

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

9.40 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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Church Secretary: Scott Mitchell (01582) 703875

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CHRISTIAN BOOKS

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Dear Friend

I have a handsome leather-bound collector's edition of Moby Dick by Herman Melville on a bookshelf in our home on Victoria Street. I understand it is considered to be one of the 100 greatest books ever written. I can neither confirm nor deny this fact. You see, I've never read it.

Sure, I know a bit about it. I could perhaps even give a general sketch of the plot if I had to. I know about Melville's penchant for using Biblical names. I've even committed the first verse – I mean sentence! – to memory. But the fact remains, I've never read the book.

The Book of Isaiah is one of the 66 greatest books ever written. It was quoted in the New Testament more times than all the other prophetic books combined. Our Lord Jesus Christ quoted directly from the book eight times. That's impressive.

Many will have read about Isaiah's call recorded in chapter six. Many will remember the Immanuel Prophecy from chapter seven. Many will recognise the words of chapter 53 of which every verse but one is quoted in the New Testament. Most, however, have never actually read the book. On 1 October 2017, I will begin preaching verse by verse through the prophecy of Isaiah. I will do so each Sunday morning and evening I am preaching – Lord, willing – until we are finished. In all, that should be 121 sermons.

What can you do to get maximum benefit from this series? You can pray. Pray that the Lord will help me to be undistracted in preparation and undistracting in delivery of these messages. Pray that the Lord will help you listen attentively and responsively to the ministry of His word.

What else can you do? You can attend. This would be a good time to cultivate the discipline of faithful attendance at each Sunday meeting. I'm not suggesting we do this simply in order to tick a box. I am, though, convinced that you will reap greater benefits yourself and be a greater blessing to others if you have a pattern of regular attendance.

Is that it? Well, the most beneficial thing you can do is to actually read Isaiah. This will not come easy for some. Parts of the book may seem quite difficult. Parts of it may make little sense to you. Persevere and read it anyhow. It will benefit you more than you know.

Who knows? I may one day carve out the time to read Moby Dick. If I do, I may well marvel at Melville's literary genius and kick myself for not reading it sooner. But, if I don't ever get around to reading it, it's not that I'll be any poorer – except for the cost of the book, that is!

On the other hand, you will be poorer for not reading – and seeking to understand – Isaiah. Synagogue attenders in Nazareth who heard Jesus read from the prophecy, an African government official who read from the prophecy as he returned from Jerusalem, Frances Ridley Havergal who not only read the prophecy but in her later years committed it to memory can, along with a host of others, testify to the benefits of reading this most important book.

I pray you will join them – and me.

In Christ Alone

Barry King
Pastor

Induction service For our new Pastor, Barry King

The service will be held at Dunstable Baptist Chapel
at 3.00pm Saturday 14th October 2017

The preacher will be Stuart Olyott from Liverpool

All are invited for refreshments which will be served
after the service in the church hall

Please let us know you are attending (for catering)
by either signing the sheet on the noticeboard or
emailing dunstablebaptist@gmail.com



Christian Books - Update

We would value your prayers and thoughts as we enter a very busy period for the ministry of the bookshop. We have a number of book events coming up and a large number of Christmas bookstalls to host, which will involve travelling some 880 miles over the next 8 weeks. We will also be busy in the bookshop as our Christmas, yes Christmas, stock arrives and customers start purchasing their Christmas cards, Advent Calendars, Calendars and Diaries. Please remember John & Bev, for a measure of health & strength and safe travelling, and for the eleven bookshop volunteers who will be working right up to Christmas assisting the bookshop manager.

We have following events booked:

- 14th October Youth Squash weekend, Reading
- 21st October Christmas Bookstall, Flitwick
- 28th October Christmas Bookstall, Five Ashdown, East Sussex
- 30th October Reformation 500 Book event @ St. Ebbes Church, Oxford
- 31st October Reformation 500 Book event @ Carey Baptist Church, Reading
- 3rd November Christmas Bookstall, Potton
- 4th November Christmas Bookstall, Welwyn Evangelical, Welwyn
- 4th November Christmas Bookstall, Akeman Sreet Baptist Church, Tring
- 11th November Christmas Bookstall, Limes Avenue, Aylesbury
- 18th November Christmas Bookstall, Great Whyte Baptist, Ramsey, Cambridge
- 25th November Christmas Bookstall, West Row Baptist, Mildenhall, Cambridge
- 2nd December Christmas Bookstall, Gadebridge Baptist, Hemel Hempstead

Maybe, as Christmas looms over the horizon that this year you may think of the gospel opportunities that this season can present to you. Maybe a Christmas card with a Bible text for friends at work or a small book that explains the real message of Christmas or a Christmas booklet/tract that can be slipped in with a Christmas card or some Christmas good news stickers to stick on outside of the envelope of your Christmas cards. Why not pop in to the bookshop and ask the staff for some ideas.

Yours in Christ

A gloriously sunny Bank Holiday Monday gave rise to an impromptu get together for any DBC members who were available to meet. The venue was Wrest Park and 22 of us gathered to



enjoy the beautiful weather and to fellowship together. For the energetic amongst us there were games to play or a walk, while some preferred a really relaxing sit either reading, doing puzzles, chatting or napping! Bring your own picnic was the order of the day and there was also opportunity to get an ice cream. Thanks go to those who suggested the occasion.

Blythswood Care Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2017

For the 24th consecutive year, Blythswood Care seeks to bring joy to people living in poverty. In 2016, 121,474 shoeboxes were distributed at Christmas time. The boxes go to many Eastern European countries including Bulgaria, Serbia, Romania, and Ukraine. Once again we have the opportunity to assist.

Leaflets are available to take away. They give full details of the appeal, and provide a checklist. Please take one of the shoeboxes available in the foyer, fill it with new items, and secure it with an elastic-band. Please ensure that the shoebox along with the checklist is returned to the church foyer by Tuesday, 31st October 2017.

If you have any questions please see Alison King.

Caring for Life Supporters' Day

Six members of DBC were able to attend this occasion and join with many others from all parts of the U.K. and further afield.

Bacon butties and coffee or tea were available to interested parties prior to half an hour of singing while awaiting the arrival of those with long distances to travel.

Jonathan Parkinson welcomed all and the Thanksgiving service began. As well as congregational singing there was presentation of achievement certificates to beneficiaries, Juliet Barker told us about her second book on the work of Caring for Life, entitled Drops into an Ocean, a Pastoral report and Financial review. The Bible readings were from Isaiah 61 v1-3 and Luke 4 v16-21 and Bill Bygroves (Chair of Trustees) ministered to us on the Majesty, Message and Ministry of the Son of God.

Following the service there were refreshments in various parts of the Farm, Equestrian and Sheep demonstrations took place, plus Education projects were open to look around. The Farm shop and Nurseries were open to purchase goods and at the end of the afternoon there was a Wind Down time in the Big Barn. It commenced with the singing of the CFL hymn, (lyrics and music composed by CFL staff), Joseph and Joe shared with us their testimonies of how they came to know the Lord, some musical items from staff and beneficiaries, the session concluding with singing another hymn and Jonathan closing with prayer. In the evening there was a Pie and Praise session in the Granary restaurant for those who had booked

Members of the staff at CFL formed a music group and some of them shared with us how God had led them to work at CFL and the impact it had made on their lives. Whilst waiting to be served with our Pie, Roast potatoes and peas, there was opportunity to share fellowship with other Supporters and Staff.

It was a joy to be at CFL on this occasion and to hear and see how God is using this work to bring others to hear and know about Him. We pray that many more beneficiaries will come to put their faith in the Saviour.

James Cater inducted as Pastor of Argyle Community Church, Reading



James Cater, a former member of Dunstable Baptist Church, was inducted as Pastor/Elder of Argyle Community Church, Reading, after serving at the nearby Carey Baptist Church for 10 years, including latterly as Church Evangelist / Outreach Worker. It was a privilege to be able to attend the induction service on 9th September, along with many friends and family. James is initially working alongside Harald Holmgren, who has served as Pastor/Elder of the church for the last 25 years and is retiring at the end of the year. James is hoping to increase contacts within the local multi-cultural community. Please pray for James, Clare, Marin and Harrison as they settle into this new work.

Sarah and Peter Woodruff

CHURCH HOLIDAY – SIZEWELL HALL 2017

The DBC Church Holiday for 2017 to Sizewell Hall in Sizewell, Suffolk begins on Monday October 23rd, running to Friday 27th. This is our 12th holiday and we look forward to a time of fellowship and great blessing as we have done on all our previous holidays.

I currently have the names of 53 people who are coming but, as you will be aware, we have to pay for a minimum of 65 people so having another 12 people with us would be brilliant. Having even more than that would be great too as Sizewell Hall can accommodate up to 90. So if you want to join us I will need to know as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, can I ask that you pray for us as we lead up to the holiday and while we are away. Here are a few specifics but I'm sure most of you will be aware of our needs;

For safe travel to and from Suffolk and while we are away

Suitable weather. We are literally right next to the beach and it's towards the end of October so we don't expect a heat wave but we have had incredible weather in the past ranging from high winds to glorious sunshine but it's always enabled us to do just about everything we planned

For all who are coming, especially those involved in leading cooking teams, meetings, study groups etc.

Also for those who are coming for the first time

For the staff at Sizewell Hall, especially Rob Aldred who is back at work after serious illness earlier in the year

For Steve and I as we continue to put everything together

For Chris Davies, pastor of Campus Baptist Church, Welwyn, our guest speaker. We have met with him recently and he is really looking forward to bringing us God's word and spending time with us

That everything we do will be blessed by the Lord. That we will be challenged by the teaching and that people will be saved

This has been a brilliant holiday in the past and has been greatly blessed by the Lord. It's not too late come along and join us. If you're interested, just ask for any information from either Steve or me.

Jeff Hewitt 01582-454651



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:

European Missionary Fellowship (EMF) in support of Rogério Ramos	(from gifts)	£25
Gideons	(from gifts)	£60
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.

CUBAO DROP IN CENTRE CAMP

The Cubao Reformed Baptist Church will again be running a Drop In Centre Camp for the street people from 9th to 11th 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.



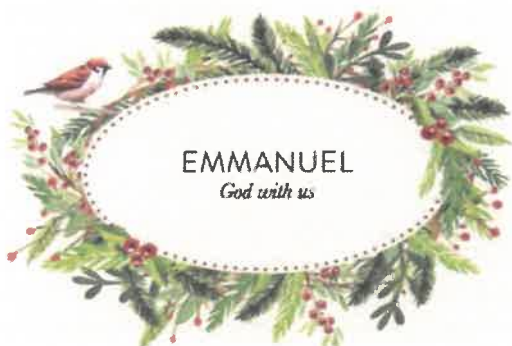
CARING FOR LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS

Packs of 12 cards - 4 each of 3 designs - £5

Wording inside: HAPPY CHRISTMAS

plus a Bible verse

Available from Elaine



DBC DIARY DATES—GOD WILLING

2017 OCTOBER		
Sun 1st	am & pm am 7.30pm	Barry King Communion YP at the Hewitts
Tues 3rd	7.30pm	Bible Study & Prayer: Barry King + Members meeting
Wed 4th	7.30pm	Leaders Meeting
Sat 7th	11am	Book table in the Quadrant
Sun 8th	am & pm	Barry King
Tues 10th	7.30pm	Bible Study & Prayer: Barry King
Thur 12th	2.30pm	Friends & Neighbours: Talk on the Leighton Buzzard Light Railway
Fri 13th— Sun 15th		Youth Squash Camp
Sat 14th	3.00pm	Induction service: Stuart Olyott
Sun 15th	am & pm pm	Geoff Thomas Thanksgiving Lunch & Tea
Mon 16th	7.30pm	Ladies Bible Study: Thomas
Tues 17th	7.30pm	Bible Study & Prayer: Barry King
Wed 18th	7.30pm	Church Members Meeting
Thur 19th	10.00am	Ladies Prayer Meeting
Sat 21st	8.00am	Men's Prayer Meeting
Sun 22nd	am & pm pm	Barry King Communion
Mon 23rd— Fri 27th		Church Holiday—Sizewell Hall
Tues 24th	7.30pm	Bible Study & Prayer: Rex Andrews
Sun 29th	am & pm	Steve Burton
Tues 31st	7.45pm	DFEC Joint Meeting—DBC

'PRAY FOR US' Members preaching in other churches

OCTOBER		
1st	Rex Andrews	Providence BC (pm)
8th	Rex Andrews	Blunham BC
22nd	Rex Andrews	Pitstone Fellowship (am)
29th	Rex Andrews	Pidley BC (pm)

OCTOBER ROTAS

Please arrange to swap if the date is not convenient

Door

1st Scott Mitchell & Sarah Woodruff
8th John & Bev Keble
15th Frank Barnachea & Joy Broughton
22nd David & Ann Weedon
29th John & Elaine Snuggs

Cleaning (Church / Hall)

2nd Power / Mitchell
9th Hewitt / Caroline & Christine
16th Winnie & Michele / Woodruff
23rd Rigby / Barnachea
30th Keble / Snuggs

Security

1st Scott Mitchell
8th Mike Power
15th John Snuggs
22nd Frank Taylor
29th David Weedon

Refreshments

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Julia & Elaine
Dawn & Michele
Caroline, Winnie & Mina
Christine & Debbie

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1st Julia & Winnie
8th Dawn & Barbara
15th Caroline & Beverley
22nd Sarah & Debbie
29th Margaret & Bev

Flowers

Janet Tucker
Ann Weedon
Barbara Shipton
Julia Ming
Joy Broughton

Tuesday Prayer Time Leaders & Subjects

3rd David Woodruff	London Seminary
10th Rex Andrews	Focus Scott Mitchell
17th Steve Burton	Church Holiday
24th John Keble	GBM Prayer Waves
31st Joint DEFC Meeting	

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