



# Link Up!

**‘But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him.’  
Jeremiah 17:7**

## For the rest of August:

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August we will be looking at Romans 8: 1 – 27 – ‘The Spirit Liberates’.

On Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August Ken will be on holiday and Stephen Chaloner will be leading our service. Our friends from Parkstone Baptist Church will be with us that Sunday. We will be looking at Ephesians 3: 14 – 4:6 – ‘The Spirit Unites’.

## Looking forward to September:

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September, with Ken and family still on holiday, Janet Matterface will be leading the service which will include communion. We will be looking at Acts 2: 1 – 21 – ‘The Holy Spirit for all’. **She would like to give an opportunity in the service for anyone who would like to share a testimony of God’s work in their lives recently. Please see Janet if you have something to share.**

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September Ken will be back with us and we will be looking at 1 Corinthians 12 – ‘The Spirit Equips’.

Then on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September we will be looking at Ephesians 5: 15- 21 – ‘The Spirit Influences’.

And on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September we will be looking at Galatians 5: 13 – 26 – ‘The Spirit Transforms’.

## TRUST IN THE LORD

The No. 18 bus runs between Bournemouth and Broadstone. It is a circular route and when it arrives in Broadstone the destination is changed to Bournemouth. This suits us well, because in order to return to Bournemouth it does what is known locally as the ‘Loop’. It drives through Broadstone Broadway, and then loops round some of the streets in order to get back to the bus stop across the road. This serves the community in these houses as it is a quick way to get to the shops. Fortunately for us, there is a bus stop a short distance away in the next street and for those emergency items, like milk, library or prescription we can jump on the bus and be returned to the same bus stop on the next bus half an hour later – for free with a bus pass!

Some weeks ago now, I made a quick trip to buy a greetings card. My errand was completed quickly and I realized I had time to pop into the library and I was pleased to find a book to borrow. I still had time to spare and so I took my seat at the bus stop. I said ‘hello’ to the lady sitting there. She was older than me, I’m sure. A smartly dressed lady. Very upright and correct. Just then the 18 arrived. I turned to my ‘friend’ and asked if she wanted this bus. ‘No’, was the reply, she wanted the one to Broadstone! The driver had already changed the destination screen to Bournemouth. I told her that this was the Broadstone bus, this would be the one she wanted. It was looping round part of Broadstone. I tried and tried to convince her. I even got on the bus and checked with the driver, this was going on the loop. I turned back and called out to her, “this is your bus”, but she would not move. I got on and sat down. I looked over at her and nodded Yes, but she actually put her hand over her eyes so she couldn’t see me. The bus pulled away, and she was left sitting at the bus stop waiting for a bus which she had just refused to board. That lady didn’t know me, so why should she trust me?

Our Monday Bible Study group and our 'Wednesday Night in' Bible Study on Zoom will start back after the summer break on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September there will be a Church Members' Meeting after the morning service. Church Members please bring your lunch with you, and we will provide drinks as usual. The agenda will be sent to members nearer the time.

#### Other notices:

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October we will be celebrating our Harvest Thanksgiving. We will be collecting food items for Poole Foodbank and also taking an offering for the work of Operation Agri towards their 2025 appeal 'Trees, Bees and Seeds'. Envelopes will be available nearer the time and don't forget you can Gift Aid that if you have a Gift Aid number with the Church.

After the service we will have our Harvest Lunch and a Social Time. A list will be up during September for you to sign up for this. We are asking for a donation towards the cost of the food if you are able to afford this. £5 per head is a suggested amount.

What a lesson that was! How often we refuse to listen. The Bible is full of incidents where people refused to listen to God. The Children of Israel in the desert decided that they would take matters into their own hands and not trust God to guide them. God called them a 'stiff necked people' Exodus 32:9. Stephen became the first Christian martyr when he was stoned for telling the authorities that they were 'stiff necked people' for resisting the Holy Spirit. Acts 7:51.

Faith means to trust God. We should strengthen our faith in God and trust Him to direct our paths. Proverbs 3:5,6.

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