

Church Gift Day Sunday 19th October (plus 26th October)

We aim to raise £30,000 to cover the gap between regular income and costs. If you're a church member, please think and pray about what you could give.

Why is the church spending more than it gets from regular income?

We've taken steps of faith in the last two years that cost money but will help grow the church and allow more people to Meet God, Live Well and Make a Difference. Employing AI was a major part of this, as well as increasing our support for Lesotho and Albania.

Isn't there some central funding to top things up?

Sadly no. The church is completely self-financed. All our income comes from church members' giving plus a small amount from building hire.

Will we always have these kinds of Gift Days?

We pray that regular giving will increase to cover our regular costs over the next year or two. Then, if Gift Days continue, they could then be for special projects.

Should I reduce my regular giving to the church in October so I can give?

That wouldn't really help us as it all goes into the same pot. We'd always encourage you to focus on your regular giving but it would be fantastic if you felt able to give even a small amount on top of your regular giving.

Diary Dates

Sun 5 th Oct	7-30pm Monthly Prayer Evening with drinks from 7-15pm
Tues 7 th Oct	7-45pm CAP Money Course at King's Church kingschurchlewes.org/capmoney
Sun 19 th Oct	Church Gift Day with a further opportunity to give on Sun 26th
Sat 22 nd Nov	9-30am to 4-30pm Exploring Membership Day at King's Church book a place through the Church Office
Sat 22 nd Nov	7-30pm Quiz Night at King's Church

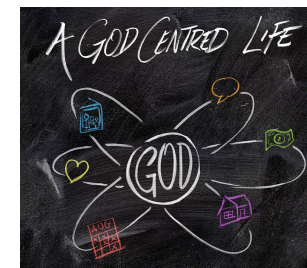
Sunday 5th October

CONNECT WITH THE MESSAGE

Poor and Peripheral

James 2:1-13

1) Jack talked about how we must not show favouritism to people. But what are some of your favourite *things* to do?



Read James 1:26 – 2:13

2) What from Jack's message did you find most challenging and why?

3) How would you react to someone who came to King's Church who wore tatty clothes, was dirty and/or had terrible body odour?

Read 2:5-7

4) Why is it wrong to give preferential treatment to people who have more money?

5) Verse 5 says that God has chosen the poor to be rich in faith. Has God shown a sort of favouritism that James seems to be telling us to avoid? Explain why or why not?

6) How can the "royal law" in v8 teach us how to treat both poor and rich people? What does that look like practically?

7) Read v9-11. In what sense does James mean that breaking one law is like breaking all the laws? Does that mean all sin is the same? Explain.

8) What sort of people/groups do you tend to show favouritism to?

9) How can you change your attitude and actions?

10) Take some time to ask God to work in your heart and mind to help you see beneath the surface as to how you relate to other people.

DIGGING DEEPER

In Jack's sermon, he said that if we show favouritism it's not consistent with a God centred life and gives us less assurance of our faith.

1 John talks about this same idea of assurance. **Read 1 John 2:1-11**

a) According to John, how can we tell if we really know Jesus or simply just claim to know him? (v3-6)

b) Practically what does it look like to live as Jesus did? (v6)

c) In verses 7-11 John looks at one commandment. How can this command be both old and new?

d) How does love for our brothers and sisters show we are in the light? (v9-11)

e) Although John does not want us to sin, he knows that we sometimes will slip up (v1-2). How does the realization that Jesus is our advocate help comfort and assure you when you sin?

f) How does this passage help you obey Jesus and love others?

g) Take some time to ask God to help your life show the consistency of a God centred life like Jesus.

CONNECT IN PRAYER

Iraq

- Pray for the family and friends of murdered British hostage Alan Henning.
- Pray for everyone involved in bringing relief to suffering people, that their work would be effective and they would have the resources they need.
- Pray for peace and an end to the violent advance of IS.

Church Gift Day

- Thank God for all of his goodness to us as a church over the years and all he has given us.
- Pray for God to provide for his work in our church through this Gift Day.
- Pray we would be a church which is growing through more and more seeing people begin God-centred lives through faith in Jesus.
- Pray we would be increasingly effective at helping people: Meet God, Live Well and Make a Difference.