



May – June 2019

Women's Bible Study



Fridays 10 & 24 May

Fridays 7 & 21 June

9:30-10:30am in the Choir Vestry

Please note change to earlier time

Communion

Sunday 5 May at 6pm

Sunday 19 May at 11am

Sunday 2 June at 6pm

Sunday 16 June at 11am



Flower Rota

May	Donor	Arranger
5	Sue Over	
12	Margaret & David	
19	Ron Woodward	Rita/Pat
26	Lynne & Stuart	Lynne
June		
2	Joyce West	Pat
9	June Guest	June
16	Helen Lee	Helen
23	Jackie Sewell	Pat/Rita
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No matter where we have come from or where we may have grown up, each of us has some idea of what it is to dream. Not the dreams we have in the early hours of the morning when we are asleep, but dreams of a life we wish to aspire to, or a goal that we desire to attain. However, many of us never see our dreams come to pass, or our ambition met, or our goals fulfilled. For some of us, due to no fault of our own we come to a place of difficulty where we lose our way or were despair gives way to hopelessness and we grow discouraged and depressed. For a believer it may be that God seems far from you or dare I say, appears to have abandoned you leading to you taking your eyes off Him.

The writer of Psalm 42 clearly was going through their own dark time. Yet, instead of lamenting his present state, he turned his attention towards God. Addressing himself, he questions his despair and then tells his soul to "hope in God" in v 5. Then he addresses God about his condition before repeating the same phrase in v 11 "hope in God".

Hope in God is not based on feelings that change or on circumstances that shift, but on the character of God and the promises contained in His word. Our feelings may come and go, and the world may shift its opinions, but God and His word is unchanging.

Hope in the bible is not throwing caution to the wind and hoping for the best, but something that is sure and immovable and is an anchor to the soul, an anchor that is grounded in eternity and is based upon the promises God has spoken in His word to those who believe. Whatever we may be going through, despite what we are feeling we, like the psalmist need to put our hope not in ourselves but in God.

- Rev David Bracken

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For **Prayer Requests** either

phone Mary 07984 407917 or email prayer@aldermansgreenchurch.org.uk



We now have a great new kitchen thanks to the funds raised by the hard-working Craft Club.

Thanks, ladies!

Dates for your diary

Messy Church Planning Meeting

Tuesday 7 May at 7:30pm

At Jenny and Jamie's



Sunday 5 May

11am Tony & Awena Finch

6pm Sue Over

Sunday 2 June

11am Maurice Markham

6pm Steve & Lisa Macbeth

All other services Rev David Bracken

Fife Street Church

Fellowship Evening

Saturday 18 May
at 6:30pm

*followed by
a Buffet Supper*



Church Members' Meeting

Tuesday 25 June
at 7:30pm

***Please note this is a
change from the
usual date***



Thursday 2 May 3:30 – 5:45pm

Making Choices

Thursday 6 June 3:30 – 5:45pm

TBA on Holy Spirit

Prayer Meeting

Wednesdays 8 & 22 May

Wednesdays 5 & 19 June

7:30 – 8:30pm in the Choir Vestry



Home Group

Wednesdays 1, 15 & 29 May

Wednesdays 12 & 26 June

7:30pm at venues announced on Sundays

Worship Group Practice

Thursdays 9 & 23 May

Thursdays 6 & 20 June

(last before summer break)

7:30 – 8:30pm in Church



Craft Club

Every Friday

10am – 12 noon in the Jubilee Hall



Advance Notice:

Summer Craft Fayre

Saturday 6 July 10am - 2pm

Stalls, cakes, refreshments!