

CONNECT

CHURCH UPDATE

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AUGUST EDITION

CHRYSTON
PARISH CHURCH



Welcome to Connect



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.

*We're
glad you're
here!*



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.

*You're
very
welcome
here*



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		S	15	
S	2	Morning Worship 10.30am Something Diferent & Creche Evening Worship 6.30pm	S	16	Morning Worship 10.30am Something Different & Creche Evening Worship 6.30pm
M	3	Holiday Club Set Up		17	
T	4	Holiday Cub & Youth Cafe	T	18	
W	5	Holiday Club & Youth Cafe	W	19	The Hub Cafe 10am-12 noon Praying Together 10.30am Praying Together 7.30pm
T	6	Holiday Club & Youth Cafe	T	20	
F	7	Holiday Club & Youth Cafe	F	21	Work Party 9.30am-11.30am
S	8		S	22	
S	9	Morning Worship 10.30am All Together & Creche Evening Worship 6.30pm	S	23	Morning Worship 10.30am X-Groups & Creche Evening Worship 6.30pm
M	10		M	24	
T	11		T	25	
W	12	The Hub Cafe 10am-12 noon Praying Together 10.30am Praying Together 7.30pm	W	26	The Hub Cafe 10am-12 noon Praying Together 10.30am Praying Together 7.30pm
T	13		T	27	
F	14	Work Party 9.30am-11.30am	F	28	Work Party 9.30am-11.30am
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			S	30	Morning Worship 10.30am X-Groups & Creche Evening Worship 6.30pm
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Holiday Club & Youth Cafe

The Holiday Club and Youth Café will be running from 3-7 August, which means that all other events, including The Hub Café, will be paused during that week. To help us maintain a safe environment for everyone, please don't pop into the building unless you are part of the Holiday Club or Youth Café team. Thank you for your understanding and support.

The Gospel For Glasgow

A huge thank you to everyone who helped deliver The Gospel for Glasgow throughout July. It has been a monumental effort, and we are so grateful for all the time and energy that has gone into it.

We still have some copies available at the church entrance if you would like to take one or two to share with family, friends, or neighbours who live outside the parish.

Mission Sunday

On Sunday 30 August, we are looking forward to a special Mission Abroad focus during our morning service as we consider the question, 'Why Mission? Why Me?'

We are delighted to welcome Douglas Humphries, Interim Director of Mobilisation for OMF, who will open God's Word for us. We will also hear updates from some of our mission partners and be encouraged by what God is doing around the world.

Following the service, there will be an opportunity to enjoy lunch together as a church family. We hope you'll stay for food, fellowship, and the chance to sample some snacks from different parts of the world.

Please come along as we hear what God is doing in His world and consider how each of us can play our part in His mission.





MISSION PARTNERS

Martin & Joyce in THAILAND

Martin and Joyce have served with WEC International for 30 years. Two years ago, they took on a new role with WEC as International directors and are now based in Chiang Mai in Thailand.



WEC
INTERNATIONAL



2,100 WORKERS
OF 80 NATIONALITIES



WORKING IN MORE
THAN 90 COUNTRIES



THE FOUR PILLARS
VALUED BY ALL IN WEC ARE
**FAITH, HOLINESS,
SACRIFICE AND
FELLOWSHIP.**

1. Martin and Joyce what are your impressions of Thailand and how have you found settling into a new country, culture and language?

Thailand is an amazing place to live - we feel so privileged to be allowed this season here. We felt the same in Central Asia and in New Zealand but each in different ways. However, this has been one of the easiest transitions. The people are friendly, driving is a little crazy with all the scooters but fun, and as for the food - so good! We enjoy being at a Thai church. There are only a few foreigners like us and we use headphones for translation. It is great seeing the church thriving in Thai culture.

Living here suits our role well: as a travel hub, it gives us easy access to several branches, and many workers pass through for training, children's education, and medical care, giving us extra opportunities to connect with them.

2. How do you describe your role in WEC?

We currently serve as Deputy International Directors. As part of the International Leadership Team our work involves;

- Support for our regional directors in South Asia, East Asia, Southeast Asia and Oceania.
- Support for our team members involved in areas such as Safeguarding, Member Care, Missionary Kids and Security and Crisis Management.
- We manage our 4-yearly International Conference.
- We are also devotional speakers and leaders at training conferences in different countries.

3. What impact, if any, have current global events had on Thailand and on fulfilling your role?

The current global situation is impacting mostly those workers in the regions under fire. We can't go into details on that, but we are seeing people digging deep in trusting God in the uncertainty while continuing to find ways to continue ministry. The significant jump in fuel prices has impacted travel for them and us, especially flight costs, where some costs have doubled or tripled.

In Thailand, we see people go about their business in a very Thai, peaceful way. However, we have seen issues with fuel shortages, rationing and long lines at petrol stations. The increased cost of living is also a part of life.

4. What are your hopes for the task you are charged with and how best can we pray for you?

All of us as Christians, working overseas or at home, are constantly faced with the challenge of keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, on the goal for which He gave His life, and the cross He has given to us to carry wherever we are. Our hope is that every day, every activity, every interaction brings glory to Him and that we remain awake to His presence with us and continually converse with the Holy Spirit as we go. Our main prayer is that we do this!

“We need prayer to not “grow weary and lose heart” (Heb. 12:1-3) ... wherever we are.”

Specifically, we ask for prayer as we organise the WEC leaders conference in November. (12 days, 300+ people traveling from 50+ countries, child-care programme)

Also, our preparation as the leaders of the annual Mission Kids camp in New Zealand each January. We are moving venue which brings some unique challenges.

Please Pray



That every day, every activity and every interaction brings glory to Him, and that we remain awake to His presence with us and continually converse with the Holy Spirit as we go.



For strength and endurance so that we do not “grow weary and lose heart” (Heb. 12:1-3), wherever we are.



For the WEC leaders conference in November – 12 days, 300+ people travelling from 50+ countries, child-care programme.



For our preparation as the leaders of the annual Mission Kids camp in New Zealand each January, as we move venue and face unique challenges.



“If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice is too great for me to make for Him”

- CT Studd; founder of WEC International.



THERE IS A FAR KINGDOM

BY THE GRAY HAVENS



*song of the
month*

There is a far kingdom
Where no one weeps
And the lips of all its children
Sing
There is a far kingdom
Where all are free
And the blood of the Lamb
Flows like a sea

There is a far kingdom
Where the sun still shines
And the light reflects
In the coins that we find
Though we walk through the valley
Of death and of shadow
Soon the morning will come
And the darkness will go

There is a far kingdom
We are traveling to
We are travelers in a foreign land
We are not of this world
We are waiting for our King
We will live with Him someday
In a far kingdom
That is not of this world

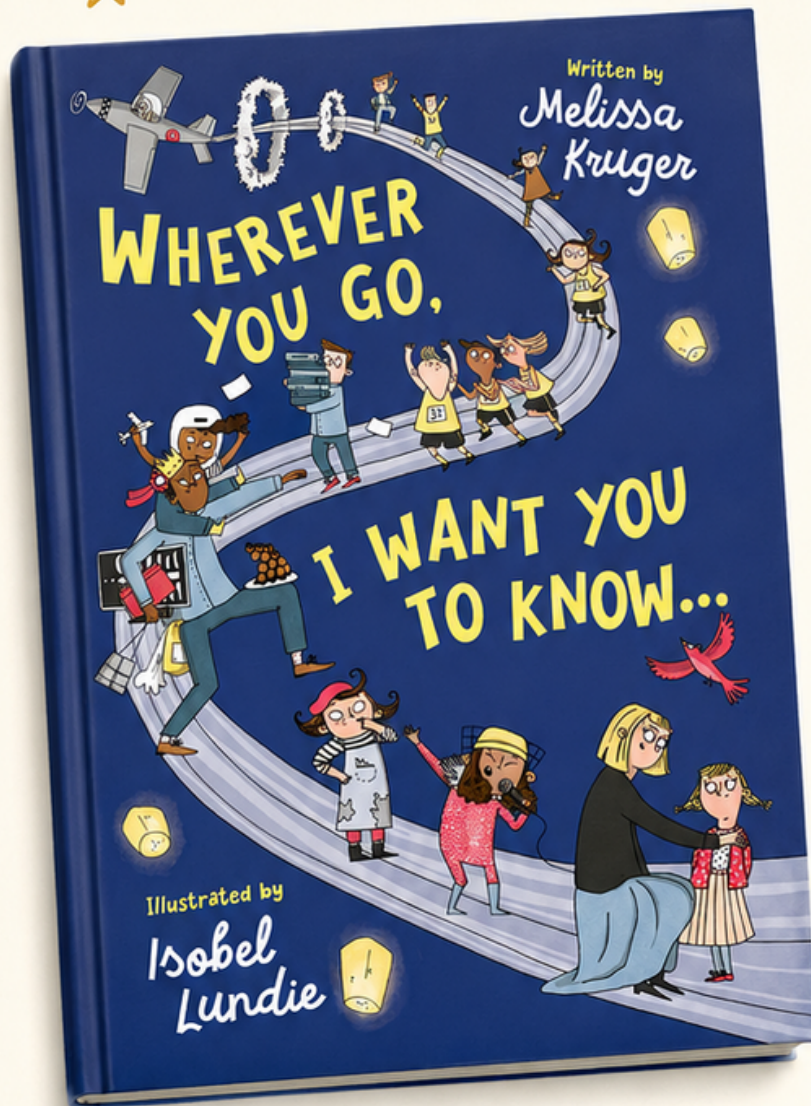
There is a far kingdom
Where no one dies
And the songs of all its children
Rise
There is a far kingdom
Where night turns to day
And the Lamb is the light
That guides our way

There is a far kingdom
Where the streets are gold
And the riches of its beauty
Will never grow old
All the pain and the sorrow
Will be gone with the morning
And the tears that we've cried
Will like diamonds be

There is a far kingdom
Built by His own hands
We are travelers in a foreign land
We are not of this world
We are waiting for our King
We will live with Him someday
In a far kingdom
That is not of this world

So keep your eyes on the horizon
Keep your eyes on the King
And the paths that you walk in
Will lie in the light
Of a far kingdom
That is not of this world





≡ BOOK OF THE MONTH ≡

Wherever You Go, I Want You to Know

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≡ MELISSA B. KRUGER ≡



Kids love to dream about what they might do when they grow up: jobs they might have, places they might go, people they might meet.



As children embark on life's journey with all their potential and aspirations, use this beautifully illustrated, rhyming storybook to tell them your biggest dream—

“...whatever they do
and wherever they go,
they will love and follow Jesus.”



Written by Melissa B. Kruger: mother, bestselling author (including *Five Things to Pray for Your Kids*), speaker, blogger, and Director of Women's Content at The Gospel Coalition.



AVAILABLE FROM THE CHURCH LIBRARY

— Recommended reading for families —



**“Whatever you do,
Wherever you go,
I have a big dream
I want you to know.
I pray you love Jesus
with all of your heart,
whatever you do,
that’s the right place
to start.”**

Melissa Kruger



Daily Readings

IN THE BIBLE



*"In listening to His voice
we find our own."*



Each day there is a short passage to read.
Read it slowly. Let God speak to you.

THREE QUESTIONS TO ASK



ADORE

What did I learn about God
that leads me to praise,
worship or thank Him?



ADMIT

What did I learn about myself?
Is there any sin, attitude or
behaviour I need to confess
and repent of?



ASPIRE

What did I learn about the kind
of life God wants me to live?
What should I ask Him to help
me become or do?



Pray through the passage



Don't close your Bible yet.

In listening to His voice, we find our own.



Adore Him for who He is
and what He has shown you.



Admit your sins and ask for
His forgiveness and grace.



Aspire by asking Him to shape
your heart and help you live
according to His Word.

*Take what you've learned
and talk with God about it.*



EACH DAY, TRY TO PRAY FOR:



YOUR NATION

Our country and
its leaders.



YOUR COMMUNITY

Your town, neighbours
and those in need.



YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Those closest to you
and those you love.



YOUR CHURCH

Your church family
and its mission.



YOUR LIFE

Your relationship
and walk with God.



May each day's reading deepen your relationship with God
and help you live out His purpose for your life. *Amen.*

— DAILY BIBLE READINGS —

August

— THE LOVE OF GOD —

DATE	READING	TITLE
1 AUG	Genesis 1:26–31	<i>Created in God's love</i>
2 AUG	Psalms 103	<i>The Father's compassionate love</i>
3 AUG	Exodus 34:1–9	<i>The God of steadfast love</i>
4 AUG	Deuteronomy 10:12–22	<i>Loved and chosen by God</i>
5 AUG	Psalms 136	<i>His steadfast love endures forever</i>
6 AUG	Hosea 11	<i>A Father's tender love</i>
7 AUG	Isaiah 43:1–7	<i>You are precious in my sight</i>
8 AUG	Jeremiah 31:1–6	<i>I have loved you with an everlasting love</i>
9 AUG	Zephaniah 3:14–20	<i>God rejoices over His people</i>
10 AUG	Psalms 145	<i>The Lord is good to all</i>
11 AUG	Luke 15:1–10	<i>The Shepherd seeks the lost</i>
12 AUG	Luke 15:11–32	<i>The Father's welcoming love</i>
13 AUG	John 3:1–21	<i>God so loved the world</i>
14 AUG	John 10:11–18	<i>The Good Shepherd lays down His life</i>
15 AUG	John 13:1–17	<i>Jesus loved them to the end</i>
16 AUG	John 15:1–17	<i>Abide in My love</i>

DATE	READING	TITLE
17 AUG	John 17:20–26	<i>Loved as the Father loves the Son</i>
18 AUG	Romans 5:1–11	<i>God's love demonstrated at the cross</i>
19 AUG	Romans 8:31–39	<i>Nothing can separate us from God's love</i>
20 AUG	Ephesians 2:1–10	<i>Loved while we were dead</i>
21 AUG	Ephesians 3:14–21	<i>Knowing the immeasurable love of Christ</i>
22 AUG	Philippians 2:1–11	<i>The self-giving love of Christ</i>
23 AUG	Colossians 3:12–17	<i>Put on love</i>
24 AUG	1 Thessalonians 1	<i>Loved and chosen by God</i>
25 AUG	Titus 3:3–8	<i>God's kindness and love appeared</i>
26 AUG	Hebrews 12:3–13	<i>The Father's loving discipline</i>
27 AUG	1 John 3:1–10	<i>See what kind of love the Father has given</i>
28 AUG	1 John 4:7–21	<i>God is love</i>
29 AUG	Jude 20–25	<i>Keep yourselves in God's love</i>
30 AUG	Revelation 1:4–8	<i>Jesus loves us and has freed us</i>
31 AUG	Revelation 21:1–7	<i>Forever with the God who loves His people</i>

VERSE FOR THE MONTH

*“I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.”*

JEREMIAH 31:3 (ESV)



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