

WELCOME
TO OUR
CHURCH

JUNE 2019 Newsletter

Sarah's Message

Cleaning Up!

The beginning of June came midway through our two week 'big clean' project at church. We're taking time to do all those jobs that need to be done regularly but infrequently, like washing the chairs and dusting behind the radiators. With high ceilings, cobwebs and dust accumulate. They can be unseen until a volunteer gets up closer, when a year's worth of dust suddenly becomes very obvious.

Our spiritual lives can be like that too. Over time, tiny, tiny things we do can stain us. These things may well be done in secret, with no outside effect. Yet, inside, our walk with God is affected. Maybe we lose our passion for prayer, our readiness to read the Bible diminishes, our private praise of God is no longer prioritised. Perhaps the light we hold out to others is also diminished, our witness no longer so vibrant.

Paul wrote to the church in Philippi, "14 Do all things without murmuring and arguing, 15 so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world." Now the good news is that Jesus, who was without blemish, took on our sin at the cross as part of the new covenant. We have been made clean. When dust and dirt accumulate, we have the means to allow God to make us clean again - it's called repentance.

As we take time to make our building clean and bright again, let's also take time to be with God and ask Him to make us clean again. Let us also realise, we don't have to wait a year, we can ask every day!

Rev. Sarah Bingham

Kitchen Development Update So Far

Back in February we started with the afternoon tea & coffee, then March into the Lent Challenge, Quiz night, Movie church, games night and Asian Food Festival. Big thank you for all who have supported and organised the events. If you haven't had the opportunity to participate in any of the events, look out for Movie church in July and another popular quiz night will be planned. Look out for details. So far we have raised over £1.392 with a few more events planned for the rest of the year.

Thank you - Robert Silvera

Sunday 9th June - Pentecost Sunday

Saturday 15th June 10am -11am

Leading Services and Worship Training

The training in leading is a one hour session, for anyone interested in learning more about how to lead services.

Attendance does not commit a person to helping on Sundays, but for those who might like to lead the service, or perhaps offer the prayers, this is a short session to help them understand how to do it effectively.

Sunday 16th June - Father's Day

Sunday 23rd June

Junior Church Anniversary Service plus

Bring & Share Food event after the service. A great opportunity for us to Bring & Share our different foods, for the church family to have a time of celebration together.