

CONNECT

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MARCH EDITION

CHRYSTON
PARISH CHURCH



Welcome

Welcome to Connect — our magazine designed to keep you up to date with all that's happening in and around our church community. Connect is available online through our website, and printed copies can be picked up in the church building at our poster points. We also provide easy-read copies and can arrange delivery for anyone who doesn't have digital access or who may have mobility difficulties. If you, or someone you know, would appreciate a delivered copy, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Our church building is a busy and vibrant place, used by a wide variety of groups throughout the week — from fitness classes to music and movement sessions for little ones. There's something for everyone! To find out more about what's on and how you can get involved, visit our website at www.chrystonparishchurch.co.uk. You can also connect with us on Facebook and Instagram.

Our Sunday services are at the heart of all that we do. We gather as a church family, young and old, to worship God together. Whether you're looking for a new church home or simply exploring Christianity for the first time, joining us on a Sunday is a wonderful place to begin.

Our friendly Welcome Team will be there to greet you as you arrive and will be happy to answer any questions you may have. As a church family, we love to spend time together — chatting, catching up, and encouraging one another before and after the service.

If you're visiting for the first time, we'd really love to get to know you. Please do stay afterwards for refreshments and a good conversation.

If you're unable to join us in person, our services are also available online via our YouTube channel and Facebook Live. Our website has further details, including how to watch or listen again to previous services using video or MP3. If there's anything we can help with, please get in touch — we'd love to hear from you.

The church is a place where a warm welcome awaits — not just on Sundays, but every day of the week.

WHAT'S ON

S	1	Morning Worship 10.30am X-Groups & Creche Evening Worship 6.30pm	15	Morning Worship 10.30am X-Groups & Creche Evening Worship 6.30pm
M	2	Tiny Tunes 9.30am-11.30am	16	Tiny Tunes 9.30am-11.30am
T	3	Silver Surfers: 10-12.30am Kirk Session 7pm	17	Silver Surfers: 10-12.30am
W	4	The Hub Cafe 10am-12pm Praying Together 10.30am Hub Kids 3pm-5.30pm Praying Together 7.30pm	18	The Hub Cafe 10am-12pm Praying Together 10.30am AGM 7.30pm
T	5	Work Party 9.30am-11.30am	19	Work Party 9.30am-11.30am
F	6	Work Party 9.30am-11.30am	20	Work Party 9.30am-11.30am
S	7	Rugby @ The Hub Cafe 2pm	21	
S	8	Morning Worship 10.30am X-Groups & Creche Evening Worship 6.30pm	22	Morning Worship 10.30am, Communion) X-Groups & Creche, Lunch Evening Worship 6.30pm
M	9	Tiny Tunes 9.30am-11.30am	23	Tiny Tunes 9.30am-11.30am
T	10	Silver Surfers: 10-12.30am	24	Silver Surfers: 10-12.30am
W	11	The Hub Cafe 10am-12pm	25	The Hub Cafe 10am-12pm
T	12		26	Work Party 9.30am-11.30am
F	13	Work Party 9.30am-11.30am Coming Alive 7pm-8.30pm	27	Work Party 9.30am-11.30am
S	14	Rugby @ The Hub Cafe 2pm	28	
S			29	Morning Worship 10.30am X-Groups & Creche Evening Worship 6.30pm
M			30	Holiday Club Meeting 7pm
T			31	Silver Surfers: 10-12.30am

Church Lunch

After worship on Sunday, 22nd March, we warmly invite everyone to stay for a church lunch. It will be a lovely opportunity to enjoy a delicious meal together, share good conversation, and spend time getting to know one another better. We hope you can join us for this special time of fellowship and community!

For Your Diary

Morning Communion 22nd March

Tuesday Fellowship 14th April

Boys Brigade

Meets during school term

Tuesdays Anchor Boys 6.30-7pm

Tuesdays Junior Section 7.30-8.30pm

Fridays Comany Section 7.30pm-9.30pm

Tuesday Fellowship

Tuesday Fellowship meets 14th April 12.30pm with a short service of worship followed by a light lunch.

Bookstall

The bookstall is back on Sundays 15th, 22nd and 29th of March. Come have a browse with a specially chosen selection of books that we think you will find incredibly helpful.

Jars of Grace

Final collection : If anyone still has a Jar of Grace at home we'd be grateful if you could ensure it's handed in as soon as possible or ask someone to pick it up from you. Deadline - end of March



Holiday Club

We are hoping to run a holiday club for primary school aged children on the week beginning Monday 3rd Aug. If you are interested in being part of the team we meet for a chat on Monday 30th of March at 7pm.

AGM

A meeting of the congregation will takeplace on Wednesday 18th of March at 7.30pm. This is a great opportunity to reflect on the previous year and to seek God together for the coming months. Please do make it a priority to be there.

Big Print

If a large print version of the update would be helpful to you please let us know.

68 FITNESS COMMUNITY CLASS TIMETABLE					
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 Sweat + Build 0600-0700	 Lift Burn 0930-1030	 Conditioning 0600-0700	 Lift Burn 0930-1030	 Sweat + Build 0600-0700	 Super Saturday 0800-0900
 Sweat + Build 1730-1830	 SeniorFit 1100-1145	 KidFit 1530-1615	 SeniorFit 1100-1145	 MiniFit 0930-1015	
		 Conditioning 1730-1830		 Sweat + Build 1245-1345	

Fitness classes are organised by 68 Fitness and Martin Carr

A Song for March

Leanna Crawford-How Can You Not

The inspiration for this song came from a moment I shared with my dad. He had never seen fireflies before, as they don't exist in the Pacific Northwest, where we're from. While my parents were visiting me in Nashville, we were out for a walk in the rain, as we're accustomed to the rain in our home state of Washington. When the rain slowed, the field next to us suddenly lit up like the night sky with thousands of fireflies.

As we stood there, my dad marveled at the sight and said, "How can you not see the Creator?" It was a powerful reminder that God's handiwork is all around us and that He cares for us deeply. Even in the simple beauty of a field of fireflies, we can see how much He loves us.

This moment inspired me to write a song that celebrates the wonder of God's creation and His love for us. I hope that when people hear this song, they are reminded of how much God loves them and that they see His hand in everything around them.



I wrote "How Can You Not" without the intention of it being a popular radio hit. As an artist, I want to write about where I feel God is leading me. Sometimes, a song is personal and other times, it has the potential to impact a wider audience. My focus is shifting from creating catchy melodies to conveying a message that speaks to my heart.

The song emphasizes how God shows His love for us. During tough and wonderful seasons over the past few years, I've realized that God has been my constant support. How can I not see God through all these moments?

A link for the song is on the website. www.chrystonparishchurch/music-videos

Avantree Auracast

Over the past few Sundays, we have been trying out a new listening system during our services, designed especially to help those who find it difficult to hear clearly.

This new system uses the latest Bluetooth technology (called Auracast) to send the sound directly from the church sound desk straight to you. It provides clear, steady audio without the interference that sometimes affects older systems. It is simple to use and very reliable.

The response so far has been extremely encouraging. Those who have tried it have been delighted, with one person describing it as a “game-changing” experience.

There are two easy ways to use it:

- If you have hearing aids that are compatible with Auracast, you can connect through your phone’s hearing aid app. Many people have found this works even better than the traditional loop system.
- You can borrow one of our small receivers. These come with a pair of hygienically cleaned earphones, and you can adjust the volume to suit yourself.

If you are waiting for hearing aids, or if you sometimes struggle to catch everything that is said, this receiver could make a real difference for you. At the moment we have three receivers available, but thanks to a very generous donation, we have ordered ten more, which will arrive soon. All you need to do is collect a receiver and earphones from the sound desk before the service. After the service, simply return them to the desk so we can place them on charge, ready for next time.

We are really excited about how effective this new system has been, and we warmly encourage you to give it a try. It may make listening that much easier and more enjoyable.



A Book for March

The Cross in Four Words

Freedom, Forgiveness, Justice, Purpose

by Kevin De Young, Richard Coekin, Yannick Christos-Wahab

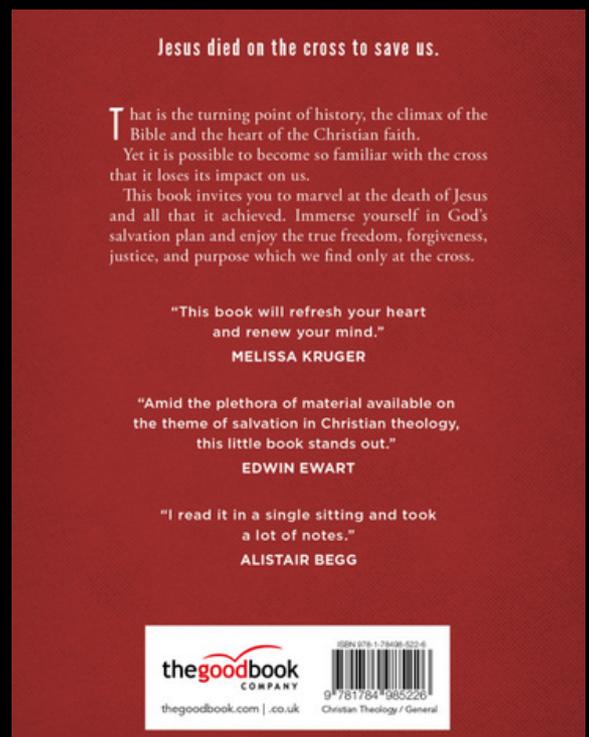
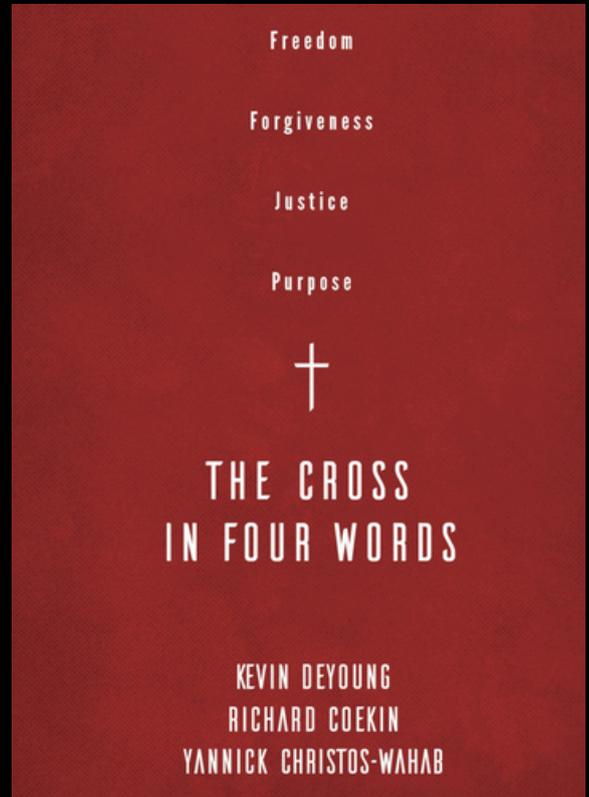
Freedom, forgiveness, justice, and purpose. We long for them in our lives and in the world. The cross delivers them!

Yet sometimes we are so familiar with the cross that it loses its impact on us. We forget that Jesus' death on the cross and his resurrection are the most important events in human history and our lives. The cross is the fulfillment of God's salvation plan, promised from the dawn of time. It is central to the Bible, central to our faith, and central to the meaning and purpose of our lives.

This short yet profound book looks at passages from both the Old and New Testaments to sum up the victory of the cross in four words: freedom, forgiveness, justice, and purpose, and what that means for us personally.

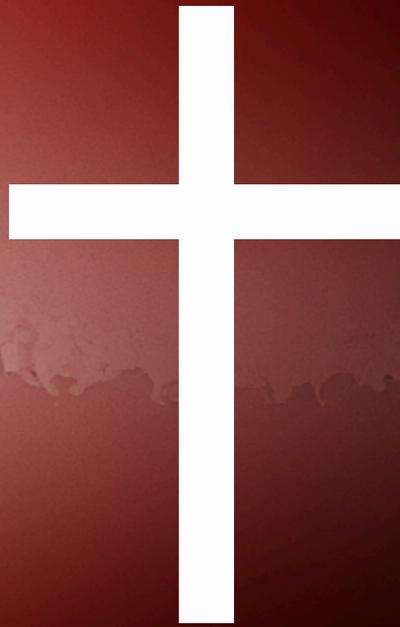
Marvel at the cross afresh and be moved to love and serve the Lord Jesus with renewed zeal and joy.

We hope to have copies available on the bookstall and think you will find it really helpful in preparation for Easter.



CELEBRATE EASTER

THE CROSS IN FOUR WORDS



FREEDOM

WED 1st APRIL 7pm

FORGIVENESS

THU 2nd APRIL 7pm

JUSTICE

FRI 3rd APRIL 7pm

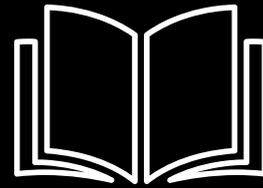
PURPOSE

SUN 5th APRIL 10.30am

DAILY READINGS PRAYING THE BIBLE

“In listening to his voice we find our own”

Each day there is a short passage to read.
As you read ask yourself these three questions.
What in the passage is there something to...



ADORE- What did you learn about God for which you should praise or thank him?

ADMIT- What did you learn about yourself for which you could repent?

ASPIRE- What did you learn about life that you could aspire to ask for

Don't close your Bible yet because in listening to His voice we find our own.

Take the things you have learned from the reading and then use them to help you pray.

What does God want you to ADORE him for?

What do you need to ADMIT to him?

What could you ASPIRE to and ask for?

Each day try and pray for something national, something local, something in your family, something in the church and something in your own life.



DAILY READINGS

S 1 Psalm 3

S 15 Psalm 18

M 2 Psalm 4

M 16 Psalm 19

T 3 Psalm 5

T 17 Psalm 20

W 4 Psalm 6

W 18 Psalm 21

T 5 Psalm 7

T 19 Psalm 22

F 6 Psalm 8

F 20 Psalm 23

S 7 Psalm 9

S 21 Psalm 24

S 8 Psalm 11

S 22 Psalm 25

M 9 Psalm 12

M 23 Psalm 26

T 10 Psalm 13

T 24 Psalm 27

W 11 Psalm 14

W 25 Psalm 28

T 12 Psalm 15

T 26 Psalm 29

F 13 Psalm 16

F 27 Psalm 30

S 14 Psalm 17

S 28 Psalm 31

S 29 Psalm 32

M 30 Psalm 33

T 31 Psalm 34



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