

Daily Prayer Guide

Sunday

Praise the Lord for the many encouraging letters of testimony we receive from students, especially those in Prison.

Monday

Give thanks to the Lord that we have been able to lease the rooms we have not been using here at Eastham.

Tuesday

Give thanks that many are using our website and continue to pray that more students will take the opportunity to study the word of God.

Wednesday

Give thanks for the Lord's goodness to Muriel and for the measure of restoration she has experienced. She is now able to come into the school once a week.

Thursday

Pray that Churches will consider using Emmaus Courses in their local outreach and teaching programmes.

Friday

Give thanks for the impact of the Emmaus work worldwide and the many people who have been blessed.

Saturday

Pray for blessing following deputation work done in Northern Ireland and Keswick during the month of July.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2013/14

Our Financial Statement and Report for 28th February 2014 can be viewed on the Charity Commission website -

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SOME FEATURES OF A LOCAL CHURCH

'Upon this rock I will build my church.' (Matt 16.18)

1. ITS FOUNDATION The rock the Lord spoke about was not Peter but rather the solid rock of the Father's revelation to Peter that Jesus was, 'the Christ the Son of the living God'. (See Matthew's use of this word in chapters 7.24 and 27.60 referring to a large expanse of immovable rock). That which would begin in Jerusalem and spread outwards to all places on earth, was to be based firmly on Christ - the fullness of His Person and the finality of His work (Eph 2.20 - 22). This is why the 'gates of hades' would not overcome it.

2. ITS FORMATION (Acts 2.22-36) There are seven features seen here which refer to the principles and practices of the church.

v41 The People. Those who responded to Peter's message made three clear and decisive steps. 1. There was a glad reception of the Christ-centred gospel; 2. They were baptised, publicly identifying themselves with Christ, and 3. They were added to the church to share in its privileges and responsibilities.

v42 The Practice. These four practices formed an essential part of the spiritual structure of the church.

4. 'apostles teaching' - this was from the O/T but especially that which the Lord had taught them.

5. 'fellowship' - a common 'sharing' of Christ. They were all in this together. The church was a community of encouragement and enjoyment.

6. 'breaking of bread' - first introduced by the Lord and later confirmed through Paul (1 Cor 11.23). A weekly thanksgiving service for Christ.

7. 'prayers' - there was continual, direct contact with the risen Lord in glory.

3. ITS FUNCTION (Romans 12) As to its foundation and formation the church is seen as a building. As to its function it is seen as a body, a living organism. Different parts of the human body make a contribution to our natural life, so also gifts given to each and every member of a local church are essential to its healthy growth and continuance. The spiritual gift(s) we have received from God will determine our contribution to the body of Christ (1 Cor 12).

Am I using my gift for the glory of the Lord Jesus and the benefit of others?

COMMENTS FROM STUDENTS

Neil. HMP Moorland, *Jerusalem's Gates*. 'My self inspection is not only just about being ready to stand before Him. It is something to have in my mind in my daily life to try to make sure the way I live my life on earth gives evidence to my words also.'

Dawn. 'I've really enjoyed studying the Gospel of Mark in such detail and your courses are such good value. I've now been studying with Emmaus for 2 years and have really enjoyed my journey so far. Thanks for all your encouragement and letters.'

Eulitha (Newcastle Centre) 'Thank you. The Stewardship course was very enlightening. I pray for God's guidance in implementing what I have learnt.'

Peter, HMP Forest Bank, *Men Who Met The Master*. 'Judas sold his soul for money he gave into temptation of greed which is wrong. In my past I have also gave into temptation. However I seen the errors of my ways and ask the Lord for forgiveness every day.'

Mark, HMP Leyhill, *God Is There*. ' I have given my life to our Lord Jesus Christ because I believe He came and died for my sins. For reasons beyond me the Lord has called me and I am thankful. I was given a message from God by a Chapel visitor who didn't know me or my name. Isaiah 43: 1-3. Praise God!'

Emil, HMP Ryehill. *A Journey Through The Bible*. 'Wow! What a powerful lesson! I feel terrified and excited after reading all the prophecies, but I love the Lord and expect to be with Him throughout all eternity. What a glorious prospect! Romans 8:38-39. Thank you for all your encouragement during this course. My testimony has grown so much. What shall we study now? I'm hungry for God's Word!!!'

EMMAUS IN SPAIN

It was good to meet Gil Vargas, Emmaus director in Spain, recently, with his wife and son, and to hear that the Lord is blessing the work there. Please pray for Pat and Muriel as they visit Gil and his family in September in order to help with the Emmaus work.

REFLECTIONS ON JULY DEPUTATIONS

Our visit to Northern Ireland began leaving home on Monday morning, travelling 3 hours to the ferry at Cairnryan, arriving at Larne later in the afternoon. Margaret and I then headed across to Lisburn enjoying the kind hospitality of the Kelso family before the meeting at the Gospel Hall – this was our first visit and we were encouraged to see the interest in the work of Emmaus and their enthusiasm to reach out to the community with the Gospel.

During the next few days, it was our privilege to renew fellowship with the Lord's people at Aughrim, Enniskillen and Ahoghill. We appreciated so much their kindness, support and hospitality which they showed to us.

We then travelled to Newcastle for the Northfield Bible Week and once again the conveners kindly gave us a place to display the Emmaus Courses. It was a real joy to have our brother, John Mitchell from Antrim, join us for the week at Northfield. We so much appreciate John's involvement in the work of Emmaus as our Northern Ireland Representative.



John and Rae Mitchell at Northfield.

The good number of requests for "By the Way" and the number of courses sold is a reflection of real interest in the Lord's work through Emmaus. We returned home late Friday night and Monday morning saw me setting up the stand for the week during Keswick Convention. Again it was good to introduce people to the Emmaus work for the first time and renew fellowship with others who have supported the work for many years and introduce them to some of our newer courses. It is a privilege to be workers together with God.

John Heron

OUR WEBSITE

An encouraging number of people are using our website and making use of the facilities it provides for Bible Study. We intend to enlarge this as time goes on. If you haven't visited it why not do so now.

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