



Lord, we pray for Ukraine

As I write this, all that I can think about is the situation in Ukraine. I'm sure it is heavily on your mind too. It is a fast moving situation and for that reason I have no idea what things will look like by the time that you read this.

There are reports that Putin wants to undermine the sovereign elections of the people of Ukraine and install a new leader who will be 'Pro-Russia', and by that we all know he means that the leader will be a puppet to him.

The whole situation is utterly heart breaking and makes us all so angry, but is a story that humanity has seen so much throughout history. A strong leader, who is able to manipulate their own people with propaganda and intimidation, is consequently able to initiate a violent quest for the expansion of their nation and influence. Putin's name goes on that long list of despicable people.

Also as I write I see reports of Russian people protesting in their own cities against the invasion of Ukraine, knowing that they will be arrested for that but being willing to count the personal cost. I see many of the countries of the world joining together in their condemnation of Putin's actions, and working together on sanctions. I see the people of Ukraine standing up to a powerful bully and to tyranny. So, I have hope too.

I also find myself thinking about where we are at in terms of the overall story of humanity, from the past until the end of time, when Jesus returns. Jesus himself warned his followers that before his Second Coming, *"You will hear of wars and rumours of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come."* (Matthew 24:6)

Now, that is not to say that we should just accept war and not work

for peace. Jesus also said, *"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God."* (Matthew 5:9) By 'peace' Jesus is speaking of so much more than the absence of war, but 'peace' very much includes the absence of war.

So, before Jesus returns there will be wars and rumours of wars, and these things should not alarm / surprise us. Yet, we should also be those who strive for peace. I have to be honest and say I don't know how we do that for the people of Ukraine and the wider world at the moment. The geopolitical situation is also so complicated that one course of action will naturally lead to others.

But, I do firmly believe that we serve a God who is able to untangle all of these politics with a mere thought. We pray to a God who loves people of every human nation and is able to save. We serve a King who is also a servant Himself, and whose kingdom stretches



across human boundaries. We are part of a Church, a family, which includes people in Ukraine and in Russia and across the world. We have a call to be the light of the world in the midst of darkness.

There are many things I do not know at this time, but these things I am sure of and are a foundation on which our lives can hold firm.

So pray. Pray that God would *"break the teeth of the wicked"* (Psalm 3:7) and would protect the innocent. Pray also for world leaders to have great wisdom. And be light to those around us; especially those of Ukrainian and Russian heritage who we come into contact with.

God bless,

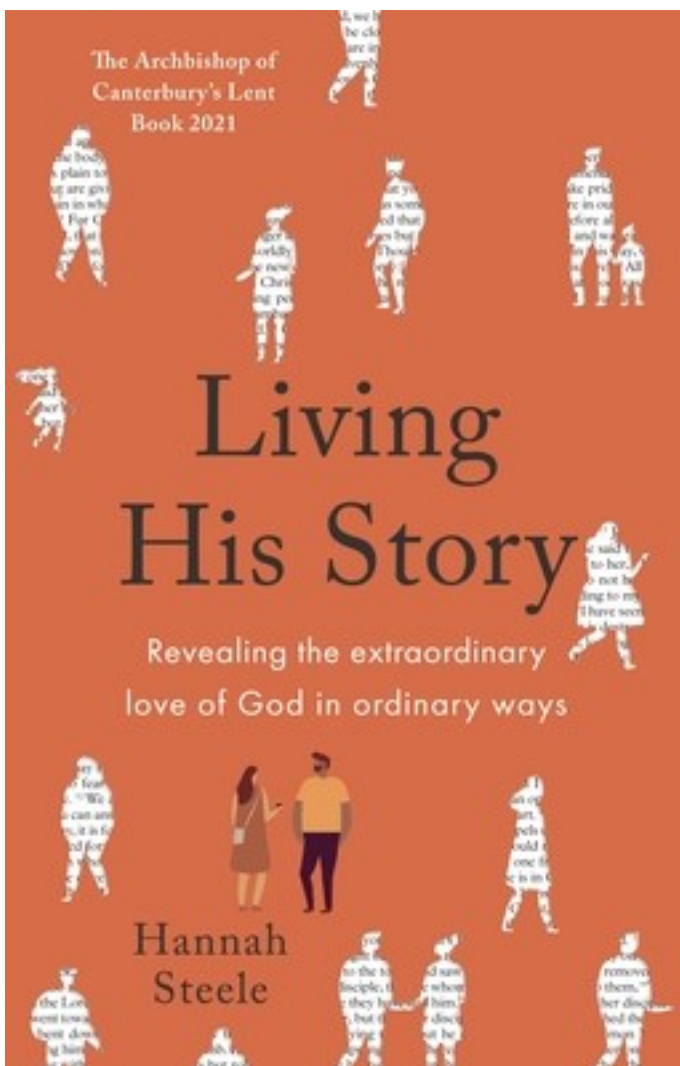
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Lent 2022

Lent is always a good opportunity for us to stop and reflect. We, of course, think about our own lives and how we don't live as God calls us to. We don't always love Him as we should and we don't always love our neighbour as we should. Lent marks a point in the year in which people sometimes give something up or take something up in order to remind them to focus on their sin and their need of a Saviour. Of course, Lent ends with the events of Easter weekend as we remember Jesus dying and rising from the dead - our Saviour and our Lord.

In addition to this we often study something else, to help us to grow more in our faith and be more the people that God calls us to be. This year we are using some material that was actually produced by the Church of England last year. It helps us to think about our story as followers of Jesus and how we can share that story with others. Throughout 2022 we will be trying to do a lot of that as a church and so the reason for choosing the book 'Living His Story' to read is hopefully obvious.

There is also a small book of daily thoughts to read through Lent '#Live Lent', which encourages us to share our stories. Catherine has copies of book of these books, so do speak to her to get hold of one.



#LIVE LENT



God's Story Our Story

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

What's on?



THE LIGHT CAFÉ
ALL HALLOWS CHURCH
CHEADLE

OPEN WEDNESDAYS
9:00AM - 2:00PM

SERVING BREAKFAST,
LUNCH, HOME MADE
CAKES & FREE DRINKS



TODDLERS
EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE
9:00AM - 12:00AM



All Hallows Church
Cheadle

Lent 2022

2nd March, 6:30pm -
Ash Wednesday Service
Followed by Home Groups

Home Groups
Take place on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and Thursday afternoons, on the weeks of Tuesdays 15th and 29th.

Social Night
7:30 on Wednesday 23rd March

MESSY TODDLERS
10:00-11:30
Wednesday 16th March

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DEBT
HELP

Free Debt Help Available

All Hallows has recently partnered with CAP in order to help people out of debt.

If you need support to get out of debt then contact the CAP Enquiries Team on **0800 328 0006** and they will get you booked in for your first appointment.



Holy Week at All Hallows

Palm Sunday (10th April)
4:00 Messy Church

Maundy Thursday (14th April)
7:30pm Last Supper Reflections (with Holy Communion)

Good Friday (15th April)
10:00am A Reflective Service

Easter Sunday (17th April)
9:00am Special Easter Breakfast (served until 9:45)
10:00am All Age Easter Celebration
(followed by Holy Communion or an Easter Egg Hunt and Bouncy Castle for children)
6:30pm Evening Service

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Ladies
BIBLE STUDY

Ladies Bible Study takes place at 10:30 on Thursdays 10th and 24th March.

New or Visiting?

First Time Here?

If it's your first time here then welcome! It's great to have you with us. Here are a few short notes that you might find helpful.

Relax - You're our guest, so make yourself at home. If there is anything that you would like to know then ask a member of the Welcome Team.

Sign the kids in - The Welcome Team can show you where to take your children. Sometimes we are all in church together, but on other weeks... **Pre- School**; There are green tables in church with some activities for young children. Please, please don't be embarrassed if they make any noise during the service. **Ages 4+**; Sunday School meet in rooms at the end of the hall, down the ramp. **Sunday Youth** meet in the room off from the main worship area. All leaders have proper DBS checks.

Fill in a Communication Card - Drop it in the box on the Welcome Desk in the foyer or give it to the service leader on the way out. Please use it to ask questions, offer feedback or request prayer.

We don't expect guests to give - For those who are members or regular attenders of our churches there is usually an offering, but we don't ask our guests for any money.

We have a Loop System - Switch your hearing aid to T-coil. You might find it useful to sit towards the middle.

Hang around afterwards - Come and join us for a cup of tea or fresh coffee, and for a chat.

Prayer Ministry - If you would like somebody to pray with you about something for yourself or somebody that you know then there are people who would love to do so after the service. Please make yourself known to the service leader.

Next Steps

We are all on a journey through life, and our faith is no different. Depending upon where you are on your journey with God here are some 'Next Steps' you could take

COMMIT YOUR LIFE TO CHRIST
Commit to follow Jesus today!

RE-COMMIT TO CHRIST
It's never too late for a fresh start with faith.

DECLARE YOUR FAITH THROUGH BAPTISM
If you feel you've made a commitment to God but have never been baptised, then this could be a great step for you.

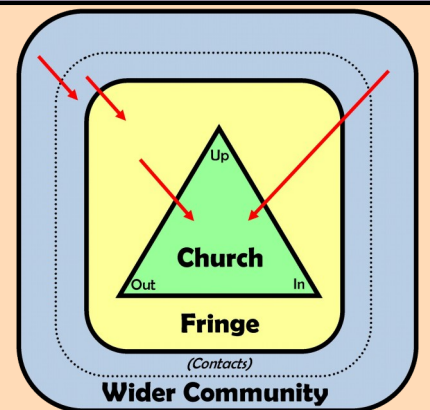
JOIN A HOMEGROUP
If you're not in one, there are a number of groups that meet in homes throughout the week to get to know each other better, look at the Bible and pray together.

BE PART OF THE MISSION
There are lots of ways you can use your gifts to serve God, his Church and the wider community.

Loving God.

Loving each other.

Loving the people of Cheadle.



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