

Making Plans by Nigel Wren

Every day we are making short-term and long-term arrangements and plans in the light of all the information we have available at the time but not knowing if they will be fulfilled, changed or cancelled.

Paul in his letters was often sharing his plans, not all of which were realised. Paul's intended itinerary set out in Romans 15:23-24 did not happen as planned. When Paul arrived in Rome he did so as a prisoner and it seems he never made his wished for visit to Spain.

²³ But now that there is no more place for me to work in these regions, and since I have been longing for many years to visit you, ²⁴ I plan to do so when I go to Spain. I hope to see you while passing through and to have you assist me on my journey there, after I have enjoyed your company for a while.

When we consider this time last year many of us were making plans for 2020 which we had subsequently to cancel or amend. The important point is that in making plans we bear in mind what James says in 4:13-15

¹³ Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." ¹⁴ Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. ¹⁵ Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."

For the Christian the words *If it is the Lord's will* are very important. They indicate that we live our lives under the Lordship of Jesus and the plans we make and the arrangements we put in place are under His guidance and subject to His will. It is good to pray at the beginning of each day *Lord grant me wisdom in all the decisions I make today and may Your will be done in my life.*

NEWS FROM MOUNT PLEASANT GOSPEL HALL



October 2020

East Anglian Autumn Conference

To be held in October on Zoom

Speaker Gordon Kell

Times of Meetings:

Saturday 17 October at 7:30pm

Monday 19 October at 7:30pm

Tuesday 20 October at 7:30pm

Wednesday 21 October at 7:30pm

Please e-mail Nigel on cnwren97@gmail.com

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for details on how to connect to these Meetings

Look forward to Seeing You!



After a fall in her flat Joan was in James Paget Hospital and then in Beccles Hospital before returning home on September 21. Continue to pray for our beloved sister.



Our beloved sister Tracy is a gifted personal evangelist who at present is living at Witham in Essex. Tracy would love to move back to Lowestoft and we would love her to return.. Please pray that the door might open for Tracy to move back. Tracy really loves the fresh air and the sea which we who live here tend to take for granted.

It is so sad when someone who has always loved the fellowship of the Lord's people for health reasons is not able to meet with those he loves deeply as fellow members of the one body. Our faithful brother Jeffrey Eaton remembers in his prayers those at Mount Pleasant. We pray for and love deeply in the Lord our esteemed brother and send him our warmest greetings in Christ.

I have the privilege of knowing our dear sister Alison Fairbairn for over fifty years-so vivacious, so lovely, so kind, so totally devoted to Christ. The news of her recently diagnosed illness has left us who know her stunned. Ali has heard from the doctors some positive news that they can treat her. Please keep praying for her.

Sunday Evening God's Good News
At 6.30

No singing but Roy will be playing
Listen to God's word



Tuesday Evening 7:30-8:30

Prayer and Bible Study

No Christmas Meal –What!

With the Rule of 6 in place we cannot book a large group table.

For many years we have enjoyed a group meal at Christmas time but unless there is a rapid change in the Rule we will not be able to do so this year. I'll have to buy a box of mince pies instead.

Do visit our website!

Website-:www.mountpleasantgospelhall.co.uk

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These Messages inform, challenge and encourage us.

The Newsletter can be viewed and printed from the web-site,

Our updated Risk Assessment can be viewed on our web-site.