

THIS MONTH AT WIGMORE E.F.C.



Treasure Seekers
Church Group
For ages 3-11
SUNDAY 11am



Friday Club
For Young People
aged 6-11
FRIDAY 6.00-7.30pm



10.16
For Young People
Aged 12 and over
FRIDAY 7.30-9.00pm



Coffee Morning
Everyone welcome
THURSDAY 10.30-12.00

‘Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are ill-treated as if you yourselves were suffering’
Hebrews 13:3

release
international
voice of persecuted christians

Persecution and violence against Christians continues unabated in many countries of the world. Often those who have converted to Christianity are in danger from members of their own family. Sometimes it is the state who perpetrates the violence or turns a blind eye to what is going on.

Thousands of Christians are in labour camps in North Korea, in shipping containers in Eritrea or in prisons in many countries, usually on trumped up charges.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ and consider receiving the Release magazine in order to pray more effectively.

Spiritual discipleship by J. Oswald Sanders

...has the very apt subtitle ‘

Principles of following Christ for every believer’.

This book covers virtually every aspect of being a disciple of Christ and provides practical and spiritual advice for improving your personal discipleship.

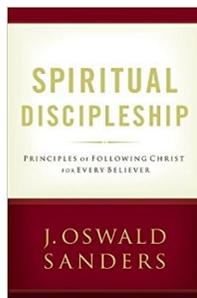
It looks at adding depth to your faith and to your walk in Christ. There is much to challenge your own holiness covering subjects such as cultivating right habits and even how hobbies should fit into our lives. This book deserves to be read multiple times to fully digest its content.

Russell Smith

ISBN for Spiritual Discipleship is 9780802482518.

The average weekly offering for March 2017 was £777 for which we give thanks to God for His provision.

Reminder - ‘Breathe Easy’ (an offshoot of the British Lung Foundation) use the Church hall on the first Tuesday afternoon of each month.



Wigmore
Evangelical Free Church



WELCOME TO WIGMORE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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Just a Thought

We are rapidly approaching Easter and it is natural for our thoughts to focus on the great events that occupied the life of the Lord at this time.

Richard de Haan is a favourite writer with me because of his stories from real life that eloquently illustrate Biblical truth.

One such story from real life feature a husband and wife who were walking across a railway line when the wife slipped and her foot caught fast between the metal rail and the wooden sleeper. Try as hard as they could the foot remained fast stuck.

Suddenly, they heard the sound of a train, rapidly approaching. They redoubled their efforts to free the trapped foot, but it remained fast stuck. The train thundered towards them with brakes screaming and whistle shrieking, with little slackening of the trains pace. Just before the train struck, a witness heard the husband cry, “I’ll stay with you!” That act was great courage, but it was even greater as love.

This true story reminds me of the Lord Jesus

Christ and his sacrifice on the Cross. His was great courage to bear the pain inflicted on Him. However, the greatest truth from Calvary’s Cross is the astonishing love exhibited to us by the Lord’s death. Paul explains that love in astonishing term in Ephesians 5 v 25 – ‘

Husbands, love your wives, just as CHRIST also loved the church and gave Himself for her’.

John records the Lord Jesus as saying, “Greater love has no man than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends”. John 15 v 13.

Christ on the Cross of Calvary exhibits the profound marvel of the love of GOD. Indeed, Paul states in Rom 5 v 8

“But GOD demonstrates His own love towards us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us”.

It is my prayer that we may all know the love of the LORD JESUS CHRIST at this coming Easter time.

Robert

Easter Services

Please encourage family and friends to come along to the Easter Services.

Easter is one of the times of year when folk who don't normally attend Church are more inclined to do so.

Good Friday

**April 14th at 10.30 am
Communion Service**

Join with us as we meet to consider the great sacrifice that our Lord Jesus made for each one of us who believe in Him.

Easter Day

**Sunday 16th April
11 am and 6.30 pm**

'For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.'

John 3 verse 16

Good Friday Ramble

Friday 14th April

After the Good Friday service we will be gathering in the Church Hall for soup and a roll and then off for a nice



healthy walk in Capstone Park. Do join us and, if you can, bring family, friends and neighbours.

10.16, Friday Club and Coffee Morning

Please note, these Church groups are not meeting during the period of the school holidays.

For your Prayers

Our **Pastor Timothy** is still in pain due to damage on his liver. Please continue to pray for him, particularly as he stands in the pulpit to preach.

Iris has had a fall in her home recently and is in some pain. Pray that she will recover quickly.

A number of folk have ongoing health problems. **Rowland, Mary Butcher, Rachel, Cerys, Ray and June.** Please continue to pray for them all.

Bungalow

You may have noticed that the Church bungalow is looking a lot brighter. We are very grateful to Nathan (snr!) who has been giving up his free time, working hard at painting the walls.

Sound System

We are pleased to announce that, with the help of generous support from an anonymous donor, for which we are truly grateful, a brand new sound system with hearing loop has been installed in the Church.

Those who are in the Treasure Seekers room or in the vestibule will be able to hear everything that is happening during the services.

Sunday Evening Offering

As from 2nd April there will be no offering taken up during the evening services.

There will, however, be an offering box at the back of the Church for those wishing to use it.



SERVICE INFORMATION FOR THIS PERIOD

Sunday 2nd April

11.00 am Pastor Timothy Wood Revelation 20:11-15
6.30 pm Pastor Timothy Wood Psalm 51 - A Living Conscience

Sunday 9th April

11.00 am Pastor Timothy Wood Palm Sunday
6.30 pm Pastor Timothy Wood Hebrews 10:22 - Having a Clear Conscience

Sunday 16th April

11.00 am Pastor Timothy Wood Easter Family Service
6.30 pm Pastor Timothy Wood Easter Service

Sunday 23rd April

11.00 am Pastor Timothy Wood Revelation 22:1-5
6.30 pm Robert Winston To be announced

Sunday 30th April

11.00 am Pastor Timothy Wood Revelation 22:6-8
6.30 pm Pastor Timothy Wood To be announced

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

Every Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm

Please make every effort to attend this important meeting

Wisdom from the Past

Repentance is to leave
The sin we loved before,
And show that we in earnest grieve.
By doing it no more.
Chas H. Spurgeon on Repentance

We never receive the forgiveness
of sins without repentance.
John Calvin

Repenting means starting to live
a new life.
James Packer on Repentance

Special Offering Envelopes...

... are available at the back of the Church for contributions towards the Community Day and Evangelism.

Discipleship EXPLORED

As at the beginning of April, Discipleship Explored is entering it's final three weeks.

The first five sessions have been a real blessing as we have explored the true meaning of what it is to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ.

If you haven't been able to attend but would have liked to, please have a word with Robert, Mark or Dave so that we can let you know when a new group is scheduled.