

# The Journey: Spring 2020



## Welcome

A massive welcome to you if you are new to The Journey! Feel free to help yourself to refreshments and make yourself at home. If you would like to know more about who we are, or are exploring faith and would like to find out more, please speak to anyone on the leadership team. If you want us to keep you up to date with what is happening at The Journey, fill in one of our sign up cards and we will be in touch!

## Keep in touch!

### Website:

[www.thejourney.org.uk](http://www.thejourney.org.uk)

### Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/groups/thejourneychurch](https://www.facebook.com/groups/thejourneychurch)

### Email:

[info@thejourney.org.uk](mailto:info@thejourney.org.uk)

Send us an email if you want to receive our weekly emails.

### Twitter:

@thejourneyUK

### Sign Up:

Fill in a sign up card at a Journey gathering to receive more information and our weekly emails.

## Sunday Gatherings

**10.30am at The Forest Estate Community Hub, 57 Larchwood Drive, TW20 0SL.**

Or join us from **10.15am in the prayer room**, an important time of seeking God's presence and praying together before every Sunday gathering.

- **2<sup>nd</sup> February** – Pete Gadsdon, *Jabez: The Man Who Was Blessed*
- **9<sup>th</sup> February** – Jonathan Pymm, *Hannah: The Woman Who Prayed*
- **16<sup>th</sup> February** – Richard Emmett, *Samuel: The Man Who Heard God*
- **23<sup>rd</sup> February** – *Sharing About Prayer*
- **1<sup>st</sup> March** – Helen Davies, *Elijah: The Man Who Stood Up*
- **8<sup>th</sup> March** – Colin Barnes, *The Widow of Zarephath: The Woman Who Invited Miracles*
- **15<sup>th</sup> March** – Rachael Pymm, *David: The Man, the King and the Kingdom*
- **22<sup>nd</sup> March** – Jonathan Pymm, *Isaiah: The Man Who Spoke to Kings*
- **29<sup>th</sup> March** – Ceri Davies, *Isaiah: The Man Who Saw the King*
- **5<sup>th</sup> April** – Helen Davies, *Palm Sunday*
- **12<sup>th</sup> April** – *Easter Sunday*
- **19<sup>th</sup> April** – *River Together in Maidenhead*
- **26<sup>th</sup> April** – Pete Gadsdon

If you've missed a week, previous teaching can be found on the Journey website.

## The People of God

This term we are continuing our teaching theme 'The People of God', following the lives of Noah, Sarah, Jabez, Hannah, Samuel, Elijah, the Widow of Zeraphath, David and Isaiah. God invites all of humanity to be in relationship with Him - to be His very own people, as He is our very own God. The Bible tells the story of God's pursuit of us and all the ways people have responded. As we read the stories of the characters in its pages, we learn of His unending love, His constant goodness and His infinite ability to work through us to see His purposes fulfilled. Let's allow their experiences to teach us how to truly be 'The People of God' today. Pick up your booklet of daily readings on a Sunday morning!

## Lunches

Once a month (usually the first Sunday) we have a community lunch together from 12.45pm to 2.15pm after our Sunday gathering – everyone is welcome to join us! This is a great opportunity for everyone from the community to meet together – please invite your friends, neighbours and family. Lunch is free but donations are welcome. If you are a regular Journey member, please remember to bring some food to share for the buffet lunches.

Dates:

- 5<sup>th</sup> January
- 2<sup>nd</sup> February
- 1<sup>st</sup> March
- 5<sup>th</sup> April

## Dates for your diaries

### River Together

*Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 10am refreshments (10.30am start)*

*Altwood School, Maidenhead, SL6 4PU*

This is our Sunday meeting together with the other River Churches. If you need a lift to get there, please speak to one of the leadership team who can arrange something for you. If you are able to help out with any teams for River Together speak to Emma.

### Come Dine With Me

*Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.* A chance to share lunch with each other in people's homes – sign up either to host a group at your house, or to be hosted. Sign up will be available on Sundays or email [emma@thejourney.org.uk](mailto:emma@thejourney.org.uk).

### The Forum

*Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March.* This will include a buffet lunch after the gathering (please bring £2 donation towards the food) followed by a discussion from 1pm to 2pm. The purpose of the forum is to provide a space for the church community to discuss our community life, theology, and decisions for the future.

### Wildfires Festival

*25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May, Wiston House, Sussex.*

Come and join us for a few days of camping, fires, worship, teaching and prayer!



## Journey Students

Whether you're a new student coming to Royal Holloway for the first time, or a second or third year or postgrad student looking for a church, you're very welcome at The Journey! Our vision is to help you discover more about who God has made you to be, the gifts and passions he has given you, and to equip you to grow and impact those around you at Royal Holloway and beyond with God's life-changing love and power.



## Sunday Teams

Want to be involved in making our Sunday gatherings happen? We'd love you to be involved! Join one of our Sunday teams:

- Worship team
- Hospitality
- PA
- Song words
- Welcome team
- Kids team

Speak to Emma Ward or email [emma@thejourney.org.uk](mailto:emma@thejourney.org.uk)



## Giving at The Journey

Thank-you to all of you who continue to give so generously – this helps makes it possible for us to be who we are and do what we're called to - to be a presence in our community and being a gathering, worshipping people who are open to all. This year our budget is just under £34,000, with a £2,822 monthly goal. Please pray that we continue to receive the resources that help us run!

We know that money can be a very emotive area of our lives, and that there are many amazing places we can use it, which makes giving a real act of sacrifice and courage. With this in mind, we'd like to encourage members of our community to prayerfully consider giving on a weekly or monthly basis, ideally via standing order. As a church family, we're reliant on each other for more than just finances, but we recognise that giving our resources allows us to outwork God's goodness in tangible ways.



## Forest Estate Community Hub

The Forest Estate Community Hub opened in October 2012 and is managed by The Journey Church in partnership with others including Runnymede Borough Council. It's an important place for us and many in the local community as a place of friendship, collaboration and belonging – a couple of years ago we were blessed to be awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service!

Its aim is to provide an inclusive, wholehearted environment where local people can access helpful services and fun activities, as well as pitch in to make it all happen! It's a space everyone can use for social events, clubs and ventures, hopefully acting as a catalyst for cultivating relationships and raising hope now and for the future.

**Website:** [the-community-hub.co.uk](http://the-community-hub.co.uk)

**Find us on Facebook:** Forest Estate Community Hub

**Email us:** [denise@thejourney.org.uk](mailto:denise@thejourney.org.uk)



# River Churches

The Journey is part of River Church, a network with three other churches in Maidenhead, Marlow and Slough, and is part of Pioneer network. As part of River Churches, we have River Together meetings together in Maidenhead with the other churches four times a year.

[www.riverchurch.org.uk](http://www.riverchurch.org.uk)



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