)? Do you think due to their disobedience they faced Famine in the land? Old Testament Ref: Deut,28 verses 23 to 24.

2nd Samuel 21 v 1

1King ch 17 v 1.

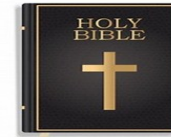
Q 3-How do we see this same decision-making process with Elimelech?

Q 4- Do you think it was the right choice for them to move to Moab? Why or why not?

Q 5-What kind of temptations might they face in this foreign country?

Q 6-What was their motivation to leave? Is this reasonable?

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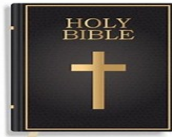


Bible Study – Jonah Chapter 3 - Wednesday 21st January 2026

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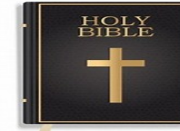
This chapter of Jonah 3 is a pivotal narrative in the book of Jonah, detailing the second call to Jonah by God to preach to Nineveh. Despite Jonah's initial reluctance and disobedience, God's mercy leads him to fulfil his mission. The chapter highlights the theme of God's grace and the transformative power of His message, even for a great and wicked city. The events in this chapter serve as a powerful example of God's mercy when we are disobedient; and demonstrating that true repentance can bring about incredible blessings and restoration.

- 1) What did God send Jonah to Nineveh to do? (vs. 2).
- 2) Normally how many days would it take Jonah to go to all parts of Nineveh? (vs. 3)
- 3) How was Nineveh described? (vs. 3).
- 4) Why do you think Nineveh is repeatedly referred to as a great city?
- 5) How many days did God give the people of Nineveh to repent? (vs.3)



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- 6) What was the people's reaction when Jonah preached in Nineveh? (vs. 5)
- 7) What did the king of Nineveh do when he heard the message of Jonah? (vs. 6)
- 8) What did the people of Nineveh do to avert God's punishment? (vs.7).
- 9) Who repents in this chapter?
- 10) What does the King say about God in verses 8-9?
- 11) Why did God relent from what He had wanted to do in Nineveh? (vs. 10).
- 12) What does God do in verse 10?
- 13) Which two categories are given a second chance?
- 14) Who do you think needs to hear that God gives second chances today?
- 15) Are there people today who we might secretly think don't deserve God's mercy?
- 16) How do you respond when it seems that instead of punishing your enemy, God extends mercy to them.
- 17) Think of as many words as you can to describe Jonah. Be prepared to say why you made these choices.

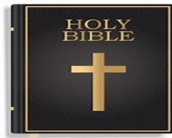


Ruth chapter 1—Introduction:

The book of Ruth is the Narrative of a love story yet also has some important Genealogy. The timeline of this book is intertwined during the period of the Judges. The author was anonymous, but some believe it was perhaps written by Samuel the prophet; however, it is unlikely that he was alive when this book was written. It was written about 1046-1035 B.C. Key personalities include Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz.

Its purpose was to demonstrate the kind of love, and faithfulness that God desires for us. It shows the difference between what happens when a nation does not follow in obedience to the covenant of God (Judges), and when God's people follow in faithfulness within the covenant (Ruth).

In chapter 1, Ruth remains loyal to her mother-in-law Naomi after the death of her husband and in-laws. Naomi decides to return to her homeland of Bethlehem alone, however, Ruth insists on staying with her and adopting Naomi's God as her own. "But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God" (1:16).



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11. Have we at some point, shown Jonah's tendencies? Seeking our own justice, talk of who should be punished and doesn't deserve God grace and forgiveness?

Summary

Jonah was given a second chance to do the right thing, so was the Ninevites they were given that chance to change their ways, and they took it without question.

Was Jonah meant to disobey to gain believers of the crew on the ship? Was this part his path?

Closing Prayer

Father God, we give thanks and praise to thy holy name. Father God, as we gather here this evening, we thank you for each and every one contribution and understanding of your words and teaching.

Father God thank you for helping us to recognise the Jonah within us and to remember that God's understanding is greater than ours and his love surpassed ours. May we continue to walk in the shadow of the almighty. **Amen**

Sr. Ethney.



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18) When we turn to God, and seek His forgiveness, he is merciful. In the parable of the Prodigal Son, how did the father, who represents God, respond to his youngest son's return home?

19) What are the major lessons learned from this chapter of Jonah?

Short Closing Prayer

Father God, Thank You that You are a God of mercy and second chances.

Thank You that You see our hearts and respond when we turn back to You.

Help us to obey You, even when it is difficult, and give us hearts that reflect Your compassion for others. **Amen.**

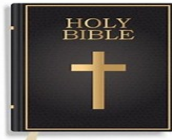
Sr. Victoria.

Jonah chapter 4—Wednesday 28 January 2026

Introduction

We continue the story of Jonah the prophet and his reluctance to obey Gods command.

There are striking similarities between Saul and Jonah the prophet, especially their psychological struggles in initial Reluctance to fulfil their divine commission and their



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tendency to hide and evade responsibility, both are characterised as tragic, somewhat failed figures who struggle to align their own desires with God's purpose.

Here we have a prophet Jonah, whom God uses as a channel to speak to His people but on this occasion, Jonah knowing God is slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity, a God of forgiveness.

This was not what Jonah wanted, he wants the Ninevites destroyed so was reluctant to carry out God's instructions to go to Ninevah and speak to the Ninevites (whom he knew were known for their wickedness, cruelty, evil and corrupt idol worshippers). That in forty days Ninevah would be overthrown. As we know by now Jonah disobeyed God and fled, so let us continue Jonah's journey down to the depths and his resurfacing back to proclaim God's message to the Ninevites.

Jonah's Anger at the Lord's Compassion

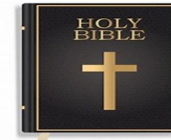
Questions: Read Jonah ch 4 vv 1 - 4

Jonah's anger continues.

1. What was his reasoning with God. Ch 4 verse 1- 2

2. What was Jonah asking the LORD to do and how did the LORD reply to him?

Ch. 4 verses 3-4



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3. Was Jonah beginning to question what was going happen?
ch. 4 verses 5

Read Jonah ch 4 vv 6

4. What did God do to show he loves and care for Jonah even in his anger?

5. What was Jonah reaction to this?

Read Jonah ch 4 vv 7 - 8

6. It is said the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. What was Jonah's experience of this?

7. Why does Jonah continually say, "it would be better for him to die than to live"

Read Jonah ch 4 vv 9 - 11

8. God questions Jonah's right to be angry about the plant. What was Jonah's answer, and what did Jonah wish again? (verse 9)

9. How did God question Jonah's reasoning about the plant? (verse 10)

10. How did God conclude Jonah's argument and his anger against doing what was asked of him? (verse 11)