

# Dunstable

BAPTIST CHURCH



NEWSLETTER  
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INDEPENDENT GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH BASED UPON THE BIBLE

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Our regular meetings are as follows - everyone warmly welcome

### SUNDAY

- 9.45am Young Peoples Bible Class  
Church Prayer Meeting
- 10.30am Morning worship service  
Sunday School is held during the service  
A crèche for under 5s is available during the sermon  
Refreshments are served after the service
- 6.00pm Evening Service
- 7.15pm Church Fellowship Meeting – once a month
- 7.30pm Young Peoples Fellowship – 1st and 3rd in month

### MONDAY

- 6-7.00pm Monday Kids Club (years 1-6)
- 7.30pm Ladies Bible Study – 3rd in month

### TUESDAY

- 9.15-11.00am Toddlers
- 7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

### WEDNESDAY

- 1.00pm Bumps & Babes (fortnightly)

### THURSDAY

- 10.00am Ladies Home Prayer Meeting – 3rd in month
- 2.00pm Friends and Neighbours – 2nd in month
- 2.30pm Friends and Neighbours Link – 4th in Month

### FRIDAY

- 7.30-9.00pm Focus (years 7-13)

### SATURDAY

- 11.00am Open Air Ministry – 1st in month
- 8-9.00am Mens Prayer Meeting – 3rd in month
- 7.00pm Social Group (as announced)

### OTHER MEETINGS AS ANNOUNCED

For further information contact Scott Mitchell – 01582 703875

### CHURCH WEBSITE

[www.dunstablebaptistchurch.org](http://www.dunstablebaptistchurch.org)

### CHRISTIAN BOOKS

Monday to Saturday open 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

Telephone 01582 601945

Email [books@christianbooks.uk.com](mailto:books@christianbooks.uk.com)

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## *Dear Friends*

Do you love the church? This might seem like an unusual question, but there's no reason we should think of it as such. After all, we love many things in our lives and those of greater importance we tend to love the more. In order to answer the question though, it begs at least one other question: What is the church? We all know that it isn't the building we meet in. Our forefathers had it right in calling the building 'the chapel'. That way there was no confusion about exactly what the church is and isn't. The church then is the people of God. Those who have been redeemed by the blood of the Lord Jesus. The church consists of all who have been made new by the Holy Spirit and who are living their lives not as they once did, for themselves, but for their Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

When we think of the church, we generally split it into two different, but related parts. One we call the church universal. This describes all the people of God throughout the whole world. The word body is often used in the NT to describe the church (e.g. 1 Cor 12) and it is so fitting, since Christians are one with each other. They are united together in and through their Saviour. One of the blessings of this is when travelling abroad and meeting with others who know the same Lord. You can meet a perfect stranger in that way, but be immediately conscious of a lovely bond of fellowship. Such has been my experience during the many visits I have made to Northern Ireland. Upon meeting believers there, I have always known a warm sense of fellowship which, of course, is exactly how it ought to be.

The second part of what we think of as the church is the local manifestation of the worldwide body of Christ. This is how it came to be in Apostolic times, and we follow that pattern today. We have a membership role at DBC, so we are able to identify ourselves as being part of this one particular church. We can speak in terms of belonging to Dunstable Baptist Church. It doesn't put us in competition with any other local churches, of course. Rather we should and do have good links with other local churches which stand on the gospel message, as we do ourselves.

So we return to our initial question: Do you love the church? Do you love Christians wherever you find them? Do you cherish that bond you have through Christ? On the local level, do you love the other members of DBC? Do you really see them as your brothers and sisters in the Lord? If someone were to ask you about your affiliation to DBC, would you be able to say that it and its members mean a great deal to you? These are challenging questions, but perhaps this throws up a number of others too, that it would be good for us all to stop and think about. Do you have a concern in your heart about all that goes on at DBC? Do you pray for the leaders and others in positions of responsibility? Are you concerned about the spiritual well-being of others, demonstrated by your willingness to give time and energy to help and to serve? Do you support as many meetings as your time allows, benefiting yourself, but also to give and share with others?

It is a blessed thing to be part of the church. May the Lord help us to grow in our love and appreciation for it, i.e. for each other!

*Andy Banton*



# Finance

## Gifts Received and Sent During the last Month

During the last month gifts have been sent (or are awaiting being sent), from those received for the work and from church funds, as follows:

Christian Institute	(from church funds)	£25/month
CPR Ministries – working in prisons	(from church funds)	£50/month
Dunstable Foodbank	(from church funds)	£55/month
EMF – in support of Rogério Ramos	(from gifts)	£25
GBM – in support of Andrzej Kempczynski	(from gifts)	£25
GBM – in support of Ian Flanders	(from church funds)	£125
London Theological Seminary	(from church funds)	£20/month
ReachAcross in support of Steve Green	(from gifts)	£62
SASRA	(from gifts)	£62
Wycliffe Bible Translators Yaru project	(from church funds)	£100/month

Thank you for your gifts, please continue to pray for all those we support.

## *Please pray...*

for the Evangelical Faith Conference taking place in Sines, Portugal on the 4th June. Via the EMF prayer diary Rogério has asked for supporters to pray for good attendance, fellowship and the speakers (listed below)

10:45 - Pastor Rogério Ramos. - "Christ and the World"  
12:00 - Pastor Elias Lima. - "Christ and the Church - Part 1"  
13: 00-15: 00 - Lunch Break  
15:15 - Pastor Elias Lima. - "Christ and the Church - Part 2"  
16:45 - Pastor Leonardo Moraes -. "Christ and the Word"

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Both Grace Baptist Mission and the Pilgrims' Friend Society have their week of prayer during June. There will have material available for those weeks. There will be a DVD shown at the prayer meeting for GBM and PFS is the subject at the meeting on the 7th June.

Grace Baptist Mission – Sunday 12th to Sunday 19th June

Pilgrims' Friend Society – 13th to 19th June

In the evening service on the **12th June**, Virgo and Anayn Ablao from Christian Compassion Ministries in the Philippines will spend some time in the service informing us of the work that goes on. Virgo leads the work of the Drop-in Centre and Ablao leads the work in the children's Home. Do pray for them as they have a full schedule of meetings during their month long visit to England and Wales. Please come and hear them speak if you are able.

## Tomato plants for sale - 60p each

All proceeds to Caring for Life

Variety : Gardeners Delight Delicious bite-sized cherry tomatoes

Can be grown outside or in a greenhouse

Available from John Snuggs

01582 665188 john.snuggs@btinternet.com



Joy Broughton has now completed her house move to the recently completed Priory View on Church Street. Joy's new phone number is 01582 257879





*Some of the group in Chicago before leaving*

On the 29th May we welcome a third group visiting from St Louis who are stopping off briefly in Dunstable on what can only be described as a whirlwind tour of Britain. You may remember Judy who has been twice before and her daughter Hannah who came 4 years but the rest of the group haven't visited us before. They have a couple of nights in Dunstable staying with the Mitchells, the Farmers and Julia before heading up to Scotland via Chatsworth, and then back again through the Lake District, Liverpool and Stratford on Avon. We do pray for safe travel for them and the Mitchells who will be their guides and drivers for their trip. Keith Berry took them around the British Museum on Friday morning which judging

from their comments on Facebook went very well indeed. They go back to St Louis on the 8th June. Excuse their bleary eyes as they try and overcome jet lag and tiredness while trying to cram in as many tourist spots into their tour as they can.



Well done to Ruth for returning to earth safely on her recent sky-dive as Andy and the rest of the family watched on. Ruth has raised over £1200 (so far) for Friends of Chums.



### Saturday 2nd July—3.00pm

A Thanksgiving Service for the completion of the refurbishment of the Hall

Speaker: Andy Banton

John Keble will speak about the building work

*Followed by a buffet tea in the Hall.*

## For your diary

### Coffee Morning & Gift Day in aid of Pilgrims Friend Society

Friday 15th July from 9.30 to 12.00 noon

At 37 Norcott Close, Dunstable Beds, LU5 4AH

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### CFL Support Group

Wednesday 27th July 7.30pm



### Dunstable Foodbank Collection at Tesco Skimpot Road Dunstable on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

I have taken over arranging volunteers to help with this collection from Ian and I am emailing people on our list of contacts who have expressed an interest in helping with foodbank collections. We have a collection at Tesco Dunstable on Saturday 2nd July 2016 and we are looking for volunteers to help. For those of you who have not helped at a collection before it involves a 2 hour shift at some time between 9am and 5pm. Volunteers engage shoppers and offer a shopping list of items we need. Other volunteers receive food from shoppers on the way out and thank them.

This collection is particularly important - it is one of only 2 that we now do each year and is a major source of food for us. Without a good yield of food from this collection we will struggle to meet our clients' needs over the summer months if you do feel you could help please reply by email to [info@dunstablefoodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@dunstablefoodbank.org.uk)

It would help to know which shift; 9-11am, 11am-1pm, 1-3pm or 3-5pm you would be able to cover.

Mike Pittam  
Operations Manager Dunstable Foodbank



# DBC DIARY DATES—GOD WILLING

2016 JUNE		
Sun 29th	am & pm am	Steve Burton Communion
Mon 30th - Fri 3rd		Church Holiday—Letton Hall
Tues 31st	7.30pm	Bible Study & Prayer: Tim Martin
Sat 4th	11am	Open air in the Quadrant
Sun 5th	am & pm am 5.20pm	David Gayton Communion Prayer meeting for Pastorate
Tues 7th	7.30pm	Bible Study & Prayer: Tim Martin
Wed 8th	1.00pm	Bumps & Babes
Thur 9th	2.00pm	Friends & Neighbours: Outing to Ashridge
Sun 12th	am pm	Ross Knight Steve Burton + CCM
Tues 14th	7.30pm	Bible Study & Prayer: Tim Martin
Thur 16th	10.00am	Ladies Prayer Meeting
Sat 18th	8.00am	Mens Prayer Meeting
Sun 19th	am & pm pm	Bob Mahoney Communion
Mon 20th	7.30pm	Ladies Bible Study
Tues 21st	7.30pm	Bible Study & Prayer: Sean Kinsella
Wed 22nd	1.00pm	Bumps & Babes
Sat 25th	7.30pm	Youth Squash (Tring tbc)
Sun 26th	am & pm	Barry King
Tues 28th	7.30pm	Bible Study & Prayer: David Kight
Sat 2nd	11.00am 3.00pm	Open air in the Quadrant Thanksgiving Service for the Extension (followed by buffet)

## Tuesday Prayer Time Leaders & Subjects

31st	Ron Shipton	Roundwood Trust	Elaine Snuggs
7th	Frank Taylor	PFS	
14th	Tony Townley	OAM	Steve Burton
21st	David Woodruff	GBM week of prayer	
28th	Peter Woodruff	EMF	

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to Scott Mitchell  
[dunstablebaptist@gmail.com](mailto:dunstablebaptist@gmail.com)  
by SUNDAY 26th JUNE

## 'PRAY FOR US' Members preaching in other churches

JUNE		
29th	Rex Andrews	Hatfield (am) Westoning (pm)
4-10th	Steve Burton	London Team event
13th	Andy Banton	Ashton Middle School (pm)
18-24th	Steve Burton	Liverpool Team event
19th	Andy Banton Rex Andrews	Blunham BC Potton (pm)
30th	Andy Banton	Kensit EC

## JUNE ROTAS

Please arrange to swap if the date is  
not convenient

### **Door**

29th	John & Bev Keble
5th	Frank Barnachea & Joy Broughton
12th	David & Ann Weedon
19th	John & Elaine Snuggs
26th	Winnie Jacques & Dawn Hewitt

### **Cleaning (A/B)**

30th	Christine & Caroline / Hewitt
6th	Sarah & Matt / Marie C & Winnie
13th	Barnachea / Young People
20th	Snuggs / Rigby
27th	Caroline & Julia / Keble

### **Security**

29th	Andy Banton
5th	Jeff Cooke
12th	Jeff Hewitt
19th	John Keble
26th	Ray Marvin

### **Refreshments**

	Beth & Emily
	Ann & Janette
	Christine
	Julia & Elaine
	Caroline & Mina

### **Creche**

29th	Janette & Dawn
5th	Caroline & Beverley
12th	Elaine & Beth
19th	Sarah & Bev
26th	Rachel & Margaret

### **Flowers**

	Rachel Mitchell
	Julia Ming
	Mary Coleman
	Tess Barnachea
	Dawn Hewitt