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Notices: Cafe: Line Dancing: Walking Group: usual times

Thu. 11 Bible Study – 7.30pm

Sun. 14 Communion Service

The Real Spectacle

Joni Eareckson Tada, writes in her book 'God's Precious Love' I heard on the news that the Hubble telescope discovered a powerful, new megastar. Not only is it one million times brighter than our sun, but also, to the astonishment of astronomers, it is in our own Milky Way galaxy. A thick cloud of gas and cosmic dust has hidden the star from our view all this time. It makes me look at the night sky a little differently. And to think, Lord, that you created all these constellations with a snap of your fingers. His fingers? It sounds so easy. According to Psalm 8:3, it is.

Thousands of years ago, David looked out on the stars he could see without the aid of Hubble and marvelled. “What is man that you are mindful of him? (Psalm 8:4). The ancient shepherd king knew nothing of the actual vastness of space, of far-flung galaxies blazing with the light of billions of suns too distant to be marvelled at by earthbound men and women – but he knew of something even more marvellous and astounding. He knew of his Creator's love for humankind! To David, that was the real spectacle. It still is.



7 June

Sun. Thank our Heavenly Father for His empowerment and our human capacity to develop the gifts He has bestowed upon us to flourish as individuals and to serve those around us. Ask Him to give parents, teachers, mentors, trainers, employers and others the ability and opportunity to encourage children and young people to discover and develop their potential.

Mon. Ask our God of all wisdom and knowledge, to please continue to strengthen and encourage young people who are in the middle or have just finished their exams.

Tues. Lord, Jesus, Teacher and Master, we pray for places of learning and employment to reflect Your excellent ways of grace and truth. Ask Him to please reveal instances of error and wrongdoing within school curricula, study and workplace culture, and expose any unacceptable behaviour.

Wed. Remember before the Lord, the tens of thousands of pupils who are excluded from school for disruptive behaviour accounting for half of suspensions and 38% for permanent exclusions. Intercede for a turnaround for these children, their teachers and families.

Thu. Ask Our Gracious Shepherd, to watch over individuals with a disability or other difficulties to overcome who are unable to engage in education and receive other opportunities to progress physically, academically, emotionally and socially. Ask Him to help them to find their significance, security and self-worth, especially through knowing Him.

Fri. World day against Child Labour: Pray for the 138 million individuals engaged in child labour worldwide (a decrease of 20 million since 2020), 54% of them in hazardous conditions. Ask the Lord, to empower governments and other organisations to create ways to ensure they are enabled to attend school or work.

Sat. Almost one million 16-24 year-olds in the UK are not in education, employment or training. Pray for them to find energy, opportunities and hope to find their place in school, college, apprenticeship or other work.

Sun. 7 June Isaiah 1:10-20 Come now, let us reason

Mon. 8 June Isaiah 2:6-18 In the last days

Tues. 9 June Isaiah 3:1-15 Jerusalem stumbles

Wed. 10 June Isaiah 4:2-6 The branch of the Lord

Thu. 11 June Isaiah 5:1-7 Song of the vineyard

Fri. 12 June Isaiah 6:1-13 Isaiah's commission

Sat 13 June Isaiah 9:1-7 A child is born