


HEBREWS: "THE LIFE OF FAITH"

Sunday 17th Aug at 11am

 St Peter's

**Welcome** – Clare Hendry

**Thank you Father for today**

Teach me how to choose your way  
Help me lift my eyes to see who you are  
You are faithful, always true  
Every good thing comes from you  
Meet me in your word and help me worship you

*It's a new new day to sing your praise  
It's a new new day to walk in your ways  
It's a new new day to make you known  
It's a new new day to see your kingdom grow*

Jesus you are all I need  
Thank you that you died for me  
Help me know you'll always be here with me  
I am weak but you are strong  
When I stumble you hold on  
Help me turn away from sin and worship you  
*It's a new new day to sing your praise...*

It's a gift of time you give  
One more day for us to live  
One more chance for us to call  
On the name of Christ the Lord  
*It's a new new day to sing your praise...*

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**Church Family News**

**Reading: Hebrews 11:17-12:3**

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<sup>17</sup> By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, <sup>18</sup> even though God had said to him, 'It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.' <sup>19</sup> Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.

<sup>20</sup> By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future.

<sup>21</sup> By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshipped as he leaned on the top of his staff.

<sup>22</sup> By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones.

<sup>23</sup> By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

<sup>24</sup> By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. <sup>25</sup> He chose to be ill-treated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup> He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. <sup>27</sup> By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup> By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

<sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched round them for seven days.

<sup>31</sup> By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

<sup>32</sup> And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and

Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. <sup>35</sup> Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were put to death by stoning; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and ill-treated – <sup>38</sup> the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup> These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect. 12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

### **Behold the power of his word;**

He spoke – creation came to be;  
I will trust his promise.

He hung the stars – a guarantee:  
His word is strong enough for me;  
I will trust his promise.

*Generations rise, generations fall,*

*But his word is living,*

*And his word is sure*

*Evermore, evermore, evermore.*

There is salvation in his word:  
His voice has called us from the grave;  
I will trust his promise.  
We are surrounded by his grace  
Here in the midst of those he's saved;  
I will trust his promise.  
*Generations rise, generations fall,...*

Our eyes have seen,  
Our ears have heard,  
We are a witness to  
The power of your word.  
So we will tell:  
Your promises are good,  
In Jesus Christ we have  
Your every word fulfilled.

*Generations rise, generations fall,...*

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## **Children go out for Grace Gang**

**Talk:** John Lenton

*Faith that perseveres*

Talk notes

## O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer

Greatest treasure of my longing soul  
My God, like You there is no other  
True delight is found in You alone  
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom  
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach  
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom  
My highest good and my unending need

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Strong defender of my weary heart  
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver  
And my shield against his hateful darts  
My song when enemies surround me  
My hope when tides of sorrow rise  
My joy when trials are abounding  
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Gracious Saviour of my ruined life  
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders  
In my place You suffered bled and died  
You rose, the grave and death are conquered  
You broke my bonds of sin and shame  
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
May all my days bring glory to Your Name

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## Confession

Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore to us the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Prayers

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us, Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### By faith, we see the hand of God

In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the power of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the power to break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go  
In the power of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In every corner of the earth  
*We will stand as children of the promise...*

By faith this mountain shall be moved  
And the power of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name  
*We will stand as children of the promise...*

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## Final Prayer

Please stay around to chat after  
the service over coffee/tea  
through in the hall



# The week ahead

Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 11am	Holy Communion Morning Service
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>		
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 for 8-9pm	Summer Midweek at the Lentons – Prayer Focus
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>		
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	10am-11am 11am-12noon 12 noon	Women's Bible Study Drop-In for Coffee Holy Communion
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>		
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>		
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 11am 1pm	Holy Communion Morning Service LCM Training and Visiting

# Looking ahead

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> August and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September – The London City Mission team will join us and there will be an opportunity to be trained over lunch and do some street visiting afterwards

# Thinking about Regular Giving..



Recently we asked everyone to prayerfully consider increasing their regular giving or begin a pattern of giving regularly if not doing so already. More details available in the “Giving Guide” on the table in church or on the church website.

# Sermon Series for the Summer



We are looking at the Life of Faith from **Hebrews 11-13**

# Summer Midweeks in August Tuesday Bible Study

We will be running a weekly Bible study on 5<sup>th</sup>(Prayer Focus for First Tuesday), 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> August (All Tuesday evenings). This will be at the Lentons, 31A Kings Ave, N10 1PA. Come from 7:30pm for cake and tea/coffee, then Bible study will be from 8-9pm. Even if you aren't currently in a midweek group, please come along and check it out!



# Thursday Drop In's –

On 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> August (All Thursday mornings) we will be hosting a women's bible study from 10-11am then a coffee time drop in from 11-12noon at the church. Followed by our midweek service of Holy Communion at 12noon.



# Summer Sundays

On Sundays in August, we will be running Summer Sundays for Creche and Grace Gang. They will all be in together in the hall, with a mix of leaders. Youth will not be running during these dates.