

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday.*

*Communion – after the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday morning and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday evening services.*

7.15 p.m. Church Fellowship Meeting (as announced)

7.30 p.m. Young Peoples' Fellowship (1<sup>st</sup> in month in home)

### **MONDAY**

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

### **TUESDAY**

9.15 - 11.00 a.m. Toddlers (term time)  
7.30 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

### **THURSDAY**

10.00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Meeting in Home (3<sup>rd</sup> in month)  
2.30 p.m. Friends and Neighbours (2<sup>nd</sup> in month) (2.00pm in summer)  
2.30 p.m. Friends and Neighbours Link (4<sup>th</sup> 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> in month)  
11.00 a.m. Open-Air Ministry (1<sup>st</sup> in month)  
7.00p.m. Social Group (as announced)  
7.30p.m. Youth Squash (as announced)

### **OTHER MEETINGS – AS ANNOUNCED**

For further information contact:

**Pastor:** Barry King (01582 ) 475896

**Church Secretary:** Scott Mitchell (01582) 703875

**CHURCH WEB SITE** – [www.dunstablebaptistchurch.org](http://www.dunstablebaptistchurch.org)

**CHURCH email** – [dunstablebaptist@gmail.com](mailto:dunstablebaptist@gmail.com)

### **CHRISTIAN BOOKS**

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

Tel: 01582 601945

[www.christianbooks.uk.com](http://www.christianbooks.uk.com)

email: [books@christianbooks.uk.com](mailto:books@christianbooks.uk.com))

## *Dear Friends*

The birth of Jesus Christ was a momentous occasion. Jesus' birth shows that God would go to the greatest lengths to save his people from their sins – even by becoming flesh and blood! It is something to shout about – actually, that's what many did 2,000 years ago.

It started with the angel proclaiming to Joseph, '*She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.*' (Matt. 1:22)

Then the kings from the east declared their intention to worship this new born king to Herod, '*For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.*' (Matt. 2:2)

And after the shepherds had seen the new born Saviour '*the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen...*' (Luke 2:20)

So let us use as much of Christmas as a way to speak about Jesus Christ to many who do not know that the Saviour God has come to save sinners.

So what can you do? As a Church we will have various events that you can be involved in:

- There will be invitations to the Carol service and Christmas Day service needing to be distributed. You could give one to a friend, relative, or neighbour. Certainly, we will need willing people to distribute leaflets to surrounding roads in Dunstable.
- Friends and Neighbours will be having a special Christmas lunch on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. They will also have a choir singing to the visitors and giving a brief Christmas message. They would really appreciate your prayers for this event.
- There will be an open-air carol service being held in the Quadrant on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December. You would be welcome to come along to sing carols and hear the gospel preached to those who stop. We will meet at the Quadrant at 11am and it will last until 12pm.
- The same evening we will also be seeking to reach those who are both homeless and impoverished by holding a special meal for them. Prayer for this would be hugely valued and if you are willing to provide food then this too would be helpful.
- Of course, there are other personal things you can do from sending someone a Christmas card with a leaflet or having a neighbour or colleague over for an early Christmas lunch to share something of the Christmas message with them.

Steve Burton

### New Volunteers for the Cleaning Rota

Thank you to everyone who helps to keep the church buildings clean. New helpers are always appreciated and with a new rota being drawn up for January, now is a good time to join us. Currently, we have 10 pairs/triplets who give a couple of hours once every 5 weeks. To see a list of duties, or for more information, please ask – and if you are able to help, please let me know a.s.a.p.

Many thanks,

Caroline

### Year Book 2018

If you have any change of details to those given in the current Year Book or any corrections you would like to make please let me know as soon as possible.

### Rotas 2018

Thank you to all who have helped out this year with any of the various rotas which are so necessary in church life. There will be some names not featuring on next year's rotas so if you are able to help in any way it would be much appreciated. It would be particularly helpful if you could be on one of the car rotas to provide a lift to church for someone. Perhaps you would be able to greet people at the door, help with the teas/coffees after morning services, the cleaning of the church, the flowers or security.

Please give this some thought and if you feel you could help please let us know before the rotas are completed later this month.

Brian



**Christmas at  
Dunstable Baptist Church**

**Christmas Carol Service** ❄️ **Christmas Day Service**  
Sunday 17th December at 6pm Christmas Day at 10:30am  
Refreshments afterwards

**Speaker: Pastor Barry King**

**Everyone is welcome**

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# Church Holiday 2017 – Sizewell Hall

It was lovely to return once more to Sizewell Hall for this year's Church Holiday. There were seventy of us who went away and we had a great time. Our guest speaker for the week was Chris Davies from Campus Baptist Church, Welwyn Garden City. We are very grateful to him for sharing God's word and for all the hard work he put in. His theme for the week was the DNA of a Christian. We were very blessed and challenged but what he said. Chris brought a group from Campus with him and it was good to share fellowship with them. We also welcomed members from Edlesborough and Leagrave as well as lots of returning old friends.

We had our usual mix of activities and this was helped the fact that we had amazing weather which often seems to happen when we visit Sizewell. So good in fact that once again, brave holidaymakers ventured into the delights of the North Sea and it was tee shirt and shorts for many of us. We were able to get out into the lovely Suffolk countryside and quite a few enjoyed a free tour of the local nuclear power station!



Once more my thanks go to all those who worked so hard to make this week work so well;

- To the staff at Sizewell Hall who as always made us very welcome
- To those who played the music
- To John Jacquier for PA and recordings
- To Scott and Michele for all the work they did in the kitchen
- To those who cooked, cleaned, entertained and all the other stuff you did
- Biggest thanks go to Dawn and Steve for all their help again in the arranging, cooking and planning of what we did and to Chris for sharing God's word and to Joycelyn from Campus for coordinating things at the WGC end

Mostly thought thanks again to God for touching our time together with His blessing  
We have already booked up to return to Sizewell Hall for our holiday for 2018. So if you are interested in coming next year from October 22nd to 26th please let me know as soon as possible. The cost is likely to be about £105 but I am offering a small discount for the first few full priced people who sign up so get in fast!



Jeff Hewitt



Dear Brothers and Sisters at DBC,

My greetings to you all in Christ our wonderful Lord.

Just a quick note to say thank you for having me come and speak on your church holiday and for letting me bring a crowd with me. I count it a privilege to have had the opportunity to bring God's word to you, and I was blessed and edified in the preparation and the preaching of it. I trust you were too. Jeff and Steve did an amazing job of organising the holiday - and many of you put in some hard graft too - so thank you all!

Please know that you are in our prayers as a church and we are so glad that God has blessed you not only with a Pastor but also an Evangelist too.

I trust you will know the Lord's goodness in the coming weeks, months and years as he grants them according to his gracious will.

Yours for Christ Jesus,

Chris Davies

Youth Squash  
2017  
9th Dec, 7.30pm

THE WORLD

# A Meal of Emperors

School yr11+ only  
Dinner served by your Youth Squash leaders  
Book in advance  
Boys in ties & Girls in nice stuff



**PILGRIMS'  
FRIEND  
SOCIETY**

Join us for a  
**Christmas Coffee Morning**  
on: **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**  
at: **23 Hillson Close**  
**Marston Moretaine MK43 0QN**  
**10:00 – 12:00**      **01234 768758**

## Christmas Cards

This Christmas, instead of giving individual cards to others in the church, you are invited to sign on the large 'Card' on Notice Board or pin up a card of your own. It is suggested that the money that would have been spent on cards, could instead be donated for the work of Caring for Life based in Leeds. The gifts can be placed in the box by the door (please use one of the small brown envelopes marked with 'CFL').

## 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 (except for those for the four missions we support which will be reported in January):

Albanian Evangelical Mission	(from church funds)	£125
Caring for Life	(from gifts)	£184
European Mission 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
Legrave	(from gifts)	£50

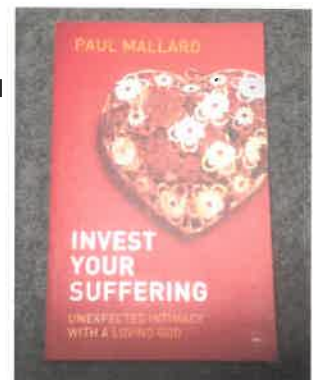
Thank you for your gifts, please continue to pray for all those we support.

It was a joy for some of us to be at the Annual residential conference of the Slavic Gospel Association held at Milton Hill House near Abingdon and to meet with friends and acquaintances from various churches around the country. We were blessed with good food both spiritual and physical and heard up to date reports of gospel work in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, both from Staff members and also Pastor Peter Mihalchiuk from Moldova and Pastor Alexander Karyakov from Kazakhstan. One particular report and power point presentation of the devastation and deprivation in the war torn areas of Ukraine caused a few tears at what some of God's people are having to endure. However we rejoiced to hear that God is at work in these areas and souls are coming to faith in Christ and being baptised.

Bible ministry was provided by Pastor Paul Mallard (Widcombe Baptist Church, Bath) from 1 Kings 17, 18 and 19, and the life of Elijah under the headings of -

God's Word in Dark Days, God's Power in Desperate Days and God's Grace in Disappointing Days. The messages were both encouraging and also challenging with application to the days in which we now live and the circumstances Christians are having to face.

Paul Mallard is no stranger to suffering both in regard to his wife Edrie and more recently his baby grandson. He has written several books including 'Invest your Suffering' and a new one out in March 'Invest your Disappointments'. Both of these are available from our own Christian Bookshop.



Margaret

# DBC DIARY DATES—GOD WILLING

2017 DECEMBER		
Sun 26th	am pm	Rex Andrews Steve Burton Communion
Tues 28th	7.30pm	Bible Study & Prayer: Barry King
Sun 3rd	am & pm am 7.30pm	Barry King Communion YP at the Hewitts
Tues 5th	7.30pm	Bible Study & Prayer: Barry King
Wed 6th	7.30pm	Leaders Meeting
Sat 9th	7.30pm	Youth Squash (Dunstable)
Sun 10th	am & pm pm	Barry King Communion
Tues 12th	7.30pm	Bible Study & Prayer: Barry King
Thu 14th	2.00pm	Friends & Neighbours: Male voice choir
Sat 16th	8.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Men's Prayer Meeting Carols in the Quadrant Christmas ends Loneliness
Sun 17th	am & pm pm	Barry King Carol Service
Mon 18th	7.30pm	Ladies' Bible Study
Tues 19th	7.30pm	Bible Study & Prayer: Barry King
Sun 24th	am & pm	Barry King
Mon 25th	10.30am	Christmas Day Service: Barry King
Wed 27th	7.30pm	Bible Study & Prayer: Barry King
Sun 1st	am & pm am 7.30pm	Barry King Communion YP at the Hewitts

## Tuesday Prayer Time Leaders & Subjects

28th		CPR
5th	David Woodruff	Roundwood Trust (Elaine)
12th	Rex Andrews	GBM Prayer Waves
19th	Steve Burton	EMF
27th	General Prayer meeting	

## 'PRAY FOR US' Members preaching in other churches

DECEMBER		
26th	Barry King	Coventry
3rd	Rex Andrews	Providence BC (pm)

## DECEMBER ROTAS

Please arrange to swap if the date is not convenient

### Door

26th	Matthew Woodruff & Julia Ming
3rd	Scott Mitchell & Sarah Woodruff
10th	John & Bev Keble
17th	Frank Barnachea & Joy
24th	David & Ann Weedon
31st	John & Elaine Snuggs

### Cleaning (Church / Hall)

27th	Barnachea / Rigby
4th	Snugg / Keble
11th	Power / Mitchell
18th	Hewitt / Christine & Caroline
25th	Winni & Michele / Woodruff

### Security

26th	C J Barnachea
3rd	Charlton Barnachea
10th	deacon
17th	deacon
24th	Jeff Hewitt
31st	John Keble

### Refreshments

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

### Creche

26th	Sarah & Debbie
3rd	Julia & Winnie
10th	Dawn & Barbara
17th	tbc
24th	tbc
31st	tbc

### Flowers

	Rachel Mitchell
	Caroline Norman
	Mary Coleman
	Ann Weedon
	Ann Weedon
	Ann Weedon

Please forward items for the  
JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER  
to Scott Mitchell  
[dunstablebaptist@gmail.com](mailto:dunstablebaptist@gmail.com)  
by SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER