

# Dunstable

BAPTIST CHURCH



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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

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## *Dear Friends,*

For some their favourite season is Autumn, which is almost upon us. For others Spring, with its promise of new life, is their best-loved season. Regardless of our preference God's covenant with mankind concerning '*Seedtime and harvest ... Winter and summer,*' has continued faithfully (*Gen 8:22*). Not only is Autumn upon us but our Thanksgiving Day also (16<sup>th</sup> Oct) when we have another opportunity to worship God and show our gratitude for his mercy and love over another year. As God's people we need to continue to express our thankfulness to him for all the things he sovereignly and richly gives us (*1 Tim 6:17*).

**Thanksgiving for our physical senses.** Every season has its beauty. Autumn is no exception. As we witness the leaves turning from a variety of green to a riot of colours: browns, yellows, and reds, we can see, even in this fallen world, the splendour of our Creator's handiwork. However, for every beneficial aspect of our God given senses there are 'negative' aspects. We can see a sunset or an accident. We can smell the aroma of a flower or the reek of a bad egg. We are able to taste sweet or bitter food. We can hear the song of a bird or a cry of pain. We can feel the embrace of a loved one or the sting of a bee. Nevertheless how thankful we should be to God that he has created us with our five senses to experience and interact physically with the world we live in. For example, how dangerous it would be for us to try and walk on a broken leg if we could not feel pain but only pleasure, or drink poison because we could only taste what is enjoyable. Even the 'negatives' are given for our benefit.

Thanksgiving for our inner senses. We can thank God that not only has he given us the gift of physical senses but the ability to understand and respond to them. He has bestowed upon us the capacity to interact and react with nature, people and events through our minds. For instance, we can be moved deeply by the magnificence of a sunset or saddened by witnessing the death of a loved one. Our inner senses can produce within us all kinds of emotions, such as love, hate, pleasure, joy, fear, sadness, peace and perplexity. Some of these are very complex. The words of the psalmist are profoundly true '*we are fearfully and wonderfully made*' (*Psalms 139:14*). However, these feelings can and do lead to all kinds of mental and physical responses. Some are good and necessary such as withdrawing from a source of physical pain or directing us to care for someone who is suffering. Other feelings are wrong and can, for instance, lead us to reactions that can be injurious in some way to those who have hurt us or by holding unpleasant and improper thoughts about them.

**Thanksgiving for our spiritual senses.** First, all believers must be profoundly thankful to God for the gift of salvation by the power of the Holy Spirit who has worked in us convicting us of our sins and the need for repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (*Acts 20:21; Eph 2:8-9*). Second, we can be thankful to God that '*through the washing of regeneration*' (*Titus 3:5*), by the Holy Spirit, believers have their previously unregenerate inner senses renewed. These renewed senses are to be differentiated from the normal inner senses that all people have and are an aspect of the work of the Holy Spirit through the application of the Word of God.

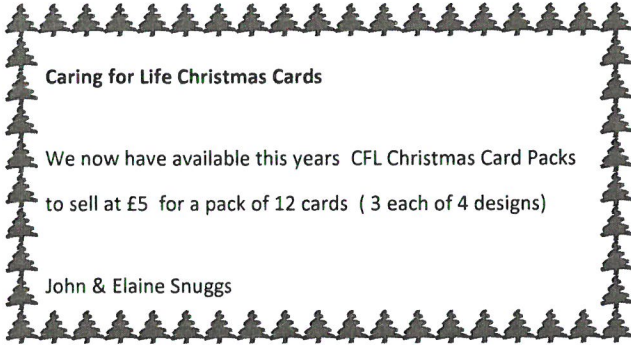
As believers who live in a fallen world, and who still bear the image of God, though damaged because of sin, we must exercise all diligence to ensure constantly that we do not resort to actions or words that flow from the 'old man'. In other words in the circumstances of life we need first, to acknowledge the sovereignty of God in all things and, second, to strive by all the means of grace he has given to us to exercise our renewed senses in order that the Lord Jesus Christ will be exalted in our lives both as a church and as individuals.

Let us be thankful to God for the amazing world we live and the amazing bodies we have but pre-eminently let us be thankful that through our Saviour's suffering, death and resurrection, and faith in him, there is a better world to come '*in which righteousness dwells*' (*2 Peter 3:13*). A world where all our senses will be perfectly attuned to the worship of our God and the enjoyment of all he '*has prepared for those who love Him*' (*1 Cor 2:9*).

CARING FOR LIFE Next Support Group Meeting Wednesday 26th October at 7.30pm

Come along and see the Autumn supporter's DVD

Enjoy sharing fellowship, prayer and the latest information regarding Caring for Life's work with the homeless and vulnerable people in Leeds



#### PROJECT JOSEPH (Barnabas Fund)

We have recently made a donation to Project Joseph. Here is some background information on the problems facing Ethiopia and Zimbabwe

##### **Ethiopia - the worst famine for 50 years**

Two failed rainy seasons followed by catastrophic flooding have destroyed crops in large parts of Ethiopia. Like Joseph, the Ethiopian government had stored grain during the good years, but it is not enough.

- Up to ten million people are in danger of starvation.
- Crops have failed almost entirely, millions of cattle and other livestock have perished.
- This is in the context of growing persecution. Over 2,000 church buildings were burnt or demolished, and over 5,000 Christians wounded or killed by Islamic extremists in the last eight years.

##### **Zimbabwe – the worst drought in living memory**

The drought has devastated Zimbabwe. Four-fifths of Zimbabweans live on the food they grow themselves. Many have suffered complete crop failure, leaving them destitute and starving.

- Over four million people are in critical danger of starvation.
- Many families are reduced to one meal a day, sometimes less.
- Children cannot go to school as they are too weak with hunger.

Unable to get jobs, hardly anyone has money to buy food.

## Thanksgiving Day—16th October

Please join us for a time of Thanksgiving as we give thanks to our God for his provision over the last year. After the morning service there will be a lunch in the hall to which all are invited (please try and let us know you are coming by signing up on the noticeboard)

After a short walk (weather permitting) we shall spend some time in fellowship before afternoon tea at about 4.30pm followed by our evening service.

Brian Edwards from Surbiton is our preacher for the day.

#### **Barnabas Fund's track record in Zimbabwe**

In the food crisis of 2008-9, for nine months Barnabas food aid was the only support being delivered in the entire country. The focus was on the most vulnerable – elderly, disabled, widows and orphans. When conditions improved, our aid reduced - but has never stopped. So we were able to step it up again immediately, when the 2016 crisis hit. In addition, Barnabas Fund's support for the *Foundations for Farming* project has trained Zimbabwean farmers how to farm more productively, even in drought conditions. Altogether, Barnabas Fund has saved hundreds of thousands of lives in Zimbabwe.

## Caring for Life Supporters' Day

On 10th September there were eight of us from DBC attending the Supporters' Day for CFL. A time of singing preceded the service and it was a joy to be among the good number of Supporters attending and representing many, many churches involved in this work. During the service we were able to hear first hand from Jonathan Parkinson and Esther Smith how the work is progressing, learn of the life-changing situations when appeals against the decisions of disastrous benefit cuts were overturned and to realise afresh the plight of so many disadvantaged and vulnerable people in the Leeds area.

The bible reading was from Matthew 5 vv1-16 and a very challenging message was brought to us by Bill Bygroves encouraging us to be the 'Salt of the earth' and to 'Let your light so shine before men.....' We were exhorted to let our lights be Vital, Vigorous and Visual aids for the glory of God. To endeavour to do all the good we can, For as long as we can, For as many as we can, For the glory of God.

After the service there was opportunity to eat at one of the many food outlets and to visit the various projects - Sheep showing, Equestrian demo, Horticulture, Art & Craft, Music, Adult Literacy, Design & Media, Woodwork and Car mechanics. There was also opportunity to talk with people from the teams closely involved with the work and also with some of the beneficiaries.

At the end of the afternoon this year's 'Wind down' session included an 'Ask the Exec' Question and Answer time and a 'Music to your Ears' item from the Music Project with many of the beneficiaries taking part with obvious enjoyment.

The final event of the day for those able to get booked in, was a 'Pie & Praise' time in The Granary. There were items from the Stoned Gospel Singers, opportunities for all to sing, a time of testimony from Tim Parkinson and Michael (a beneficiary working in IT), concluding with a superb meal of Pie, Chips and Peas and time for fellowship with other supporters.

Margaret



**MARTYN LLOYD-JONES MEMORIAL LECTURE 2016**

**LONDON SEMINARY**

**HOW EVANGELICAL IS THE POPE? THE THEOLOGICAL VISION OF FRANCIS**

You are invited to attend this year's Martyn Lloyd-Jones Memorial Lecture, to be held at 7pm on Tuesday 11 October 2016 at London Seminary.

It will take place in the Kensit Evangelical Church building, which is on the same site as the seminary. The address is 104 Hendon Lane, London N3 3SQ.

**PILGRIMS' FRIEND SOCIETY**  
Bedford & Ouse Valley Auxiliary and Dorothea Friends Group

Please join with us for a

**Service of Thanksgiving**

to be held in the lounge of  
**Dorothea Court**  
32, Park Avenue, Bedford MK40 2LR

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November**  
at 3.30 pm

Address by Stan Evers  
*(of Potton Baptist Church)*

*Light refreshments to follow*

**Everyone welcome**

For further details please contact 01234 359103 or 01234 825758

## Shoebox Appeal

It is the time of year again for the Blythswood trust shoebox appeal. Details and leaflets will soon be available in the foyer. The leaflet should be secured to the top of the box, which should then be secured with elastic bands.

When you have filled a shoebox please leave it under the table in the porch

Lydia Banton



## DONATIONS

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:

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|---|---------------------|------|
| Albanian Evangelical Mission  | (from church funds) | £125 |
| Barnabas Fund – Relief via Project Joseph                           | (from gifts)        | £556 |
| Barnabas Fund – Relief via Project Joseph                           | (from church funds) | £500 |
| European Missionary Fellowship (EMF) – General Fund                 | (from church funds) | £125 |
| European Missionary Fellowship (EMF) in support of Rogério Ramos    | (from gifts)        | £25  |
| Grace Baptist Mission – in support of Andrzej Kempczynski in Poland | (from gifts)        | £25  |

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

### Harvest Thanksgiving Gifts

As an expression of our thankfulness for the continuing faithfulness of our God in providing for all our needs, we want to send monetary gifts at this harvest thanksgiving period for the work of **Caring for Life (CFL)**. Tim Snuggs and John Woodruff are on the staff.

Can we please encourage you to support CFL **generously**. Please place your gifts in the envelopes provided (near the offering boxes) with 'CFL' on them and place them in one of the boxes during the next two months.

CFL is under some financial pressure at this time. They would appreciate extra help.

## CUBAO DROP IN CENTRE CAMP

The Cubao Reformed Baptist Church will again be running a Drop In Centre Camp for the street people from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> October. This work was started by Matt Gamston and we have supported it for a number of years. There are 5 churches sharing the support each contributing £500.

Please pray for this camp: for safety, for no problems of any kind, for clear messages and above all for the work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of those who will be there.

# News from the Foodbank

I hope you had a good summer. As before we have been quiet over the holiday period, but appear to have become busier this week. This is counter-intuitive as we had expected to be busier when schools were no longer providing meals. The latest bulletin from Trussell Trust describes Holiday Clubs run by 14 other foodbanks and includes the quote: Mother-of-five, Susan explained the hardships the summer holidays bring for her family: "It's expensive trying to get out and do things with the children, and when they're at home you're feeding them more than when they would be at school having a free school meal." But thankfully the Holiday Club has brought Susan a lot of relief: "I've been interacting more with the children more than I do at home, and I've also been able to have adult conversations, so it's been a really nice break and a change from usually staying indoors." I know other organisations run holiday clubs in our area so perhaps the need is met

## Tesco collection

I have received the dates for the next Tesco collection from Trussell Trust. The Collection will be from 9-5 on Thursday, 1st December, Friday 2nd December and Saturday 3rd December. In order to take advantage of the collection we have had to commit to providing volunteers from 9 to 5 on Friday and Saturday. This is a departure from previous practice when we have only had to provide volunteers on the Saturday. The extended hours should allow us to collect more food, but I am concerned that we will struggle to find enough volunteers. We normally ask people to work two hour shifts and we need a minimum of five people per shift. I am therefore circulating the dates early and would be very grateful if you could put them in your newsletters for October and November. I will send a circular e-mail closer to the time to ask volunteers to select particular shifts. I am of course happy to be contacted in the meantime if people are already able to volunteer for a particular date or time.

Best wishes

Mike Pittam Operations Manager Dunstable Foodbank

### Dangerously Low stock:

Sponge Puddings  
Rice Puddings.

### Low Stock:

Sardines  
Tinned Peas  
Tea (80 & 160 bag size)  
Instant Mashed Potato  
Sweet & Savoury Treats  
Rice (1kg & 500g size)

Pasta Sauce  
Jam & Sugar  
Tinned Meat  
Tinned Fruit

### We regularly need:

UHT Milk  
UHT Fruit Juice  
Tinned Vegetables  
Pasta Sauce  
Jam & Sugar  
Tinned Meat  
Tinned Fruit  
Packet of Pasta with Sauce  
Packets of 2 minute Rice  
Soup

### We are overstocked with:

Breakfast Cereals  
Pasta  
Baked Beans

# DBC DIARY DATES—GOD WILLING

| 2016 OCTOBER |                             |  |
|--------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Sun 2nd      | am & pm<br>5.20pm           | Andrew Wheeler<br>Prayer meeting for Bible<br>Exhibition             |
| Mon 3—6th    |                             | Bible Exhibition   |
| Tues 4th     | 7.30pm                      | Bible Study & Prayer: Andy<br>Banton                                 |
| Wed 5th      | 7.30pm                      | Leaders Meeting  |
| Sun 9th      | am & pm<br>am<br>5.20pm     | Trevor Rimes<br>Communion<br>Prayer Meeting for Pastorate            |
| Mon 10th     | 7.30pm<br>8.00pm            | Bookshop Committee Meeting<br>Prayer meeting (Woodruffs)             |
| Tues 11th    | 7.30pm                      | Bible Study & Prayer: Stephen<br>Bignall                             |
| Wed 12th     | 1.00pm                      | Bumps & Babes  |
| Thurs 13th   | 2.30pm                      | Friends & Neighbours: Male<br>Gospel Choir                           |
| Sat 15th     | 8.00am<br>7.30pm            | Mens Prayer meeting<br>Youth Squash, Aylesbury                       |
| Sun 16th     | am & pm<br>pm               | Brian Edwards<br>Thanksgiving Day                                    |
| Mon 17th     | 7.30pm                      | Ladies Bible Study   |
| Tues 18th    | 7.30pm                      | Bible Study & Prayer: Rex<br>Andrews                                 |
| Wed 19th     | 10.00am<br>1.00pm<br>7.30pm | Prayer meeting (Townleys)<br>Bumps & Babes<br>Church Members Meeting |
| Thur 20th    | 10.00am                     | Ladies Prayer Meeting  |
| Sun 23rd     | am<br>pm<br>pm              | David Green<br>Steve Burton<br>Communion                             |
| Tues 25th    | 7.30pm                      | Bible Study & Prayer: Mostyn<br>Roberts                              |
| Wed 26th     | 7.30pm                      | CFL Supporters Meeting   |
| Thur 27th    | 2.00pm                      | Friends & Neighbours Link:<br>John Coles                             |
| Fri 28th     | 7.30pm                      | Prayer Meeting (Townleys)  |
| Sun 30th     | am<br>pm                    | Glynne Hampson<br>Alan Harvey  |
| Tues 1st     | 7.45pm                      | DFEC (DBC): David Green  |

## Tuesday Prayer Time Leaders & Subjects

|      |                |                    |          |
|------|----------------|--------------------|----------|
| 4th  | Rex Andrews    | GBM Prayer Waves   |          |
| 11th | Steve Burton   | AIM                |          |
| 18th | John Keble     | GBM Prayer Waves   |          |
| 25th | Scott Mitchell | Ladies Bible Study | Caroline |

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

| OCTOBER |                            |  |
|---------|----------------------------|--|
| 2nd     | Andy Banton<br>Rex Andrews | Hitchin Grace BC<br>Providence BC (pm) |
| 13th    | Andy Banton                | Watling School Assembly                |
| 14th    | Andy Banton                | St Augustines Assembly                 |
| 16th    | John Keble<br>Rex Andrews  | Potton BC<br>Renhold (pm)              |
| 17th    | Andy Banton                | Ashton Primary Assembly                |
| 18th    | Andy Banton                | Bradford-on-Avon BC                    |
| 23rd    | Rex Andrews                | Pidley BC                              |
| 30th    | Andy Banton                | Thundersley EC (am)                    |

## OCTOBER ROTAS

Please arrange to swap if the date is not convenient

### **Door**

|      |                                 |
|------|---------------------------------|
| 2nd  | Scott Mitchell & Sarah Woodruff |
| 9th  | Beth Hewitt & Brian Rigby       |
| 16th | John & Bev Keble                |
| 23rd | Frank Barnachea & Joy Broughton |
| 30th | David & Ann Weedon              |

### **Cleaning**

|      |                                    |
|------|------------------------------------|
| 3rd  | Jeff & Dawn / Christine & Caroline |
| 10th | Marie & Winnie / Sarah & Matt      |
| 17th | Brian & Margaret / Frank & Tess    |
| 24th | Bev & John / John & Elaine         |
| 30th | Andy & Ruth / Mike & Mina          |

### **Security**

|      |                |
|------|----------------|
| 2nd  | Jeff Cooke     |
| 9th  | Jeff Hewitt    |
| 16th | John Keble     |
| 23rd | Ray Marvin     |
| 30th | Scott Mitchell |

### **Refreshments**

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|  | Ann & Janette    |
|  | -                |
|  | Christine & Tess |
|  | Beth & Em        |
|  | Julia & Elaine   |

### **Flowers**

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|------|-----------------|
| 2nd  | Ann Weedon      |
| 9th  | Ann Weedon      |
| 16th | Julia Ming      |
| 23rd | Barbara Shipton |
| 30th | Tess Barnachea  |

### **Creche**

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|  | Marie & Winnie      |
|  | Julia & Margaret    |
|  | Ruth & Emily        |
|  | Janette & Dawn      |
|  | Caroline & Beverley |

Please forward items for the  
NOVEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER  
to Scott Mitchell  
[dunstablebaptist@gmail.com](mailto:dunstablebaptist@gmail.com)  
by SUNDAY 23rd October  
Thank you.