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DAILY BIBLE READING

Here is your next list of daily bible readings for the coming week. If ever there was a time for re-focusing on the Word surely this is it. Please read prayerfully and meditate on what God is saying to you/us day by day.

April/May

Mon	27 th	Acts	9–12
Tue	28 th	Acts	13–16
Wed	29 th	Acts	17–20
Thu	30 th	Acts	21–24
Fri	1 st	Acts	25–28
Sat	2 nd	Romans	1–5
Sun	3 rd	Romans	6–10

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday:

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice. Serve him with awe and praise him.

Monday:

We pray for our churches in these difficult times, and for our ministers Andrew and Naison Hové, and for their families.

Tuesday:

Let us pray for Little Fishes, who meet just on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, for seven special children. Bless them O Lord, and their teachers and staff who work with them.

Wednesday:

We do praise you, our Father God, but we pray for those who find it difficult at this time through loss of work, and loss of freedom.

Thursday:

Let us pray for our Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip and all their family, closed in, as we all are.

Friday:

Sing a song of May time, sing a song of spring. Flowers are in their beauty, birds are on the wing. God has given us May-time, thank him for the spring.

Saturday:

Though the world suffers through the virus, people from Russia to Europe and beyond will celebrate the beginning of May and the coming of spring as best they can.

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SUMMER CHRONICLE

A reminder about submitting pieces for our Summer Chronicle. What has kept you going during your time in isolation - away from the church and weekly activities, how you are managing, what are you using your time to do? New hobbies? Helping others? What are you doing instead of your usual activities? Anything else. Try writing a story. Paint a picture. Take photographs. etc etc. Please send to chronicle@gurc.org.uk, fill out a form on our website under Chronicle section, phone or post.

Also, an idea: if possible, please can you send me a picture of yourself (it will end up as head and shoulders) to go in the next magazine. The idea is to make up a collage of all our congregation, adults and children to go on the front page of the summer chronicle. If you cannot do that, could one of your family members or friend email me a picture of you please to chronicle@gurc.org.uk or on Chronicle web form. I look forward with interest to receiving lots of pictures. **Graham Redman**

CONGO UPDATE

We have received an email from our friend Ruth:

Dear friends, We've been doing fine here in Brazzaville in recent days, and we were glad to join with New Park Road Baptist via zoom for Easter services. However, the situation has now changed. Mamy's mission in Sweden has decided that we need to return to Sweden as soon as there is a repatriation flight, since medical facilities here are not good, should we get seriously ill with Covid 19. The good news is that there are still only 6 deaths due to the virus here, after 5 weeks! This is very positive, although we cannot exclude the possibility that numbers might significantly increase in coming weeks. The lockdown is currently hurting more than the virus here.

We don't know when the next opportunity to leave will be – most likely with Air France who have been operating a flight every week or two. But it depends on demand. There are no commercial flights operating, and there are still a good number of expatriates here. We'd be grateful for your prayers for peace of mind in all of this, for packing up, for a

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good flight option, for whatever situation awaits us in Sweden (we will probably have to be in quarantine for 2 weeks, but church folks will be looking out for us...), and of course that Covid19 infections remain low across Africa. We hope to return to Congo after a couple of months, but of course that remains to be seen! We are going to Sweden at this point because that's where Mamy's mission is repatriating us to! However, there is also less Covid-19 there than in the UK, and we are based in a small town with less risk of infection... We can stay with our friend Tomas who is happy to share his flat with us.

We can continue to work remotely to some degree. We are praying daily for a solution for the UK and the other hard hit countries. God is working His purpose out... **Blessings, Ruth**

IRENE KITTO

A message from Julie Ward who is taking care of Irene's affairs:

Irene Kitto will have an unattended cremation (due to Covid) on May 1st at 4.20. As

she had requested a thanksgiving service which can't happen at the moment she will be cremated and we will celebrate her life later in the year. **Kind regards Julie**

FINANCE

Please see the enclosed document entitled "A Message From Your Treasurer".

Matthew Smith

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYERS

During the year we remember all in our Church Family.

This week:

Roger & Shirley Wilde,
and Isobel Willard

