3. Elburton

St Matthew's

- Holiday Club (9-12th April): Preparing & Inviting
- Integration of Newcomers
- Homegroups & Spiritual Growth
- 'March in Matthew' (incl. +Rod & +Rob)

A Spiritual Awakening

4. The world & our mission partners

Ukraine & Russia Palestine & Israel Forgotten People

St M's Mission Partners 2024:

- Carlile College carlilecollege.ac.ke
- Chris Ramaglia prezi.com/p/6tcwlca3w-oq/pioneers-missions-pathways
- CPAS (Tim Friend) cpas.org.uk
- Crosslinks (Rachael Holyome) crosslinks.org/mission-personnel/rachael-muluuta
- CRP (Mike Law) christianresources.org.uk
- Faith in Kids faithinkids.org/people/ed-drew
- Kisiizi Hospital www.kisiizihospital.org.ug

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers. For the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Joint Prayer Meeting

March 2024

Bible Thought Isaiah 11:1-9 (ESV)

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

- ² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
- ³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,

or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

- ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
- ⁶ The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.
- ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
- ⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Hymn: God is Working his Purpose out

God is working his purpose out As year succeeds to year God is working his purpose out And the time is drawing near Nearer and nearer draws the time The time that shall surely be When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God As the waters cover the sea

Schemers scheme their nasty schemes And much that's wrong is done Cruelty spreads across the world And it looks like evil's won! But wonderfully, astoundingly God's accomplishing his plans For all history's truly his story indeed Yes, the whole world's in his hands!

Just think upon the cross of Christ The cross on which he died Lies and smears and shouts of "death!" Led to him crucified But through it all, though darkness fell The price of sin was paid! Then the ground, oh it shook And the curtain, it split, for a way to God was made!

We do not always understand When everything looks grim And yet we trust that our God is at work And we put our hope in him Yes, nearer and nearer draws the time The time that shall surely be When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God As the waters cover the sea Arthur Ainger (1841 - 1919)

Praising God for...

- His sovereignty
- The first coming of Christ
- The second coming of Christ
- God's justice & grace
- His peace, provision & protection
- Other mercies

Praying for...

1. Sherford

Sherford Community Church

- Greg, Andrew & team
- **Appointment Process**
- Gospel witness & partnership

New life & hope

2. Christ Church South Devon

Revised by James