



# CONNECTED

Weeks Beginning Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020

***Then the Lord said to Moses, “Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: Because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country.”***

Exodus 6: 1

## Exodus at St Swithin's Autumn 2020

Welcome to St Swithin's! Thank you for taking time to connect with us in person, on-line and in your home.



This Autumn, we're working through the book of Exodus together, and over the next two weeks we'll begin to see how God begins to free His people from slavery through a series of incredibly dramatic and history defining events. As we left the narrative last week God had called and persuaded Moses to go to Pharaoh to liberate God's people. How on earth is that going to happen?

It's incredibly easy to get stuck in life believing that your circumstances define you, your past is a burden, your habits are set, knowing you feel bound up and yet still longing for freedom. What we'll discover is that how God is at work bringing freedom to His people in both a unique and timeless way. As we journey through the story of Exodus so we see that the freedom God brings is still available to us in and through the person of Jesus Christ. The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.



Please remember that Next Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October we will not be meeting in person, but we will be meeting virtually, online 'As One at Ten', please do join us.

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## News

**October services.** Don't forget that next Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> October, we will be meeting online and not on site at St Swithin's. **We will meet for coffee via zoom at 11.00am** for those who would like to join us. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9071340093>

18th	10am	Morning service
"	3pm	Families Worship
25th	10am	On line As One at Ten
"	6pm	Communion Service



We are continuing to open the church for **private prayer** on Wednesdays. Feel free to pop in anytime between 12noon and 2pm. This may especially, (but not exclusively!) suit those who want to come and

meet with God in the church building but without the numbers of people we have here on Sundays.

**Prayers for our Near Neighbours.** Please join us at 8.30am on **Sunday 1st November** (please note change of date) in the tent of meeting at St.Swithin's for a short time of prayer. We will be praying God's blessing on local traders, local residents, dog walkers, park users etc - the local community, our near neighbours. We want to see this area at the top of Walcot Street thriving. Contact Keith or just turn up.

**Our newly 'revamped' Prayer Chain is now up and running.** If you find yourself in a situation where you would find immediate prayer helpful, please take up the opportunity to ask people in our church family to pray for you in a confidential and supportive way. Please contact Brian May or and he will pass your prayer request on through the chains.

## St Swithin's Theology Study Group



Are you interested in exploring the big questions about what it means to be part of the Christian story? We are continuing our Theology

Study Group through this Autumn and Winter, and we would love to you to join us. We will be using the Westminster Theological Centre on-line course "Living the Christian Story" as we explore challenging questions in our study group. No matter your background or educational experience, if you have a passion for the bible and theology, you will find something to challenge you personally and spiritually. Your commitment will be to watch the videos before we meet over Zoom on Monday nights for worship and discussion. We start on 2nd November for five weeks and, after a break for December, a further five Monday nights starting on 11th January. Covid Restrictions permitting we also plan to meet in person on two Saturdays. If you would like to find out more or already know you would love to join us, please contact Nicola Stuffins.



## Please Pray

- For our students and all those living and working on university and college campuses in our city at this time when covid-19 cases seem to be increasing day by day. Pray for wisdom for those making decisions as we go forward as how to best put measures in place to control the spread of the virus.
- We continue to pray for those in positions of responsibility as difficult decision need to be made at national and local level to best protect people's health and our economic situation.
- Please continue to pray for our Mission Partners, in the UK and overseas.

**Wycliffe  
Bible  
Translators**

This week we especially pray for the work of Wycliffe Bible Translators as they work

tirelessly across the globe in the knowledge that 1 in 5 people alive today are still waiting to get the Bible in their language.

- Pray for our local neighbours, those who live and work in the streets around our church building that they may find US to be good neighbours to them.

- We continue to pray for St Andrews school, especially as they look towards their half term break. May the teachers, support staff and pupils all benefit from the holiday time and may souls and bodies be refreshed and renewed.



- We pray for the Snow Hill community, especially at this time when it's not possible to use the Gateway building for any activities. Bless Yein and the Toast team as they continue to find innovative and exciting ways to engage with those living in the area.



*God, our judge and saviour,  
teach us to be open to your truth  
and to trust in your love,  
that we may live each day  
with confidence in the salvation  
which is given  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen*



## **Is God Still Here?**

Of course, we know He is! But we haven't been hearing your stories of where God is at work in YOUR lives recently! Do keep sending in your contributions to [office@stswithinswalcot.org.uk](mailto:office@stswithinswalcot.org.uk). We really would love to hear from you.