

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

9.40 a.m. Bible Class
9.45 a.m. Prayer Meeting
10.30 a.m. Morning Service + Sunday School (term time)
6.00 p.m. Evening Service

Note: a crèche for under 5s is available during the morning sermon.

Refreshments are served after the morning service except 1st Sunday.

Communion – after the 1st Sunday morning and 3rd Sunday evening services.

7.15 p.m. Church Fellowship Meeting (as announced)
7.30 p.m. Young Peoples' Fellowship (1st in month in home)

MONDAY

6.00 - 7.00 p.m. Monday Kids Club (years 1-6)
7.30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study (3rd in month)

TUESDAY

9.15 - 11.00 a.m. Toddlers
7.30 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY

10.00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Meeting in Home (3rd in month)
2.30 p.m. Friends and Neighbours (2nd in month) (2.00pm in summer)
2.30 p.m. Friends and Neighbours Link (4th in month)

FRIDAY

7.30 - 9.00 p.m. Focus (club for years 7-13)

SATURDAY

8.00 – 9.00 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting (3rd in month)
11.00 a.m. Open-Air Ministry (1st in month)
7.00p.m. Social Group (as announced)
7.30p.m. Youth Squash (as announced)

OTHER MEETINGS – AS ANNOUNCED

For further information contact:

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CHRISTIAN BOOKS

Mon. to Sat. 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Tel: 01582 601945

www.christianbooks.uk.com

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Dear friends,

Reading a book about heaven I found the following in a chapter 'Preparing for Heaven'.

'An Indiana cemetery has a tombstone, more than one hundred years old, with the following epitaph:

*"Pause, stranger, when you pass by:
As you are now, so once was I.
As I am now, so you will be,
So prepare for death and follow me."*

An unknown passer-by scratched these additional words on the tombstone:

*"To follow you I am not content,
Until I know which way you went."*

Two destinations. The Bible refers constantly to one of two destinations when a person dies. One a place of suffering, sorrow and regret, the other a place of joy, bliss and love. This truth is expressed plainly by the Lord concerning the rich man and Lazarus (*Luke 16:19-31*).

Two ways. To arrive at any destination it is necessary to travel a certain way. In his parable about the broad way and the many who are found on it the Lord warns *'that it leads to destruction.'* He also encourages those who are on the narrow and difficult way *'that it leads to life'* (*Matt 7:13-14*).

Two alternatives. Occasionally the Bible quotes a verse or passage several times thus emphasising the importance of what is being taught. *Prov 14:12 and 16:25* both state *'There is a way that seems right to man. But its end is the way of death.'* This is one alternative, that which seems right to a person that leads to death - eternal, conscious separation from a holy God. The other alternative is to *'trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men (all kinds of men and women), especially of those who believe'* (*1 Tim 4:10*) that leads to eternal, conscious union with Christ - the risen Lord and Saviour.

Two messages. One message concerns those who do not believe the gospel or seek after God *'let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die'* (*1 Cor 15:32*). Many consider that life is all about living for pleasure and then death (*Isa 22:13*). However, the Bible teaches that, after death, there is a judgment *'And it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment'* (*Heb 9:27*). A judgment for some that leads, as we have seen, to eternal separation from God. The other message is about God's compassion for people revealed in the life and work of Jesus Christ who had such love for sinners he was willing to pay the price of sin by his death on Calvary's cross (*1 Cor 6:20*) so that all who trust him will receive eternal life (*John 3:16; 1 John 5:11-12*).

Two messengers. There are those who deny the existence of God and peddle what is basically, for some, a message of despair and for others ambivalence or stoicism. Some of these tell us that there is no absolute truth and that everything is relative (except, of course, the statement that there is no absolute truth). However, here is one absolute truth repeated for emphasis in the Bible *'The fool has said in his heart, there is no God'* (*Psalms 14:1; 53:1*). Not referring to the unintelligent but rather those who wilfully reject the evidence of God, even in the wonder of creation (*Rom 1:18-20*).

However, we who have received the message of salvation in Christ have the duty of love and responsibility to minister the same message to those who are without Christ, without forgiveness, without hope and without eternal life. This is not an optional extra, as we were hearing recently, but a command from our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ to *'Go .. and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit'* (*Mat 28:18-20*).

God is pleased to use those who were once without hope to bring the message of hope to those who are yet without it (*2 Cor 4:7*). What a joy, privilege and responsibility we have, as servants of God, to be used by him for the spread of the gospel. But are we willing to go even as the Lord commanded?

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:

Christian Books – support for conference attendance	(from church funds)	£286
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
London Seminary Bursaries	(from gifts)	£100

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 and John Woodruff are on 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.

Thank you for your prayers while I was away, they were very much appreciated. We had fine weather for most of the three weeks I was on Beach Mission at Llandudno and Benllech. Only a few sessions had to be cancelled, but no full days. I helped with the games, quizzes, singing, competitions, tug of war, and several times I gave my testimony of how I became a Christian. We had family events including Smugglers Trail, and It's a Knockout (at Benllech). I worked with three great teams of people, and lots of kids came each day. Please pray that the seeds of the Gospel sown will grow and bear fruit in the children's hearts.



On the beach at Benllech

Matt Woodruff

Below is an extract for Llandudno from the UBM prayer letter for Matt's last week on beach mission

Praise: 1) Fine weather has meant most meetings have been held and good numbers of adults sympathetically listened at the children's meetings. 2) The Lord has brought people with prepared hearts and from the same area as team members, on more than one occasion. 3) A sympathetic reception on the beach and in the evening, and good support from local Christians. Prayer: Good contacts including: 1) A couple from Liverpool whose son has attended the Good News Club at the church of team members. Both spoke at length and showed real interest. Pray for their follow up. 1) Some families have been in contact with team members for several years. Pray for a spiritual breakthrough in their lives. 3) Some parents

Thank you to all who supported the annual Pilgrim's Coffee morning on Friday, 21st July.

We thank the Lord for giving us a lovely sunny morning, after the rainy weather of the previous day. Most folk sat outside chatting and looking around the garden. Our garden Railway was this year operated by Peter Woodruff, who did a sterling job keeping the trains to time, and on the track!

We were very thankful to raise £650 for Dorothea Court, Bedford despite noticeable fewer people, who at least were able to spread themselves about the house and garden without the usual scrum!

John and Elaine



The Open-Air Mission **164th Annual Meetings**

**Reports on the work
by the Evangelists**

Preacher: Nathan Pomeroy

11:30am & 2:30pm
21 October 2017
Brockington College
Leicester. LE19 4AQ

For further information see the poster on the noticeboard

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Saturday 7th October 2017

Conference—10.00 am - 3.30 pm

GOD'S GRAND DESIGN FOR MEN

What does the Bible say about manhood?

A Conference for men with Gavin Peacock at
Welwyn Evangelical Church
Fulling Mill Lane, Welwyn, AL6 9NH

There is no charge for this conference but please
bring a packed lunch.

Saturday 7th October 2017

Evangelistic meeting 7.00pm

FROM THE PITCH TO THE PULPIT

AN EVENING WITH GAVIN PEACOCK

Welwyn Evangelical Church
Fulling Mill Lane, Welwyn AL6 9NH

Saturday 7th October 7.00pm

Come and hear his story of 'football and faith'.
Not just for men!

Gavin Peacock is now a Christian minister in Canada but is better known in this country for having played Premier League football for Newcastle, Chelsea and Queens Park Rangers, as well as being a pundit on BBC's 'Match of the Day'. He is the author with Owen Strachan of *The Grand Design*.

DBC DIARY DATES—GOD WILLING

2017 SEPTEMBER		
Sun 27th	am & pm	Steve Burton
Tues 29th	7.30pm	Bible Study & Prayer: Barry King
Sat 2nd	11.00am	Open air in the Quadrant
Sun 3rd	am & pm am 5.20pm 7.30pm	Barry King Communion Prayer Meeting YP at the Hewitts
Tues 5th	7.30pm	Bible Study & Prayer: Barry King
Wed 6th	7.30pm	Leaders Meeting
Sun 10th	am & pm	Geoff King (Bury)
Tues 12th	7.30pm	Bible Study & Prayer: Barry King
Sat 16th	8.00am	Men's Prayer Meeting
Sun 17th	am & pm pm	Steve Burton Communion
Mon 18th	7.30pm	Ladies' Bible Study: Mary Magdalene
Tues 19th	7.30pm	Bible Study & Prayer: Barry King
Thur 21st	10.00am	Ladies Prayer Meeting
Sun 24th	am pm	David Green Steve Burton
Tues 26th	7.30pm	Bible Study & Prayer: Barry King
Thur 28th	2.30pm	Friends & Neighbours Link: Steve Burton "Is God Speaking?"
Sun 1st	am & pm am 5.20pm 7.30pm	Barry King Communion Prayer Meeting YP at the Hewitts

'PRAY FOR US' Members preaching in other churches
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	SEPTEMBER	
10th	Barry King	Edlesborough
17th	Barry King	GBC Halstead
24th	Rex Andrews	Langdale (am)

SEPTEMBER ROTAS

Please arrange to swap if the date is not convenient

Door

27th Scott Mitchell & Sarah Woodruff
 3rd Winnie Jacques & Dawn Hewitt
 10th Ray Marvin & Beverly Kingham
 17th Brian Rigby & Barbara Shipton
 24th Matthew Woodruff & Julia Ming

Cleaning (Church / Hall)

28th Alex Mitchell
 4th Mitchell / Hewitt
 11th Woodruff / Winni & Michele
 18th Barnachea / Rigby
 25th Snugg / Keble

Security

27th Deacon
 3rd Jeff Cooke
 10th Jeff Hewitt
 17th John Keble
 24th Ray Marvin

Refreshments

Dawn & Michele
 -
 Caroline, Winnie & Mina
 Christine & Debbie
 Ann & Janette

Creche

27th Margaret & Bev
 3rd Caroline & Beverly
 10th Dawn & Barbara
 17th Margaret & Bev
 24th Sarah & Debbie

Flowers

Elaine Snuggs
 Margaret Rigby
 Christine Wild
 Sarah Woodruff
 Janet Tucker

Tuesday Prayer Time Leaders & Subjects

29th John Keble CFL
 5th Scott Mitchell Monday Club (Mike Power)
 12th Brian Rigby Toddlers (Sarah Woodruff)
 19th Ron Shipton GBM Prayer Waves
 26th Frank Taylor Andrzej & Monica

Please forward items for the OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER to Scott Mitchell dunstablebaptist@gmail.com by SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER
