

## Notices for 3 May 2020

Sermon Series: Hope in Dark Times: *The Power of Loving Hope*

### THIS SUNDAY

**BHC benefice online service** | BHC Godalming YouTube from 10am

The **Power of Loving Hope** (1 Peter 1:3-5, 22-25) Speaker: Simon Willetts

Thanks to those from the different congregations who have contributed this week: Ruth Roseblade opening, Shelagh Godwin praying, the Lord's Prayer on bikes from the Puddephatts, Music from our musicians and our combined congregations, Annie Bryett reading. Remember to Subscribe, Like and Share the channel—we have a great opportunity to share the gospel.

### For our younger people

**The Ark & Tiny Tigers (ages 3-7)** Video session led by Juliet Gilbert and Sheepy with a story, arts and crafts, other activities and music. available on the BHC YouTube channel.

**Explorers (ages 7-11)** - contact Judith Hawkey to get the link to this week's excellent padlet session: Produced by our Explorers leaders, with songs, videos and activities.

**Pathfinders (ages 11-14)** 10am on Zoom

Contact Anto.Ficatier@bhcgodalming.org for details. A virtual session with games, bible teaching and friendship. Pathfinders is growing! Last week there were more 11-14s than every before.

Wednesday Bible Study: 3.30pm Year 7 & 8, 4.30pm Year 9.

**6.30pm Ichthus (ages 14-18) The BIG Gathering**

Contact Anto.Ficatier:bhcgodalming.org for the zoom details. 1 hour of games, fellowship and a devotional.

Tuesday Small Groups: 7pm for years 10&11, 8pm for Lower 6 & Upper 6

### THIS WEEK

All in the BHC Public zoom room unless otherwise stated

#### Monday-Thursday

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Coffee Break

8pm **Managing your time when working from Home: a Christian Perspective.** Facilitated by Peter Shaw.

#### Tuesday

7:15am Space for God - Earlybird Session

9:45am Toddler Sing Along

8pm Film Discussion: *The Help*—all welcome, not just the ladies.

#### Thursday 7 May

3pm **VE Day Sing along & Tea Party, BHC Public zoom**  
*All welcome to join Lisa Olsworth-Peter, Penny Naylor and the PrimeTimers*

7.30pm **Thursday Live: Theme—COVID 19—Hammer of God?**  
An hour to reflect and engage.

#### Saturday 9 May

8:00am Busbridge Prayer Group

### NEXT SUNDAY | 10 May

**Encouragement: Hope that Stands Firm**  
(2 Thessalonians 2:13-17)

Speaker: Simon Taylor

9am **Traditional BCP service**

**NEW:** BCP Morning Prayer will be pre-recorded and available on YouTube from 9am starting 10 May.

10am **BHC online Service**

This week with some interviews and testimonies

11am **NEW: Virtual Coffees**

**2nd Sundays:** different zooms hosted by Hambledon Congregations  
Busbridge Contemporary  
Use the web site calendar to access the zooms.

**3rd Sundays (17 May):** hosted by  
Busbridge 8am and Classic  
And Busbridge 6.30pm.

## Message from Simon

(posted earlier this week on [bhcgodalming.org](https://bhcgodalming.org), Twitter and Facebook. Good for you if you've seen it already!)

Dear all,

It is heart-warming to know how much you are all caring, sharing, supporting, praying, worshipping and growing in fellowship in Christ. We're hearing more and more stories of church members connecting together in new ways. We know that many of you have welcomed a call from a home group leader and the response to 'would you like to fold in to a home group' has been amazing. Thank you once again to our home group leaders. You play a crucial role in the leadership of BHC as we head into the future.

We're gradually expanding the faith, teaching, worship and fellowship that we can offer online. We're doing this because we think that our church family might be doing these online things for a while to come. We're offering some online short-courses and one off practical faith events; we'd encourage you to be part of them, partly to bless those who are putting such effort into them for all of us.

We'd like to give particular thanks this week for Matt Toombs. Matt and the Explorers team create an incredible weekly 'padlet' for the young people. The work behind it is phenomenal. Also, a quiet thanks to Jacqui R and all the wonderful saintly supporters who are caring for many in and around Hambleton, Hydestile, Enton and beyond. Do pray for these people.

We're beginning to turn our thoughts to what 'normal' life, worship, faith and fellowship might look like in the months to come and even further ahead too. Like much of the UK exploring how life might be changing; we're asking what "BHC MkII" might look like under the Holy Spirit's leadership. Some research has been started into this and you can read an interesting theological and practical article which has been forwarded to us by Rev Catherine McBride. <https://www.dur.ac.uk/digitaltheology/ewo/sections/> What can we return to? What have we learnt God is growing afresh and which we need to explore further? What can we set aside as we live together for the Kingdom of God and look forward to Christ's Return? If you've got thoughts, do send an email to Simon and Simon.

In the love of Christ, Simon

P.S. Thank you to those who responded to the C19 survey so we could check what is offered and how we can ensure it is sustainable and see if it is meeting needs. We've closed the survey now. We'll use the information for planning things. The summary is: people appreciate what is offered for worship and teaching and the complexity of doing this; there is some desire for something more traditional and we're now working on two approaches to this; people recognise the great community work that is going on via so many church members; there is desire to see home groups as central to what we are doing within the church family and we're working on this with our great home group leaders. Thanks for completing the survey.

## Pat Hilton

Many of you will have heard by now that Pat died peacefully, at home, last Saturday evening (25<sup>th</sup> April). We are deeply saddened by this news, but grateful for the example of Pat's deep Christian faith, as well as her courage over the last couple of years. Please pray for Dudley, Catriona, Robert and the wider family, for God's love and peace to surround them all. Thank you.

## COMING UP THIS WEEK

**Managing your time and energy when working from home: a Christian perspective;** a session facilitated by Peter Shaw on Monday 4 May

Do you struggle with making the best use of time when you are working from home? This session is for you. Peter Shaw coaches leaders internationally and will be facilitating this session on Monday 4 May from 8pm to 9:30pm, drawing on Christian themes like gentleness, patience and self-control. Peter and a colleague have written a prompt sheet ([link here](#)) about questions to ask yourself about managing your time and energy when working from home, together with a 4 minute video. ([link here](#)). The session will be in the BHC Public room (password 2020).

### VE Day Sing Along and Tea Party

A day early as we hope for good viewing on the TV on Friday— Lisa and Penny are running a virtual sing along to wartime songs, some readings and an opportunity for a chat. (Approx event time 40 mins). The Prime Timers enjoyed a similar event in Busbridge Church last November—but EVERYONE is welcome to this one.

If you have anything to post, thoughts, prayers, musings— remember the **BHC Together facebook group** is yours to do so!

## WORSHIP, PRAYER AND TEACHING

With so many of our regular events now transferring onto zoom the diary is back to it's full self! Select the event in the web site calendar for full details and to access the right zoom meeting or other online location.

**Hambleton Prayer Breakfast**— 9am this Saturday, and then 1st, 3rd (and 5th) Saturdays. Hosted by Simon Willetts. (Breakfast included if you prepare it yourself!)

**Space for God** is running a reflective Take time session on Tues, 5 May @ 7.15am

**Thursday Live**, half an hour to reflect and engage, on Thursday 7 May, 7.30pm, in the zoom prayer room 946-391-4833 (password 2020). The theme for next week is going to be *COVID19 – Hammer of God?*

**Unplugged**—6.30pm on 17 May. The service and music will involve our young people, but it's always extremely popular with all ages.

Don't forget—**9am Morning Prayer** on weekdays. Probably the best way to start your day!

## Loving the community

Kids it's your turn to join the wave of #viralkindness. The BHC version is **#CreativeKindness**. Penny's been thinking about the older people we know that aren't on the internet and are

finding harder to stay connected. We can still post things though, and would like to pass on messages with all things arty and crafty from our young people to those who need cheering up. Please see the details on the web site. We are also enlisting the children from Busbridge Junior and Infant schools to help too.

**A slice of cake on us.** In Hambledon, the village shop is doing an amazing job of coordinating volunteers to delivery orders to those who can't get out. As of Thursday, all shop orders are going out with a slice of cake from Hambledon Church with a message from Simon Willetts, just to say Hi, the church is still here and how we can support. If you are a lucky recipient, enjoy! (sadly the delivery service doesn't extend as far as Godalming.)

**Why Pray?** If anyone is asking (and we think they are) please refer them to the web site. Andy Spencer has put together some info for people who might be thinking about this for the first time, and can respond to people individually, or develop sessions if there's a demand. Please pass the word on.

Don't forget—**10.30am Coffee breaks** for anyone to pop in and out. The **Coronavirus Response** team awaits requests to help those self-isolating—

Email: [coronaresponse@bhcgodalming.org](mailto:coronaresponse@bhcgodalming.org). The CFSF is receiving donations AND applications for financial gifts. It's all on [www.bhcgodalming.org](http://www.bhcgodalming.org)

#### Elsewhere

**Christian Aid Week 10-16 May: Love Never Fails.** Please don't forget it this year, and support in the way you usually would. See [caweek.org](http://caweek.org) to give or take part in their other fundraising initiatives.

Also Tearfund have launched an emergency appeal to help some of the poorest countries in the world where coronavirus is spreading: <https://www.tearfund.org/>

Something to uplift!

Instead All Souls music team have created a Virtual Prom Praise with great music and worship from 10 years of Prom Praise, many notable artists from across the world have given input for this virtual event and the masterediting of 240 musicians and singers on line performing together!

Go to [allsoulsmusic.org](http://allsoulsmusic.org) for more information or look up Virtual Prom Praise on the web...

It is 7.30 -9pm this Saturday May 2nd. I do hope you can share it and be inspired by it and do please let others know.

Finally Godalming Churches Together Link up & TTT update is attached.

Here's one I quite liked this week...



#### PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM STILL AVAILABLE

To contact the **EMERGENCY prayer** chain, email [prayer@bhcgodalming.org](mailto:prayer@bhcgodalming.org) or call 01483 421267.

**Listening prayer** is available mid-week.

For more information contact Jeannie Postill  
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