

The Watford Word

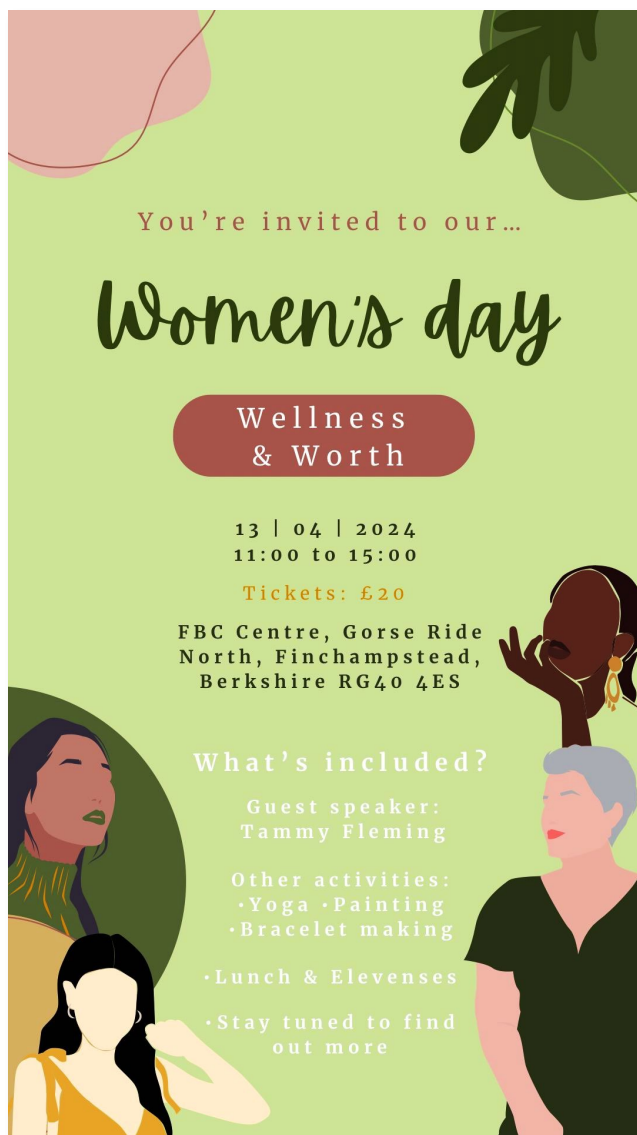
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What's on

Sunday 17 March - 10:30AM. Visit from Rob Payne of HOPE worldwide (UK)

Sunday 24 March - 10:30AM. Paul Smith (Dublin) speaking on Palm Sunday

Sunday 31 March - 10:30AM. Malcolm speaking on Easter Sunday



You're invited to our...

Women's day

Wellness
& Worth

13 | 04 | 2024
11:00 to 15:00

Tickets: £20

FBC Centre, Gorse Ride
North, Finchampstead,
Berkshire RG40 4ES

What's included?

Guest speaker:
Tammy Fleming

Other activities:
• Yoga • Painting
• Bracelet making

• Lunch & Elevenses
• Stay tuned to find out more

Pentecost Sunday 19 May - 10:30AM.
International Sunday with food from around the world.

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A New Creation

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" (2 Corinthians 5:17 NRSV)

Introduction

I have included my sermon notes here since we'll not have time to cover everything. This is because it is mothering Sunday (and some of us have lunches to attend!), and the Watford church of Christ members have an extra meeting after the service to vote on our charitable status.

Abraham: The promises of God create a legacy

Rahab: When you get an inkling of God's movements, follow along and fit in

Elijah: Get refreshed by God - don't give up

Daniel: Impact in a culture opposed to your faith

Esther: One person's impact

Nehemiah: Blessed are those who mourn

Peter: Jesus has vision for flawed followers

Samaritan woman: Jesus transforms our future

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1. God Recreates Creation, Rev 21:1-5

A. God has a master-plan

Creation-Fall-Covenant-Law-Messiah-New Covenant-New 'Law' (new command)-New Creation (new people)-New Heaven and Earth

B. God has an inspiring vision

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more....And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.'" (Rev 21:1, 5)

2. Jesus Models the New Creation

Living the kingdom life - modelling it to us

A. New teaching, (Mark 1:27; Matthew 5:22, 28, 32, 34, 39, 44) 'But I tell you...'

B. New command (John 13:34-35)

C. New relationships (John 15:15)

Friendship with Jesus and abba God - joyful obedience. With people - marginalised, hurting.

Illustration: Jesus at the home of Simon the Leper, **Mark 14:3-9**

Being a new creation means being inappropriate — An inappropriate location - leper's house; An inappropriate person - woman present; An inappropriate extravagance - alabaster, expensive perfume; An inappropriate gesture - shattered; An inappropriate identification - High Priest (like Aaron), King (like David), Prophet (like Elisha)

3. We are a New Creation

A. New relationships

With God as Father and with the lost as ambassadors.

OC - lepers to priest. Jesus reverses this. Takes cleanness to the leper.

OC - go to temple in Jerusalem to seek God. Jesus reverses this. Takes 'temple' and presence of God to lepers and others.

With one another as family. We go 'to' people. We go to those who need us. We pay a high 'cost'.

B. New life

The 'full' life, John 10:10 - this is discipleship, a life lived after Jesus.

Our access is the death of Jesus, (Romans 6:1-11).

Conclusion

Let's explore the theme of 'a new creation' over the next few weeks.

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Thank you for your continued support for the amazing work that happens in Afghanistan.

Thanks, Leon



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