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Dear Readers,

THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST

This Thursday (25 May) is commemorated by some as "Ascension Day" which is 40 days after Easter Sunday. According to Acts 1:3, Jesus ascended up to heaven from the Mount of Olives, which is on the east of Jerusalem, 40 days after His resurrection. He was answering some questions from His disciples and giving them His final instructions. Then, while His hands were lifted up to bless them, He was taken up to heaven. The disciples knelt down in worship and saw Him going up further and further until He disappeared into a cloud. What a glorious sight that must have been! Two angels suddenly appeared and told them the wonderful truth – *"This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven"* (Acts 1:11).

If you were to visit the Mount of Olives today, you will see a small dome-shaped shrine there, and inside it is a hole in the cemented floor where the rock underneath is exposed. This rock is believed to be the exact spot from which Christ ascended. However, no one really knows where Christ ascended from, because all that is given about the location in Acts 1:12 is that it was at the Mount of Olives and a Sabbath day's journey from Jerusalem. What is of greater importance is the significance of this event. The Ascension of Jesus Christ was a spectacular event, filled with awesome truths for us!

The Ascension Demonstrates His Glory

From the Resurrection of Christ, we know that we serve a risen Saviour. From His Ascension, we know that we serve a glorified Saviour! Jesus Himself looked forward to this in the prayer He made before going to the cross. He said, *"O Father, glorify thou Me with Thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was."* (John 17:5). The Ascension fulfilled this prayer when Jesus was restored to the pristine glory He had as God the Son. *"God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name"* (Philippians 2:9).

He now sits at the Father's right hand, the place of highest honour in heaven that is rightfully His! (Acts 2:33,34) There are some who think that the expression, *"at the Father's right hand"* is merely figurative, and only means that He has great authority. But just before Stephen died he had a glimpse of Jesus standing on the right hand of God, ready to receive him up to heaven (Acts 7:55,56). Therefore the Father's right hand indicates a real geographical location.

Dear Reader, if you truly love the Lord Jesus, your heart will be thrilled to know that He is now glorified in heaven, sitting at the Father's right hand! He is no longer the suffering servant on the cross, but the glorified Son of God sitting majestically on high!

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The Ascension Brings Great Benefits to Us

Ephesians 4:8 tells us that it was at the Ascension of Christ that all the spiritual gifts were given to believers – *"Wherefore He saith, When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men."* The expression, *"He led captivity captive"* (from Psalm 68) portrays Christ as a mighty conqueror returning to His home country in a grand victory procession, leading all His prisoners of war, and distributing the spoils of war generously to all His subjects. The verses after that describe some of the gifts He distributes – apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers – all of these are designed *"for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ"* (v.12). Without them we would not be able to serve Him or build His kingdom.

However, the most important gift that the Church has received out of Christ's Ascension is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Jesus had explained to His disciples that this was the reason why it was so needful for Him to ascend to heaven. Jesus said, *"It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you."* (John 16:7) By virtue of His Ascension to the Father's right hand, Christ has sent the Holy Spirit to all believers, so that they may be empowered to be His witnesses unto the uttermost parts of the earth (Acts 1:8)!

What would have happened if the Lord had given His disciples the great commission but not the power to carry it out? They would probably have remained as a small and weak group of believers, unable to make any impact on the world at all, and unable to resist the great persecution they would face from both Jews and Gentiles. It was the Holy Spirit who transformed them into a mighty movement. This movement spread so quickly and made such a deep impact that the world was turned upside down (Acts 17:6)!

The Holy Spirit empowered the preaching of the apostles, and crowds of people came under conviction and repented of their sins. At Peter's preaching on the day of Pentecost alone, 3,000 souls were saved (Acts 2:41). And shortly after that, at Peter and John's preaching at the Temple, another 5,000 believed in Christ! The rest of the book of Acts give further accounts of conversions and missions brought about by the Holy Spirit. In Acts 13, the Holy Spirit directed the church at Antioch to send out the first missionaries. And that was the beginning of the 3 missionary journeys of the apostle Paul that saw many new churches planted throughout Asia Minor and Greece.

Therefore, whenever we see the work of the Holy Spirit and we marvel at how lives are being saved and changed by His power and how successful missionary work has been because of Him, let us remember that these would never have happened without Christ's Ascension to heaven.

Another benefit that we are receiving all the time from Christ's Ascension is His Intercession for us at the Father's throne. While He descended down to earth to be our Saviour, He ascended up to heaven to be our Intercessor! Hebrews 7:25 – *"Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them."*

People who pray for others are called intercessors. Moses, Aaron, Samuel, Hezekiah, Elijah and Daniel were great intercessors. Beside them there were also the many priests of Israel: God had ordained them for the people of Israel to bring their needs to Him through them. But no man's intercession can ever compare with that of Jesus Christ. He is the perfect intercessor. His intercession began right after He ascended to heaven, and it has never ceased! There are many benefits that we receive through it: For one thing, it...

maintains our close fellowship with God. 1 John 2:1 – *"If any man sin, we have an Advocate (an Intercessor) with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."* The only condition we need to fulfill for restored fellowship with God is to confess our sins sincerely.

Imagine what your life would be like if there is none to intercede for you and restore you to fellowship with God, each time you confess your sin: You would live in insecurity and uncertainty because your sins cut you off from God. Even though you are ultimately saved, there is no joy or fulfillment. But with Jesus Christ as your eternal intercessor, you can keep on enjoying sweet fellowship with Him. His provision for your weaknesses and needs is marvelously complete!

Christ's intercession also keeps you safe through any trial in life. Whether your problem is big or small, be comforted to know that He is praying for you. Remember all the Gospel accounts of amazing things that happened when Jesus prayed for others: Peter was delivered from being sifted by Satan and Lazarus was raised from the dead. There is much power in the prayers that Jesus makes for us! His intercession brings God's wisdom and strength to you to meet your need. It causes circumstances to change and makes all things work together for good. What tremendous encouragements these are!

The Ascension Brings Great Hope for Our Future

One of the reasons why Jesus ascended up to heaven is to prepare a place for us there. He said in John 14:2,3 – *"In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."*

It is a sobering thought that as long as we are in this world, no place we live in is permanent. But we can be encouraged to know that Jesus ascended up to heaven to provide a permanent home for us. At the time when Christ lived on earth, it was common for close-knit families to live together under one roof. As the sons and daughters of the family grew up and got married, additional rooms would be added and prepared for them. When a son was about to get married, he would assure his bride that after he has got their apartment in his father's house all prepared and ready, he will come and take her to live with him on their wedding day.

In this passage of John 14, we see Jesus doing the same thing. He promises His disciples that He is going back to prepare places for them in the many mansions of His Father's house. Some may ask why Christ has not returned yet. Does He need so much time to prepare the mansions for us? How do we know that He will keep His promise to return? The answer is found in His Ascension: Just after Jesus was taken up to heaven, the disciples were told in no uncertain terms that He will return to earth one day in the same way that He ascended (Acts 1:11). Therefore the Ascension of Christ anticipates the Return of Christ. It stands for us as a guarantee as well as a preview of His Return!

The Ascension of Christ is also a preview of an awesome event that will take place when He returns – the Rapture of all believers. The important feature of Christ's Ascension was that He ascended bodily. It was not merely a spiritual ascension, nor a mere vision seen by the disciples. It was a bodily ascension! The body in which He ascended was a physical one that could be touched and held by the disciples, and that could ingest food given to Him. And yet this physical body was glorious in that it could vanish and disappear at will, and defy all the known laws of physics.

If we are alive when Jesus returns, we will be instantly transformed to have that same glorious body He has. Then, like Him at His Ascension, we too will find ourselves defying the law of gravity and going upward to meet Him in the sky! (1 Thessalonians 4:17) Believers who are resurrected from the dead will likewise ascend upwards to heaven.

The power that enabled Christ to ascend up to heaven is the same power that will enable the raptured saints and resurrected saints to ascend up to heaven to be forever with the Lord. Christ is our "forerunner" (Hebrews 6:20) or 'advance party' who has blazed the trail to heaven for us. That trail is the path we will one day be taking in our new bodies. Our identification with Christ will then be full and complete. Not only would we have died with Him, been buried with Him, and raised with Him from the dead (Romans 6:4,5), but we will also be ascended to Heaven like Him. There is no greater joy and satisfaction to the soul than to be fully identified with Christ in every aspect of His life!

However, all these glorious hopes in the future are yours only if you truly belong to Christ. If you are His, then all the truths about His Ascension apply to you. But if you do not belong to Him, you have absolutely no part in them. The high glory to which He has ascended can only strike terror in your heart because it means that you will face greater judgment at His hands on the Day of Judgment. You will also have no share in the manifold benefits that result from Christ's Ascension – no spiritual gifts, no empowerment of the Holy Spirit and no intercession made by Christ for you. The Ascension of Christ can offer you no hope if you do not belong to Him, because there is no future mansion in heaven for you, nor a resurrected body in which you can ascend up to heaven.

Dear Reader, please be sure that you belong to Jesus Christ. If you have not received Him personally as your Lord and Saviour yet, stop delaying. Come to Him

now. The ascended Lord Jesus calls you now to bow your knee to Him and confess that He is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:10,11). Will you do this right now?

*Rev Charles Seet
Life B-P Church, Singapore*



Read the Bible in A Year

Calendar of Daily readings for May 2006:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Family</u>	<u>Private</u>
1	Num 8 Psa 44	Song 6 Heb 6
2	Num 9 Psa 45	Song 7 Heb 7
3	Num 10 Psa 46,47	Song 8 Heb 8
4	Num 11 Psa 48	Isa 1 Heb 9
5	Num 12,13 Psa 49	Isa 2 Heb 10
6	Num 14 Psa 50	Isa 3,4 Heb 11
7	Num 15 Psa 51	Isa 5 Heb 12
8	Num 16 Psa 52-54	Isa 6 Heb 13
9	Num 17,18 Psa 55	Isa 7 Jam 1
10	Num 19 Psa 56,57	Isa 8,9 Jam 2
11	Num 20 Psa 58,59	Isa 9,10 Jam 3
12	Num 21 Psa 60,61	Isa 10 Jam 4
13	Num 22 Psa 62,63	Isa 11,12 Jam 5
14	Num 23 Psa 64,65	Isa 13 1 Pet 1
15	Num 24 Psa 66,67	Isa 14 1 Pet 2
16	Num 25 Psa 68	Isa 15 1 Pet 3
17	Num 26 Psa 69	Isa 16 1 Pet 4
18	Num 27 Psa 70,71	Isa 17,18 1 Pet 5
19	Num 28 Psa 72	Isa 19,20 2 Pet 1
20	Num 29 Psa 73	Isa 21 2 Pet 2
21	Num 30 Psa 74	Isa 22 2 Pet 3
22	Num 31 Psa 75,76	Isa 23 1 John 1
23	Num 32 Psa 77	Isa 24 1 John 2
24	Num 33 Psa 78	Isa 25 1 John 3
25	Num 34 Psa 78	Isa 26 1 John 4
26	Num 35 Psa 79	Isa 27 1 John 5
27	Num 36 Psa 80	Isa 28 2 John
28	Deut 1 Psa 81,82	Isa 29 3 John
29	Deut 2 Psa 83,84	Isa 30 Jude
30	Deut 3 Psa 85	Isa 31 Rev 1
31	Deut 4 Psa 86,87	Isa 32 Rev 2

The Christian's Daily Remembrancer

by Ps. James Smith

21 May 2006

“Take heed to your spirit” Malachi 2:15

“LET NONE DEAL TREACHEROUSLY.” Take heed to your spirit. Of what sort is your spirit? A lowly spirit is from God. Pray for it. The spirit of the believer should be characterised by forbearance, humility, and love; he is exhorted to put away all anger, wrath, clamour, evil speaking, and malice; and to put on affections of mercy, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering and to be ready to forgive. A bitter, contentious, censorious spirit, is just the opposite of the Spirit of Christ; and an unforgiving person cannot be a Christian, for Jesus has said, “Except ye forgive men their trespasses, neither will my heavenly Father forgive you.” Take heed then to your spirit, lest it be said, “Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.” Learn of Jesus; He was meek and lowly; patient and forbearing; kind to his enemies; and ready to forgive. A proud, contentious overbearing disciple cannot expect to have fellowship with a humble, lowly, and broken hearted Master. Beloved, let us watch over our spirit; he that rules his own spirit, does more than he that conquers a city; and a spirit that is not under control is like a city with the walls and gates broken down, open to the enemy on every side. Lord, sanctify my spirit!

Come, blessed Spirit, heavenly Dove,

Descend with healing in Thy wings;

Come, soothe my passions by Thy love,

And tune the happy peaceful strings;

Let every action, thought, and word,

Bring honour to my holy Lord.

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May holiness be my pursuit,

Thy promises my plea;

So shall I bring forth previous fruit,

And Thos wilt comfort me.

## In Green Pastures Devotional Readings for Every Day of the Year

By J.R. Miller, D.D.

21 May 2006

### MORNING

**2 KINGS 6:9** “And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place;”

NOTHING is hidden from God. We are told that the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptation. Here we have an illustration of this. The Lord knew the plans of the king of Syria to entrap the king of Israel. He made known these plans to Elisha, and he in turn told the king of Israel of the ambush, that he might save himself from the peril. The Bible gives us many such warnings. In such and such paths, it tells us, it is not safe for us to go, for Satan walks there.

There is a fable of a wonderful ring which a prince wore, that clasped his finger softly while he went in right ways, but stung him sharply whenever he was in danger of going in some wrong path. That is what our conscience does. If only we heeded the warnings of our conscience we would never get into places of danger, save when duty called us there, and then we would have protection, for when God sends us He will take care of us.

### EVENING

#### **NOT IN VAIN IN THE LORD**

WE must not measure by an earthly standard in testing the failure or success of life. There are lives which the world crowns as successful, but which Heaven rates as failures. Then there are others over which men drop a tear of pity, but which in God's sight are put down as noble successes. All earnest Christians do many things which they hope will prove blessings to others, which yet in the end seem to fail altogether of good result. But we do not know what good may yet come out of our true work that has appeared to fail. “Your labour is not in vain in the Lord.” It may not show any result at once, but somewhere, sometime, there will be blessing from everything that is done truly for Christ. The old water-wheel runs around and around outside the mill. It seems to be accomplishing nothing, but the shaft goes through the wall and turns machinery inside, making flour to feed the hunger of many or driving spindles and weaving beautiful fabrics. Our lives may seem, with all their activities, to be leaving no result, but they reach into the unseen; and who knows what blessings they become, what impressions they leave on other lives and in eternity?

**WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON**  
**CHURCH THEME: STRIVING TO LIVE ABOVE OUR SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS**  
**IN CHRIST (Ephesians 1:3)**

Our **worship services** begin promptly at **11.00 am and 4.00 pm.**

Please stay back for Bible Study and fellowship lunch after the morning worship and for tea after the evening service. Invite your friends to come to Church.

| Worship Services                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                      |                                                                  | WELCOME                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
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| <b>Morning</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Today: 21/05/2006</b>             | <b>Next Week: 21/05/2006</b>                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| <i>Chairman:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Jonathan Kim                         | Mok Chee Cheong                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| <i>Speaker:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Gervase Charmley                     | Ken Chan                                                         | NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| <i>Message:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | The Liberating Power of the Gospel   | Tbd                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Evening Service:</b> Westminster Larger Catechism (WLC)</li> <li><b>This week:</b></li> <li><b>Q93. What is the moral law?</b></li> <li><b>Q94. Is there any use of the moral law to man since the fall?</b></li> <li><b>Q95. Of what use is the moral law to all men?</b></li> <li><b>Next week:</b></li> <li><b>Q96. What particular use is there of the moral law to unregenerate men?</b></li> <li><b>Q97. What special use is there of the moral law to the regenerate?</b></li> <li>Do stay back and find out the answers from the Word of God.</li> <li>• <b>10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary preparations:</b> This will take place on Jun 25. Church sanctuary cleaning has been planned for 10 and 17 Jun.</li> <li>• <b>Book Sales:</b> All books displayed on the book table are ½ price off.</li> <li>• <b>Church Heating Installation:</b> This will conclude on 25 May. So far, thank God that the work has been progressing well. Please continue to pray that the installation work will be performed properly, without any complications.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for:</b> Students who will be having their examinations in the coming month.</li> <li>• <b>Metropolitan Tabernacle School of Theology 2006:</b> The conference theme is “Promoting Spiritual Life and Service” and will take place from Tues 4<sup>th</sup> to Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> July. For those interested, please see Mok for the application form and costing details.</li> </ul> |  |
| <i>Text:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | John 8:31-59                         | John 9:1-41                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| <i>Organist:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Amanda                               | Yanning                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
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| <i>Chairman:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | John Poh                             | Lim Ming Yann                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| <i>Speaker:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Mok Chee Cheong                      | Mok Chee Cheong                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| <i>Message:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | The Moral Law<br>WLC Questions 93-95 | The Use of the Moral Law<br>WLC Questions 95-97                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| <i>Pianist:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Ming Yann                            | Feng Qian                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
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| <i>Ushers</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | John/Mok                             | Ming Yann/Jeff                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| <i>Sunday Sch:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Joyce                                | Carol                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| <i>Singspirat'n:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Ming Yann/Feng Qian                  | Jonathan/Feng Qian                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| <i>Lunch:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Constance                            | Magdelene                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| <i>Washing-up:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | YAF Group 2                          | YAF Group 1                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| <i>Bible Study:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | DHW – Genesis 23                     | DHW – Genesis 24                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| Appointments of the Week                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                      |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| Wed 17 May                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 7:30 pm                              | <b>Mid Week Prayer Meeting:</b><br>C'man: Mok                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| Fri 19 May                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 7.00 pm                              | <b>Young Adults Fellowship:</b><br>Led by Alvin                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| Sat 20 May                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 4.00 pm                              | <b>Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study:</b><br>Spkr/C'man: Jonathan |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| Last Week's Worship Service Collections                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                      |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| <b>Offering:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | £205.56                              | <b>Lunch:</b>                                                    | £22.10                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| <u><b>The Shorter Catechism</b></u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                      |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| <b>Q.100 What doth the Preface of the Lord's Prayer teach us?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                      |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| <p>Ans: The Preface of the Lord's Prayer – (which is, OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN) – teacheth us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, - as children to a father, able and ready to help us; - and that we should pray with and for others.</p> <p><i>Comments: Preface means introduction or beginning. And we here learn that the Preface of the Lord's Prayer teaches us three things – 1. That we should draw near to God reverently, seeing He is in heave; 2. That we should draw near confidently, seeing He is our Father; 3. That we should pray along with others, and for them, seeing He is our Father.</i></p> |                                      |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |