

Church Anniversary

Today is the day we were to celebrate our 142nd church anniversary. We would have been sharing a meal together, celebrating 142 years of worship, fellowship and servanthood here at Six Ways. We were also going to use this occasion to mark the renaming of the Primary Hall as the Gloria Richards Hall. As with most plans at the moment, this has had to be rethought. However, we can still note that our revamped, redecorated hall is now officially bearing the name of Gloria Richards! Also, we should reflect that when our church here was founded, people had already been meeting elsewhere...the building is there to help us worship, serve, fellowship together. It is not the main thing. The main thing is that "We are the church" and we continue to be, wherever we are and no matter how much we are separated physically at the moment.

Read Matthew 21:1-17

Verse 10 of Matthew's recounting of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem tells us that "*the whole city was in turmoil, asking "who is this?"*" Feels like our cities, our world is in turmoil because of Covid-19. People are asking questions about why this is all happening; people are anxious, fearful, angry. All of these questions could be a time for us to point to Jesus to bring peace and meaning and hope in all this. Could we play our part in this? Even from a distance?

Jesus goes on to overturn the tables in the temple and drive out those who should not be there and who are blocking the way for others. Jesus turns things upside down. I am in no way saying it is Jesus causing Covid-19 but perhaps in this time of great disruption and turmoil, here is a chance for the tables to be turned over. All that blocks our way to God, all that clutters our lives, all that does not really matter but we think does, being turned over. And therefore, we can make way for the King of Kings, the Son of David to ride into our lives and the lives of others in this time when we need Him so badly!

Pray

Lord Jesus Christ
over the pain and sorrow of our lives
over our anger and sadness
over our carelessness and selfishness
Ride on, ride on in majesty.

Lord Jesus Christ
over all that Coronavirus throws at us
over our fears and in our loss
over our confusion and our consternation
Ride on, ride on in majesty.

Lord Jesus Christ
over all creation
in the rain forests and the refugee camps
in government and in street gangs
in our homes and in our hospitals
Ride on, ride on in majesty
And take us with you.
Bring your Kingdom, King of Kings.
Amen.