

## Churches Together United Service.

Images and videos on the Church Face Book page and the web site.

All welcome!- even four legged ones!!

Jack leads— band behind him!



Michelle tells her story



Queuing for coffee afterwards!



Enjoying the worship



Pre-Planning all done!



Minister: Rev Jack Walker.

Secretary: June McCaughren

Treasurer: Laura Ivey

Leadership Team: Adam Stacey. John McCaughren. John Hadley.

# Whitchurch Baptist Church

## Sunday January 30th 2022

When you enter God's presence with  
praise, He enters your circumstances  
with power!



Family Service led by Jack & Jill.

*'Jesus.....a refugee!'*

Matthew 2.

We are enjoying a meal together after the service.

If you've not booked in but would like to join us,  
please speak to Jill, Jayne or June [nicely!!!]

and they'll probably be able to fit you in!!



## What's on this week:-

**Monday 10.30am** Ladies Coffee & Chat  
Also Monday **Local Brownie** Group meet in Hall.

**Wednesday 8pm** Mid week study group

### Sunday Feb 6th 10.30am

No 5 in series on 1 Peter 3 v 1-7

'What's right with feminism?'

### Future Dates to note:

**Sunday Feb 13th** No details

**Monday 14th 12.30pm** A 'Valentine's Lunch' Cost £3.50 Booking required to June, Jayne or Jill. Here at WBC!

**Sunday Feb 20th** No details

**Sunday Feb 27th** No details

### *Spending time to pray for our fellow Christians!*

*Some will remember Matt Wise from Basingstoke Baptist who was diagnosed some time ago with a brain tumour and has recently had further scans which unfortunately shows an increase in the tumours. Please continue to pray for Matt, his wife Tiff and their two daughters for a miracle, and for God to intervene powerfully in this distressing situation.*

*Rita would like to place on record her sincere thanks for the prayer and support from the fellowship following her recent surgery. She is progressing, albeit slowly, and able to eat even if a little at a time!*

*Give thanks for last weeks CTIW service. Pray for a re-newed expression of Christian love and unity shown through the town's churches to our local Community.*



Tonight as we prayed we used an acrostic based on Matt 4:19 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.'

Each of the letters of 'Follow Christ' was used as a stepping stone for prayer. Please continue the prayer journey as you use the 12 points to help you in your prayers.

Prayers in the acrostic F.O.L.L.O.W. C.H.R.I.S.T.

**F: Increase our Faith!**  
**O: Open the word (Bible) to us!**  
**L: Lead me in my prayer!**  
**L: Increase our Love!**  
**O: Make us One!**  
**W: Give me Words to present the Gospel!**

**C: Forgive me! (Confession)**  
**H: Send workers into the Harvest!**  
**R: Reveal yourself! (Not just information but revelation)**  
**I: Draw me into your Intimate presence!**  
**S: You have a Sovereign plan for today! You are God**  
**T: Thank you!**

*Shared with us from Basingstoke Baptist Church from a revelation at their recent Prayer Meeting!*

## How the Bible speaks today

'A verse that's meant a lot to me recently is Matthew 5.14, "You are the light of the world."

In July 2021 we were on holiday in Yorkshire – my husband, my son and daughter and my son's friend.

'My son, who's 18, became really poorly and we took him to A&E. He'd gone into the room on his own.

When he came out we expected him to say, "It's fine, we can go home."

He said, "They want to speak to one of you. They're pretty sure I've had a bleed on the brain."

'I wanted to scream, but I somehow I just prayed and was reasonably calm. They took him off for a brain scan and I went to the loo, and just got on my knees and prayed that whatever happened I'd be there for my son and my husband and that I'd be sustained in some way.

'I remember hugging him – he was obviously very upset – and saying, "No matter how dark this gets, you're not going to be alone. I will be here." 'He was in an isolation room.

My husband had to go back to see our daughter, and I just sat down in the car park where I could see his window. Someone came up and asked, "Are you OK?" I said, "My son's up there and he's really struggling." He said, "I'm the security guy, do you want me to get you a chair?"

'He's still in recovery four months later and has a continuous really bad headache. His faith has been really challenged and it's grown.

'It's been a really tough time, but also a time of growing in faith. The love from our church family has been absolutely amazing.

'There's a lot my son can't do because he's very anxious. He's struggled to leave the house on his own. He said, "Mum, my life's pretty boring, but it was pretty boring before and I didn't realise it. I don't want it to be the same, I want to be somebody better."

'He knows he'll recover and each day he advances a bit more. He's changing about who he wants to be – he's even signed up to be a mentor for an addiction charity. He's a really good guy, but he'd never have done that before.

'Blessings come in unusual guises.'

