

**Word Puzzle**  
**Matthew 6:9-13**

K D F G I V E L H E  
H E A V E N E T N M  
A B T C O A R L O A  
N T H D D A O D I N  
N S E A E S G A T S  
I D R V L N I E A R  
T I D A I L Y R T O  
N K I K V L O B P T  
O C O M E A D W M B  
I M F O R G I V E E  
P R A Y N N E H T D

“This, **then**, is how you should **pray**: “ ‘Our **Father** in **heaven**, **hallowed** be your **name**, your **kingdom come**, your will be **done** on **earth** as it is in **heaven**. **Give** us today our **daily bread**. **Forgive** us our **debts**, as we **also** have **forgiven** our **debtors**. And **lead** us not into **temptation**, but **deliver** us from the **evil** one.’

[For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]

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# NTCOG NEWS

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

## **Weekly Meetings**

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.**

**Popley Fields Community Centre**

**Carpenters Down**

**Popley**

**RG24 9AE**

**Monday Prayer Meeting**

**7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday Bible Study**

**8:00 p.m.**

**Thursday – Open Door**

**10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

## **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.

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## **The Servant King**

The Book of Isaiah contains four key passages, known as the Servant Songs, which prophetically describe the Servant Nature of Jesus' ministry on earth these can be found in Isaiah 42:1–4, 49:1–6, 50:4–9 and 52:13–53:12. This theme of Jesus as a Servant is also found in the Gospel of Mark.

Understanding that Jesus Himself dedicated His life to serving others is essential if we are to fulfil the mission that He has given us to “make disciples of all the nations”. Jesus was so committed to serving others that on the night of His betrayal He washed the feet of His disciples a task that was considered menial in Jewish culture.

Then He poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. John 13:5 (NASB)

Later that same evening Jesus served His disciples with bread and wine establishing the sacrament that we know as the Lord's Supper. Through this simple service Jesus gives us a way to remember His sacrifice on the Cross and the way that He served others here on earth.

While they were eating, He took some bread, and after a blessing He broke it, and gave it to them, and said, “Take it; this is My body.” And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. Mark 14:22–23 (NASB)

From the events of that evening our denomination has established two sacraments (acts of worship) that continue the tradition that Jesus started that evening and became a vital element of worship in the early Church.

These two acts of worship are expressed in the twelfth statement of our denominational Basis of Faith that says we believe:

In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.

Participation in the Lord's Supper is an opportunity to think about exactly what Jesus went through for us, to deliver us from the power of sin. By using bread and wine, two common food items of His day, Jesus created a service of remembrance that was easy to perform and universal.

Whilst remembering the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus through the celebration of the Lord's Supper has been part of the worship of nearly every Church denomination throughout the ages, the washing of feet is taught and practiced by few modern Churches. We know that the early Church continued to wash feet as a reminder that service was an important aspect of worship and leadership but as the structure and culture of the Church changed foot washing became less common.

Within our denomination foot washing was revived as an act of worship in America during the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century as the pioneers of Pentecostalism searched the scriptures to understand how the Church should worship and be governed. It remains a part of our doctrine today and is practised, albeit infrequently, in many of our Churches and remains an important reminder of Jesus' teaching in Mark:

Calling them to Himself, Jesus said to them, “You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them. “ But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all. “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” Mark 10:42–45 (NASB)

Pastor Graham

## **Gift Aid**

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