



# WPBC Weekly

## 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### Worcester Park Baptist Church Weekly News

We live in unprecedented times and cannot meet together in the traditional sense at the moment, however we are using a live stream and printed material to be a gathered community of Christians, waiting to hear from God. If you would like to find out more about the Church, please contact [hello@wpbc.org.uk](mailto:hello@wpbc.org.uk). You can also find out more about us at [wpbc.org.uk](http://wpbc.org.uk).

**10:30am**  
**Morning Worship**  
**Live Stream**

**Access the live stream via**  
<https://wpbc.org.uk/youtube>

**Title:** Who do you say I am –  
The thieves look at Easter.

**Preacher:** Rowena Mills

**Reading:** Luke 23:32-43



## Order of Service

1. Welcome (Rich)

2. Reading - Psalm 121 (Ali)

3. Songs (Kat)

i. I lift my eyes up

ii. Guardian

4. All Age Talk (Charis)

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5. Song – Great Big God (Kat)

6. Offering Prayer (Ali)

7. Prayers (Ali)

O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up. You know when I am full of hope and enthusiasm, you know when I am struggling to see a way forward. You know when my faith is alive and buoyant, you know when I am full of doubt and dread.

O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You discern my thoughts from far away. You know my thoughts often clash with one another, that I am sometimes full of certainty, sometimes full of disbelief. A times

full of trust, at times full of questions. Sometimes caring, sometimes selfish. And you know too that my mind wanders, sometimes visiting dark corners.

O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know me better than I know myself, you see me in the darkness and the light, and you understand, you care, and you long to lead me towards life.

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8. Notices (Rich)

9. Reading (Rowena)  
*Luke 23:32-43*

10. Message pt. 1 (Rowena)  
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11. Song: When I survey (Kat)

12. Message pt. 2 (Rowena)

13. Song (Kat)  
The wonder of the cross

14. Response (Ali)

15. Close & Refreshments (Rich)

# All Age Talk Sign Language and Prayer

## Remember



## Sorry



Dear Father God

Thank you so much for Jesus. We know that he was truly your son. We know that the things that we do and say don't always reflect that to the people around us. We are sorry for the things that we have said or done this week that have not been worthy of your love. We are sorry for the things we have not said or done this week that might have shown others your love in us.

Please remember us your children and help us to know that one day we will be with you forever.

Amen.

## The thieves on the cross

- Revolutionaries hurl abuse at Jesus
- Conversations between the thieves and Jesus

Reading: Luke 23:32-43

- The suffering and death of Jesus through the thieves' eyes
- We cannot get to Easter without the horrors of Good Friday

Song: How deep the father's love for us (spoken)

*Behold the Man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished.*

- Who do you say I am?
- Have you answered this question?
- Who is this Jesus?
- What is He to me or what am I to him?
- Promise of eternal life

- It's never too late
- Was this the thief's last opportunity to trust God, or his first.

Hymn: When I survey

- Who do YOU say Jesus is?

Song: the wonder of your cross (spoken)

*The wonder of Your cross  
Shall be our meditation  
To gather in that shadow  
As the sun went down  
To weep with those  
Who thought that You were leaving  
You were leaving Jesus  
The humble King  
Who never wore an earthly crown*

*The cross O the wonderful cross  
What glory what vict'ry I've found  
I'll come to the wonderful cross.....  
And my whole life I lay down*

- The sinner's prayer:  
*"Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite you to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Saviour". Amen*

Reading: John 14:27

## Corona Virus Updates

The Church Building is now closed, and Charis is working from home.

Calls to the church office 020 8330 1755 are being diverted to the church secretary's phone.

## Live Streaming

Our service last week on YouTube has now been viewed over 300 times with around 80 joining us live. You can access streams via <https://wpbc.org.uk/youtube> and the feed will also be live on the web site home page. We have 34 subscribers and once you subscribe you get notification by email of when we go live.

## Facebook Prayer Event

We will be hosting another **Facebook Live Prayer Event** for our private WPBC Facebook group at **8pm on Wed 1<sup>st</sup> April**. If you are not yet a member of this group, please contact Ali Mills.

## WPBC Weekly

Items to Ali Mills by Thurs at 8pm.  
[ali@wpbc.org.uk](mailto:ali@wpbc.org.uk).

## Prayer & Daily SMS

At the back of this Weekly are daily prayers for this week, we'll also be sending them out by text message. It would be great if everyone would commit to using these prayers.

## Next Sunday

The preacher at next week's live stream will be Charis Lambert and the subject will be "Who do you say I am? – The Palm Sunday crowd look at Easter".

## Church Directory

Paper copies of the 2020 Church Directory will be delivered over the course of the next couple of weeks. If you have not received a copy by Easter, please let us know.

If any corrections to your entry are required, either use MyChurchSuite to update them or contact [secretary@wpbc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@wpbc.org.uk).

## Get Involved

We'd love to hear your stories about the different ways you have been supporting family, neighbours, colleagues and friends through the coronavirus pandemic and how you have seen God at work. Please send them to [hello@wpbc.org.uk](mailto:hello@wpbc.org.uk) so we can include them in next week's edition to inspire others.

If you are interested in helping out with our live streaming by recording a Bible Reading, testimony or other item, please contact [hello@wpbc.org.uk](mailto:hello@wpbc.org.uk)

## Ideas

Do you have ideas of how the Church could respond best to community needs during the coronavirus pandemic? Please contact Charis or one of the deacons to chat through.

## Song Lyrics

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## Exercise Opportunity!

Could you offer help to deliver c.15 copies of this Weekly to local households on Fridays or Saturdays for those who do not have internet or smart phones. You would need to pick up the labelled envelopes up from Robert & Rowena first. Takes around ½ hour by car or even healthier if you want to walk!

## Giving

A large number of the WPBC community generously give to the church through the weekly offerings. Whilst we are not meeting together, if you are able to switch to giving via standing order or online at [wpbc.org.uk/donate](http://wpbc.org.uk/donate) that would help us predict church income over the next few months. Please speak to David Hicks for more details.

## **Pastoral Care and Community Help**

If you are able to be involved and/or coordinate shopping and practical help within the church family for shopping, prescriptions, etc. please get in touch with Jonathan Hill. We already have 12 volunteers, but more welcome! This is also the time to get involved in serving your community through local road schemes, or to be in touch with your neighbours. Consider yourself released to do this!

## **MyChurchSuite**

MyChurchSuite allows individuals to view the Church Calendar, search the Church Directory, view and update your and/or your children's details, view the texts and emails sent out by WPBC, view Connect Group details and listen to WPBC Sermons. If you are struggling to get logged in and everything working, please speak to Ali Mills.

## **Emergency Prayers**

With India on lock down there is no access to food and riots are happening for our friends at the Care & Compassion Home, Goa. They have two days food supply left and their apartment complex is locked and secured. When their diesel runs out the pump will stop supplying water. In the Home there is only 3 days' worth of rice for the children.

## **Food Deliveries for those self-isolating**

Ross Fruiterers' in Central Road are offering fruit and veg in mixed boxes £10, £20, £30 etc. for delivery. Ring 020 8330 7492. Be patient in getting through and have your credit/debit card details at the ready. Do not leave a message – the shop is overwhelmed with the responses.

## **Gavin and Family**

Rev. Gavin Carpenter starts his ministry at WPBC on 1<sup>st</sup> April. He can be contacted at [minister@wpbc.org.uk](mailto:minister@wpbc.org.uk)

## Prayers for this week

### **Sunday 29 March      Schools and colleges shut**

Lord Jesus, we pray for families who are now educating their children at home. Give them patience and inspiration. Pray, too, for the skeleton staff at schools and those children attending.

### **Monday 30 March      Nursing Homes**

Lord, many are anxious that they are unable to visit friends and family in this time. Pray for ways to keep in touch. For those in Homes we pray for safety for staff and exceptional care at this time.

### **Tuesday 31 March      Small businesses and the self-employed**

For those fearful for their livelihoods, may the measures put in place by the Government be swift to come into force and bring reassurance.

### **Wednesday 1 April      For Gavin, Mel, Maddie and Murren**

Lord, we thank you for the blessing of a new minister and family. Help us as we serve together in your Kingdom.

### **Thursday 2 April      Communication**

Thank you, Lord, for those who reach out to each other and for the thousands of volunteers offering help via the NHS.

### **Friday 3 April      Foodbanks**

Pray there may be sufficient food and enough help for these to remain viable and open.

### **Saturday 4 April      Live Streaming**

Lord, thank you for Ian, Ali and Rich and their technical skills to enable us to worship you together online.



## Zoom

Many people in the church are linking up online using Zoom. This gives the ability to hold a video conference like in the screenshot below:



Some Connect Groups are planning to meet using this software and we're also going to be trialling it as a way of community after our Sunday live streams. You can download the software as follows:

Laptop / PC

[zoom.us/client/latest/ZoomInstaller.exe](https://zoom.us/client/latest/ZoomInstaller.exe)

Apple App Store

[itunes.apple.com/us/app/id546505307](https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/id546505307)

Google Play -

[play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=us.zoom.videomeetings](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=us.zoom.videomeetings)

If you have any problems with using Zoom, please email [hello@wpbc.org.uk](mailto:hello@wpbc.org.uk) and we'll arrange for someone to be in touch.



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