

Dunstable

BAPTIST CHURCH



NEWSLETTER
JANUARY

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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
- 2.30pm 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

CHRISTIAN BOOKS

Monday to Saturday open 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

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Dear Friends

As we begin a New Year, I am thinking a great deal about prayer.

Prayer meeting for the pastorate

I have a desire to see our prayer meetings for the pastorate among the most well-attended meetings in our church diary. We will meet on the first Sunday of each month at 5.20pm for a time of concerted prayer. Additionally, we will break into small groups for prayer following our Bible study on the third Tuesday of each month. I do trust you will make every effort to attend.

Prayer meetings of this nature not only benefit from good attendance but from clear focus as well. For our meeting on 1 January 2017 we will think briefly about *What can a church realistically expect from a pastor?* We will see how Paul highlights five qualities in his letters to Timothy – doctrinal reliability, moral purity, impartiality, spiritual maturity and ministerial fidelity. We will then provide an opportunity for those in attendance to pray for a pastor possessing those specific qualities.

At our meeting on 17 January 2017, I would like us to think about *What can a pastor realistically expect from a church?* Paul's letters give us insight into this as well. We will then have opportunity to pray together about these matters in small groups. I trust it will be a challenging – and helpful – time.

Prayer for our leaders

We are blessed to be served by four faithful deacons plus an evangelist at the present time. Though much of their service is behind the scenes, it still should be supported by our prayers. Also, why not take the opportunity to express your appreciation to these men for the various tasks they perform for the good of the church as a whole?

I would also value your prayers as I begin a period of service as your locum pastor this month. I recognise my dependence on God for the spiritual strength and physical energy to perform my duties in a way that honours Christ and blesses His people. I am also keenly aware of my need for support from each of you. Please remember me often in prayer.

Prayer for one another

You may have needs for prayer that you would like to pass on to me or one of the other leaders. It would be our privilege to bring your name and needs before the Lord in prayer.

As we enter 2017, may we renew our commitment to pray for a pastor, for our leaders and for one another.

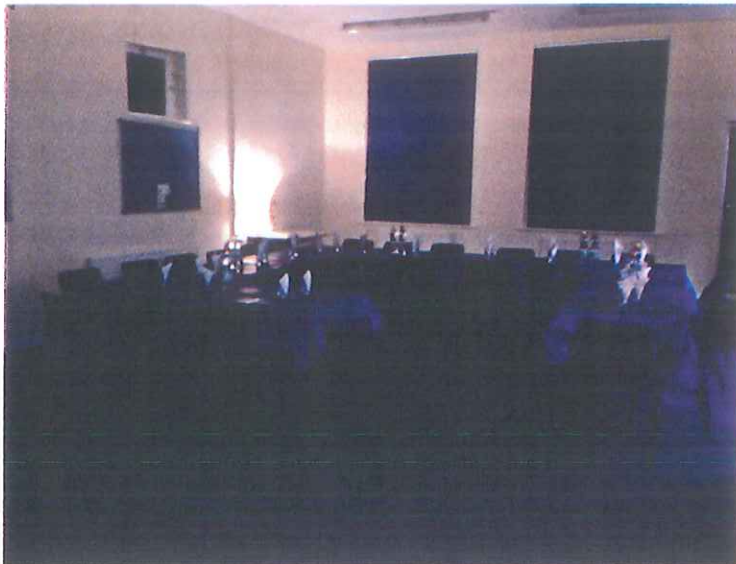
For the glory of God alone,

Barry King

Locum Pastor

The December youth squash had a late change of venue to Dunstable but that didn't deter a number of well-dressed older teens from turning up to enjoy a chicken casserole (ably cooked by Jo & Sarah and Matthew Gudgeon) followed by the ever popular game of Mafia. This is the one time of the year where just the year 11s and upwards are able to come and it was good to be able to sit and chat to friends from other churches. After the meal, Steve hosted the game of Mafia though it was obvious that concentration levels weren't what were required for a successful game. It was still a very enjoyable evening and thanks to all those who helped organise it.

Alex Mitchell



CHURCH HOLIDAY – 2017

SIZEWELL HALL

The Church holiday for 2017 has been booked for Letton Hall in Sizewell in Suffolk. For those of you who aren't aware of it, some of the holiday details are as follows;

- We are returning for the fifth time to the wonderful Sizewell Hall, Suffolk – a big old country house sitting literally a stones throw from its own beach
- We are going from Monday October 23rd to Friday 27th. This again is half term week so the schools should be closed
- Everybody is welcome to come. There are no age restrictions
- The cost is expected to be around £95 to £100, all inclusive, per person, with discounts for those aged ten and under. You just need to get yourself there.
- We will have our usual mix of fellowship, teaching and fun
- We will be using our tried and trusted, self-catered system that works so well so we can promise you copious amounts of excellent food, lovingly prepared by our teams of hardworking holiday makers

You will have plenty of time to explore the beautiful Suffolk countryside

We need to take a minimum of 70 people with us but Sizewell Hall can accommodate a maximum of 83. Initially all I need is a verbal yes from you if you want to come but I need this as soon as possible so we can confirm we meet the minimum numbers applied by Sizewell Hall. This will then enable me to book and confirm a speaker for the week. If we don't meet the minimum requirement then we will have to cancel the holiday for this year.

This has been a brilliant holiday in the past and has been greatly blessed by the Lord. Why not come along and join in as well. If you're not sure about it, ask Steve or me.

Jeff Hewitt



Dear Gaius Supporters,

Stephen and Fiona, Michael and Jessica are now safely back home in Australia, following their recent visit to the UK for deputation and visiting family. They enjoyed their time in this country and Stephen was most encouraged by his visits to the various churches where he was able to speak. Thank you to all who helped to arrange the meetings and to all who attended. We hope that you found Stephen's talk and slides illuminating and that they will help you to pray for the work in which Stephen and Fiona are engaged in Australia.

Quite a number of new supporters signed up to receive mailings and, if you are one of them, welcome to the Gaius Trust. We aim to provide by email newsletters from the Bignalls as well as information about their deputation trips to the UK. We anticipate that they will be next visiting this country in the spring of 2018.

Thank you all for your ongoing support of the vital gospel work which Stephen and Fiona are carrying on. Please continue to pray for them and for those whom they are seeking to help and to reach with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Robert Strivens
Chairman of the Gaius trustees

CARING FOR LIFE

Next Support Group Meeting
Wednesday 18th January at 7.30pm
Dunstable Baptist Church

Come along and see the latest Support Group DVD. Enjoy sharing fellowship, prayer and the latest information regarding Caring for Life's work with the homeless and vulnerable people in Leeds

John and Elaine

YP Bible Class

The YP Bible Class will re starting at 9.40 on January 8th in the hall. Everybody from 12 to 20 is welcome. You can learn just what incredible things God has to teach you from His amazing book.

Jeff

Barry King's new address from the 3rd January will be;

40 Victoria Street

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Mission Giving

For our Mission Giving from November to early December the total donations amounted to the following (including Gift Aid):

Andrzej Kempczyński (GBM) in Legionowo (plus Cubao Drop-in Camp support)	£927
Roundwood Trust (literature work in Eastern Europe)	£895
Open-Air Mission (with Andy Banton and Frances Burton)	£958
European Missionary Fellowship in support of Rogério Ramos	£920

We thank all who gave over this time and would encourage everyone to continue to pray for those involved with these missions.

Other Donations

During the last month the following amount has been sent (or is about to be sent) from gifts received for the work, and from church funds, as follows:

Caring for Life	(from gifts)	£244
Christian Prison Resourcing	(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
Grace Baptist Mission – General Fund	(from gifts)	£188

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

DBC DIARY DATES—GOD WILLING

2017 JANUARY

Sun 1st	am & pm am 5.20pm	Barry King Communion Prayer meeting for Pastorate
Tues 3rd	7.30pm	Bible Study & Prayer: Barry King
Wed 4th	7.30pm	Leaders Meeting
Sat 7th	11am	Open air in the Quadrant Church Social
Sun 8th	am & pm	Barry King
Tues 10th	7.30pm	Bible Study & Prayer: Barry King
Thur 12th	2.00pm	Friends & Neighbours: Games & quizzes followed by tea
Sun 15th	am & pm pm	Barry King Communion
Mon 16th	7.30pm	Ladies Bible Study
Tues 17th	7.30pm	Bible Study & Prayer: Barry King
Wed 18th	7.30pm	CFL Supporters meeting
Thur 19th	10.00am	Ladies Prayer Meeting
Sat 21st	8.00am	Men's Prayer Meeting
Sun 22nd	am & pm	Barry King
Tues 24th	7.30pm	Bible Study & Prayer: Barry King
Wed 25th	7.30pm	Church members AGM
Thu 26th	2.30pm	Friends & Neighbours Link: Barry King
Sat 28th	7.30pm	Youth Squash (Tring)
Sun 29th	am & pm	Barry King
Tues 31st	7.30pm	Bible Study & Prayer: Barry King

Tuesdav Prayer Time Leaders & Subjects

3rd	Steve Burton/Fr&Neighbors/David Weedon
10th	Rex Andrews/ Sunday Sch/Hilary Green
17th	<i>Prayer for the Pastorate</i>
24th	Scott Mitchell/ <i>GBM Prayer Waves</i>
31st	Brian Rigby/MansheadCU/ David Norman

Please forward items for the
FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER
to Scott Mitchell
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by SUNDAY 22nd JANUARY
Thank you.

'PRAY FOR US' Members preaching in other churches

JANUARY		
1st	Rex Andrews	Gt Whyte BC
15th	Andy Banton	Potton BC
22nd	Rex Andrews	Salem BC
26th	Rex Andrews	Luton Central Baptist
30th	Andy Banton	EMF lectures
31st	Andy Banton	Lower Ford Street BC, Coventry
1st	Andy Banton	Watling Lower School

JANUARY ROTAS

Please arrange to swap if the date is not convenient

Door

1st	Frank Barnachea & Joy Broughton
8th	David & Ann Weedon
15th	John & Elaine Snuggs
22nd	Winnie Jacques & Dawn Hewitt
29th	Ray Marvin & Beverley Kingham

Cleaning (Church / Hall)

2nd	Brian & Margaret / Frank & Tess
9th	Bev & John / John & Elaine
16th	Andy & Ruth / Mike & Mina
23rd	Rachel & Julia / Jeff & Dawn
30th	Christine & Caroline / Winnie & Michele

Security

1st	Frank Barnachea
8th	CJ Barnachea
15th	Charlton Barnachea
22nd	Andy Banton
29th	Jeff Cooke

Refreshments

1st	Frank Barnachea	-
8th	CJ Barnachea	Julia & Elaine
15th	Charlton Barnachea	Dawn & Michele
22nd	Andy Banton	Caroline & Mina
29th	Jeff Cooke	Winnie & Michele

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1st	Ruth & Emily
8th	Julia & Winnie
15th	Dawn & Barbara
22nd	Caroline & Beverley
29th	Elaine & Sarah

Flowers

1st	Ruth & Emily	Ann Weedon
8th	Julia & Winnie	Joy Broughton
15th	Dawn & Barbara	Christine Wild
22nd	Caroline & Beverley	Margaret Rigby
29th	Elaine & Sarah	Bev Keble