

Dunstable

BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter

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Bedfordshire LU6 3SW
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Independent Grace Baptist Church based upon the Bible

DUNSTABLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Our regular meetings are as follows — everyone warmly welcome

SUNDAY

9.45 am Bible Class - Young People
Church Prayer Meeting

10.30am Morning worship service
Sunday School is held during the service
A crèche for under 5's 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 People's Fellowship - 1st & 3rd in month

MONDAY

6-7.00pm Monday Kids Club age 5-9
8.00pm Ladies Bible Study - 3rd in month

TUESDAY

9.15-11am Toddlers
7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer Meeting
Home Groups - 1st Tuesday in month

THURSDAY

10.00am Ladies Prayer Meeting in Home - 3rd in month
2.00pm Friends & Neighbours - 2nd in month
2.30pm F & N Link - 4th in month
7-8.30pm TNT club for age 9-12

FRIDAY

8-9.30pm Friday Club age 13-19

SATURDAY

11.00am Open Air ministry - 1st in month
8-9.00am Men's prayer meeting - 3rd in month
8.00pm Young Adults Group - 3rd in month

OTHER MEETINGS AS ANNOUNCED

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Dear Friends,

During Easter we have remembered with great gratitude the death of the Lord Jesus Christ and celebrated with joy his resurrection and whilst no one knows the exact time of these amazing events the most important fact is that they actually occurred. However, fundamentally and essentially linked to these events is the **ascension** of the Lord that has huge implications for a number of significant reasons.



The conclusion of Christ's earthly ministry

The first Russian cosmonaut, on his return to earth, foolishly declared that he did not see God or heaven on his journey. However, at the poignant meeting between Mary and Jesus, after his resurrection, he told her that **he would** ascend to his Father **'I am ascending to my Father and to your Father'** (John 20:17). This happened forty days later when before his gathered disciples he was taken up into heaven (Acts 1:9-11; see Luke 24:50-53). The ascension represents the culmination of the Lord's earthly work. His death and resurrection could only find their crucial significance and consequence when Jesus ascended to his Father to whom he presented his finished work of atonement. In his ascension the manhood of Jesus was transformed – now the glorious Lord of heaven and earth. There is an exalted and glorified Man in heaven – the firstfruits of salvation and the assurance of eternal life to all who believe in him (1 Cor 15:20-23).

The commencement of Christ's heavenly ministry

Our Saviour has now ascended to **'prepare a place'** (John 14:3) for his people in heavenly **'mansions'** (v.2) (dwelling places or rooms) where he sits at the right hand of God as their compassionate high priest – **'we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God'** (Heb 4:14). Because our Saviour **'was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin'** we can approach **'boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need'** (v.15-16) because he **'makes intercession for (us)'** (Heb 7:25). Some hesitate to affirm that heaven is an actual place or that Jesus ascended there. However, God gave Stephen the ability to see the world that is now hidden from our eyes, for he **'gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God'** (Acts 7:55-56). Heaven is real place in God's universe and Christ is there – a real Man.

The commencement of the Holy Spirit's earthly ministry

The Lord promised the Holy Spirit to his disciples, but he would only be sent after his ascension. Prior to his death Jesus taught his disciples **'It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send him to you'** (John 16:7). Apart from the necessity of Christ's ascension, as stated above, he could not, owing to the constraints of his physical body, accomplish the ministry that only the Holy Spirit could do. It was only the Spirit who could apply the Saviour's work to God's elect (Titus 3:4-8) and dwell within them (John 14:17). Though the following was addressed to the apostles they apply to all believers – the Holy Spirit will guide them into all truth (John 16:13); tell them of things to come (v.13); help them to glorify Christ (vs.13-14) and teach them about Christ (v.15).

On the Day of Pentecost the Spirit was poured out on the awaiting disciples and empowered by him they began immediately to preach the good news (Acts 2). Many were wonderfully saved (v.41, see Acts 4:4). Down through the centuries many millions have been saved by God's grace through faith in Christ (Eph 2:8-9) as the Holy Spirit has applied his work of redemption to the lives of repentant sinners. We can rest assured **'That whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved'** (Acts 2:21).

The conclusion of the Holy Spirit's earthly ministry

Today the Holy Spirit is still working in the world to bring sinners to God, through Christ, and he will continue till the last of God's 'blood bought' children is added to the Saviour's eternal kingdom. The culmination of the work of the Spirit will happen at the same time when the Lord returns to establish his kingdom (1 Thess 4:13-18). What a great joy it is for believers to know that they will be either translated or resurrected on **'the great and awesome day of the LORD'** (Acts 2:20) and to be conformed to the likeness of their Lord and Saviour. What a privilege we have, as Christians, to bring the good news of a Saviour who died to pay the price of sin, but who is now risen from the dead and **ascended into heaven**, and one day will return to this earth in great power and glory to judge the world in righteousness and truth (2 Tim 4:1).

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB 2013

'For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.' (1 Corinthians 15 v3-5)

The reason why the Easter Holiday Club is held each year is because of the fundamental importance of Jesus' death, and resurrection. As a result we are very thankful to God for around 80 children who came for the two days, and who heard about these truths that we celebrate at Easter. As in previous years, there was the option for the children to take part in either football, or crafts, throughout the day; with the group splitting into two for the Bible sessions as well. The theme for this year was the life of Jonah, and we were all encouraged by how well the children listened. At the end of the second day there was a chance for the parents to hear about what their children had been getting up to during the club.

With the older group, various leaders took charge of organising games, teaching the memory verse (1 Corinthians 15 v3-4), and leading quizzes about the talk they had just heard. The talks were focussing particularly on how Jonah is like a signpost pointing us to Jesus. We saw how Jonah being thrown into the sea, swallowed by a great fish, and spat out again, points us to Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. We also marvelled at God's undeserved kindness to Jonah, and to the Ninevites. The children listened carefully, and seemed to have enjoyed themselves. Thank you to all the leaders who gave up their time, and were so willing to serve during the club!

James Kight

CRAFT, SPORTS AND MUSIC AT

THE EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

Thank you again for all who helped this year. It was so much better to be able to have two leaders with each group of six children. As we worked together during the two days with the craft, the indoor and outdoor sports and the music making there were plenty of opportunities to talk to the children and befriend them. The Bible stories of Jonah gave us a theme for our craft work, so on day one the children made magnetic fish games, and rough sea pictures with Jonah on a rocking boat. On day two they made a 'one-pint-milk-bottle-fish' with a little Jonah to put inside, and a 3D picture of Jonah on a hill outside Ninevah. Again this year we were blessed by God with fine weather so we were able to spend time in Bennett's Rec where the children could use up some of their energy throwing and running. The indoor games were less active and involved magnetic darts, skittles and shuttle cocks, and the children used the tube-shakers they had elaborately decorated at the music session.

I know everyone worked extremely hard during the two days, in whatever they did, and it is very encouraging that we have since welcomed five new children to Monday Club. Please pray that more will come, and to TNT as well.

Sarah

The younger bible time group

This group (school years 1-4) were lead by Andy and Tom. The bible sessions included a story, singing, a memory verse and quizzes.

The children seemed to listen well despite being very loud most of the time!

The 4 stories were on Jonah; the story how God showed grace to Jonah, the Ninevities and us too.

Andy and Tom took turns in telling the stories. The children sang brilliantly, learned the memory verse well and seemed to love joining in with the quiz.

Abi Banton

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB 2013

Football

Once again it was time to cram my car full of football equipment and head to Bennetts Rec to transform one of the football pitches into our venue for the football side of this year's holiday club. Keeping half an eye on the forecasts of the previous days I had packed some wet gear as rain was forecast for both days but in answer to our prayers God once again spared us and although it was a little chilly on the first day it kept dry for all of the outdoor time. We split the children into 4 groups based on their ages and it wasn't long before the air was filled with the sound of 40+ youngsters chasing after footballs under the very able guidance of our leaders.

They have 2 sessions of football each day lasting just over an hour each before heading back to the church for refreshments and into their groups learning about the life of Jonah. I get to look after the equipment inbetween the two sessions and I always get a few inquiring questions as to what we're up to along with a few groups of teenagers who take advantage of some smaller goals appearing to play with their mates.

There was once a baseball themed film where the theme was based on the phrase "If you build it, they will come". Well I'm convinced that if you put goals up on a field with a ball, it won't be long before someone starts playing.

We're blessed with the numbers of children who want to come and play football each year giving us the opportunity to tell them something about the love of Jesus. The younger group certainly remembered some of the things they'd been taught as they filled me in on what they'd missed when they came back in the afternoon. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to lead and praise to God for his watchful eye over all our plans.



Scott Mitchell

Foodbank

Just to let you know that at the collection at Sainsbury's on Friday we collected a total of 652 Kg of food. This included a much needed supply of milk and sugar! A big 'Thank you' to all who helped on the day - I was very pleased with the turnout and the enthusiasm of everyone. To those of you who weren't available to help this time, don't worry, there will be further opportunities in the near future!!!

Also, on Monday this week we distributed food to feed our 1000th client since we started. This is made up of 563 adults + 438 U16s.

Best wishes,
Peter Meadows

COME TO THE

Spring/Summer Church & Grounds

Cleaning Morning

Saturday 8th June

9.00am to 1.00pm or any
time in between!

John Keble is the or-
ganiser and if you ca 't

make that morning have a word with John
about any outstanding jobs to do at
another time.



Onto something **BIG**...

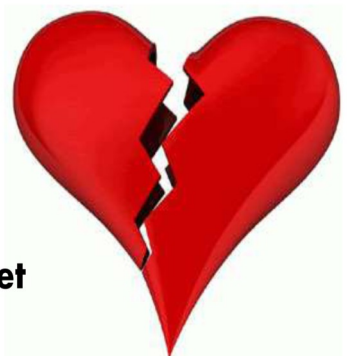
'The Big Restoration'

18th May 2013, 7.30pm

NORTH-WEST
DISTRICT YOUTH
SQUASH

Venue: Akeman Street
Baptist Church, Tring

www.youthsquash.org.uk/venues.php



25 YEARS OF EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS

In 1989 David and Carolyn Kight organised and led our very first Holiday Club. Each morning for five days we welcomed the children in to the Hall for "Luke Street". Each day a door was opened to introduce a bible character. They saw Zacchaeus at the Guest's and Cheat's House, the Prodigal Son at the Country House, the Paralytic at the Sick and Crowded House, Barabbas and the Crucifixion at the Secret House, and the Wise and Foolish Men at the Rich Leader's House. Carolyn accompanied the singing on her piano accordion. Some days the children were asked to bring a bible object, or dress up as a bible character, or wear a certain colour.



We have continued each year since then during the Easter school holidays. For quite a number of years we also ran a club for middle school children in the early evening, with the same theme as the morning club. With a few repeats, different titles for the Clubs were used each year. So we had "Signposts", "Follow the Leader", "Treasure Seekers", "Turning Point", "Great Discoveries", "Great Victories", "Great Escapes", "Young Climbers", "Code Breakers", "Turnabout Club", "Sailors' Club", "Follow the Leader", "Ark Tale", and "Crossroads".

After a high point when about 70 children came one year, numbers attending started to fall and in 2008 a new approach was agreed. That year we advertised Football Training and Craft as well as Bible stories, and the children had to be booked in beforehand. We give thanks to God that from then on our Easter Holiday Clubs have been fully booked. Most of the children have no church background. We pray that the Gospel seed sown will bear fruit to the glory of God, and remember the hundreds of children who have heard the Gospel in the last 25 years. Thank you to all the church members who have helped over the years. It is a real joy to have some of those who came as children now, as committed Christians, coming back to help as leaders.

Sarah Woodruff



2003



1995



1999



1995

EVENTS

Palace of Westminster Tour



On Thursday 4th April, it was our pleasure to have a tour of the Houses of Parliament in Westminster. Meeting at Westminster Bridge just after half ten, we shortly made our way to the entrance to the Palace of Westminster. After a brief security check, we arrived in Westminster Hall, the oldest part of the Palace of Westminster still in existence today. We were divided into two groups, before beginning our tour at the other end of the Palace.

We followed the route that the Queen takes during the State Opening of Parliament, seeing the Queen's Robing Room, the Royal Gallery, and the Princes' Chamber. Then came the first of the actual Houses of Parliament, the elegant and impressive House of Lords. Our tour guide told us how the House of Lords works, and it was very interesting to hear about the less famous chamber of Parliament. Moving swiftly through the Peers' Lobby and Corridor, we came to the Central Hall, the busy crossroads of both houses.

Next up on our tour was the voting lobbies of the House of Commons, where we learnt about the House's voting procedure. We then had the chance to go into the House of Commons itself, seeing the famous chamber in all of its post-war glory, the original chamber having been destroyed in the Second World War. Following this, we moved to St Stephen's Hall, which stands on the site of the original meeting place of the House of Commons, before returning to Westminster Hall after a very interesting tour.

By David Norman

As a member of Central Bedfordshire Youth Parliament I was extra excited about going on the trip. Youth Parliament consists of a group of young people elected in by their schools. Youth Parliament aims to make the community better for everyone through improving services, though focusing on young people's provision in particular.

Central Bedfordshire Youth Parliament is one of the organisations within Central Bedfordshire Youth Panel (C.B.Y.P). C.B.Y.P. aims to get young people from all walks of life involved

in one of its four organisations to help them develop skills for the future and even give them qualifications. It also encourages them to use their practical skills organising fund raising opportunities aimed at providing extra finances for the whole organisation. The four different parts are: Youth Parliament; Young Inspectors; Young Commissioners; and Youth Audits. Each group has its own specific job within C.B.Y.P.

It was really interesting for me to learn about some of the workings of the voting practices in the House of Commons.

(Also, as a point of interest, the benches in the 'No' lobby were provided by the Ugandan Government!)

Steven Dawkins



CARING FOR LIFE QUIZ NIGHT

Eleven teams of six gathered together last Saturday for the Caring For Life 2013 Quiz Night. Members & friends of DBC made up four teams, and the rest came from Alexandra Road Hemel Hempstead, Bedford Providence, West Street and Langdale. Competition was so fierce that one team member attempted to bribe an official! At the halfway point 'Langdale Carers' were in front by a whisker, but then last year's winners, 'Providence Pilgrims', steamed ahead and ended up victorious again.

Thanks to everyone who came or contributed in any way to the evening, especially to Scott our quizmaster, to Brian our MC and chief scorer, & to Margaret, Bev & Carolyn for organising & serving the delicious buffet.

We are very thankful for generous donations which added to the ticket sales, mean we are sending £750 to Caring For Life. It was good to have the opportunity to play a DVD showing such a strong Christian compassionate ministry.

John and Elaine

EVENTS

Church Walk – Ridgeway Path (Wendover to Princes Risborough)

Saturday 6th April 2013

As we parked our cars in Wendover station car park, we pulled our hats and scarves firmly on and braced ourselves for a cold and blowy 7 mile walk along the top of the Chiltern Hills. The ten of us were rewarded with magnificent views across the Vale of Aylesbury, and as the day went on the sun shone and the hats and scarves came off. Thankfully with the previous dry days, the steeper slopes were not slippery or muddy, though there was still some snow lying along the more sheltered hedgerows. As we came towards Princes Risborough, the destination for this section of the Ridgeway long distance walk, we were treated to an aerial display by a number of Red Kites, flying close to the hillside where we stood. At the end of a very good walk we made time to visit a local tea shop before catching the train back to Wendover (via Aylesbury).

Sarah Woodruff



British Museum Bible Tour

Saturday 18th May 2013

This tour will look at artefacts relating to the Bible in the British Museum and be led by Keith Berry. We will meet at the main entrance on Great Russell Street at **10am**. The tour is expected to last 2-3 hours, and Keith has offered to lead a walking tour around part of Central London on the same day. Please add your name to the list in the vestibule if you would like to join us. Thank you to those who have already confirmed that they can go. **Peter Woodruff**

Elizabeth Tower Tour

Monday 22nd July 2013

Thank you to all those who have expressed interest in the tour of the tower that houses the Big Ben bell. This tour has now been confirmed for **Monday 22nd July at 11:15am** and is **free of charge** (apart from travel costs). Thank you to our local MP Andrew Selous and his PA for arranging this tour for us. Please note that children under 11 are not permitted on the Elizabeth Tower tour and there are a number of security requirements for this tour. The tour will take you up the 334 stone spiral steps to the top of the 153 year old Elizabeth Tower to hear Big Ben strike the hour. As well as seeing a spectacular view of London from 62 metres up the tower, you will also go behind the clock faces and have the opportunity to visit the mechanism room to learn about how the clock works in the 21st Century.

We have reserved a total of 12 spaces, but there is still room for a few more to join the tour. Please let me know or add your name on the list in the vestibule, if you are interested. More details later.

Peter Woodruff

OPEN AIR MISSION & GBM PRAYER WAVES

The following is a letter from the OAM to the Church following the Holiday Club —

Greetings in the name of the Lord!

We would like to thank you very much indeed for your kind letter and generous gift of £360, from brothers and sisters at Dunstable Baptist Church, for the help given by Andy Banton and Steve Burton at the Easter Holiday Club. We really appreciate everyone's kindness shown to the Mission in this way. May I also express my personal thanks to everybody who assisted with the Club, which was a great blessing.

Recently, there were two programmes on the television about life in Aylesbury Prison. It was really quite shocking to see the depths that some young men had sunk to in their lives. What a blessing then to know that the gospel is being taken into many prisons around the country. John Hawley goes into Bullingdon prison once a month and Andy Little goes into Woodhill Prison, also once a month. Both men have seen evidence of the Lord working in the hearts of various individuals. John recently met a former bank manager who asked for a Bible and on another occasion expressed real interest in the gospel. He was frustrated that his cell mate always had the TV on, while he wanted some peace and quiet to read and think.

Even better than that, was a man who admitted that he had been in and out of prison repeatedly over the last 24 years. However, he had recently come to know the Lord and was hungry to read the Bible. He shared that his family, who regularly visited him, had noticed a big change. He had also brought his cell mate to the meeting and he said that he had been impressed with the change he had seen in his friend. How we can praise the Lord for these opportunities to reach men, who, unlike so many in our society, already know they are sinners!

Thank you all again for your support for the work of OAM.

Yours in the gospel of His Son

Linda

THE OPEN-AIR MISSION

Grace Baptist Mission Prayer Waves April 2013

Saved2Serve: Jim Sayers reported back from the Saved2Serve conference attended by over 70 young people, the aim of which was to envision our young people and encourage a desire for mission. Simon Robinson (Shepherd Drive, Ipswich) brought the weekend's ministry and was very impressed by the willingness of the young people to engage with God's word, as well as by their passion for mission.

Please pray: that the young people will be good witnesses in their home churches.

Mission Centre changes: Daryl Jones, the new Mission Coordinator, is due to start work at the beginning of June, God willing. He will work alongside John McDonald through to the Annual Meetings in October. Daryl spoke about his background: Having worked with UCCF amongst students in London 30 years ago, he and Julia spent nearly 7 years in the pastorate at Limes Avenue (Aylesbury), supporting the sending of Liz and Malcolm Sunaski to Latvia. Since then he has been pastor for 10 years at Bethel Church in inner city Liverpool.

Please pray: for Daryl and Julia as they move to Abingdon next month. **Pray** that God will lead through this time of change. **Pray** that they will be a blessing to the missionaries as well as to the churches.

Kenya situation: Most of GBMs missionaries based in Kenya returned to the UK during the election period.

Graham & Sally Jones are very thankful for God's gracious answers to prayer. They reported that while the vote was being counted the situation was generally calm. The big issue has been how tribal loyalties affect voting patterns. In the last election, even Christians put tribe before faith, contributing to the violence. The testimony of the churches has been better this time. This is an issue for Christians to address – that they are firstly brothers and sisters in Christ, and tribe should be second. Graham & Sally plan returning to Kenya at the end of April, God willing.

Andrew & Danielle Gullett are now safely back in Nairobi.

Sukesh & Jenny Pabari stayed in Kenya over the election period. Sukesh reported that following the supreme court's announcement that Mr Kenyatta had won the election, there were some riots but the police were quick to act. The atmosphere is still very tense. **Please pray:** as the Bible commands us to do, for the political leaders in Kenya. Pray for a government that brings peace and stability.

Thank you for your prayers – this is a vital part of the work.

FINANCE

Finances for the First Quarter of 2013

For the first quarter of 2013 the Church finances were as follows:

Income £13,625

Expenditure £ 9,565

Excess £ 4,060

During the quarter we have benefited from the receipt of tax reclaimed (£356) on Gift Aid gifts given in the last quarter of 2012 and have just made a claim for a £2,050 tax repayment. During the first quarter we paid £530 for the web site design.

We thank all who have given to the work of the Church, over the last quarter, and we would record our thanks to the Lord for all He has provided for us. We pray that the Lord will continue to supply all our needs, spiritual and material, for all we seek to do in the Lord's name in Dunstable.

Mission Giving

May is one of our 'Mission Giving' months. Twice a year everyone attending has an opportunity to give specifically to the four Missions which we support, which are:

1. *Matt Gamston with Grace Baptist Mission – in the Philippines carrying out teaching and preaching with churches and groups in fellowship with Cubao Reformed Baptist Church, Manila (Philippines) and the nearby church in San Pedro. £1,000 of this support is set aside this year for the expenses of the Drop-in Camp, which is held in October.*
2. *The Open-Air Mission (OAM) – with whom Andy Banton, is involved as General Secretary; Steve Burton works as an Evangelist and Linda Lumley, Ruth Banton and Tess Barnachea work in the OAM Office.*
3. *Christian literature for Eastern Europe via the Roundwood Trust.*
4. *European Missionary Fellowship (EMF) – to support Rogério Ramos in his work in Sines, Portugal.*

During May please collect an envelope from the rack beside one of the collection boxes and consider prayerfully how you can assist in giving towards the financial needs of the above. Do remember every gift helps however insignificant you think it is. If you do not mark your envelope your gift will be divided equally between the four missions. If, however, you wish to designate your gift, please mark your envelope with the name or names of the work you wish to support and specify how you want the gift divided if you want it to be other than an equal division. Please return your envelopes, via the collection boxes, by the end of May. Tax can be claimed on your mission gifts given by cheque (from those who have signed one of our Gift Aid forms) unless you mark your envelope to the contrary. If it is more convenient for you to spread your giving to these missions over the year then you can do so in the same way as described above; ask for the mission giving envelopes or mark up your own.

Once a year in May we are also inviting additional gifts for the General Fund of Pilgrim Homes. Please use one of the Mission envelopes and mark it 'Pilgrim Homes' if that is where you want your additional gift to go. The same comments about Gift Aid apply.

In addition some may be interested in supporting the General Fund of the Grace Baptist Mission which helps those workers without fully designated support and the office staff at Abingdon. Please mark any gifts given for this purpose.

Over and above financial support, all of those mentioned need everyone's support in prayer, so please bring them before the throne of grace regularly – at home, and at our weekly prayer meetings. There are usually copies of their prayer / news letters in the vestibule, and news from some of these letters is put in the Newsletter from time to time. Please ask Christine Wild (christinewild50@gmail.com), our Mission Secretary, if you want to know more or would like a prayer letter emailed to you. When we have Church Fellowship Meetings linked with their work do try and come to show your support. It will then be a greater encouragement to them in their work for the Lord as well as a help to you in your prayers.

Gifts Received and Sent During April 2013

During April 2013 gifts have been sent (or are awaiting being sent), from those received for the work and from church funds, as follows:

Caring for Life (from gifts) £50

European Missionary Fellowship (Rogerio Ramos) (from gifts) £25

GBM in support of Andrzej Kempczynski (from gifts) £25

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

Ways to give tax effectively to the Church (incl. Mission Giving)

Gift Aid

If you are a tax payer, using Gift Aid means that for every pound you give, the Church gets an extra 25 pence from the government, helping your donation go further. On top of that, if you are a higher rate taxpayer you can claim further tax relief on the donation in your annual tax return.

So next time you want to give to the Church, tell David Woodruff you want to Gift Aid it and he will do the rest (confidentially). You only need to sign a simple Gift Aid form and make your gift by cheque or through your bank.

Payroll Giving

If your employer runs a Payroll Giving scheme you can donate to your chosen charities (including the Church) from your salary before tax is deducted, so you get tax relief straight away. For example, if you are a standard rate taxpayer and you give £100 per year it only costs you £80.

Find out from your payroll department if your employer is one of the many offering a Payroll Giving scheme. If they don't, why not suggest that they set one up?

David Woodruff

Bedford and Ouse Valley Auxiliary

Pilgrims Walk and Talk Monday 6th May

Meet at 2.15 by the Thornton Arms, Everton, Beds. SG19 2LD ...Circular 3 mile walk on a section of the Greensands Ridge Walk ... Passing the site of Tempsford Aerodrome and the church where John Berridge was curate.

Tea and Refreshments at 4.15pm at Potton Baptist Church, Horslow Street, Potton followed by a short talk on John Berridge, given by Mr Stan Evers
Do join us for the talk even if you can't do the walk!



Spring Coffee Morning Friday 31st May

**10 am 'til Noon
2 Jackman Close
Bromham BEDFORD
MK43 8PN
01234 825758**

There is no charge for either event, but a collection box will be available on the day for donations towards the work of the Society.

Last year the Auxiliary raised over £1,600 for the Society and we are very grateful for all the support given, both to the Society and to the local home (Dorothea Court) in Bedford.

DBC Diary God willing

May 2013		
Sat 4th	11.00am	Open Air Ministry in the Quadrant
Sun 5th	am & pm	Steve Burton Family Service – <i>'Can I really believe the Bible is true?'</i> Communion YP @ the Hewitts
Tues 7th	7.30pm	Home Bible Study Groups Study 2, Questions 1-5
Wed 8th	7.30pm	Leaders' Meeting
Thurs 9th	2.00pm	Friends & Neighbours <i>Outing—Mystery Tour</i>
Sun 12th	am & pm	Andrew King (Highbury)
Mon 13th	8.00pm	Ladies Bible Study Study 5—1 Cor 3:1-15
Tues 14th	7.30pm	Bible Study & Prayer
Thurs 16th	10.00am	Ladies Prayer Meeting in Home
Sat 18th	8-9.00am 8.00pm	Men's Prayer Meeting YAG
Sun 19th	am & pm	David Green YP @ the Kebles
Mon 20th-Sun 26th		Week of Prayer - Subject: The Persecuted Church
Tues 21st	7.30pm	B.S. & Prayer J.P. Earnest (OAM)
Thurs 23rd	2.30pm	Friends & Neighbours Link Speaker: Andy Little (Bedford)
Sun 26th	am pm	Andy Banton Keith Berry (Hammersmith)
Tues 28th	7.30pm	Bible Study & Prayer Speaker: Roger March
June		
Sat 1st	11.00am	Open Air Ministry in the Quadrant
Sun 2nd	am & pm	Brian Edwards (Surbiton)

'Pray for us' Members preaching in other churches		
Sat 4th	Andy Banton	Creation Day, Coventry
Sun 5th	Andy Banton Rex Andrews	Wilstead Evan Ch (am) Pollard EFC Kettering
Wed 8th	Andy Banton	Copse Rd Chapel, Clevedon
Wed 8th- Wed 15th	Steve Burton	Tissington Well Dressings
Sun 12th	Andy Banton Rex Andrews	Welwyn Evan Ch (am) Pidley Baptist Church (pm) Renhold BC (am)
Sat 18th	Andy Banton	Davertry Torch Trust Mtg
Sun 19th	Andy Banton Rex Andrews	Providence BC, Bedford (am) Potton Baptist Church (am)
Fri 24th	Steve Burton	Testimony @ Quest, Limes Avenue B C, Aylesbury
Sat 25th- Sun 26th	Steve Burton	Herts County Show with Farming Christian Link
Sun 26th	Ron Shipton	am Stevington B C

ROTAS for MAY 2013

Please arrange to swap if the date is not convenient.

Door Rota

5th David Kight & Barbara Shipton
12th Matt Woodruff & Jo Coleman
19th Brian Rigby & Sarah Woodruff
26th Ray Marvin & Beverly Kingham

Security Rota

5th Chris Jacquier
12th John Keble
19th Ray Marvin
26th Scott Mitchell

Creche Rota

5th Caroline, Comfort
12th Barbara, Elaine
19th Dawn, Mina
26th Janette, Linda

Cleaning Rota

6th Christine & Caroline
13th Jeff & Dawn
20th Frank & Tess
27th Comfort & Marie Casey

Flower Rota

5th Joan Collins
12th Margaret Rigby
19th Bev Keble
26th Tess Barnachea
2nd June Christine Wild

Editors Note:

Please forward any items for the
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Tuesday Prayer Time Leaders & Subjects

20th - 26th is the week of prayer
7th Home Study groups: Study 4
14th Brian Rigby—Pastorate &
Ladies Bible Study, Caroline Norman
21st Andy Banton—OAM J P Earnest speaking
28th Scott Mitchell—GBM Prayer Waves CD