

Stop.

Dial down the volume in your life.

Breathe deeply, close your eyes, and listen.

Can you hear it, the still small voice?

You are not alone. God is near.

The great I AM is with you — now and always.

Revel in God's nearness.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion, who will be with you forever. This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can't receive because it neither sees him nor recognizes him. You know him, because he lives with you and will be with you."

John 14:15-17

In this passage, Jesus comforts his disciples. His earthly ministry was nearing its end down, and he offered reassurance to some shaky followers. Reassurance from Jesus — the one who commands the sea, heals the sick, and raises the dead — that's enough, right? Thomas and Phillip needed more. The prospect of life without Christ was scary.

Jesus responds with a call to hang in there, to "do the works that I do." He addresses the disciples' worry with a promise —



"I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion ... the Spirit of Truth." Jesus' physical life on earth was ending. He knew the troubles ahead for his followers. He also knew that God, the author of all Creation, could manage their worries.

Jesus used the word "forever" in this passage. That has today covered too. Today's highs and lows aren't yours to manoeuvre alone. The Spirit of Truth is there. Remember, God is near.

Loving God, take away my worries about this day with the assurance of your presence. Let me live and serve others with the confidence that I am never alone. Amen.

I know who goes before me
I know who stands behind
The God of angel armies
Is always by my side

from "Whom Shall I Fear"
by Chris Tomlin, 2013

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Sunday Services

Sunday 3rd June

10.30am Communion Service led by Jon Bartlett

Sunday 10th June

10.30am Morning Worship led by Rev. Jonathan Hardwick

Sunday 17th June

10.30am Family Communion Service led by Rev. Jonathan Hardwick

Sunday 24th June

10.30am Morning Worship led by Rev. Jonathan Hardwick

There is an open invitation for prayer at the end of each morning service. If you would like prayer, with or without the anointing of oil, then please make your way to the front row of chairs during our closing songs.

PARENTS: Could we remind you to collect your children from Sunday School straight after the service. The team need to pack away and cannot assume responsibility for children after the service.

Hearing aid users:

We have a hearing loop so please turn your hearing aid to the setting “T”.

Children:

Please note that children are the responsibility of their parents except whilst in Sunday school.

Sunday morning messages online:

You can listen to Sunday morning messages online at www.earlswoodbc.org

Other Events and Activities

Family Fun @ 3

Please come along and support this family orientated, community congregation on **June 23rd from 3.00pm - 5.00pm**. If you are able to join us as a volunteer “Enabler” it would be great to see you. If you would like some flyers to hand to family or friends then please see Jonathan.

The following regular activities take place during the week. If you would like more information such as venues, please do ask.

House Group:

House Group meets each Tuesday evening at 8pm. Please speak to Jonathan or Jon for the venue.

Coffee Club:

Coffee Club meets every other Friday at 10.30am for the more “senior” members of our fellowship and community. There will be tea, coffee, cake, board games and other fun activities. Coffee Club will meet on 8th & 22nd June and 6th & 20th July.

Prayer:

Regular Prayer takes place at the Tuesday House Group and there is a Women’s Prayer Meeting on Wednesday mornings in term-time. If you have specific prayer requests then please contact Jonathan.

“Little Ark” Parent and toddler group:

Term-time Thursdays, 9.00-11.30am. Speak to Maxine for more details.

Spark:

Spark Infants - 5.30pm - 6.30pm Term time Thursdays. For children in Reception to Yr2.

Spark Juniors - 5.30pm - 6.30pm Term time Fridays. For children in Yr3 - Yr6.

HELP NEEDED!



EARLSWOOD
School Fair

We once again have the opportunity to serve our local school and the community by running the tea and coffee stall at this years Earlswood School Fair.

If you can help for some or all of the time, please see Jonathan.

30th June 12.00pm - 2.00pm

Thank you.

Coffee Club at Earlswood Baptist Church

Tea, coffee, cake, a chat and some games.

For the over 55's, every other Friday you can meet old friends or make some new friends in a relaxed environment.

(Suggested £1 donation per week)

Join us on:

8th & 22nd June

6th & 20th July

