

## Know Your Signage!



He covered his face  
2 Corinthians 3:13



He followed at a distance  
Mark 14:54



He washed his hands  
Matthew 27:24



Jesus is the only Way  
John 14:6

## NEWS FROM MOUNT PLEASANT GOSPEL HALL



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### Risk! By Nigel Wren

Many years ago I worked in motor insurance underwriting. The basic principle was to charge a premium appropriate to the level of risk insured. So being the only driver, garaging the car and a limited mileage would reduce risk whereas a high performance vehicle, a past conviction or a young driver would increase the risk and consequently the premium.

In these COVID-19 times every day we are making our own risk assessments about where we go, who we meet and what we do. By social distancing, frequent hand washing and wearing a face-covering we reduce the risk of catching the virus.

We are not to be reckless or foolhardy see the response of Jesus to the tempter in Matthew 4:7 <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Though we take all steps to reduce risk we cannot eliminate it. In fact the whole of life is a risk, life always hangs by a thread that can be cut at any time. We are to accept risk not in a sullen or resigned way but as part of the rich tapestry of life.

We see from 1 Corinthians 3:21-23 that even things that seem bad to us are included in the “all things are yours”. God has everything in His control and can use all things for our blessing.. <sup>21</sup> So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, <sup>22</sup> whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, <sup>23</sup> and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's “.

## We Need One another

Genesis 2:18 <sup>18</sup> Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for<sup>[c]</sup> him.”

This is a clear reference to Eve being provided as a companion for Adam. The principle of it not being good to be alone is true. We are not islands cut off and separated from others we need one another. We need the company and support of others!

When we come to faith in Christ we come into God's family, God is our Father and our fellow believers our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are in the flock of God with Christ as the Shepherd. We are living stones in the building God dwells in by His Spirit. We are members of the body of Christ, each fulfilling their distinctive ministry,

From the early days of the church in Jerusalem Christians have met together for teaching, fellowship, communion and prayers. The lockdown has been for many a time of isolation and being cut off from our support networks. Let us endeavour to strengthen together those bonds of love and union in Christ by prayer, keeping in touch, practical help.

We need to have a special interest in brothers and sisters who for health reasons are not able to physically meet with their brothers and sisters in Christ.

Please continue to pray for our dear sister Joan Jenkins who is in hospital after a fall.

## Look forward to Seeing You!

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

## So Sorry..

That at the moment we cannot run the coffee mornings. Dear friends have asked when will they re-commence. The main issue is the possibility of virus transmission through crockery and food.. There are also issues of toilet usage and social distancing.

## Do visit our website!

Website-: [www.mountpleasantgospelhall.co.uk](http://www.mountpleasantgospelhall.co.uk)

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