



Shine like stars

Sometimes we feel so insignificant. What value does my life have? What do I matter? Being connected to the family of Exwick Community Church helps, and did you know that ECC is also connected to the worldwide church through the Baptist Union of Great Britain? The BU's outgoing president, Dave Gregory, wrote about the significance of small congregations in the latest *Baptists Together* magazine:

'There is great beauty in satellite images of the Earth at night. Cities and towns shine out, among them Baptist Christians and churches "shining like stars in the universe." Our eyes are often drawn to the bright lights of the larger cities and towns. Many of the towns and villages where Baptists live, serve and love, might not catch our eye. Some feel a long way from anywhere, yet have an energy for networking and pioneering. Chaplains in the East Midlands at RAF Cranwell and Waddington ministering to those serving our nation. In Haggate, near Burnley, and in Alnwick in the Northeast, Baptists are building new faith communities through Messy Church. Perhaps we have not yet grasped the significance of this movement of God's Spirit as we reach out to families of the Millennial generation.'

His words reminded me of the words of a Christian leader in the Cherokee tribe. As he spoke, in 1894, the U.S. government was systematically extinguishing the sovereignty of the Cherokee Nation (which they achieved in 1906).

Under these terrible circumstances, W.A. Duncan said, 'Our little Nation is not wholly out of sight. Some stars are so little and so far away that some men cannot see them. But there is one eye that sees them. It is the eye of God. God put those little sparks up there to do their part in lighting up the universe. So, God sees our little nation. He intended that our influence, small as it may be, should be fully among the great nations in shaping up the affairs of the world for a better state of things.'

May I join with W.A. Duncan and Dave Gregory in encouraging you to "shine like stars and do your part in lighting up the universe."

Blessings, Sandy

Online Fellowship Resumes!

Sunday
Share and
Chat:
12–1 pm



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Monday Bible Study 7th September:

7:30-8:30 pm - ALL WELCOME! We will be continuing our study of the Book of Acts. Before the meeting, please watch Part 7 'They were Tentmakers' from 'Dangerous Faith,'

<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/resources/dangerous-faith/>, or read Acts chapter 18.

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Friday Friendship EVERY FRIDAY:

Join in on Fridays at 10am for an hour of chat over a cuppa (make your own!).

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Notice for Members: CHURCH MEMBERS MEETING on Sunday, 13th September, 3 pm via Zoom.

You should have received your Agenda, and Zoom Link, for this meeting by post or email. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Sandy on 01392-676968.

VERSE OF THE WEEK:

'Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation. Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky, as you hold firmly to the word of life.'

Philippians 2:14-16

Good morning,

I thought I would do a little painting around the house yesterday. To get to the bottom of the door I sat on an old plastic stool. You've guessed it: after all those meals out to help, it collapsed.

Today I am hobbling about with a very sore back. Dorcas thought it was hilarious, so any sympathy would be gratefully received.

There is a verse in the Bible that describes perfectly where I went wrong. It is in Proverbs 27:12, 'The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it.'

Lying on the floor I felt very simple, and am now suffering for it. It's so easy to make mistakes, again Proverbs 13 v 16 says, 'Wise people think before they act.'

In these times we are living in we need God's wisdom.

God bless

John & Dorcas



Sunday Worship Songs

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*Join us online at 11 am on Sunday morning,
Youtube, Exwick Community Church. We will be
hearing from Michael Emerton as he speaks on 'The
Wise and Foolish Builders' and celebrating
Communion together.*

HERE IS BREAD, HERE IS WINE

Christ is with us He is with us
Break the bread drink the wine
Christ is with us here

Here is grace here is peace
Christ is with us He is with us
Know His grace find His peace
Feast on Jesus here

*In this bread there is healing
In this cup there's life forever
In this moment by the Spirit
Christ is with us here*

Here we are joined in one
Christ is with us He is with us
We'll proclaim 'til He comes
Jesus crucified

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OUR CONFIDENCE IS IN THE LORD

The source of our salvation
Rest is found in Him alone
The Author of creation
We will not fear the evil day
Because we have a refuge
In every circumstance we say
Our hope is built on Jesus

He is our fortress we will never be shaken
He is our fortress we will never be shaken
(REPEAT)

We will put our trust in God
We will put our trust in God

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FAITHFUL ONE SO UNCHANGING

Ageless One You're my Rock of peace
Lord of all I depend on You
I call out to You again and again
I call out to You again and again

You are my Rock in times of trouble
You lift me up when I fall down
All through the storm
Your love is the anchor
My hope is in You alone

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PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Hilary and Jimmy and their family, John,
Ena and Bunty, Bill and Carol, Jessie
and the Geelan family, Ann, Roger and
Jonathan, Arthur and Liz, Andrew and
Pauline's daughter, Miriam and her
daughter, Daisy.

Get to know each other!

This week, we meet Marie Langdon, ECC Treasurer:

Hi. I'm Marie. I was born in Exeter, and have lived here for most of my life (apart from the 5 years I was at university, during which I lived in Stoke on Trent, France and Russia). I joined Exwick Community Church at the age of 15, a few weeks after my brother died in a road accident. The one thing above all that kept me coming as a teenager, was the fact that I was accepted for the person that I was and that no-one expected me to be like everyone else. At the same time as learning that people could accept me, I learned that God accepted me too, in spite of all of my failings and idiosyncrasies (many of which I still have more than 25 years on).

I like to be kept busy, as many of you will know. I have been a youth worker at ECC for many years and particularly love working with young people on a one to one basis. I am now serving on the leadership team, and earlier this year I took on the role of treasurer. During the week I manage the Cash Management Department at the RD&E. As if this didn't keep me busy enough, I am always looking for new things to learn, and in my free time I learn foreign languages. I speak French, Russian, Spanish and Italian and am currently studying Arabic. I also love to travel.

I try to start each morning with a Bible reading as I find this sets the tone for the day. I am currently reading through the book of Acts. Another thing I find really helpful in my walk with God is using my daily commute (I cycle for about an hour a day) as a time to pray.

I am passionate about food – growing it, buying it, cooking it and eating it! I particularly enjoy cooking food from around the Mediterranean and have been enjoying trying lots of different recipes over the lockdown period, as I have had more time at home. My husband, Nick, has been a willing guinea pig in this process, and supports it by adding to my ever expanding cookery book collection.

We'd like to get to know you, too! EVERYONE is invited to send your answers to these questions, to Sandy at thesalisburys@blueyonder.co.uk or 11 Raglans, Exeter EX2 8XN.

1. What brought you to Exwick Community Church? 2. Have you always lived in Exeter, or do you come from somewhere else? 3. What keeps you busy in your day-to-day life? 4. What do you find most helpful in your walk with God? 5. Tell us about a hobby or pastime you have. 6. Describe a highlight in your life: achievement, holiday, event, experience ...



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During this pandemic, it's easy to become disconnected and isolated, imagining that we're alone. God's world is big, and His grace spreads all over it, even

wider than Covid-19. For a reminder of this, watch an inspiring poem/video here: <https://www.stewardship.org.uk/campaigns/-6> (only 2 minutes long!), and join the Zoom discussion on Africa, Thursday 10th September 2020 @ 2.30pm, sponsored by Open Doors, World Vision and Tearfund.