

Outlook



*"Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path."*

Psalm 119:105

Welcome to this double edition of Outlook for the first 2 weeks of August.

Our **Summer of Psalms** continues as we take a look at 2 more wisdom-filled portions from the 'song book of the Bible'. 2Timothy 3:16 tells us that '*all Scripture is God-breathed and is useful*'. As we become more familiar with the psalms we're able to see how they can be useful to us in every season of life.



We pray that you'll be blessed as we look at the psalms together as a church, and that you'll also make ever greater use of them in your own personal walk with the Lord day by day.

Collect for 3rd August

Heavenly Father, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Collect for 10th August

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Bible Reading for 3rd August

Psalm 119:97-112

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⁹⁷ Oh, how I love your law!

I meditate on it all day long.

⁹⁸ Your commands are always with me

and make me wiser than my enemies.

⁹⁹ I have more insight than all my teachers,

for I meditate on your statutes.

¹⁰⁰ I have more understanding than the elders,

for I obey your precepts.

¹⁰¹ I have kept my feet from every evil path

so that I might obey your word.

¹⁰² I have not departed from your laws,

for you yourself have taught me.

¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste,

sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴ I gain understanding from your precepts;

therefore I hate every wrong path.

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¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp for my feet,

a light on my path.

¹⁰⁶ I have taken an oath and confirmed it,

that I will follow your righteous laws.

¹⁰⁷ I have suffered much;

preserve my life, Lord, according to your word.

¹⁰⁸ Accept, Lord, the willing praise of my mouth,

and teach me your laws.

¹⁰⁹ Though I constantly take my life in my hands,

I will not forget your law.

¹¹⁰ The wicked have set a snare for me,

but I have not strayed from your precepts.

¹¹¹ Your statutes are my heritage for ever;

they are the joy of my heart.

¹¹² My heart is set on keeping your decrees

to the very end.

Bible Reading for 10th August

Psalm 16

A miktam of David.

¹ Keep me safe, my God,
for in you I take refuge.

² I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord;
apart from you I have no good thing.'

³ I say of the holy people who are in the land,
'They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.'

⁴ Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.

**I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods
or take up their names on my lips.**

⁵ Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;
you make my lot secure.

⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.

⁷ I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.

⁸ I keep my eyes always on the Lord.
With him at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

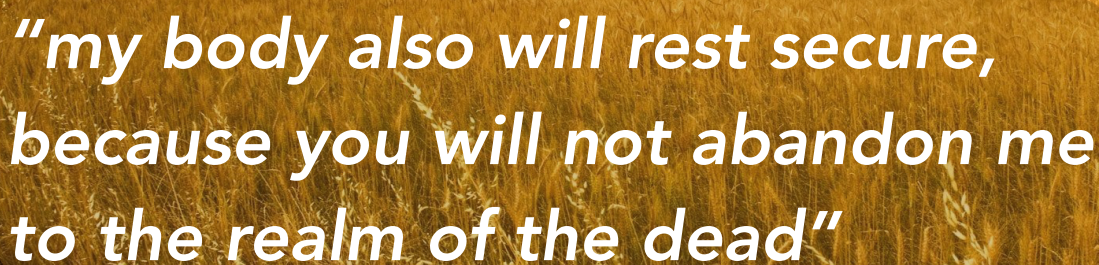
⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,

¹⁰ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life;
**you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.**

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At the end, we all say: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**



***"my body also will rest secure,
because you will not abandon me
to the realm of the dead"***

Psalm 16:9b-10a

When You Pray...



...a number of our church members are experiencing serious health problems at the moment. Please will you pray for them? Let's ask our Father in Heaven to pour out his blessings on: *Sue C; Alan H; Dave S; Amin's sister; Jayne H, and; Wendy I* - and also on those who love them and care for them.

The Alpha Course: Weekly at 7pm, starts on Tuesday 9th September



You are warmly invited to attend the Alpha Course, which will start on 9th Sept and run until 25th Nov (with a break for half term). Each evening will begin with tea/coffee and cake, and will include a mix of engaging video presentations and group discussions. More info at www.alpha.org.uk - or chat to Ian.

March for Life: Saturday 6th September in London



A small group of EPC members are planning on attending this year's March for Life in London. If you'd like to join us, please speak to Fennie Yap who will be arranging travel - and possibly seats on a coach with another local church. See marchforlife.co.uk for more details about the event.

Whole-Church Picnic: Lunchtime Sunday 3rd August



Rather than having our usual bring-and-share meal on the 1st Sunday of the month, we're going to have a picnic instead! Immediately following the 11 o'clock service (12:15 ish) we'll head down to Lakeside Country Park for food, fun & games. We'll be based in the Amphitheatre (grass bowl) area of the park. Using the **"What 3 Words"** app or webpage on your phone, you can easily find us. You'll need this code: **///mouth.unwanted.boots** WCs & parking are nearby.

Afternoon Tea in the Vicarage Garden: 3pm Sunday 31st August



Join us for a delicious spread of sandwiches, tea & cakes in the Vicarage Garden (1 Cedar Rd. SO50 9NR). Please feel free to invite friends & family to this social occasion. If you can help by baking a cake, please speak to Dot.

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