



March 2018 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

What a joy to be home! In our travels Deane and I took the opportunity to visit a good number of churches. Our conclusion at the end of it is that what we have at HT is very special indeed. I believe we have a genuine warmth and love whilst also holding to a healthy, clear understanding of the Scriptures. This is not to claim that we are perfect or have 'the secret', it is simply recognizing, that God has blessed us greatly as a church family and we should appreciate it.

Just being in a good healthy church doesn't mean that we don't have problems. Indeed, many of us will have to face great difficulties. I know many of you have been battling or are battling flu. Some of you are facing much more serious illnesses. A few are struggling deeply through other issues.

May I say, don't lose heart! Not only are we part of a loving church family, much more importantly we have a loving Father! All of us will from time to time get discouraged. Here are a couple of verses to cling to, verses I have often found of immense help. It is God speaking...

"I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them, and I will inspire them to fear me, so that they will never turn away from me. I will rejoice in doing them good and will assuredly plant them in this land with all my heart and soul."
Jeremiah 32:40-41

Is there anything that could be more encouraging than to know God rejoices to do you good? He doesn't simply do you good. It's not just that He's made a covenant to do you good, marvellous as that is. But He rejoices. He rejoices to do you good! *"I will rejoice in doing them good."*

God promises in Romans 8:28 to work all things for the good of those who love Him. The Jeremiah passage shows that this isn't something He does begrudgingly. It gives Him joy to do it, and not just sometimes but all of the time. *"I will never stop doing good to them."* Unlike us, God's commitment doesn't wane over time. He is a covenant God and He, not we, made this covenant. And it is an eternal covenant.

If you are discouraged at this point, I hope this makes you glad. It should!

Yet, realistically, it's not always easy to be glad. At times our situation is just so hard to bear. We are simply unable to call into being any joy. At times like this, try imitating Abraham:

"Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed..." Romans 4:18.

This means that you stare straight into the face of your hopeless situation and declare, "You aren't as mighty as my God! He can do what for us is impossible! And I know He loves to do it for those who trust Him. So, hopelessness, you won't have the last say in these circumstances, because I trust God!"

Whenever I have been 'down' God has always proved to be faithful. He has somehow kept me going and fanned into flame again what little faith I had at the time so that I am able to walk again with assurance and confidence in His promises as His child. And Jeremiah 32:40-41 has been part of the remedy.

It is good to be home. Love each other and appreciate each other. Even more so, cling to and love God. God who rejoices to do you good.

God bless you all,

Roger.

SOME OF WHAT'S ON AT HOLY TRINITY

TUESDAYS AT TRINITY FOR WOMEN AT 9:30am IN THE HEY:



TRINITY CRAFT – 13th March

UNRAVEL BIBLE STUDY – 20th March



OPEN HOUSE COFFEE - Wednesdays 9am-11:30am in the Hey. Feel free to pop in and bring along your friends and neighbours. Children also welcome to come and play in the Kiddies Corner.

LADIES' GROUP – This group is for ladies of any age and meets on alternate Thursday mornings (**10am in the Hey**) for encouragement, chat and prayer. Meeting on **Thursdays 15th March**. For further details please speak to Sue Fishwick.



KNIT TOGETHER – Wednesday 14th & 28th March in the Hey, 7-9pm. For further details please speak to Jude Knowles.

LUNCH CLUB – Friday 16th March in the Church For those 55+ at 12.30pm. 3-course meal for £3 for more information please see Lin McGrath.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

PRAYER BREAKFAST WITH WIRRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP

Our next meeting is **Saturday 17th March** in the Hey from 9am in the Church .

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday 30th March at 10am in the church. Everyone is welcome

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