



Ruislip Manor Methodist Church

Sunday 7th March 2021

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How Humility Can Help Us Rebuild Social Trust

Last week I heard something that stopped me in my tracks.

I was listening to a BBC presenter explaining the Beatles' role in the social revolution of the 1960s, when individualism became the guiding creed of Western society.

He recounted how they turbocharged the idea that life is 'all about *you*, what *you* think, *your* personal opinion.' But he didn't stop there. Looking back, he said, 'you can see how damaging that was, as well as liberating.' I was surprised to hear a non-Christian figure in such a mainstream setting suggest individualism might have its flaws.

And of course, he's right. The mantra of individualism is 'trust yourself'. But what the Beatles perhaps didn't foresee is that many of us have begun to stick another word in the middle: 'trust *only* yourself'.

When pride gets mixed up with individualism, we create a cold, scary world for ourselves, where advice feels like criticism and authority feels like a threat. We lose the ability to believe strangers have our best interests at heart, or that experts know better than us. To defend our pride we retreat into tribes, deepening our sense that 'other people' aren't just misguided but dangerous.

The end result is the wave of social distrust that's sweeping Western society. We see it in the bin fire of US partisanship; in the strife between leavers and remainers; even in supermarkets having to ban those who refuse to protect others with masks.

How do we begin to redirect a current this strong?

In 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, Paul offers a very different view of the individual's role in God's kingdom. 'God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be... The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!"'

He invites the Corinthians to delight in their unique, God-given identities. But he also calls them to value the same thing in others, specifically rejecting attempts by any one group to scorn those they believe are inferior.

In other words, trust is only possible when we're humble before others. Paul is writing to the church, but as whole-life disciples this kingdom model should inform how we interact with everyone, Christian or not.

Maybe that means listening carefully to differing opinions. Or closing the app instead of leaving a vitriolic comment. Because when we drop our pride and choose to see the value in others, we can rebuild trust – one frontline at a time.

(Josh Hinton, London Institute for Contemporary Christianity)

6pm Sunday 7th March Evening Service: Roger Dunlop

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81332285563?pwd=ZVB5YTk2bWVlQUx0RmFsbkxYlg2dz09> Meeting ID: 813 3228 5563. Passcode: 018864 Landline: 0203 051 2874

Lent Course: 'Woven'. 7.30pm Monday 8th March 2021

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83458774042?pwd=bkd0RDJ3YXZGK3hTRUc3QnUyOWJlUT09>

Meeting ID: 834 5877 4042. Passcode: 968229. Landline: 0203 051 2874

Circuit Zoom Service

Join us at **10.45am** each Sunday morning to share in worship with others from around the Circuit. If you are unable to attend your Church service and would like to continue online worship- this is for you!

The Circuit Zoom Service this **Sunday, 7th March** will be led by **Revd George Kulasingham**

Log into Zoom using the following details

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88601433540?pwd=VjZYUzBEVEFsOHdxS2VRRENUMzlsUT09>

Meeting ID: 886 0143 3540

Passcode: 611964

Ruislip Manor Church Council and General Church Meeting

7:30pm 11th March 2021 All are welcome to attend since it will include the General Church Meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82480245190?pwd=TW4xb1NnNExwUFVET203b2FicjVLQT09> Meeting ID:

824 8024 5190. Passcode: 686613. Landline: 0203 051 2874

POSTERS OF HOPE & GRATITUDE for Church

We are planning to make posters to hang in 5 of the windows in Church, for passers by to see, to reflect the things we are still grateful for, during this very long lockdown. The pictures in the posters will include images to reflect such things as: Kindness, Nature, Family Time, Creativity, Walks in the Woods.

If anyone would like to make a poster, please contact Val Graham email:valgraham@btinternet.com

The paper for the poster, and coloured paper to create the images will all be provided.

Woven – our District Lent Course

If you would like to take part in the discussions based on this, but cannot get to our evening sessions on Mondays in Lent (or would like a preview), Wesley's Chapel are also following the same Lent Course. Their short 'Service of the Word', with sermons following a theme every Thursday at 12.45pm, will be re-starting during Lent. The service remains available on YouTube for later viewing if that time is not convenient.

On the following Sunday afternoon they have Zoom fellowship starting at 5pm (17.00hr) with the option to join a Bible Study breakout group at 5.30pm (17.20hr) to discuss the theme of the service. You can come & go any time between 5&6pm. The session ends at 6pm, just in time to join our own evening Zoom Service. Wesley's Chapel have an improved system for requesting links to their Zoom meetings. Go to their web site <https://www.wesleyschapel.org.uk/livestreaming/> and click on the event in the "COMING UP AT CITY ROAD" list of events along the right hand side of the screen. (If the link does not work searching for "wesleys chapel events" should find the page.)

You will then be taken to a page giving details of the event and an option to "SIGN UP". Enter your name and email address on the form and click on 'Proceed'. You should receive an automated email message with the Zoom link details near the end.

Contact details to join 'Woven' or other Zoom meetings at Wesley's Chapel

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Spring Harvest

Spring Harvest is taking place online again this year, from 4th to 8th April. Unlike last year, this year's event will be ticketed. Ticket prices start at £55 which gives full access to the event for two devices in the same household, with the ability to catch up on sessions missed until the end of April. More information is available from the Spring Harvest website at: <https://springharvest.org/springharvesthome21> .

Prayer Requests

We pray for

David And Marilyn and family , David's sister Rosemary passed away recently.

Please also continue to pray for :-

anyone suffering from mental issues and from loneliness because of isolation.

all those who have contracted Coronavirus and thank God for all who have survived.

Prayers and Blessings to all at Ruislip Manor and beyond - stay safe.

Friday 5th March:

This week we pray for everyone at Hayes End Methodist Church

We bring Brackenbridge House and Ryefield Court Care Home to God in prayer.

We also pray for the people who live in Chelston Road and Chudleigh Way

We wish many happy returns to all who celebrate a birthday in March



Methodist Women in Britain are seeking a Website and Social Media Coordinator, for more information please visit the MWiB website : www.mwib.org.uk



As you're no doubt aware, 2021 marks ten years since the launch of Methodist Women in Britain at the Methodist Conference in Southport, in 2011, and we are planning a number of activities and events throughout the year to mark this milestone. Of course, some of our plans have been postponed or changed due to COVID-19, but we hope you'll be able to join us as we celebrate over the next few months.

Note the following dates and events*, and join us during our special year:

For women, for justice, for Christ

April–October 2021, at Epworth Old Rectory

An exhibition highlighting the people, projects, events and campaigns that tell the story of the first ten years of MWiB. The exhibition may be repeated in 2022, and we hope to produce a booklet to accompany the exhibition.

Together... A time of celebration

Sunday 18th April, online

On the Sunday afternoon following our online conference (see page 2 for details), we will be sharing in an online time of celebration together, with worship (including two new hymns written for the occasion), a fun quiz, and more. Go to the conference information on www.mwib.org.uk, follow the link to register, make a donation if you wish, then—get your glad rags and your party hat on, bring your own cake and candle, and join us for the occasion!

Methodist Conference

24th June–1st July, Birmingham

We hope to share cake and conversation with delegates and visitors on the Saturday of Conference, to make a presentation to the Conference about the work of MWiB, and to lead Conference worship one morning—all details tbc. Our Fringe Event *[date tbc]* will include worship, anniversary celebrations, and the commissioning of Ruth Parrott as MWiB President.

Summer Garden Party

August [date tbc], at Epworth Old Rectory

A chance to get together to celebrate MWiB, to eat together, to visit the Rectory and exhibition, and to enjoy (we hope!) some sunshine!

*(*Dates and details are all subject to change depending on the ongoing coronavirus situation; information will appear in mailings, on the MWiB website, and on Facebook and Twitter)*

CIRCUIT PRAYER MEETING All are welcome to join our Circuit Prayer Meeting every Thursday morning starting at 9am and finishing by 9.30am. Currently, the Circuit Mission Strategy is focusing on Prayer and we look forward to praying together.

Please find Login details below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84168659990?pwd=NWpOcW1YNIRSelfHVU1iaIVXWGgwQT09>

Meeting ID: 841 6865 9990

Passcode: 296725



Items for the News sheet for Friday 12th March to **Janet Miles** , by email

newsletter@rmmc.org.uk by **Wednesday 10th March**, please