

deeper relationship with us outside of that cage? What is your cage? What will it take for you to step over that threshold and trust that God is there waiting to show you a whole new experience of Him. A relationship which will cause every previous experience to pale into insignificance. Lean into Him, come out of the cage and enjoy the roller coaster of life that He has planned for you. Whatever your stage in life, know that God has a new thing He wants to do with you, a new depth, a fresh beginning. Spend time in His presence and let Him show you the doorway out of your cage. I guarantee it is scary and you might make some mistakes but our loving Father God will catch you and then He will take you to beautiful places you would never see from where you are now.

Oh and if you happen to come across someone having a bit of a bunny meltdown, don't hold it against them, they could just have ventured out of their cage. Give them a hug (if it's safe) and

For I am about to do a brand new thing. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness for my people to come home.

Isaiah 43:19

send some prayers their way. Let them know that you have their back because we can all be that bunny sometimes.



WEDNESDAY PRAYER EVENT

We will be meeting at 7:45pm on Wednesday 16th March to pray together. Please join us for a beverage before praying however the Holy Spirit directs us. We will spend some time meditating on Isaiah 30:15

'For thus said the Lord God, The Holy one of Israel: In returning [to me] and resting [in me] you shall be saved; in quietness and in [trusting] confidence shall be your strength.'

DIACONATE ELECTIONS

Please spend some time praying for Ben Oliver, Christine Ross and Charles Pickford as we approach the elections on Tuesday. May God have His way. Please continue to pray for the Deacons, that they will pray together and find a unity that is strong in the power of the Holy Spirit. May agape love flow between them and may they hear clearly as Jesus leads them in service to Him. Thank you Lord for our leadership team and may they ever be your faithful servants. Amen



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Prayer Focus March 2016



Prayer Chain

Remember to send any prayer requests to:
prayer@wbc-ashford.org.uk

We would like to get together a group of people willing to go out and pray with people in their own homes. If you would like to offer this or if you would like someone to pray with you about a specific issue, please email the prayer chain or speak to one of the Paulas.

Prayer for Our World

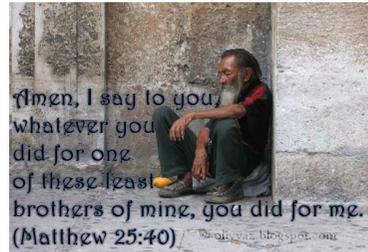
MIGRANT CRISIS

In Isaiah 24 we see that the current migrant crisis has been long foreseen: *'And shall it be – as [what happens] with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the creditor, so with the debtor'* people are running from all backgrounds. *'[But] these [who have escaped and remain] lift up their voices, they shout; for the majesty of the Lord they cry aloud from the [Mediterranean] sea.'*

We have seen images on the news of how migrants in some places are being herded like cattle, having food thrown at them like animals and yet many of these people had homes and careers just like ours. The charity MSF report: There are more than 60 million people around the world currently displaced from their homes, the highest number since the Second World War. Many are fleeing persecution, poverty and war in their home countries, but are forced by official barriers into underground human-trafficking networks. Thousands have been killed in 2015 alone, whether by drowning on the Mediterranean Sea or after suffering violent assault along the migrant routes. Many require urgent medical care for illness or injury, but have no access to health services; even those who survive their journeys are afraid to seek out care for fear of being deported or worse.

WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

As the winter night shelter comes to an end this week, please continue to pray for those that have used the service. We praise God for the three men who have found employment during this time. Pray for those that organise the service as they consider provision for next year. We also pray that churches across Ashford and the UK will find other ways to work together creating a network to reach out and offer the love of Christ to those who need it most.



MEXICO MISSION



Please continue to pray for Amy, Becca and Mike Walters, Sam Houghton, Emma Matthews & Matt Chegwin as they fly out to Mexico on Saturday 26th

March. Please pray for our Lord's protection around them for the entire duration. We pray that they will encounter our Lord God in a new and powerful way as they serve Him by giving a homeless family a fresh start in a home of their own. Please pray that they remain healthy as the conditions will be very basic. They fly back to the UK on Tuesday 5th April. Thank you for all the support you have given them.

Trusting without bars

I've been trying to bond 2 adult rabbits. Domino has spent the first 2 years of her life in a run watching rabbits come and go either side of her. Every relationship has been through bars. I brought her home to Snowy and as long as there are bars between them, they have a lovely relationship. If I remove the bars, soft sweet Domino becomes ninja psycho bunny much to Snowy's complete bewilderment. As I pondered this situation, I realised that Domino is quite content to bask in love through her safety bars not trusting that Snowy is desperate to offer a deeper more fulfilling relationship with the freedom of a whole garden. Domino is not so different from most of us. Over years we construct our cage and are quite happy to receive from God through the bars. Each cage is constructed of different material: our perception of God, our past experience of him, our belief structure of our own strengths, weaknesses, church—how, when and why it should be done, how we should behave and the list goes on. What if God is desperately wanting to have a

