

Dear God, I pray that you will bless me and my church. Send people into our fellowship, and protect us all. In Jesus' name. Amen

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Theme: Treasure Hunting

Text: Matthew 13: 44-46



Good morning & welcome to worship...

Where would you look for buried treasure? Maybe buried underground? In a chest that pirates have stored away on an island somewhere in the middle of the sea? Well Martin Blackhouse, a piano technician was astonished to discover a hoard of more than 900 gold sovereigns found hidden in a donated school piano that he had been called in to tune. In total, there was equivalent of more than 6kg of gold bullion, with good quality coins possibly worth up to £375 each. What a find!

Today we are continuing to look at some of the parables that Jesus told as we turn to Matthew 13 which contains two stories about treasure. Firstly, treasure that was hidden in a field and secondly a pearl that was more highly valuable than all others. The treasures spoken of by Matthew are far more valuable than coins found in a piano, or a bounty from the bottom of the sea. They are life changing treasures; the Gospel and the Kingdom of heaven which are so highly prized that, Matthew tells us, that even if we were to give up everything we had to possess it it would still be a great deal. As we explore these treasures today, we'll also be reminded of another highly valued treasure - one which the Son of God would give up his life for: humanity - you and I. My prayer today is that you realise the value of the kingdom and also the value which you hold within it.

Blessings
Berri

Prayer Requests Please... please let Richard know of anyone in our church family who needs our prayers please 07951 000089...

Please remember those of our corps family who are unwell or recovering from surgery including Nora Dawson, Jan Barman and Pauline Ashley.



The gift of flowers greatly enhances our worship environment. Today we thank **Ted & Heather**

This Week-

Monday & Tuesday – Parent & Toddlers

Wednesday- CAMEO 2.30pm

MAY 27/28 – VISIT OF THE AUS TERRITORIAL YOUTH BAND & Silvie Paladino tickets £9 adult or £3 children - 01303 223925 before 2pm.

IF YOU HEAR OF ANYONE HAVING DIFFICULTY IN GETTING THROUGH TO THE BOX OFFICE PLEASE ASK THEM TO GET IN TOUCH WITH ME 07951 000089 OR THROUGH OUR CORPS WEBSITE - WWW.HYTHESALVATIONARMY.ORG.UK

The band is made up of excellent musicians, young people, from all over Australia, with an average age of 24. They will be accompanied by Silvie Paladino an award winning West End star. Silvie is a Christian with a tremendous testimony. For those of you on the internet if you type her name in YouTube there are a number of videos to watch and listen to – she is sensational.

Help Needed...Trip to Kenya!

As many will be aware, 13 members of the youth group (and a few others!) are heading on a mission trip to Kenya next Easter. This will be an incredible opportunity for them to widen their understanding of the Church, to see what God is doing in a completely different context and to join in! Everyone who is going is paying a significant (if not all) portion of the expense but between now and then there is a lot of fundraising to be done- both to cover the remaining balance and, perhaps more importantly, to be able to resource the projects that we will be joining in with in Kenya.

We are always incredibly grateful for the support of the Church family in nurturing and caring for our young people and we would ask you, primarily, to take an interest in the young people and what they are doing to achieve this goal- encourage them and pray for them! There will, over the coming months, be several other ways to participate through a variety of events but we don't want this to become burdensome or pressurised for anyone.

The first way that you can help, with regards to fundraising, is to support the car boot fair stalls which some of the youth are planning to hold. Karen and Alex Bridges are taking the lead on this, and are keen to have donations of good quality items to sell! Karen will be here next Sunday and able to arrange the best way to get your goods from you.

Coming events

Sunday June 11th – Richard will be leading our worship.

Sunday 18th June- Garden Party at Callum and Berri's House 2:30pm

Saturday 24th June- Coffee Morning and Car Wash at the Hall- Organised by the youth group

Saturday 8th July- Summer Concert in our hall with the Shepway Community Choir and Special Guest Soloists.

Saturday 7th October- Harvest Weekend (Supper on the Saturday Night)

Sunday 5th November- Special Guests leading worship- Majors Graham and Helene Carey (Previously the Corps Officers at Folkestone Salvation Army)