



Link Up!

'I am who I am....' Exodus 3:14

Notices and Sunday Dinner!

So, until Suzie is back from her time off can I recommend watching this YouTube message from one of our Southern Counties Association ministers, Joth Hunt. It's called 'Watching the sun rise'.

Just click on the link under the picture (it might be CTRL & Click for you) and you should get straight there or go onto YouTube and search for Southern Counties Baptist Association.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4K3nlebBGuA&t=37s>

Don't forget to join us on Zoom this Thursday, 10 September for a virtual get together.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89028531215?pwd=T1BWT3ppWmRudXowa0VKN3pqSVdvdz09>

(This link should take you straight there!)

If you're using a tablet or smartphone, I can recommend downloading the Zoom app, then typing in the meeting ID and password (see below).

If you are on a landline, dial one of the following numbers:

0203 481 5237
or
0203 481 5240

You will be then asked to either type in or say the Meeting ID number, which is: 890 2853 1215

Then you'll be asked for the password, which is: 433533

We will be celebrating communion together this Thursday so come with juice and bread/crackers



What's in a name?

Dear Church Family,

Do you know what your name means? Why did your parents choose the name they gave you? Sometimes we choose names for our children because of what their meaning is but more often its just a name we like or perhaps the only one the parents can agree on!

In Bible times the meaning of names had much more significance. They were a way of expressing the family's hopes for the future personality and attributes of the child. We know that some of the Bible characters had their names changed by God or Jesus. Abram (exalted father) became Abraham (father of many), Simon (hearing) became Peter (rock) and Saul became Paul although these two seem to mean the same in different languages.

When we talk about God, we usually only use that one name for Him, but the Jews used a number of different names for God and over the next few weeks I'll try and explain why. A few years ago, I was at a Christian conference where we were encouraged to meditate on the different Hebrew names for God and what they meant, and I've used some of these in my daily devotions since then. Earlier in the summer I read a book by David Wilkerson entitled 'Hallowed be Thy Names'. It was an interesting though challenging read.

The main Hebrew name that is used in scripture is the name Yahweh although the Jews would never say the name aloud because it was felt to be too holy to use lightly. Actually, as Hebrew doesn't have vowels its really YHWH. In our English

A song to reflect on

O Lord our God, how majestic is Your name
The earth is filled with Your glory,
O Lord our God, You are robed in majesty,
You've set Your glory above the heavens.

*We will magnify, we will magnify
The Lord enthroned in Zion;
We will magnify, we will magnify,
The Lord enthroned in Zion.*

O Lord our God, You have established a throne,
You reign in righteousness and splendour.
O Lord our God, the skies are ringing with Your praise,
Soon those on earth will come to worship.

O Lord our God, the world was made at Your command,
In you all things now hold together.
Now to Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb,
Be praise and glory and power for ever.

Bibles you will see the word LORD used wherever that word was used in the Hebrew scripture.

YHWH is the name that God used to introduce himself to Moses at the burning bush when Moses asked God, 'Who shall I say sent me'. Moses was wanting a way of identifying this God who was sending him from all the many gods worshipped in Egypt and the surrounding countries. God said to him "I am who I am (or 'I will be who I will' be as the NIV footnote says). There is such a lot of meaning in that phrase but just a few thoughts about what it means are: -

He was not created by human hands or imagination,

He was there before the world was created and will exist after it no longer exists,

He does not need other beings to exist, but they do need Him.

He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Those thoughts are a great encouragement to us as Christian believers who have a relationship with Him, because we know that whatever is going on in the world (and there certainly is a lot at the moment) we can know that we can trust Him to know what is best for us and to carry out His purposes in our lives for His glory.

