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On our **FACEBOOK PAGE** - Pastor Paul's Mini Series & other videos.

***Abington St Ministry—** Andy Little is planning on being in Northampton on 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th May. Pray for those who will hear the Good News.

Let's not forget ministries in our communities, country and beyond, and engage with them in prayerful support.

BIRMINGHAM CITY MISSION— a very needy city. See Derek



Duke, he is their personnel manager & volunteer co-ordinator, (and quite a lot else too!), for more information. Pray for the impact of the gospel in the city streets & the work alongside local churches, schools & welfare, also for the work amongst Muslims especially during

Ramadan.

THE OPEN AIR MISSION - Pray especially for Andy Little, Sam Baxter (an associate evangelist with OAM) and Paul Linnell. Pray for the missionaries as they once more plan their outreach. Also for continued funding for this ministry & for the new missionaries.

FELLOWSHIP WITH LOCAL CHURCHES - Pollard Evangelical Church, Kettering, Brixworth Community Church, (Andy Lloyd-Williams) & Slapton & Wappenham Independent Evangelical Church (Trevor Thomas). The connections we have with Moulton Parish Church & a new church plant in Rushden.

SPENCER CONTACT - We praise the Lord for His provision & pray that this ministry to needy people in our town will continue safely. If you would like to help, we always need new/clean duvets (not King size) If you have furniture you would like to donate, please contact Ruth Magombo on 01604 587589.

ARAB WORLD MINISTRIES - for our friends serving in the Middle East.

THE MANDRITSARA PROJECT, MADAGASCAR - Dr Nathan Lawrence has managed to get home to the UK for home assignment! Drs Ted & Rachel Watts with Jamie & Ethan need to be able to have rest too.

ANDREW & VIVIENNE BIRCH, EUROPEAN MISSION FELLOWSHIP -

Please continue to pray for their ministries to EMF missionaries on the continent and in this country. Also for their children Owen, Thomas & Lydia and their families—all back in Spain. They miss them! A monthly prayer letter is available - ask either Graham or Sonja.

REYNARD WAY EVANGELICAL CHURCH MAY 2021 DIARY



**'Open my eyes that I may see
wonderful things in your law.'**

Psalm 119 v 18

Pastor Paul Milner

Elders :

**Derek Alcock, Graham Wheeler,
Andy Boulter,
Peter Scurr & Andy Welsford**

Evangelist : Sam Baxter

Women's Worker: Julia Horne

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- Preaching Christ
 - Reaching out
 - Caring for one another
 - Training up
 - Loving our community & town

SUNDAY MINISTRY FOR MAY 11am & 6pm plus

Live streaming on Facebook & YouTube

Please contact the Kearleys to book your seat in advance.

2nd May am Graham Wheeler
pm Sam Baxter (Andy Welsford at Kettering)

Followed by Communion

9th May am Andy Boulter
pm Sam Baxter

16th May am Hugh Matthews (The Ascension)

Followed by communion

pm Sam Baxter

23rd May am Peter Scurr

pm tbc

30th May am Andy Boulter

pm tbc

Concerning SUNDAY SCHOOL : Contact Jim Sandall

Last Sunday of the month! Don't forget contributions for the FOOD BANK. *Either here at church or * ask Derek & Lesley about 'other arrangements'.

Tues 4th United Prayer Meeting hosted by Wappenham
- via Zoom

Wednesdays at 7.30pm in May

12th, 19th & 26th — Community Groups. Zoom/Skype

SATURDAY 8th May 7.30pm

Northants Creation Group online—Prof Stephen Taylor

'The World's Smallest Electrical Motor ATP Synthase'

Zoom ID 836 6661 5308 Passcode 229486

'Men's Breakfast Support Group' 1st May 9.15-10.30am.

Men—make sure you book with either Mark or Margaret.

Prayer Times (NO booking needed!)

Pre-services on Sundays **(With dial-in conference call facility)**

Mondays at 9am & Saturdays at 8am.

For any enquiries please ring 01604 644093.

From our pastor, Paul Milner : "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him." - Lamentations 3:24.

Recently we have been considering Hope. Spurgeon notes that what we dwell on in our minds can frequently lead to despondency :

'Despairing minds call to remembrance every dark foreboding in the past, & land upon every gloomy feature in the present.' Thoughts for the future can focus on worries & anxieties. Lamentations talks about this in 3:20, calling it 'the wormwood & the gall!' saying, 'My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me.'

But Spurgeon points out: 'There is, however, no necessity for this. Wisdom can readily transform memory into an angel of comfort. That same recollection which, in its left hand brings so many gloomy omens, may be trained to bear in its right hand a wealth of hopeful signs.' As verse 21 goes on to say ' But this I call to mind, & therefore I have hope.' He then opens up verse 24 for us:

The Lord Himself makes up the sum total of my soul's inheritance. Within the circumference of that circle lies all that we possess or desire. The LORD is my portion. Not His grace merely, nor His love, nor His covenant, but Jehovah Himself. He has chosen us for His portion, & we have chosen Him for ours.

It is true that the Lord must first choose our inheritance for us, or else we shall never choose it for ourselves; but if we are really 'called according to His purpose' of electing love, we are loved by God, chosen 'in Him before the foundation of the world'.

The Lord is our all-sufficient portion. God fills Himself; & if God is all-sufficient in Himself, He must be all-sufficient for us. It is not easy to satisfy man's desires. When he dreams that he is satisfied, he quickly wakes to the perception that there is something yet beyond, & straightaway the leech of his heart cries "more, more".

But all that we can wish for is to be found in our 'Divine portion', so that we ask, "Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is nothing on earth that I desire beside You."

Well, may we 'delight ourselves in the Lord' Who makes us drink of the rivers of His pleasures.

Our faith stretches her wings & mounts up like an eagle into the heaven of divine love as her proper dwelling-place. 'The lines have fallen to us in pleasant places; indeed, we have a beautiful inheritance.'

Let us 'rejoice in the Lord always', we are a happy & blessed people to have the LORD as our portion,' therefore I will hope in Him.

