

This Week's Activities

Monday

- 10:00 Prayer meeting
- 11:00 Open Doors
- 14:00 AV Training
- 19:00 AV Training

Tuesday

- 10:30 Crossroads Café
- 13:30 F3
- 18:00 JAM club
- 20:00 **NO** Songster Practice

Wednesday

- 10:00 Little Stars Toddler Group
- 19:30 Leadership Team Meeting

Thursday

- 12:00 Knit & Natter
- 17:15 SING!
- 18:15 YND
- 20:00 Band Practice

Friday

- 14:00 Treasured Moments Memory Cafe

Saturday

- 16:00 Family Film Afternoon

June

- Sun 23rd Divisional Afterhours youth event @Birkenhead
- Thurs 27th Lunch Club 1230
- Sun 30th Farewell Meeting

July

- Sun 21st Welcome Meeting for new Officers

Rock Ferry Salvation Army Community Church



ROCK FERRY LINK

Commanding Officers: Captains Debbie & Dominic Eaton

Information for the week commencing
Sunday 16th June 2019

BLESSED
is the man
who makes *the*
LORD
his trust.

Psalm 40:4

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Sunday 16th June

10:00 Morning Worship—Fathers Day

Sunday 23rd June—YP Celebration Weekend

09:30 Prayer Meeting

10:00 Morning Worship led by SING! Inc Prize giving and Enrolment of Anya as a Senior Soldier

Corps Family News

Please remember our young people in prayer as exams have now finished for some, and continue for others.

Continue to pray for those who are unwell and struggling with difficult circumstances at this time.

As always, share with one another your celebrations & challenges and pray for one another.

YP Weekend

This year's YP weekend will take place on the 22nd and 23rd June. It will begin with a family film afternoon at 16:00 to which everyone is invited to come along for. The young people will then be having a sleep over in the Hall. Our Sunday gathering will be led by SING! and include the enrolment of Anya Headland as a senior soldier.

Discipleship Focus

We shared another special sacred space day on Friday this past week. As part of the day, a booklet had been put together to help us reflect on The Land Between—the focus of our Sunday teaching for the past month—which questions and prayer pointers for each part of our journey through this series. If you were unable to join us on Friday but would like a copy of the booklet, these are available in the foyer or speak to Dominic.

Housekeeping

A number of pots, dishes etc... are currently AWOL from the kitchen (including at the quarters!), especially the glass serving dishes (we almost didn't have enough at the last messy church). If one is currently residing in your house, then please return to the kitchen—no questions asked!!

The Hope of Truth | Connecting with Culture

'What is the cost of lies? It's not that we'll mistake them for the truth. The real danger is that if we hear enough lies then we'll no longer recognise the truth at all. What can we do then? What else is left but to abandon even the hope of truth and content ourselves instead with stories?'

So begins the Sky/HBO series Chernobyl. The show portrays the explosion and aftermath of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, documenting both the misinformation and the heroism which surrounded the clean-up operation. The opening monologue comes from Valery Legasov, a member of the commission overseeing the management of the accident.

One of the themes that the writer, Craig Mazin, explores throughout the series is the danger, consequences of, and hopelessness found in lies. There are moments in which lies have clear and life-ending consequences, such as when officials initially refuse to acknowledge the reactor has exploded, and order visual inspections of an exposed nuclear reactor. But the show also highlights how a system built on perpetual lying leaves the people within it in a state of hopeless cynicism.

During the post-explosion inquiry, Anatoly Dyatlov, the man overseeing the reactor on the fateful night, abjectly notes to an investigating scientist: 'You think asking the right question will get you the truth? There is no truth. Ask your bosses whatever you want, you will get the lie...' For Dyatlov, a life lived within a system built around lies is one that leads only to hopelessness.

Perhaps the despair we, as a society, can feel when observing a world that seems to be tearing apart at the seams stems from the same source as Dyatlov's. In embracing 'alternative facts', perhaps we too have abandoned even the hope of truth, and succumbed to hopelessness instead. But if the abandoning of truth brings hopelessness, the discovery of truth surely brings hope. Or as Jesus put it: '...you will know the truth and the truth will set you free' (John 8:32).

Jesus was deeply concerned with truth – the truth that brings freedom in the fullest way. Chernobyl masterfully highlights the danger and despondency of living in a world that seemingly no longer cares for the truth. When our friends and colleagues might be tempted to head down a similar path, we can offer them hope and truth. We can offer them Jesus.

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