

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 - 1:30 p.m. on Zoom

SATURDAY - 7.30—8:30 p.m. Monthly Prayer Meeting –
(Before Communion Sunday—Meeting on Zoom)

Choir Practice. (To be confirmed).

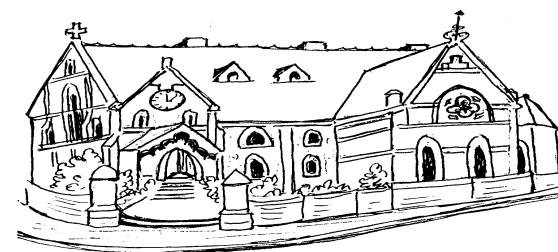
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**“Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought, it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.”
Jeremiah 17:7-8. [NRSV, 1989].**

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MINISTER'S LETTER

Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings in the name of Jesus our Lord and Saviour.

As I write this message for March and April, we are reminded of how fragile life can be. There has been a rise in the number of deaths during the winter months of January and February. Most members have heard of at least two deaths during those months.

With sadness we advise of the death of Sr Irene Scotland, who has been a member of our congregation for many, many years. We send condolences to her family. Please see the verse from I Thessalonians chapter 4 (below). Hospitals across the country have experienced near capacity or no available bed allocation, as the effects of flu and Norovirus, along with other factors, have hospitalised a number of patients.

We are about to move into the Church season of Lent, which starts on Ash Wednesday (5th March). A time for prayer, reflection and repentance as we prepare for Easter. Consider what you can do during this period of Lent. As we move through Lent, we invite you to be part of our 'Passion tide' services and our 'Easter', celebrations.

We continue to focus on our National Church Development action plan. The plan was updated before Christmas and can be accessed through our Champion Sr Heather Anderson or the Elders. The plan is also displayed at the front of the Church. Let us continue to improve our relationship and trust in each other. At times we meet in small groups, to focus on a project or activity to build the Church.

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When this happens pray and ask yourself how we can bring glory to God, as we work with one another. Ask God to guide you. Every member has a part to play in adding to the plan and assisting with the completion of the actions.

Let me leave you with the statement of faith from 1 Thessalonians chapter 4 vv 13 -15

13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.

14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him.

15 According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

**Every blessing,
Rev. Edwin.**

Reminder: Unity Prayer Day Offering will be collected on Sunday 2nd March 2025, in aid of translating materials into Spanish.

DEVOTIONAL CORNER

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 [NRSV 1989]

“If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

3. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. 4. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant 5. or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;

6. it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. 7. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

9. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; 10. but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. 11. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.

12. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

13. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.”

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Ephesians 4: 32 says “*Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*” As we seek to be true to this command, I urge us not to overlook or forget to also BE KIND TO YOURSELF. By doing so, we may then find it even easier to be kind to others. So as we welcome this new month, I urge you BE KIND TO YOURSELF!

Lent Course on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. 10th 17th, 24th, 31st and 7th April on Zoom.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The link for the Lent course will be the same as the usual Hornsey and Fetter Lane link.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 818 3486 4486

Passcode: 771751

Thanks.

**Michael,
Minister of Hornsey and Fetter Lane.**

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Rather, it is an invitation to BE KIND TO YOURSELF. It is a call to give to ourselves that same grace that we have been taught to give to others. I see it as an invitation to be patient with ourselves. It is a call to extend that same deep compassion and empathy to ourselves that we would have given to others.

SELF-KINDNESS is especially needed when we are prone to be hard on ourselves in not attaining certain goals by a particular time. SELF-KINDNESS sometimes is seen to be a difficult and challenging attribute because there may also be a part of us that may mistake this as a means of feeding our ego.

But SELF-KINDNESS is not about drowning in our own narcissistic pool of self-adulation. Rather it is a moment to affirm who we are, what we have accomplished while also acknowledging and embracing who we're not and what remains to be achieved.

It is having a balanced, realistic and hopeful view that is able to celebrate those things that are worthy to be honoured while resolving that the journey of self enhancement in all areas of one's life is continuing.

Prayer: *Loving God, as I am being kind to others, remind me to also be kind to myself. Amen.*

Rev. Mikie Roberts, (World Council of Churches).

The House of the LORD

I was glad when they said, unto me, lets us go into the House of the LORD

And give thanks unto the name of the LORD, that thy ways be known upon on the EARTH. Let the people Praise Thee O GOD. O let the nations be glad, and sing for JOY, for thou shalt judge the people righteously, an govern the nations upon the Earth. SELAH, my peace I give unto you.

Scriptures to read Psalms C67 and C122.

Sr. Precious Blessings

Hymn CMP 26 All you that pass vs 1&2 Charles Wesley (1707-88) altd.

All you that pass by, to Jesus draw nigh; to you it is nothing that Jesus should die? Your ransom and peace, your surety He is, come, see if there ever was sorrow like His.

2. He dies to atone for sins not His own. Your debt He has paid and your work He has done: you all may receive the peace He did leave, who made intercession, "My Father, forgive".

3. For you and for me He prayed on the tree: the prayer is accepted, the sinner is free. The sinner am I, who on Jesus rely and come for the pardon God cannot deny.

4. His death is my plea; my advocate see, and hear the blood speak that has answered for me: He purchased the grace which now I embrace; O Father, You know Jesus died in my place!



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 in order that pastoral visitations may be arranged.

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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 recently bereaved families of Irene Scotland and Revd. Roy Martin. 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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I firmly believe that part of our usual rearing as children growing up is learning to be kind. Some of us learnt that lesson more quickly than others. Yet even though we have all been taught about the values of being kind, it is fair to assume that those lessons always emphasized being kind to others. We would have been taught that expressions of kindness meant that we would be willing to share what we have with others who have less than we do.

Additionally, kindness was about being empathetic to the feelings of others.

It was about being considerate and patient with others. While we were being taught how to be kind, part of that lesson was also learning how to accept acts of kindness when they were being done for us. With that we eventually could distinguish those who were being kind or on the contrary being mean to us.

The benefits of kindness somehow became clearer as something to be given while at the same time to be received.

Unfortunately, over the course of our lives, we began to realize that though we may be kind to others, it is not a given that the same measure and expression of kindness will automatically be reciprocated. However, I believe that once the lessons of kindness have been taught, they are very difficult to unlearn.

But our FF for today is not about showing kindness to others which is central to our core values as being decent human beings.

On Friday, January 31, 2025, 8:25 pm, Friday

Focus <moravianfridayfocus@gmail.com>

wrote:

As the first month of the year draws to a close, I pose the question – how are you feeling? I raise this question now because I believe that we tend to begin each year energized and ready to tackle things that we have been wanting to address for some time.

The first month of each year is that time when we also try to get back into our routines after the busyness of the Christmas and New Year holidays. There are those for whom the start of a new year is for making resolutions. Others may see it more as a time for making a more determined commitment to follow through on things that have been left undone.

However, it is true to say that January typically comes with some measure of clarity and new found energy which makes the start of the new year all the more exciting. I believe though that we have lived long enough to know that sometimes that burst of energy that we have in January tends to run into a reality check about 3 to 4 weeks after the start of the year.

It appears as though the energy is likened to the morning dew. In the same way that the mist disappears with the rising sun, so too the dawn of February causes some of that new year energy to dissipate. Now I know that this may not be the case for everyone. However, should this be your reality as the second month of the new year is about to break in upon us, permit me to share with you today's FF which is BE KIND TO YOURSELF.

Church Services in March 2025

2nd - 11 a.m. - Pulpit Inter-change — Revd. Alan Green.

9th - 11 a.m.- Morning Worship — Sr. S. Bailey.

16th - 11 a.m. - Morning Worship— Revd. E. Quildan

23rd - 11 a.m. - Morning Worship – Sr. G. Adjei.

30th—11 a.m.— Mothering Sunday Service —Revd. E. Quildan

Church Services in April 2025

6th - 11 a.m.—Morning Worship - Revd. E. Quildan

13th - 11 a.m.— Paim Sunday — Revd. D. Elliott

18th—11 a.m.— Good Friday Service— Revd. E. Quildan

20th - 11 a.m.— Easter Sunday — Revd. E. Quildan.

27th - 11 a.m.— Morning Worship — Sr. V. Williams

Stewards' Rota – March 2025

2nd	Sr. Beverley	Sr. Shauna
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9th	Sr. Bernadette	Sr. Grace.
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16th	Br. Cecil.	Sr. Akua.
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23rd	Sr. Ethney	Br. Paul.
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30th	Sr. Ava	Sr. Maya.
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Stewards' Rota – April 2025

6th	Sr. Pat F.	Sr. Vivienne N.
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13th	Sr. Margaret	Sr. Heather B.
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20th	Sr. Heather A.	Sr. Geneva.
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27th	Sr. Ava	Sr. Maya.
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IN APPRECIATION

Flower Donations - January 2025

5th — Sr. Mary Dabreo for her birthday and from the flower fund.

12th— Sr. Pauline and family in memory of her late niece Michelle.

19th — The flower fund.

26th— The flower fund



If you are interested in coming with us then do book the hotel rooms first and let me know. Then my suggestion is that, we all book the hotel as soon as possible and then look at getting to Christiansfeld and sorting out the complete programme. I have been in touch with Steen, the world heritage site manager and he is looking forward to meeting us all there.

Denmark is a lovely country, and you might want to extend your stay at Legoland or do some walking or sightseeing. David Johnston writes “*We have also used public transport (the Bus) to go from Christiansfeld to Kolding, the nearest large town and the centre of the local government. It was an easy and great day trip as they have a famous (and beautifully restored) castle there which has connections to the Danish Royal family.*”

Please can you pass this message on to members of your congregation – email text or WhatsApp – any way as long as they get the message and ask them to book the hotel and then let me know – best to do it this way as the hotel is small.

Very best wishes
Sarah Groves.

Trip to Christiansfeld

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am organising a small Church trip to Christiansfeld over the weekend of 8th – 11th August. It is the Christiansfeld Church Anniversary, 252 years, I think.

Anyway, I am contacting you just in case you and your families and or members of your congregations would like to join. Participation in everything would be entirely voluntary so please don't think you would be bamboozled into anything. Anyway if you would like to join us we would love to have your company.

We would be staying in the **Brødremenighedens Hotel** in Christiansfeld – you can book direct or through [booking.com](https://www.booking.com). The hotel is not huge and it would be first come first served when it comes to rooms. The hotel is owned by the Church and is in the centre of Christiansfeld but it only has 18 bedrooms.

Looking at flights the best way to travel to Christiansfeld is via the airport nearest to Legoland – called Billund. It is also possible to travel to Christiansfeld by flying into Copenhagen but that airport is much further away from Christiansfeld.

There are two main ways to fly to Billund from Northern Ireland – Ryanair or Easyjet to Stansted and then Ryanair from Stansted onto Billund – or from Belfast City airport to Amsterdam with KLM and change there and onto Billund.



Flower Donations— February 2025

2nd — The flower fund.

9th—Sr. Pauline in memory of her late Dad Roy Morrison on 3rd December, and Sr. Denise Allison in memory of her late Mother Avis and Uncle Ira.

16th — Sr. Pauline for her daughter Orchid's birthday; and from Sr. Denise for her daughter Patrice's 30th birthday, and in memory of her late son Tashan and grandson Ta'shane.

23rd — The flower fund.

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

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



CHILDREN'S CORNER



Can you recognise the words below?

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| 1. AITHF | 2. OVEL | 3. HRISTC |
| 4. ROSSC | 5. AVEDS | |

LENT

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday. What do you and your family do to recognise Shrove Tuesday. Traditionally Shrove Tuesday was the time to make and eat 'pancakes'. Having a feast on the things that you will be eating during the forty days of Lent, to prevent you throwing them away.

This year Lent starts on Wednesday 5th March 2025. The start of Lent is known as Ash Wednesday. Can I encourage you and your family to acknowledge Lent 2025, by doing something to draw you close to God or to help another person (for example random act of kindness). Lent is a period of forty days that many people use to fast. Doing without something that they enjoy. Pray about the action that you aim to take this year. Pray, asking God to help you.

3. Promoting collaboration throughout the Unity: With Moravians in all Spanish-speaking areas having the option to work from the same curriculum, we will be able to have cross-partner conversations beginning from a common framework. As different Provinces address issues in their own areas, this framework will allow us to identify commonalities that may allow for collaborative solutions. (In 2022, the ABWM brought leaders from all Spanish-speaking Moravian areas together for a Moravian Resources Conference. Through hearing the same presentations and receiving common Moravian resources in Spanish, leaders were able to identify topics where they had a shared experience or could learn from each other.)

Costs associated with this effort are listed below.

1. Staff time: ABWM and other members of the Unity will dedicate many hours to this effort on the organization and compilation of the curriculum.
2. Translation: It is important that materials are translated well for best use by students around the Unity.
3. Printing and distribution: Materials will be accessible online via PDF but many resources will also need to be printed and shipped. Thank you for your support of this Unity Prayer Day Offering, which will certainly support and equip the global ministry of our Moravian Unity.

After drawing upon existing resources as well as creating what is needed - then each province will be provided this curriculum for use in their educational programming. Translations of existing Moravian resources like the Church Order of the Unitas Fratrum, The Ground of the Unity, Our Moravian Treasures, Covenant for Christian Living, the Bishops' Handbook, and more will also be provided. The goals of this effort are to better equip our clergy, to support our Moravian educational institutions, and to promote collaboration between different areas of the Unity.

1. Equipping our clergy: By providing a common curriculum, we will expand the tools our clergy have to educate themselves and their congregants. We will also remove one barrier to education for those who are far from an existing seminary and are interested in beginning new theological education efforts.

2. Supporting our Moravian educational institutions: By creating new curriculum and translating existing resources, we are removing some of the burden from our institutions, which are already working hard to educate our Moravian leadership. They will simply be able to receive the curriculum provided, adapt it as they see fit to meet the needs in their own areas, and use it in their courses.

CHILDREN'S CORNER –

Can you find the missing words - The Last Supper Luke Ch 22 vv 14 – 22

14 When the hour _____ Jesus and his _____ reclined at the table. **15** And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you _____ I suffer. **16** For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfilment in the kingdom of God."

17 After taking the cup, he gave _____ and said, "Take this and divide it among you. **18** For I tell you I will not _____ again from the fruit of the vine until the _____ of God comes."

19 And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in _____ of Me."

20 In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my _____, which is poured out for you.[a] **21** But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the _____. **22** The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who _____ Him!"

Apostles	Before	Betrayed	Blood	Came	Drink
Kingdom	Table	Thanks	Remembrance		



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Challenge

How can we build on the work with Children and the young people the Church?

Are you able to invite your friends to one of our Services over the Easter period?

Can you complete the line of the hymns?

1. Make me a ----- .
2. All creatures of ----- .
3. All glory ----- .
4. Come on ----- .
5. A New Commandment ----- .
6. Father, we ----- .
7. Breathe on me ----- .
8. King of kings, -----
9. O God of burning, ----- .
10. These are the ----- .

1. The Bible and Biblical Languages

- a. Greek
- b. Hebrew
- c. Old Testament
- d. New Testament
- e. Biblical Exegesis
- f. Biblical Hermeneutics

2. Theology and Church History

- a. Protestant Reform
- b. Moravian Theology
- c. Moravian History
- d. Theology and Gender
- e. Moravian Worship and Polity
- f. Moravian Mission

3. Pastoral Theology

- a. Vocation and Ministry
- b. Worship and Liturgy
- c. Evangelization
- d. Pastoral Fundamentals
- e. Pastoral Care
- f. Administration Fundamentals

Unity Prayer Day Offering 2025 Common Moravian Theological Curriculum in Spanish

Since our earliest days, the Unitas Fratrum has placed an emphasis on education, both vocational and theological.

Today, there are Moravian seminaries and theological training centers across the world. These institutions are central to our ministry as a Church because they train the leaders of our Unity and give them the knowledge needed to serve our Chief Elder in their respective cultural and political contexts.

Through this Unity Prayer Day Offering, the American Board of World Mission (ABWM) will work with the Unity Committee on Theology (UCOT) and Moravian leaders and educators worldwide to produce a common theological training curriculum that can be adapted and used throughout the Unity and starting specifically with our Spanish speaking partners.

This curriculum will include training in the Bible and Biblical Languages, Theology and Church History, and Pastoral Theology. Specific courses will be identified with the support of UCOT and other partners, but some example courses are listed below.

Noticeboard

Prayer Meetings on zoom —Every 1st Saturday before Holy Communion on the Sunday of each month. Kindly contact Revd. Edwin if you are interested. Thank you.

For all meetings on Zoom kindly contact Revd. Edwin for the Identification (ID).

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Calendar March 2025.

Sat 1st Mar —Prayer Meeting from 7:30-8:30 p.m. on zoom

Wed 5th —Ash Wednesday .

Fri 7th—. World's Day of Prayer.

Sat 15th.—Thames North Synod at 10 a.m.

Calendar April 2025

Sat 5th Apr—Prayer Meeting from 7:30—8:30 p.m. on zoom

Mon-Thurs 14th-16th Passion Week meeting from 7 p.m. On zoom.

17th April—Maundy Thursday—Service at church at 7 p.m. - Revd. Donald.

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**.

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 Church Committee members know or the minister.

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Read 2 Thessalonians ch 2 vv 13 - 14

6. What are verses 13 – 14 telling us?
7. What does the term Predestination mean?
8. What are the following verses from Ephesians ch 1 vv 4 – 5 tell us?

Read 2 Thessalonians ch 2 vv 15 - 17

9. How do you interpret vv 15?
10. How do you interpret vv 16 - 17?

Read 2 Thessalonians ch 3 vv 1 – 2

11. What is verses 1 saying?
12. What is Paul asking for in verse 2?

Read 2 Thessalonians ch 3 vv 3 - 5

13. What is meant by the phrase The Lord is faithful?
14. Are you able to share how God has been faithful to you?
15. What is verse 4 saying?
16. Can you re-phase vv 5?

Read 2 Thessalonians ch 3 vv 6 – 10

17. How would you interpret vv 6?
18. What are verses 7 and 10 telling us?
19. Is it necessary for a community to work (why)?

Read 2 Thessalonians ch 3 vv 11 - 15

20. What are verses 12 – 13 telling us?
21. What are verses 14– 15 telling us?

Read 2 Thessalonians ch 3 vv 16

22. Read vv 16 again replacing the word **you** for **Church**.

Summary

24. What are the learning points for us today?
25. What has challenged you today?

Cont.

13. Who is behind the lawless one's power vs. 9- 10a?

14. Will God punish people vs. 10b?

15. What happens to those who hear the truth and refuse it? Why vs.12?

16. What is Paul outlining in 2 THESSALONIANS 2 vs 11?

17. What is Paul describing in this verse 2 THESSALONIANS 2 VS. 12?

By Br. & Sr. Williams

Bible Study Notes – 2 Thessalonians chapter 2 vv 13 to the end of chapter 3 for Wednesday 19 February 2025
by Revd. Edwin

Introduction

God has adopted us as His own children through Jesus' sacrifice. Under Roman law, adopted children have the same rights as the biological children. We remember that we are saved by God's grace. Not due to our own merits.

Background Let us look at Acts ch 17 vv 1 – 4

1. What was Paul doing in Thessalonica?2.
2. What was the message?3.
3. Was the message fruitful?

Let us look at **Acts** ch 17 vv 5 – 9

4. What is happening here?
5. What is vv 9 about??

Synod Discipleship Enabler:- We are pleased to say that Revd. Eddie Boon's appointment as Synod Discipleship Enabler has been confirmed for a second term until October 2030. We have been blessed by his service over the last few years.

Unfortunately, as many of you know, Eddie has not been well, but he is back to work although he continues to have treatment. This means that, now, he is on lighter duties and may not be able to make firm bookings. But please feel free to contact him to discuss your needs and any expression of interest in what he can offer. We pray for Eddie that the treatment he is receiving will be effective.

Regards,

George

Rev'd. George Watt
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No. 1135477

1. Please note that if you leave a voicemail for me it will be forwarded so that I can get in touch with you.

PLEASE NOTE: from 1 January 2025 I will be working Monday-Thursday only. The newsletter will therefore be going out every Thursday.

Colleen Fraser, PA to the Moderator and Synod Clerk. URC Thames North Synod, St Paul's URC, Newton Road, Bayswater, LONDON, W2 5LS

Reports

Subject: Secretary's Report—

I continue to give God thanks and praise for the strength and guidance he has given me to serve the congregation 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 person's discretion.

Sunday Service: Worship Services continues as usual at 11.00 a.m. and Holy Communion first Sunday of each month guided by our ministers Revd. Edwin Quildan and Revd. Donald Elliott.

With Lay Preachers Sisters Valerie Williams, Venus Khan, Geneva Adjei, Heather Anderson, Audrey Kendal, Sandra Bailey and Ola Lawal.

Activities of the Church: The Church continues with its usual activities on our Church calendar for the year and with different persons and group conducting our various services and other activities. A very busy year for 2024.

An election was held for a deputy to attend Synod and Sr Heather Anderson was duly elected.

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QUESTIONS. (vs 1-2).

Who is the sender of this letter and who is the recipient?

Where can we obtain grace and peace? (Vs 3-12.)

3a. Why was Paul thankful?

3b. Have you had an experience with showing love towards other people?

4. What did Paul boast about? (ACTS 17 vs 5-9).

5. What kind of trials and persecutions did they endure? (2 Cor. 11 vs.24-27.)

6. In verse 5 what does Paul mean by "God's righteous judgement"?

7. Should we repay persecution with persecution (vs. 6) (Matthew 18 vs.21-22)?

8. In vs. 8 what two "do not peoples" will be punished?

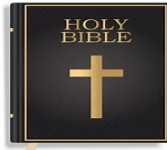
9. Where will Jesus come from, how would He be revealed and will those who did not obey Him enjoy His return (vs. 7-10)?

2 THESSALONIANS 2 vs. 1- 12.

10. What do you understand by the term "man of lawlessness" ?

11. What reminder does Paul give to the THESSALONIANS and why do you think he would have told them this in vs 1-3 (Gal 1 vs.8, 1John 4 vs.1).

12. What is the rebellion referred to in vs. 3.?



BIBLE STUDY 12th FEBRUARY 2025.

BACKGROUND.

Paul wrote this letter from Corinth less than one year after he had written 1st Thessalonians. He and his companions Timotheus and Silvanus had visited Thessalonica on Paul's second missionary journey. (Acts 7 vs 1-10). They established the church there but persecution forced Paul to leave suddenly. In this second chapter Paul moves on to address a specific issue related to the return of Jesus and the day of the Lord. Someone in the Thessalonian community had been spreading wrong information in Paul's name saying that God's final act of justice on human evil, the day of the Lord was upon them.

Paul therefore wrote 2 Thessalonians for three main reasons:

- 1. To reassure those terrified that the Lord had already come by correcting false teachings about the second coming; because this city had many pagan religions and cultural influences that challenged the Christian faith. (2 Thess. 2 vs 1-3,5)'*
- 2. To strengthen the Thessalonians in the face of continuing persecution.*

To deal with the problem of some of the church members refusing to earn their own living.

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1. 21st January 2024 - Sisters Betty Bent-Graham and Audrey Kendal our new Sunday School Teachers held Sunday School for the first time.
2. Monday 19th February - District Lent Course commenced 7.30 p.m. on Zoom.
3. Saturday 24th February- Presentation on Prostrate Issues was held in our Hall. Elders training was held in the church.
4. 4th March - Revd. Ian Green from Amersham was the Preacher for our Worship Service as Pulpit inter change
5. 19 March - Mother's Day Sunday was led by Sister Audrey Kendal
6. 24th March - Our Palm Sunday service was led by Revd. Edwin Quildan.
7. 31st March - Easter Sunday led by Revd. Edwin Quildan
8. 7th April- Revd. Donald Elliott led our worship service. Revd. Edwin Quildan led worship at Christ Church URC New Southgate.
9. Saturday 13th April the M.W.A. Day 2024.

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10. Sunday 14th April - Bible study Group Led our worship service and our Preacher was Revd. Donald Elliott.

10a.letter received from Provincial Board- that Sister Susan Quildan-Foreman has accepted call to serve the Harold Road congregation. Sister Christine Emanuel to serve the Bedford congregation effected Wednesday 1st May 2024.

11. 21st April- Sister Valerie Led our worship service and Revd. Edwin Quildan Led worship at Bedford

12. 28th April - quarterly Church meeting was held in the hall after Service.

13. 12th May Christian aid week.

14. 25th May - High Tea was held in the Church Hall.

15. 26th May- Sister Heather Anderson Led the worship service.

16. M.W.A Led the worship service on 9th June and Preacher was Sister Ola Lawal.

17. Monday 17th June- Day of prayer for the Moravian Church in the British Province.

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The Christingle and Nativity play was a pleasure particularly because there were nine young people present who performed.

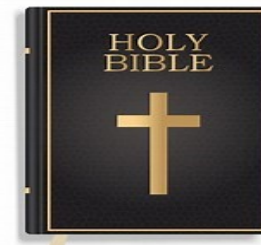
Edie who is three years old with Aba explained the symbolism of Christingle.

Sarita-singer and the keyboard player joined our Organist to capture the Seasonal Spirit.

We thank Sr. Shauna for displaying fresh work from the Junior Church on their display board.

The Saturday fun day will commence February 22nd and March 22nd. We look forward and keep praying for more children to attend.

Sr. Audrey Kendall.



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Youth and Children's Report for AGM Meeting 26/01/2025

We thank Sr. Patricia for joining myself and Sr. Betty, supporting and teaching our young people. She has successfully finished her Safeguarding training and received her Disclosure Certificate.

The Children enjoyed the Christmas Meal as much as the Barbecue in July. We thank the St. Kitts and Nevis London Association for providing the Social Event.

We also appreciate the Men's Fellowship for their financial donation, which will be used for an enjoyable day out-ing in the future.

It was a pleasure to have Brother James Williams join us during one of our Sunday Sessions inspiring us with his real-life experiences. He is an excellent role model and we were fortunate to have a group of children attend that Sunday.

As Christmas was approaching the story of the Birth of Jesus was discussed, an example given was how Jesus was conceived and why He was a special baby, and what is the supernatural birth. What do we understand is the Holy Spirit and God's Power.

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18. Wednesday 26th June -27th- Unity Prayer watch.

19. Saturday 13th July- BBQ and Fellowship Day held at Fetter Lane Chelsea.

20. 14th July -Sister Valerie William
Led worship service and Revd. Edwin Led worship at Harold Road

21. The U R C General Assembly- held at Swanwick from 18-22nd July.

22. The Moravian Church Synod - held at Swanwick from 18th -22nd July.

23. 28th July - worship was led by Revd. Edwin Quildan and the quarterly church meeting was included in the service.

24. 11th August - Sister Geneva Led the worship service and Revd. Edwin Quildan Led service at Hornsey.

25. 18th August - Sister Heather Anderson Led our service and Revd. Edwin Quildan Led service at Fetter Lane.

26. Wednesday 21st August- Bible Study went on break.

Month of August collection was taken for those affected by Hurricane Beryl in Jamaica.

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27. 30th August -Church fund raising dance was kept in the church hall £480 was collected.

28. 8th September -Sister Heather Anderson Led worship service

29. 15th September - Sister Valerie Led worship service.

30. Saturday 21st September- The Ordination service was held at Hornsey for Sister Susan Quildan-Foreman.

31. 22nd September- Our Harvest service was Led by Sister Ola Lawal

32. 29th September- Sister Sandra Bailey Led our worship service.

Sister Bernadette organised McMillan coffee and cake fund raising session in the hall after Service-29th September £191 collected.

32. 20th October - Men's Fellowship Led worship service and the Preacher was Revd. Michael Newman.

33. Saturday 26th October - Children's fun session was led by Sisters Audrey Kendal and Betty Graham-Bent.

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Choir Report

We give thanks to God for music which enhances worship and Gospel concerts.

We thank Sr. Cynthia for her dedication as she taught the choir a variety of choruses and hymns.

At the January Concert Rally held on Saturday 25th January at the Baptist Church on Acton Lane, it was a joy to join in the many choruses that were sang by the host church and the invited guests.

An invitation to the congregations, let's keep singing; whether we have the voice or not?

By the way, I was given the title "deputy choir coordinator" at the Annual General Meeting on Sunday 26th Jan. 2025

On behalf of Sr. Cynthia.

Sr. G.

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Flower Arranging:

We thank God for another year of making spirits bright (beautifying) within His sanctuary.

Thanks are extended to all members and friends who contribute generously towards their special occasions.

We appreciate all the anonymous donations.

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

Question?

Should we fundraise for the flower fund?

The fund is used when there are no donations from either members or friends. The fund is a surplus from purchases.

Thank you for increasing your donations, due to the high cost of items. The bunches have been severely reduced.

If I'm not advised, about the ages of members nearing 80 years of age, there would be no bouquets to give to them.

Thank you all for your generousities during these difficult times. OUR GOD WILL ALWAYS PROVIDE. AMEN.

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34. 27th October -Our Love feast service was Led by Revd. Edwin Quildan. Our Quarterly church meeting was held in the hall after Service.

35. 3rd November - our Church 50th Anniversary service was Led by Revd. Edward Sanniez.

36. 10th November -Our Remembrance service was Led by Revd. Donald Elliott.

37. Saturday 16th November -our Church Bazaar fund-raising event was held in the hall. Total collected £470.00.

38. Monday 25th November -The District Advent Course commenced.

39. Tuesday 3rd- 7th December URC on line prayers and reflection held on Zoom.

40. Saturday 14th December -Church Social Christmas Dinner

41. 15th December -our 'nine lessons and carols' service was Led by Sister Valerie Williams.

42. 22nd December- Sister Audrey and the Junior Church Led our Christingle service.

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43. 29th December -Our worship service was Led by Revd. Edwin Quildan which included the Baptism of Raphael.

44. 31st December -watchnight service was Led by Revd. Edwin Quildan to welcome in the New Year.

We continue to celebrate all birthdays and anniversary by singing the "birthday song" and a bouquet is presented to members 80years plus.

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7 :30 p.m. on Zoom

Intercessory prayer: Fridays on Zoom
1.30p.m.

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

Holy Habit missional study material was used by the Moravian Church and Envisioning by the United Reform Church to improve spiritual growth.

Our National Church Development Project 32 has been introduced to the members and questionnaire was given and completed to identify where we are as a church. The result Showed that we are spiritual strong but weak in our Holistic small group.

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Fundraising Bazaar:

We thank our God that, although the weather was not favourable, some members, friends and the general public were in attendance.

Although leaflets were distributed, the usual saying is that, for people to attend your event, you would need to have distributed about 1,000 posters for only 10 - 100 people to attend. A lesson to be carried forward.

We thank all those who contributed towards the event. The tables for hire has been £20.00, however, it has been pointed out that, the hiring fee has not changed for several years.

It was from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., however, by 3 p.m., we start packing up, once the raffle prizes have been distributed to those who purchased the tickets earlier.

Thanks once again to all who attended and contributed one way or the other. Thanks to Srs. Audrey and Betty who sorted out the items for sale.

Total to date is £470.00. Congratulations to all.

Sr. G. Adjei—(Coordinator).

Reports

MWA (Moravian Women's Association)

The MWA continues to meet every third Sunday after morning service.

There are eight (8) members at present.

Our Circle leader is Sr. Heather Anderson, assistant Circle leader is Sr. Betty Graham-Bent. The secretary is Sr. Mary Dabreo. We are currently without a Treasurer.

We receive papers each month which, is read and discussed. The President or Vice President's letter, Home and Overseas and Devotional Papers.

We are still collecting food for the Food Bank, and our thanks to Sr. Betty, with the help of her husband Br. Bill for their help in taking the gifts to the Food Bank.

We are also discussing plans to help a Charity in this area.

We continue to help around the church with various activities.

Sr. Mary D.

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I pray that 2025 we can move forward and apply the suggestions that was given in our Church meeting.

News of the congregation:

During the year 2024 many of church members and family members have passed away to be with the Lord.

7/1/24 -Sr. Hannah Boateng (sister)

7/1/24- Sr. Mary Dabreo (sister)

15/4/24 - Br. Fred Linyard (funeral)

4/2/24- Sr. Beverley McCloud (cousin)

28/4/24- Sr Jeanette Tweed

3/6/24 - Sr. Sylvia Liddie (funeral)

-Sr. Helen Shaw (funeral)

4/8/24. -Revd. McArthur (former minister died 92yrs).

Br. Sinclair and Sr. Shirley Sinclair were received into the congregation.

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I would like to thank Sr Geneva for the focus.

Br Steve Wilkie for distributing the Moravian Messenger.

Sisters Geneva, Betty, Margaret and Pauline for beautifying our Sanctuary with the flower arrangement and for all brother and sisters that contribute to make this possible.

Also, all the sisters that prepare refreshments after church service.

The report ends at the 31st December 2024.

However, activities of the church in January 2025.

Monday 6th January 2025 Provincial Day of Prayer.

Once again thank you all for your support and encouragement and let us all continue to work together in doing God's will for the work of the Church and community.

Sr. Heather Anderson, Church Secretary.

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These were well received by attendees along all the other contributions from other Churches. We thank members from our Church who attended to support our Choir Team. It was a wonderful evening Praising God in Song, reading the Word and deed.

Our aim is to do better with God's grace in 2025. We pray that the Lord will strengthen and guide us throughout the coming year.

We would encourage men from this congregation to join us and from other churches who have sympathies towards the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Generally, meetings take place in the Hall or on Zoom every third Thursday of each month @1pm.

May the Lord guide and protect you all.

Br. L. Bailey, (Chair)

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The annual MF Provincial Rally during June '24 took place at Ockbrook, Derbyshire. MF Harlesden representatives Rev. Quildan and Br Steve Wilkie attended the Moravian Church Service.

The MF Brunch/Seminar presentation on Prostate Cancer took place on 24th February '24. Again we thank Dr Ben Awadzi and Advocate Mr Alfred Samuels. We also thank those who supported this event.

The MF led Annual Church Service took place on 20th October '24. Rev Michael Newman from Hornsey Moravian Church gave the message and Br Wilkie assisted as Worship Leader. All members contributed to this event.

We thank our Brothers from the congregation who teamed up with MF choir to sing. We also thank the Sisters who helped with refreshments.

Yesterday The MF Choir and the Church Choir teamed up to sing two Hymns at the Harlesden Baptist Church Gospel January Rally Concert.

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Men's Fellowship AGM Report

Sunday 26th January 2025

We give thanks to God for the ongoing work of the Men's Fellowship at St Margret's and St George's UR and Moravian Church.

The active membership this year is seven. Given this number our attendance has been reasonable, frequently getting around five or six members to attend our monthly Zoom meetings. During the summer, meetings switched to the church hall but we continued with Zoom for those who may have mobility issues.

The next AGM will take place on Thursday 27th February '25.

Elections will take place during this meeting.

As usual the MF continues to support the Church events including the Church Bazaar with its MF stall. We also will continue to support the Sunday school (Junior Church) with our donations.