



What's on this week 15th April 2018

A warm welcome as you meet with us today...

Sunday	15 th	Good News Meeting	6.30 pm
		Refreshments afterwards	
Monday	16 th	The pastor, Martin Speed, is available in the church office 9am - 12 noon	
		The Toddler Group	1.30 pm
Tuesday	17 th	The pastor, Martin Speed, is available in the church office 9am - 12 noon	
		House Groups details overleaf	
Wednesday	18 th	'Needles & Natter' - meeting at Ruth Speed's Treasures	10 am-12 noon 6 pm - 7.15 pm
Thursday	19 th	'Full of Beans' Coffee Shop	10am-12.30pm
Sunday	22 nd	Breaking of Bread and SonSeekers	10.30 am
		Good News Meeting	6.30 pm
		Refreshments afterwards	

Advance Notices

Church Annual General Meeting - 8th May at 7.30 pm

*The procedure for nomination of deacons is different since last year. Nominees must be church members and make an application through Martin Speed. They will still need a proposer and seconder who must also be church members.
All deacons will need to have a DBS check*

Reports to be submitted to Martin Speed by 22nd April 2018

The reports will be reviewed by the oversight on Thursday 3rd May

<i>Rotas Information correct as of 7th April 2018</i>				
	Welcoming	Refreshments Sun pm	Serving Communion	Crèche
Today	am & pm Jim Townson	Stephen Robinson	Funsho & Adeola	Facilities available in the rear hall
22 nd April	am & pm Jim Townson	Sam & Stacey	Enid Brooks & Joan Hulse	
Cleaning				
This Week	Joan Hulse & Barbara Heald	23 rd - 28 th April	John & Karen Higson	

Cities of Israel 4: Jericho - city of palms

At that time Joshua pronounced this solemn oath: 'Cursed before the Lord is the one who undertakes to rebuild this city, Jericho: 'At the cost of his firstborn son he will lay its foundations; at the cost of his youngest he will set up its gates.'

Joshua 6:26 NIV

Jericho, of course, was the first city taken by the Israelites under Joshua when they entered the promised land of Canaan. There are three variants of its name used in the Bible which suggests that the name may have changed slightly over time from City of the Moon to Place of Fragrance. City of the Moon which was the variant before Joshua would suggest that it was a centre of Moon worship which has been a popular focus of worship in the middle east and it has been suggested that Islam had its origins in Moon worship as perhaps indicated by the symbol of the crescent moon with a star which appears in the flag of Turkey and is often present at the top of Islamic buildings such as mosques and minarets.

When Jericho was taken by Joshua and then systematically destroyed a curse was applied to anyone who chose to rebuild it. However, in spite of this curse the city was rebuilt probably because of it being such a fertile spot as implied by it being referred to as the City of Palms. We need to heed the warning of being led by what we see rather than what we know of God's truth. The path of obedience may involve sacrifice but we know that, whatever the sacrifice may be, in the end obedience will bring its own reward if only through the refining effect on our character and a heavenly reward.

Situations Vacant

There are a number of jobs and ministries in the church urgently needing to be filled.

Among them are

Catering Coordinator and Luncheon Club Administrator

Please pray over this situation and see Martin Speed if interested

House Groups Tuesday 17th April

Leading	Hosts and Address	Time
Martin will oversee	Ruth Speed, 232 Bolton Road, Westhoughton BL5 3EF	1.30 pm
Funsho	John & Karen Higson, 1 Cairngorm Drive, Bolton BL3 4UF	7.30 pm

The House Group meeting at Michael and Veronica's is cancelled this week



If you would prefer a copy of 'Seeds of Joy' in black and white or enlarged or both, please see Michael Waterworth

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