



Welcome to Coney Hill Baptist Church

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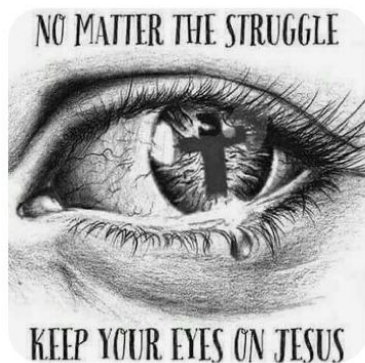
Sunday 14th September 2025

Paul's Portraits of Jesus...

Wisdom in Brokenness:

1 Corinthians 1:18 – 2:5

*The message of the cross is
foolishness to those who are headed
for destruction! But we who are
being saved know it is the
very power of God. Verse 18.*



Church Mission Statement:

***“Demonstrating the Love of God together.
Making God known through practical service,
relevant witness and the growing of
Committed Followers of Jesus”***

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(Please send items to Sue by WEDNESDAY Thank you).

**Thank you
Henry & Henrietta**

for making the
'TEA & COFFEE'
for us all this morning,
it is very much appreciated.

Sept 21st - Annette & ---

Sept 28th - Val & Lester

Oct 5th - Bob & Christine

Oct 12th - David & Eileen

Oct 19th - Henry & Henrietta

Oct 26th - Annette & ---



The Blessing Family!

*Children are a gift from
the Lord; They are a
reward from him.*

Psalm 127:3 (NLT)



**"I didn't study for an eye
test, did you?"**



SAFEGUARDING:

We want everybody with whom we come into contact with, as a church, to feel welcomed, safe and secure at all times. Our safeguarding strategy is designed to ensure this, if you have any questions on it, or, especially if you wish to register or report any concerns, please speak to the **Minister** or one of our Safeguarding advocates, they are:

Alison Newell – 020 8249 2129 / 07913 923779
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RECORDING & PHOTOGRAPHY ...

Our services are live streamed via **Facebook**. Generally we do not show the faces of members of the congregation, if you wish to ensure that you do not appear in any way you may wish to sit in the back few rows.

Taking photographs in our building should be kept to a minimum and never shared on social media without the consent of all who might appear on them.



Autumn Sunday Programme: Paul's Portraits of Jesus...



7th September –

A Dying Saviour:

Romans 5:1-11

14th September –

Wisdom in Brokenness:

1 Corinthians 1:18 – 2:5

21st September –

Carwyn Hill - (communion)

28th September –

A Brother & Heir:

Galatians 3:36-4:7

5th October –

Harvest Celebration

12th October –

Chosen to be Blessed:

Ephesians 1:3-12

19th October –

A Humble Servant:

Philippians 2:1-11 (communion)

26th October –

Peter Swaffield

2nd November –

Spitting Image:

Colossians 1.15-20

9th November –

A Seedbed for Flourishing:

Colossians 2:6-15

16th November –

Phil Dyer - (communion)

23rd November –

The Giver of Life:

1 Thessalonians 4:13- 5:11



New Monthly Autumn Mid-Week Programme:

Week 1 & Week 4 (*Wednesdays*) – House Groups

(3rd Sep, 24th Sep, 1st Oct, 22nd Oct, 5th Nov, 26th Nov, 3rd Dec)

Week 2 (*Mondays*) - Book Club

(8th Sept, 13th Oct, 10th Nov, 8th Dec.)

Week 3 (*Sundays*) – ‘Listening’ Evening
(prayer & Worship)

(21st Sept, 19th Oct, 16th Nov)



Week 3 (*Evening or Daytime*, TBA around the community lunch) –
Potential Male/Female gatherings continuing to reflect upon the
9 Practises of the ‘Practicing the Way’ course...

More Help Needed Please for Sunday Teas and Coffees

Annette Wilson needs a new partner
to help her when it's her turn to
make the refreshments for us.

We also need a few more people to
go on the rota please. Do speak with

Annette or Sarah if you are able to
serve in this way.—**Thank you!**



COMMUNITY LUNCH

***‘Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything.
Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done’.***

Philippians 4:6

We are very excited to be having our first community lunch on 17th September.

We look forward to meeting our regular guests and the new ones that come along.



3 of us have done our Allergen Training, congratulations to Valerie, Glynis and Christine who now have certificates to say they have passed. The kitchen will be sparkling clean and we will be ready.



Please continue to pray for this part of our church’s work as a number of our guests look on this place as “their church .”

Further dates for Community Lunches to pray for are
October 15th - November 19th - December 10th - January 14th

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The next **church meeting** will be
on Sunday 28th September after the
morning service



**Please can anyone with a
current first aid certificate**

and who is happy to be a
nominated church first aider,
let Alison Newall know or add
their name to the list at the
back of the church.

Also if anyone needs to update
their certificate or would like
to do a first aid course, please
add your names to the list at
the back of the church or let
Alison know. We are hoping to
run a first aid course soon.

A reminder

that games night is the
3rd Saturday of the
month and dates until
Christmas are
20th September,
18th October,
15th November



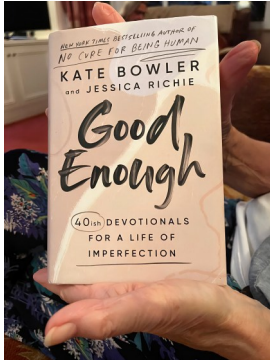
**RESPECT PEOPLE
WHO WEAR GLASSES**



**THEY PAID MONEY
TO SEE YOU.**

Book Club

We have finished reading 'Learning to be loved' and enjoyed talking about it at our first book club get-together last Monday. There are a few copies of the book on the table in the coffee bar area free to anyone who may wish to read it.



Our next book is by Kate Bowler - **'Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a life of imperfection'**. £11.35 hardcover on Amazon or £6.99 for the Kindle Edition. We are meeting on Monday 13th October to discuss the book. As you can see by the description it is 40 devotions. The suggestion is, if you don't wish to read the whole book you can pick out some of the devotions that really speak to you. Do join us if you can. - **Editor**.



Hi all, Ian thought it would be a good idea for us to write a little piece for the newsletter to explain about our **future Sunday evening meetings**. So I sat down to write a few lines and found I can't explain anything without giving you the whole story, so sit back, I'm sorry it's a long one, but hopefully it will make some sense!



Months ago, the thought of having an evening of more quiet reflection and time spent with God came to me out of the blue. I remember thinking that it was a great idea but I didn't feel it was right to burden Ian with another thing so I pushed it aside. Or tried to, but then a little voice said "you do it"!

With not being entirely sure why those things were in my head in the first place and with the idea of actually doing it definitely not being in my comfort zone, I had to think that this could possibly be from God and not me. Truth is, this is so far out of my comfort zone that I really wanted to just completely ignore it, but it kept nagging at the back of my head.

So, I spoke to Rob (Marriage is a partnership after all!) and with him on board I asked Ian and the deacons to pray about it and see if they thought it was an idea that they believed to be from God - I don't want to do anything if it is just an idea and not what God wants and to be honest, part of me was hoping they would shut it down!

Anyway, they thought it was a good idea, it fitted in well coming after the "Practicing the Way" course and that to start it in

September would work well.

I still wasn't so sure!

Then, when I went to New Wine, on the very first evening, even before the main worship had begun, I was sat by myself at a table at the back of the Venue and someone -without me seeing who it was- placed a torn off, folded piece of paper on top of my open bible.

On the front was written: "I hope this helps, bin it if it doesn't =)"

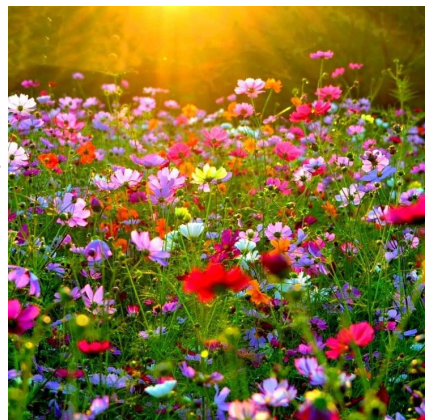
Inside it was written: "Wild Jesus Re-wilding His church"

Honestly, my first thought was "what?!" But as I didn't see who put it there and I didn't want to appear rude if they were watching, I tucked it into my Bible and carried on.

However, as the week progressed, I couldn't get the thought of a wildflower meadow out of my head. How naturally beautiful it was, how the weeds and flowers grew together, how sometimes the weeds' actual flowers are just as beautiful as the rest and how all of nature needs a little of everything to thrive, even if we may not see the beauty at first, everything has a part to play.

On my way to a morning meeting I bought a much needed coffee and someone had taken the time to write scripture verses on the side of the cups. The one I was given read:

***"Consider HOW the wild flowers
grow :) Luke 12:27".***



On the 31st August, Ian was preaching about The mountain of Transfiguration and spoke about us being obedient because our God is not a tame God, but a wild unfettered God. Both Rob and I thought of the Wild Jesus note.

So, these Sunday evenings are about obedience (mainly mine!), stepping out in faith and seeking Gods will, for our church and for each other. They are about spending time with God, listening for him speaking to us in words, pictures or any other way He wishes. They are about being open and honest before God, trying things out and probably failing along the way but hopefully seeing God at work and building our faith and relationship with Him.

I don't really know what will happen but if you wish to join us to find out, then we are going to meet, informally at the back of the church, every 3rd Sunday of each month at 7pm for about an hour to spend time with God.

There will probably be some stripped back worship, maybe something to help us to focus on God and then simply time.

All are more than welcome,

Moira & Rob



LIKE LITTLE CHILDREN:

Jesus Blesses the Children. Mark 10:13-16

One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could touch and bless them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him. When Jesus saw what was happening, he was angry with his disciples. He said to them, *“Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn’t receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it.”* Then he took the children in his arms and placed his hands on their heads and blessed them.

Have you ever heard a child pray from his heart? Not just a memorized prayer that he repeats before lunch but a real honest prayer? A four-year-old boy prayed like this:

“Dear God, I really don’t like the bad dreams I’ve been having. Will you please make them stop?”

His prayer was so pure and honest. He prayed, believing that God would listen to his prayer and do something about it. He wasn’t afraid to say how he really felt.

This passage in Mark tells us that no matter how old we are, God wants us to come to Him with the faith of a child.

He wants us to be open and honest about our feelings.

He wants us to trust Him wholeheartedly,
just like little children do.

As adults we sometimes play games with God. We tell God what we think He wants to hear, forgetting that He already knows our hearts! God is big enough to handle your honesty. Tell Him how you really feel.



Father, help me come to You as a little child and be more open and honest with You in prayer. Amen.

Them: Why do you lift your hands up during Worship?

Me: Because that's what little children do when they want to be held by their Father.



There is life in His Word.

1st Peter 1:23

God didn't remove the Red Sea. He parted it.

God doesn't always remove your problems, but He will make a way to get through them.

Mr Mrs Pickles!

My health may fail,
and my spirit may
grow weak, but God
remains the strength
of my heart; He is
mine forever.

Psalms 73:26



Today I'm having a
VISION PROBLEM...

I can't see myself
doing anything at all



Why doesn't someone
invent a clear toaster
so you can see how
brown your bread is
getting while it's
toasting?

Finance ...

If you would like to make a donation to the work of the church, as a gift or worship offering, there is a donation box on the wall by the doors on the way out.

Our church is entirely self-financed, therefore we are very grateful for all donations received. If you'd like to financially support God's work at CHBC, either as a one-off gift or on a regular basis, you can

at: **'Coney Hill Baptist Church'**

Account Number: 40247227 — Sort Code: 40-46-20.

We give 10% of our non-restricted gifted income to mission organisations that we support. If you would like more details on this aspect of our work, please contact our treasurer.



Thank you.

Hayes Community Food Bank

A basket has been placed at the back of the church for your food donations to the Hayes Community Food Bank. Every item placed in there really does make a difference!

Alternatively, financial donations can be made via our treasurer (cash or cheques made to 'Hayes Community Foodbank'), or the Foodbank's bank details can be provided. In addition to food donations, each week volunteers go shopping to make sure that supported families receive what they need.

Thank you.

Hayes

Community Foodbank

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday to Friday (term time only) Jigsaw Preschool

Monday to Friday - 9.15 to 12.15pm - (5 morning sessions)

Wed, Thurs, and Friday - 12.15 to 3.13pm - (3 afternoon sessions)

MONDAY

Men's Breakfast - 1st Monday every month - 9.00am

Women's Breakfast - 1st Monday every month - 9.00am

House-group - 10:30am at the Church

Youth Group - (11-16) - 7.30 to 9.00pm.

Book Club - 2nd Monday every month 7.30pm

TUESDAY

Stay & Play Cafe - 9.00am - 12.30pm

Under 5's Lunch Club - 12.15pm

Painting group at Hayes Village Hall - 1.15 to 4pm

Women's Fellowship 2.00pm to 4.00pm

WEDNESDAY

Coffee and Craft 1st Wednesday every month - 10.30 to noon

Community Lunch - 3rd Wednesday every month - 12.30PM

Messy church at Hayes Village Hall - 2nd Wednesday every month 3.15 - 4.45pm - Churches Together in Hayes ministry.

West Wickham (special needs) **Cubs & Scout Group** - 6.30 to 8.30pm

House-group's x 2 - 8.00 to 10.00pm

THURSDAY

Slimming World - 5.30pm & 7.00pm

FRIDAY

Prayer Meeting - 9.30 to 10.30am - in person @ Church

'Pitstop' Table Tennis - 7.30 to 9.30pm

SATURDAY

Pilates 10.00 to 11.00am

Games Evening (3rd Saturday of every month) - 7 to 9pm