

We sing the praise of him who died,
of him who died upon the cross;
the sinner's hope let men deride,
for this we count the world but loss.

2 Inscribed upon the cross we see
in shining letters, 'God is love';
he bears our sins upon the tree;
he brings us mercy from above.

3 The cross! It takes our guilt away:
it holds the fainting spirit up;
it cheers with hope the gloomy day,
and sweetens every bitter cup.

4 It makes the coward spirit brave,
and nerves the feeble arm for fight;
it takes its terror from the grave,
and gilds the bed of death with light:

5 The balm of life, the cure of woe,
the measure and the pledge of love,
the sinner's refuge here below,
the angels' theme in heaven above.

[Author: Thomas Kelly \(1815\)](#)

NEWS FROM MOUNT PLEASANT GOSPEL HALL



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Whoops there goes another shredder

A confession by Nigel Wren

In November 2018 I wrote about how in a few short years I had broken three paper shredders through misuse and of how I had purchased a new one. Sad to say this new one has gone the way of the others and has expired because of my continued disregard of the operating instructions. I have now taken delivery of a new shredder with the clear intent to follow the instructions as to correct usage. This new one has enhanced features like the facility to shred old bank cards. I must try this out. Please excuse me while I look for Caroline's credit card.

If in our use of machines we need to treat them with care and have a certain respect for them how much more we need to be careful how we treat other people and care for them

The Old Testament prophets foretold not only the birth, death, burial and resurrection of the Messiah but also the manner of His life. Isaiah in the first of his four Servant Songs wrote, "[a bruised reed he will not break,](#) [and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;](#)" [Isaiah 42:3.](#) May we exhibit in our lives that care, gentleness and consideration for others so beautifully displayed in the life of Christ!



The Way Ahead

Just now, at the end of February, it's difficult to have a clear view of the way ahead. It's great that the vaccine is being rolled out and the number of infections is declining. It's especially pleasing that the number of people in hospital is declining. We continue to pray for those not well and those who have suffered the loss of loved ones..

Things are beginning to open up slowly and probably most will continue to use extreme caution with mask wearing and social distancing still firmly in place. Perhaps we all have questions which we don't have the answers to. When can I book a table at a restaurant? When can I visit a friend? When can I book a holiday?

Hopefully over the coming weeks things will become clearer and things will begin to open up again. We are just longing to re-commence services at the Hall. Meanwhile we prove again in our own hearts the words of Psalm 46:1

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Web-site Please note!

Roy spends a lot of time updating the website and making it user friendly. To make the website a secure site Roy has recently added an SSL Certificate. This means that no user should get a message coming up asking if the site could be trusted.

Website-:www.mountpleasantgospelhall.co.uk

Easter

Regrettably, because of the present restrictions, we will not be holding our Easter services in the Hall

We are pleased to say that Roy is preparing an Easter programme which will be available to listen to on our website.. Details will be in the April Newsletter which will be sent out in mid- March.

Sunday Services

Very regrettably because of the number of COVID19 cases in the area and the call to stay at home and protect the NHS we felt we had no option but to suspend our Sunday services. This will be reviewed on a regular basis and we want to resume as soon as possible.

The Hall will be open for private prayer on Sundays:

11:00-11.45am and 6:30-7:15pm.