

Dear Church Family,

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants.
Truly I am your servant, Lord; ... you have freed me from my chains.*

Psalm 116: 15&16

These verses have had a special resonance for me this last week in reflecting on the death of Ron Davison.

They remind me that our very existence matters to God; that when our death comes it is a precious thing to God, the culmination of all that we have been and done during our 'earthly pilgrimage'.

The Psalmist speaks of having been freed from his chains. Freedom can be thought of in different ways - freedom from literal oppression and enslavement or from enslaving habits or attitudes; freedom from the chains of fear or a crippling sense of not being good enough.

Of course it is God who does the freeing, the breaking of chains.

So we ask that God may continue to set people free, to release us from all the ways we are held captive.

Prayer Update

Please pray for Ron's funeral taking place tomorrow especially for Christine, Rachel, Carolyn and their families.

UCB Bible Notes - Direct Posting

UCB have offered to post notes directly to people's homes if we supply them with a list of addresses. The form needs to be returned soon so please could you let us know **by return** on the church email if you would like to be added to the list. Please supply the address to which you wish the notes to be sent.

Easing of Lockdown

Many of you will be wondering when we will be able to meet again in our building for services and events. At this stage we have no definite idea of when this will be possible but we are following the Government's announcements and developments in other churches.

As you may know some churches have opened for private prayer on specific days for a limited number of hours each day or week. We are considering following this model in early July when some of our furloughed staff may also resume part-time work. We will keep you informed.

In the meantime for the foreseeable future and possibly beyond we will be maintaining our online presence.

HBCC Online

Our next online service will be available on Sunday from 10:30.

All services can be found on the HBCC Facebook page and are also on YouTube.

<https://www.facebook.com/Hesketh-Bank-Christian-Centre-137989929662209/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI-q5TmlygGFnooTXluT6kg>

Post Service Zoom Catchup

The usual Zoom 'catchup' for anyone who'd like to connect with others live after the service on Sunday; this will start at 11:00 - or when the service finishes if that is later. Details will appear on HBCC Family Facebook.

Anyone is welcome to join in and leave as you feel comfortable.

****Stories & News For Online Services****

If you have some news or a story you would like to share as part of our Sunday service please contact us at hbccentre@tiscali.co.uk.

Bible Study & Devotional

These appear on the HBCC Family Facebook page on Friday and Wednesday respectively.

Celebrations

*Please can you let us know if you would like us to share news of special birthdays, anniversaries or occurrences in our weekly bulletin. Send details to the church email address - hbccentre@tiscali.co.uk

Online Giving

Don't forget you can give directly to the church using online banking.

Bank Sort Code: 40-24-14

Account No: 10429627

Contact Numbers

You can reach us on the numbers below:

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