

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 (age 5-9)
- 7.30pm Ladies Bible Study – 3rd in month

TUESDAY

- 9.15-11.00am Toddlers
- 7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer Meeting
Home Groups – 1st Tuesday in month

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
- 7-8.30pm 'TNT' club for age 9-12

FRIDAY

- 8-9.30pm 'Ignite' club for age 13 – 19

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,

LIVING BELIEF (Rom 16:1-16)

Paul's letter to the church in Rome contains many great and profound truths about the Christian faith. So we might be tempted to view chapter 16 as something of an anticlimax: a list of greetings to people we have never heard of. But these greetings are a vital part of the letter. They remind us that there is no Christian belief unless there are Christian believers. Romans 16 anchors the great truths of the letter in the real world of church life and Christian relationships. Christianity is as much about Christian people as it is about the Christian message.

DIVERSITY

Considering Paul had never been to the Roman church, he knew a lot of people there. There is a great diversity among the people Paul greets in Romans 16:

- both men and women, married couples and individuals are among those Paul greets
- there are people of Jewish, Asian, Greek and Roman backgrounds
- a number of those Paul greets would have been household slaves (several of the names suggest this).
- some were members of very prestigious households in Rome (Aristobulus and Narcissus) cf. Phil 4:22.

Wherever there is such diversity, differences of opinion and tensions arise (as we see in chapter 14). The church would have met in homes (v. 5), creating even more possibilities for factions to form in the church. And yet there was unity. There is room for diversity of opinion within the church, without losing unity.

JOINT PARTAKERS

The basis of Christian unity is also found in these verses. Paul speaks to those who, like him, were 'converts' to the Christian faith, those 'in Christ' or 'in the Lord', those he looked upon as brothers, sisters, even one woman he regarded as a 'mother' (v. 13). This does not just mean that Paul was a warm-hearted character who loved people. It means that he considered that they all belonged together, like members of one family, because of their faith in Jesus Christ. It is human nature to group together with people who share our background, interests and outlook. It is Christian nature to group together with those who share our faith in Christ.

JOINT PARTICIPATORS

The most striking thing about the list of people Paul greets is that they had all participated in the work of the gospel. Four women are singled out as having 'worked hard' (vv. 6, 12). Two people had risked their lives (v. 4); two others had been imprisoned for their faith (v. 7). Some opened their homes for use by the church (v. 5). All of them had helped Paul in some way. Church leaders depend on the support and backing of all the members of the church and Paul is happy to acknowledge that.

Romans 16 reminds us that we shape each other's Christian lives and experience. We bless each other and, sometimes, we bruise one another. The blessings should outlive the bruises: we must learn to forget the frictions and tensions and remember the ways in which we have been helped. We must not take for granted the experience we have of Christian fellowship and church life: it makes us what we are.

David Green

FOODBANK > 11TH OCTOBER <

The next Foodbank collection takes place at Sainsbury's Boscombe Road Dunstable on October 11th. If you can help with this between the hours of 10.00 - 16.00, could you please let Ian Ellis know: i_s_ellis@hotmail.com



2ND VISIT TO THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE MUSEUM AT CHICKSANDS > MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER <

Those of us who went on the visit to the Military Intelligence Museum in July enjoyed the visit to this fascinating museum, and we found that there was much more exhibits and displays than we were able to see in the time available. We have arranged for a second group visit to the Military Intelligence Museum at DISC Chicksands, near Shefford. This museum is not normally open and visits must be pre-booked.

You are welcome to join us if you like to return to see more or if you missed out on our previous visit.

The Military Intelligence Museum displays key elements of the history of British Military Intelligence from the Boer War forwards. The central Collection in the Museum is the Intelligence Corps Collection, which includes artefacts and special exhibits about the history and activities of the Corps. The second key Collection is the Medmenham Collection devoted to aerial photography and image analysis. This highlights the use of 3D imagery, initially in the First World War and then again with huge success in World War II and the Cold War. Complementing these two prime displays are two smaller displays. These cover the joint service 'BRIXMIS' intelligence-gathering mission based in East Germany during the Cold War and the American radio intercept operations in Chicksands from 1950 until 1996. www.militaryintelligencemuseum.org

VISIT ARRANGEMENTS

There is no charge for visiting the museum, although donations from visitors are welcome. We are booked to arrive at the Military Intelligence Museum for 10:30. The visit to the museum will probably last 2-3 hours and then we can have a break for some lunch, before going on a walk in the Shefford area during the afternoon, weather permitting. This museum is located inside a working military base with high security, so we need to provide some information in advance (e.g. Names, Dates of Birth and Car details). Each person will need to bring an official ID (e.g. Passport, Photo Driving Licence) to gain access. Please add your name to the list in the vestibule as soon as possible, if you would like to join us. Please see **Peter Woodruff** if you have any questions.



CARING FOR LIFE SUPPORT GROUP MEETING > WEDNESDAY 29TH OCTOBER - 7:30 <

We will be showing a new DVD, passing on the latest information and praying for the work.



AUTUMN MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

Friday 17 – Sunday 19 October 2014

Meet EMF missionaries from Belarus, Romania, Belgium, Czech Republic, Spain and UK.

Missionaries to include: Misha & Albina Nikitov (Belarus), Pál Borzási (Romania), Michael & Ariëtte Robinson (Belgium), Jan Hábl (Czech Republic), Matt Hill & José de Segovia (Spain), István & Tünde Salánki (UK).

FRIDAY 17 October 7.30pm

This meeting with reports from various countries will be held at EMF Headquarters (Guessens, 6 Codicote Road, Welwyn, AL6 9NB) and will be followed by light refreshments.

SATURDAY 18 October 11am and 2.30pm

Guest speaker: Rev. Andrew Davies – Saturday 2.30pm
Venue: Welwyn Evangelical Church, Fulling Mill Lane, AL6 9NH.
Bring packed lunch | light refreshments available

SUNDAY 19 October 11am and 6.30pm

At both services at Welwyn Evangelical Church EMF missionaries will be preaching.
Welwyn Evangelical Church, Fulling Mill Lane, AL6 9NH

STUART OLYOTT
PREACHING
pure and simple

Thursday, 4th December 2014

11:00am - 4:00pm
A day with Stuart Olyott
for pastors and preachers.
Lunch and free book included.

7:30pm
Open meeting with
Stuart Olyott preaching.

Grace Baptist Church Edlesborough, Moor End, Edlesborough, LU6 2HN.

Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal 2014

This is the 21st anniversary of Blythswood Care running the shoe box appeal and over 1.7 million boxes have been donated and distributed through the years.

This year boxes will go to Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Pakistan, Romania and Serbia.

Please consider filling a box for someone who has so little. Leaflets are now in the foyer giving all the

details, including suggested items – please note all items must be new.

Please bring your box to the church foyer by *Friday 7 Nov.*

There are some empty shoeboxes in the foyer if you would like to fill one.

To watch a 5 min video about this year's appeal go to www.blythswood.org/shoobox and click on the YouTube video (Pesto's Box).

Thank you,

Steven Dawkins





Macmillan coffee morning

Thanks to everyone who helped out with the Macmillan coffee morning last month. There was a steady stream of people between 9:30 and 12:30 enjoying coffee and cake. Many new contacts were made, and a number were invited to either toddlers or friends and neighbours. A total of £282 was raised for Macmillan.

Jo Coleman



WEDDING

The Banton and Copperwheat families would like to say a huge Thank You to everyone who helped make Abi and Tom's day so special - from helping decorate the hall, baking cakes, and tidying up at the end, to simply being there. The whole day was absolutely amazing and went completely to plan! We all felt truly blessed and sensed the Lord's presence throughout.

Our congratulations to the new Parents, Grandparents
and Great-Grandparents for 2 new arrivals.
Elisha James born on 6th September to Tim and Rebecca Snuggs and
Poppy Grace Copperwheat to Jamie and Anna on the 25th September.
We thank God for their safe arrival and pray for the families as
they begin to cope with the enormous change that children bring.

FINANCE.

DONATIONS

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

Caring for Life	(from gifts)	£88
European Missionary Fellowship (EMF) in support of Rogério Ramos	(from gifts)	£25
Grace Baptist Mission – General Fund	(from gifts)	£88
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 period for the work of ***Caring for Life (CFL)***. Tim Snuggs is one of the staff.

Can we 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 lost their local government grant in April 2012 and they would appreciate extra help.

DBC DIARY DATES - GOD WILLING

2014 OCTOBER		
Sun 5th	am 5.20pm pm	Michael Abbott Communion Prayer meeting for Pastor Michael Abbott YP at the Hewitts
Mon 6th — Fri 10th		Bible Exhibition
Tues 7th	7.30pm	Bible Study & Prayer: Andy Banton
Wed 8th	7.30pm	Leaders Meeting
Sun 12th	am & pm	John Hawley
Tues 14th	7.30pm	Bible Study & Prayer: Jason Murfitt
Wed 15th	7.30pm	Church Members Meeting
Sat 18th	8.00am 7.30pm	Men's Prayer meeting Youth Squash (Dunstable)
Sun 19th	am & pm pm	Paul Watts (Coventry) THANKSGIVING DAY Communion YP at the Kebles
Mon 20th	7.30pm	Ladies Bible Study Study 17: 1 Cor 10:23 - 11:1
Tues 21st	7.30pm	Bible Study & Prayer: David Kight
Thurs 23rd	10.00am	Ladies Prayer Meeting
Thurs 23rd	2.30pm	Friends & Neighbours Link Andy Little
Sun 26th	am & pm	Allan Huxtable
Tues 28th	7.30pm	Bible Study & Prayer: Barry King
Wed 29th	7.30pm	CFL Supporters Meeting
Sun 2nd Nov	am & pm am 5.20pm	Allan MacDonald Communion Prayer meeting

'PRAY FOR US'		
Members preaching in other churches		
	October 2014	
2nd	Rex Andrews	Luton Central Baptist Senior Citizen meeting
12th	Rex Andrews	Providence Baptist (am)
19th	Rex Andrews	Great Whyte (pm)
26th	Rex Andrews	Westoning (am) Piddley (pm)

OCTOBER ROTAS

Please arrange to swap if the date is not convenient

Door

5th Scott Mitchell & Sarah Cooke
12th Frank Barnachea & Joy Broughton
19th David & Ann Weedon
26th John & Elaine Snuggs

Cleaning

6th Hilary Green & Julia Ming
13th Joanne Coleman & Sarah Cooke
20th Andy & Ruth Banton
27th Martin & Marie Dawkins

Security

5th Charlton Barnachea
12th Jeff Cooke
19th Jeff Hewitt
26th Chris Jacquier

Flowers

5th Carolyn Kight
12th Joy Broughton
19th Jenny Jacquier
26th Bev Keble
2nd Marie Dawkins

Crèche

5th Dawn, Mina
12th Janette, Carolyn
19th Margaret, Bev
26th Tess, Mary

Refreshments

12th Winnie & Marie C
19th Ann & Janette
26th Beth, Jess & Em

Please forward items for the
NOVEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER
to Scott Mitchell
dunstablebaptist@gmail.com
by SUNDAY 19th October
Thank you.

TUESDAY PRAYER TIME LEADERS & SUBJECTS

7th	Steve Burton	CFL
14th	Tony Townley	TNT (Steve Burton)
21st	Peter Woodruff	GBM Prayer Waves
28th	Rex Andrews	Ignite (Scott Mitchell)