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Sunday 28th April 2024

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall

Worship: Kevin Gordon; Speaker: Dave Evans

We offer a warm welcome to all visitors to our worship today If you would like to know more about us, please ask one of the leaders

9.30am: Little Lambs Play & Sing Toddler Group in the Social Hall Monday

7.00pm: Prayer Meeting on Zoom

7.30pm: Home Group at Steph & Shell's Tuesday Wednesday 9.15am: Coffee Shop in the Social Hall

Saturday 2.00–4.00pm: Thanksgiving Service for the life of Roger Forster at the Emmanuel

Centre, Marsham Street, London SW1P 3DW

9.00am: Open up and set up hall for worship **Next Sunday**

> 9.30am: Prayer Meeting 10.00am: Tea & Coffee

10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall

Worship: Viv Evans; Speaker: Ian Johnson

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

"And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith." (Luke 17:5)

Suggested Further Reading: Romans 4:13-25.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" They went to the right person. They did not say to themselves, "I will increase my faith;" they did not cry to the minister, "Preach a comforting sermon, and increase my faith;" they did not say, "I will read such-and-such a book, and that will increase my faith." No, they said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." Faith's author can alone increase it. I could inflate your faith till it turned into presumption, but I could not make it grow. It is God's work to feed faith, as well as to give it life at first; and if any of you desire to have a growing faith, go and take your burden this morning to God's throne, crying, "Lord, increase our faith!" If you feel that your troubles have been increased, go to the Lord, and say, "Increase our faith!" If your money is accumulating, go to the Lord, and say, "Increase our faith;" for you will want more faith as you get more prosperity. If your property is diminishing, go to him, and say, "Increase our faith," so that what you lose in one scale you may gain in the other. Are you sickly and full of pain this morning? Go to your Master, and say, "Increase our faith, so that I may not be impatient, but be able to bear it well." Are you tired and weary? Go and supplicate, "Increase our faith!" Have you little faith? Take it to God, and he will turn it into great faith. There is no hot-house for growing tender plants in like a house that is within the curtains—the tabernacle of God, where his glory dwells.

For meditation: The Christian has no need to undertake pilgrimages and to seek out so-called holy men to increase his faith. The expert in increasing faith is the very one in whom we have faith, who lives in us by his Spirit (Hebrews 12:2).

By Charles Haddon Spurgeon at New Park Street Chapel, 1st July 1855

Diary Dates

Thursday 9th May, 8.00–9.00pm: Church Meeting at Steph & Shell's home, all who worship with us regularly are welcome Sunday 12th May: You are all invited to stay for lunch after our church service, if you could let Viv know you that you will be joining us that would be helpful

Saturday 3rd-10th August: Revive 2024 "Fearless and Free" at Ashburnham Place with Graham Kendrick, Les Isaac, Christen Forster, Mark Bonington and Lucy Grimble – bookings open at revivelive.co.uk – book by 31st May for special Jubilee camping offer, see www.revivelive.co.uk/jubilee-2024/

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:33)