

This week's **Announcement sheet** is attached.

**Charles** led our **Breaking of Bread** service and **Hazel McHaffie** from Edinburgh exhorted us on **Love is more important**. We were joined by Vanessa & Michael Boler from Folkestone and Marilyn & Chris Rodwell from Knowle & Dorridge

Our **Welfare** focus this week includes:

- Ros's sister-in-law, Jackie, who is very unwell, her husband Bruce and all the family
- Tom's brother Giles, his wife Debbie and all the family
- Janice Bushell, having a few weeks in a care home, and David
- Sharie who is continuing to take things steadily
- Robin, experiencing on-going eyesight issues
- All who are suffering physically, mentally and spiritually, including Michael Kipps and those who have been bereaved recently

In her **exhortation** Hazel asked whether **"Love is more important than being right"** (these notes don't do her talk justice – see the recording at: [www.worship-at-hookwood.org/sunday-services](http://www.worship-at-hookwood.org/sunday-services))

- Can our faith be like a tricycle with 3 wheels – Experience, Tradition, Bible
- If each aspect informs the other, that could be very stable
- Rote-learned Bible proofs used alone to "prove" all things could be an unstable unicycle, causing harm if mis-interpreted / used out of context
- Tradition may have a view about right / wrong / sin / our need to change, which could be cold, hollow, jagged in the face of real-life challenges
- Maybe nuances are important, context relevant and love necessary – so the heavily burdened are not pushed away and crushed, but brought closer
- Does Experience help us feel the freedom of saying we "don't know" – we don't have to be right, we see through a glass darkly, our understanding is partial, compared with God's
- Jesus asked 307 questions, he was asked 183 – he answered just 3 directly
- Maybe it is not about categorical answers, but nuanced decisions
- Jesus asks us to make being Christian our goal, not understanding all things
- Jesus said love was paramount

**Recordings** of our services are easy to view as follows:

- **Facebook:** "Hookwood Services" – full service recording (group)
- **Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/watch/ChristianWorshipAtHookwood](http://www.facebook.com/watch/ChristianWorshipAtHookwood) (share)
- **Website:** [www.worship-at-hookwood.org/sunday-services](http://www.worship-at-hookwood.org/sunday-services) (public share)

### **Once-a-month Hall Sunday Service agreed:**

Our trial of a Hybrid Sunday Service, on the second Sunday of the month, will involve people using Zoom from home and Zoom from Hookwood Memorial Hall, starting Sunday 14 November, set-up from 10am, with a shared lunch afterwards and the Hall cleared in time for a later 2pm booking. Details to be shared soon.

### **Charitable Activities:**

Nothing new to report

## Outings

We are thinking of activities for coming months:

- **Visit Denbies vineyard, Dorking – Nov?**
- **Walk + pub lunch, Newdigate – Dec ?**
- **New Year's Day walk + soup lunch, Horsham – New Year's Day**

We see these as opportunities to break bread together and remember Jesus

It would be good to firm these up so visitors can make plans

## Sunday Programme: Oct-Dec 2021 (GW) (updated 25<sup>th</sup> Oct *red italics*)

Date	Preside	Speak	Music
31 Oct	<i>Dawn</i>	<b>Mary Barnes</b>	Julia
7 Nov	<i>Andy</i>		<i>Andy</i>
<b>14 Nov (Hybrid home + hall on Zoom)</b>	Julie	<b>Julian Baseley</b>  NB: <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	Julia
21 Nov	<i>Andy</i>	<i>Jan Smith</i>	Julie
28 Nov	Hilary	<b>Marilyn Rodwell</b>	Julie
5 Dec	Ros	<b>Nick Neate</b>	Julia
12 Dec	Sarah	<b>Kate Lawrence</b>	Julie
19 Dec	<b>Tina &amp; Jeremy</b>		Julia
26 Dec	<b>Glen</b>		Glen

Please let Julie know of any changes you would like to make

## 2022 Retreat

Sadly the Oasts venue for our **2022 Retreat Weekend** has closed permanently. So we are now looking for a new venue. This will almost definitely mean a new date. Please send details of any potential venues for consideration

If you are aware of any welfare/covid-19 needs/concerns please talk to an Elder

All our plans are subject to God's will.

*May God bless your week*

*Charles*

## Announcements for 24 October 2021

Our prayer theme for the week:

We pray, Lord God, that we may be filled with the fruit of righteousness and be sincere and blameless for the day of Christ.

Collections:

Our collection last Sunday for General fund - £309.83

Envelope Collection Medecins sans Frontieres

Main collection today General Fund

Our envelope collections this month are for Medecins sans Frontieres

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK - all subject to the will of our Lord Jesus:

Midweek:

House Groups

Grp1 Wed / Grp2 Thu - lead Tina & Jeremy

Prayer message during the coming week

Tina

Website and Facebook updating

Glen

Next Sunday: 31 October 2021

Family Service at 10.00am

Leader

Suspended for now

Sunday Service on-line 11am start  
Join Zoom from 10:40am and  
be ready on Facebook for 11am

Presiding  
Exhorting

Russell  
Mary Barnes  
via Zoom dial in

Host(s)  
Music

Julia

Wed inv/open Andy  
Thu inv/open Charles  
Fri inv/open Charles  
Sun inv Andy  
Sun open Richard / Andy

Hall prep and greet  
Table preparation  
Refreshments

At home  
At home  
At home

Sunday School Teacher:

Explorers

not required

### Other Announcements:

1. Please let an Elder know if there is a need for a welfare/cheer-up gift

2. Please check Rotas for contacting members during the week: Ros & Julie

3. As we achieved a consensus our once a month Hybrid Sunday Service on the second Sunday of the month is to start on Sunday 14th Nov, with members joining on-line on Zoom and Facebook, from their homes or Hookwood Hall. Hall set-up is possible from 10am, for an 11am start. NB it will be Remembrance Sunday. Lunch will need to be finished and the hall cleared by 2pm due to a following booking. More details will be shared soon.

### Repeat the Prayer Theme:

We pray, Lord God, that we may be filled with the fruit of righteousness and be sincere and blameless for the day of Christ.