

Diary

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| Every Day 1:00 p.m. | Pray for one person for one minute at one o'clock. |
| Saturday 4 th July | Fasting – Please pray that God will continue to pour out His Spirit on us and that we will start to respond by boldly presenting the good news of Jesus Christ to those we meet. |
| Sunday 5 th July 10:30 a.m. Popley Fields | We will be Breaking Bread. After the service, we will continue with a meal. |
| Saturday 11 th July 9:30 a.m. | Ladies Breakfast |
| Sunday 12 th July 4:00 p.m. Popley Fields | Youth Meeting |
| Saturday 18 th to Sunday 19 th July | Southern Regional Convention www.ntcog.org.uk/events.htm |
| Saturday 25 th July 9:30 a.m. | Mens Breakfast Preparation for husbands who attend, please ask your wives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What they would like you to pray for. • What they are struggling with. |
| Saturday 25 th July 6:00 p.m. | Pastor Bolt Leaving Service Aldershot |
| Saturday 1 st August | Fasting |
| Saturday 1 st August 5:30 p.m. | Pastor Cummins Induction Aldershot |
| Sunday 2 nd August | First Sunday |

Please make a special effort to attend as many of our meetings as you can especially the Prayer Meeting and Bible Studies. Sharing time together in Fellowship is important and helps us all to Grow Spiritually.

“We who had sweet fellowship together” Psalm 55:14

NTCOG NEWS

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Please read this newsletter carefully, make a note of the regular meetings, the special dates and make every effort to attend.

Our Mission

To present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the local community in a powerful, practical and relevant way.

To encourage every member of the Church to develop their God given ministry and to fulfil their potential.

Weekly Meetings

SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
Popley Fields Community Centre
Carpenters Down
Popley
RG24 9AE

Monday – Hour of Power
7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Home Groups
Tuesday and Wednesday
7:30 pm

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Poets Corner

Yachts at anchor
Seagulls flying
Fish swimming
Geese waddling
All is at peace

Yachts sailing
Seagulls mewing
Fish splashing
Geese honking
Still all is at peace

The peace of God cannot be interrupted by noise
The peace of God is within a person
The peace of God fills your heart and mind
The peace of God indwells the whole person
Serene and content in the innermost depths
Nothing can shatter it so relax and enjoy your God
He is peace

Joan Macintosh

The Heart of Christ

The heart of Jesus was pure. The Saviour was adored by thousands, yet content to live a simple life. He was cared for by women (Luke 8:1–3), yet never accused of lustful thoughts; scorned by His own creation, but willing to forgive them before they even requested His mercy. Peter, who was with Jesus for three and a half years, described Him as a “lamb, unblemished and spotless” (1 Peter 1:19). After spending the same amount of time with Jesus, John said, “And in Him is no sin” (1 John 3:5).

Jesus’ heart was peaceful. The disciples fretted over the need to feed the thousands, but not Jesus. He thanked God for the problem. The disciples shouted for fear in the storm, but not Jesus. He slept through it. Peter drew his sword to fight the soldiers, but not Jesus. He lifted His hand to heal. His heart was at peace. When His disciples abandoned Him, did He pout and go home? When Peter denied Him, did Jesus lose His temper? When the soldiers spit in his face, did He breathe fire in theirs? Far from it. He was at peace. He forgave them. He refused to be guided by vengeance.

He also refused to be guided by anything other than His high call. His heart was purposeful. Most lives aim at nothing in particular and achieve it. Jesus aimed at one goal—to save humanity from its sin. He could summarise His life with one sentence: “The Son of man came to seek and to save the lost” (Luke 19:10). Jesus was so focused on His task that He knew when to say, “My time has not yet come” (John 2:4) and when to say, “It is finished” (John 19:30). But He was not so focused on His goal that He was unpleasant.

Quite the contrary. How pleasant were his thoughts! Children couldn’t resist Jesus. He could find beauty in lilies, joy in worship, and possibilities in problems. He would spend days with multitudes of sick people and still feel sorry for them. He spent over three decades wading through the muck and mire of our sin yet still saw enough beauty in us to die for our mistakes.

But the crowning attribute of Christ was this: His heart was spiritual. His thoughts reflected His intimate relationship with the Father. “I am in the Father and the Father is in Me,” He stated (John 14:11). His first recorded sermon begins with the words, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me” (Luke 4:18). He was “led by the Spirit” (Matthew 4:1) and “full of the Holy Spirit” (Luke 4:1). He returned from the desert “in the power of the Spirit” (Luke 4:14).

Jesus took His instructions from God. It was His habit to go to worship (Luke 4:16). It was His practice to memorise scripture (Luke 4:4). Luke says Jesus “often slipped away to be alone so He could pray” (Luke 5:16). His times of prayer guided Him. He once returned from prayer and announced it was time to move to another city (Mark 1:38). Another time of prayer resulted in the selection of the disciples (Luke 6:12–13). Jesus was led by an unseen hand. “The Son does whatever the Father does” (John 5:19). In the same chapter he stated, “I can do nothing alone. I judge only the way I am told” (John 5:30).

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Max Lucado

Gift Aid

If you are a UK Tax Payers then the Government will give us 25 pence for every pound that you give so please consider using the Gift Aid envelopes for your tithe and offering.