

that Christians avoid difficult situations and battles - in fact the opposite is stated by Jesus in John 16:33, **'I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.'** In order for a believer to live a life of endurance, character, and hope, we must put on our armour illustrated in Ephesians 6:10-17, but more importantly we must trust the Deliverer. Our confidence is in God, who will fight our battles and bring us safely home.

Furthermore James writes that Christians should, **'Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking on nothing.'** (James 1:2-4)

God has granted us deliverance from sin, rescue from trials, and escape from the influence of a world in the control of the evil one come only through Christ. He "has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life" (1 John 5:19-20).



### **Psalm 20:7**

**May he grant you your heart's desire  
and fulfil all your plans!**

**May we shout for joy over your salvation,  
and in the name of our God set up our  
banners!**

**May the LORD fulfil all your petitions!**

# **August 2017**

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## Ministry

**Saturday 5th:** Chapel Anniversary Weekend

**7:00 p.m.** led by Dave Norbury, Llanelli.

**Sunday 6th:** 10:30 a.m. **Anniversary service**

led by Dave Norbury

4:00pm Worship & Discussion led by Ian

**Sunday 13th:** 10:30 a.m. service

4:00p.m. Worship & Discussion in the vestry

Both led by Peter Gleave,

AIM Christian Fellowship, Warrington.

**Sunday 20th:** 10:30 a.m. service led by Dave Norbury

3:00pm Baptismal Service

**Sunday 27th:** 10:30a.m. Communion Service

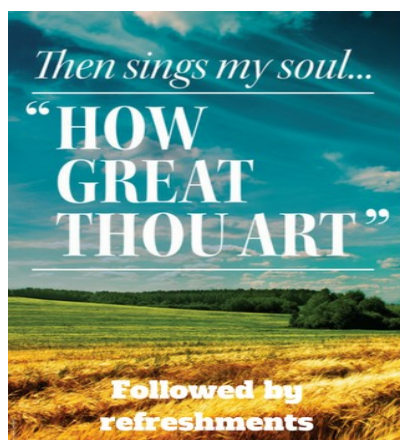
4:00p.m. Worship & Discussion in the vestry

Both led by Ian Middlemist

**Bible Study & Prayer meeting recommences**

**on Thursday 24th August at 7:30 p.m.**

For further information contact Ian Middlemist: 07910 967 078



# SONGS OF PRAISE

SATURDAY  
26TH AUGUST  
5PM



## A WARM WELCOME AWAITS!

**The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent - Exodus**

**14:14**

God promise to fight our battles for us, meaning we do not have to be anxious, or be discouraged when difficult situations arise in our lives. When it seems a situation is hopeless or the matter at hand is too overwhelming, we may be tempted to doubt God. However, it is at this point where Christians must remember that no problem is beyond the scope of God's sovereign care for His children. He has promised to **'supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus'**. (Philippians 4:19), **'give you a future and a hope'**, (Jeremiah 29:11), and love us beyond measure. Romans 8:37-39).

In Exodus 14:14, Moses tells the children of Israel, "The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be silent (still)." At that moment, they were standing at the edge of the Red Sea, restricted by the sea before them and the Egyptian army behind. The Israelites are in a seemingly impossible situation, but it was a situation brought on by the Lord Himself. It was God who had hardened Pharaoh's heart to pursue the fleeing slaves in Exodus 14:4-8. God did this to make it crystal clear to Egypt that He is LORD so that He got the glory over Pharaoh (Exodus 14:4). God wanted the Israelites that He is their Deliverer (Exodus 6:6) and their Salvation (Exodus 14:13). They were powerless of escaping the situation on their own—they needed only to wait for God to move on their behalf. The battle that *appeared* to be between the Egyptians and the Israelites was in reality between the Egyptians and the Lord.

The lessons we can learn from the Exodus account can be powerful; when Christians trust God to fight their battles, it is an enabler to circumvent what often accompanies conflict: panic, fear, and hopelessness. There are times when we are unable to see a positive outcome, just like Israel when they were cornered.

God is always in control of our lives, however this does not mean