

Reflection

Intertwined Together

The green canopy arching over our head in a wood whispers as the leaves lightly brush against each other in the breeze. They seem to only fleetingly connect. In reality, however, the trees of a wood are deeply inter-connected via a root system out of sight, underground. It is exciting to hear the scientists now able to map the 'wood wide web', an underground network that links all trees through networks of fungi.

We can understand more about roots and foundations in the light of the wood wide web. I love the 'I am' phrases in John's gospel, as Jesus seeks to share with us something of himself. In John 15, Jesus says, 'I am the true vine... you are the branches. You cannot do anything apart from me.' The 'you' Jesus is talking about is plural. It is us - we are a network of branches and vines. We should be careful how we think of the word 'connect' as it might bring about pictures of branches and leaves occasionally touching, or a child's construction toy temporarily interlocked for an afternoon of play. But this isn't what Jesus means. He is talking about us being totally intertwined together.

Roots and foundations cannot be strengthened solely as individuals. It is only together that this can be accomplished. If we, as individuals, are not intertwined with the whole vine, we are disconnecting from the true vine, Jesus, also. They are one and the same. If we are disconnected, we cannot bear fruit. We cannot do anything by ourselves. By ourselves, we fall away and die.

So what, in practice, is the difference between tentative connection and being intertwined? Wholeheartedness. When we find we can't stand with others with our whole heart in interlocking trust, honour, purpose and love, we need to do something about it. It isn't enough to put those feelings aside and carry on. They won't stay buried for long. We may need to ask for help to work it through, and make it a priority.

We wholeheartedly move forward together, intertwined as one with Jesus. We wholeheartedly lay our lives down for each other, serve together and ultimately bear much fruit together

Alison Lloyd



WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH?

WEEK COMMENCING 3RD JUNE



WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE

ROOTS & FOUNDATIONS

Led by Judith and Richard Anniss. **7:30pm, Jubilee Centre**

WEEK COMMENCING 17TH JUNE



WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE



8pm, Jubilee Centre



Monday 3rd June

Early Morning Prayer 7:30–8:00am / Jubilee Centre

Tuesday 4th June

Contemplative Prayer 7:45–8:30pm / Jubilee Centre

Wednesday 5th June

Early Morning Prayer 7:30–8:00am / Jubilee Centre

Wednesday 5th - Thursday 6th June

Prayer in Family Hubs Family Hub Times

Friday 7th June

Early Morning Prayer 7:30–8:00am / Jubilee Centre

Family Prayer 5:00-6:00pm / Jubilee Centre

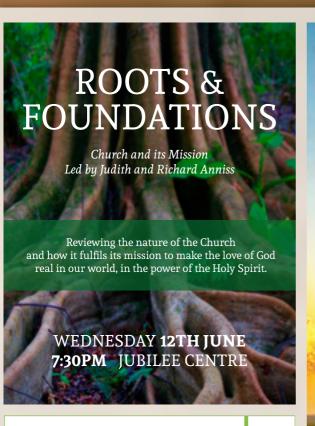
Sunday 9th June

Together for Prayer 10:00–10:20am / Jubilee Centre

Praise and Prayer Main Meeting / Jubilee Centre

May 30th - June 9th

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Exploring Pastoral Care

A Pastoral Care Network Course



The Pastoral Care Course starts on **Sunday 2nd June** for those who have registered

7:00pm to 8:45pm, Jubilee Centre



Bethel Sozo UK is a relational network of churches committed to bringing inner healing and wholeness to individuals, through sozo ministry as practiced at Bethel Church in Redding, California.

Its main functions are to:

- Help develop the fast growing Bethel Sozo ministry within the UK.
- Coordinate between those churches and ministries in the UK who are using Bethel Sozo ministry.
- Provide information about the various Bethel Sozo training courses held around the UK and distribute training resources.
- Facilitate the mentoring of church teams who have completed Bethel Sozo Training courses and wish to be released to minister Bethel Sozo themselves.

For more information about Sozo at Community Church, please speak to Dave Helm or Denise Bishop.



Want to know more?

Speak to Ruth or Dan Lush about connecting with a Family Hub

Sunday 30th June 10:30am, Jubilee Centre

We are delighted to welcome Mark Lawrence back to minister to us.



CHURCH IN THE PARK

Celebrating Jesus, Celebrating together

Sunday 7th July 11:00am

Join us for an outdoor service with music, drama and inspiring stories of hope

Worship led by Marcus Frost

and the Community Church Worship Team



Churches working together for the people of Huddersfield



Talkthru - Supporting families through baby loss and pregnancy related issues.

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Head over to cchud.co.uk/subscribe or pass your email address to the reception team

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