



THE YEAR OF THE LORDS FAVOUR

ISAIAH 61:1-9

"Isaiah 61 is a profound chapter in which the Prophet Isaiah foretells Jesus' divine mission, a message of hope for Israel's restoration. Many years later, Jesus fulfilled this prophecy in the synagogue when he read aloud the scroll of Isaiah:

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18-19) He then declared, **"Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing,"** referring to himself.

How does this relate to us today?

Well, Jesus has already come and fulfilled his mission by redeeming His church so that all who believe in Him and call upon His name shall be saved (**Romans 10:13**), and those who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ (**Galatians 3:27**). We today, as believers born of his Spirit, are members of his very body, commissioned to do the works that he too did.

The emphasis this season is on the anointing of the Holy Spirit. **Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit and power (Acts 10:38)**, as are we today. The Lord is urging us, as His ambassadors, to go out in demonstration of the Spirit's power and to make disciples of our families, friends, neighbours, members of our community, and even to spread out to the far and wide corners of this nation.

God has promised to restore the beauty and the joy that once adorned St Paul's. **He is rebuilding the ancient ruins and re digging the wells that once existed** so that living water will flow, and all who are thirsty can come to him and drink and receive everlasting life and joy (**John 7:37-38**).

It is a time where we will start to see **healings and deliverances** taking place, as this is God's promise of the signs that will follow those who believe (**Mark 16:17-18**). Do you believe? that we will see the impossible become possible? **Not by power, not by might, but by the Spirit of the Sovereign Lord.**

God is restoring the fortunes of His house, and it will be like a dream. He will fill us with laughter and songs of joy, and it will be said of St Paul's that, **"The Lord has done great things for them!"** (**Psalm 126:1-2**). St Paul's will be a beacon of light, hope, and a place of refuge for the lost and broken.

This is the promise of the Lord to us, and He is calling every one of us to be partakers of all the good that is yet to come. So let us hold fast to the now word of the Lord and, with patient endurance, labour to enter that promised rest (**Hebrews 4:11**). Amen.



THIS WEEK, WE INVITE YOU TO SUPPORT REV. MAVIS AS SHE PREPARES FOR HER UPCOMING MISSIONS TRIP TO RWANDA. YOU CAN PARTNER WITH THIS WORK BY SPONSORING A WOMAN TO ATTEND A CONFERENCE FOR £30. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SPONSOR THE FULL £30, ANY CONTRIBUTION, NO MATTER HOW SMALL, WOULD STILL BE A BLESSING AND GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.

WE WILL ALSO BE PREPARING SPECIAL GIFT BAGS FOR PASTORS' WIVES DURING THIS TRIP. AFTER THE SERVICE, DURING REFRESHMENTS, WE WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP TO DECORATE THESE BAGS AND MAKE THEM EXTRA MEANINGFUL. YOUR TIME, CREATIVITY, AND GENEROSITY WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.



WORSHIP SONGS FOR SUNDAY

Opening Song - This is our God - Hillsong

2nd Song - Do it again - Elevation Worship

3rd Song - Faithful One So Unchanging - Brian Robert Doerksen

Final Song - Living Hope -Phil Wickman

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **WE CONNECT** - TODDLER GROUP - THIS TUESDAY 20TH JANUARY.
- **YOUTH GROUP** - STARTING THURS 22ND JANUARY - SCHOOL YEARS 7-13 (AGED 12-18). FOOD, FUN, FRIENDSHIP AND FAITH! (DISCIPLESHIP AND DISCUSSIONS).
- **GUEST SPEAKER** - SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY - HTB CURATE REVEREND WOLE AGBAJE, SENIOR PASTOR AND FOUNDER OF IMPRINT CHURCHES IN LEICESTER AND LONDON. A FAST-GROWING, SPIRIT-FILLED ANGLICAN CHURCH WHICH HAS IMPACTED THE LIVES OF MANY YOUNG PEOPLE. WE WERE ORDAINED IN ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL TOGETHER IN 2021.

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For more information regarding dates and times, the resources needed and registration please visit the events page of the Asaph website

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SUNDAY SERVICE

Communion Service

With Revd. Mavis
18th January 2026
10:00am

TEAM MEMBERS

Pre-Service Prayers

09:00am

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