

## What's On

### Sermon Series for the Spring

"HIS DESIRE IS FOR ME"  
8 week series in Song of Songs

ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS IN JOHN'S  
GOSPEL  
6 week series for Easter

Services which include the Lord's Supper are marked with *LS*

#### Special Events:

**Feb 20: Eyres Monsell Sunday**

A Sunday to hear about and pray for our desire to grow a church for the Eyres Monsell estate

**Apr 10:** Easter egg hunt (TBC)

**Easter school holidays:** Bible club (TBC)

#### Family Meetings:

We meet together as a wider church family to pray for one another, encourage one another, and discuss our life together. These are held 7:30-9:00p.m. at Knighton Free Church's building on Brinsmead Road.

#### Clubs for children and teenagers:

Gather with friends to play games and get to know God better. All clubs meet at Avenue Primary School during term time.

Thursdays:

Accelerate: 6-7 p.m. for school years 1-3

Ace: 7-8 p.m. for school years 4-6

Sundays:

Source: 6.30-8.00p.m. for school years 7-13

## Seminars Explained

**Reading Song of Songs** – an opportunity to read out and listen to this powerful love song together (ahead of our sermon series in this book).

**Healthcare roundtable and prayer** – an opportunity for any health professionals at Avenue to meet together and encourage one another through discussion and prayer.

**What does it mean to be human?** - How we answer this question has profound implications for how we live our lives. This session will explore some key facets of the subject, considering what a distinctively Christian answer, shaped by the Scriptures, might look like.

**The gospel and marriage/singleness** – These seminars will explore how both marriage and singleness in the Bible can act as powerful signposts to God's passionate, self-giving love for us in Christ.

**Prayer for Eyres Monsell** – part of our Eyres Monsell Sunday as a church.

**Stories of change** – A chance to hear the difference following Jesus has made to the lives of people in our church family.

**Anger** - Is it ever OK to be angry at what we see in the world? What about when we get angry with family, friends or colleagues? What do I do with anger at something I can't change? What lies behind our anger? What does the Bible say to help us?

**Church history: The Gospel in Hard Places** - These sessions will consider two case studies of Christians who lived in the early 19thC: William Wilberforce, who mixed with the rich and famous, and led the campaign to abolish the Atlantic slave trade; and John Smith, an orphan from the working-class who pastored a missionary chapel on a Demerara slave plantation.

**Reading the Easter story together** – A chance to read out and listen to the true story of Jesus' death and resurrection together.

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# Homegroups

Homegroups exist at Avenue to help us listen to and live out God's word in our life together. We encourage everyone at Avenue to be part of a homegroup. Speak to an elder for details.

Jan 11	<b>Family Meeting</b>
Jan 18/19	Psalm 121: A song for sleepless nights
Jan 25/26	Psalm 23: A song for dark days
Feb 1/2	Psalm 27: A song for when we are afraid
Feb 8	<b>Family Meeting</b>
Feb 15/16	Homegroups - Own programme (Half-Term)
Feb 22/23	Psalm 32: A song for secret guilt
Mar 1/2	Psalm 13: A song for when life hurts
Mar 8	<b>Family Meeting</b>
Mar 15/16	Psalm 46: A song for being still
Mar 22/23	Psalm 73: A song for when we want to give up
Mar 29/30	Psalm 103: A song for remembering God's goodness
Apr 5	<b>Family Meeting</b>
Apr 12/13	Homegroups - Own programme
Apr 19/20	Homegroups - Own programme

# Sunday Mornings

Sundays, 10:30a.m. at Avenue Primary School

Jan 9	<b>Money and the Christian</b>	(1 Timothy 6:2-10 & 17-19)
Jan 16	<b>"Fight the good fight of the faith"</b>	
	LS	(1 Timothy 6:11-16 & 20-21)
Jan 23	<b>"Your love is more delightful than wine"</b>	
		(Song of Songs 1:1-4)
Jan 30	<b>"Do not stare at me..."</b>	(Song of Songs 1:5-17)
Feb 6	<b>"His banner over me is love"</b>	(Song of Songs 2:1-17)
Feb 13	<b>"I looked for the one my heart loves"</b>	
	LS	(Song of Songs 3:1-5)
<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>EYRES MONSELL SUNDAY</b>	
Feb 27	<b>"You have stolen my heart"</b>	(Song of Songs 3:6-5:1)
Mar 6	<b>A dark night of the soul</b>	(Song of Songs 5:2-6:3)
Mar 13	<b>"I belong to my beloved and his desire is for me"</b>	
		(Song of Songs 6:4-7:13)
Mar 20	<b>"Love is as strong as death"</b>	(Song of Songs 8:1-14)
	LS	
Mar 27	<b>Philip and Nathanael</b>	(John 1:43-51)
Apr 3	<b>Nicodemus</b>	(John 3:1-15)
Apr 10	<b>The Samaritan woman</b>	(John 4:1-42)
	LS	
<b>Apr 17</b>	<b>Mary Magdalene</b>	(John 20:1-18)
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>		
Apr 24	<b>Thomas</b>	(John 20:24-31)
May 1	<b>Peter</b>	(John 21)

# Five27

An opportunity for the church to meet on Sunday evenings at Avenue Primary School from 5:27 p.m.

## FORMAT FOR THE EVENINGS

5.27-6.00	Eat. Socialise
6.00-6.25	Sing. Pray. Bible readings
6.30-7.30	Seminar - Meet and pray together
7.30-8.00	Tidy away

## SEMINARS

Jan 16	Reading Song of Songs together
Jan 23	Healthcare roundtable & prayer
Jan 30	"What does it mean to be human?"
Feb 6	The gospel and marriage
Feb 13	The gospel and singleness
Feb 20	Prayer for Eyres Monsell
Feb 27	Stories of change
Mar 6	Anger 1: Angry at the world
Mar 13	Anger 2: Angry at those around me
Mar 20	Church History 1: The Gospel in High Places - William Wilberforce and Westminster politics
Mar 27	Church History II: The Gospel in High Places - John Smith and mission on a slave plantation
Apr 3	Reading the Easter story together