

My Bible-My Story



‘In school there’s lots of peer pressure to do things. But as a Christian you can come across as uncool if you don’t disrespect the teachers and things like that. Some people just want to fit in. I’ve been able to learn that that doesn’t matter.

‘I come from Nigeria, so I know that porn, sex and drugs are a pressure for people at my age. But I don’t see these things as a temptation. I know the side-effects. I’m well-educated in my Christian faith.

‘I like Philippians. My most favourite verse is Philippians 1.21 which says, “For me to live is Christ and to die is gain.” I like this because it’s so incredible that someone who had killed Christians could say this.

Paul was cool with the fact that if he died it would be gain. For me, that means that God’s love is so great that we just can’t imagine it. ‘It helps me when I think of it. I don’t think about that verse every day, but I have got to know it and it has changed my perspective.’

News of future plans for mid-week study meetings.

Following the decision to suspend the mid week Wednesday Bible Study, it is proposed that from September a similar group meeting would be planned on a Wednesday **morning** rather than the traditional evening one in different homes. On Wednesday August 17th from 10.30am—12 a meeting has been arranged at Vic/Phyllis Funnel’s house where a Study session will be led by Jayne Burford washed down with a coffee! It would be very helpful to know how many might be coming and therefore if you intend to come, could you let Vic or Phyllis know please?. Transport can be arranged for those who need it — you need to ask Vic!

Whitchurch Baptist Church

Sunday August 7th 2022



Morning service led by

Rev Jack Walker

A series on the book of Proverbs

‘A dummies guide to life!’

No 4 ‘A dummies guide to speech’

Proverbs 12 v 22

We celebrate Communion this morning.

Minister: Rev Jack Walker.

Secretary: June McCaughren

Treasurer: Laura Ivey

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

What's on this week:-

Jack/Jill on holiday helping at Bible Camp this week.

All mid-week meetings cancelled for August.

Sunday 14th August Guest speaker:
Rev Trevor Woodget [Basingstoke]

Thankyou to all those who have volunteered their services to help with cleaning and decorating the Manse. Those on Aug 20th can access the Manse from 9am or arrive as suits you best.

Those of you will be aware of jobs that need attending to, particularly before the arrival of Robert! Some have been done such as the Hall decoration [you may have noticed!?] and a good deal was accomplished during the Work Day, but there are opportunities you might be able to fill. Serving Communion, visiting potential new members, and there may well be other places you feel you could fill to make us as a New Testament Church should be, 'Better Together'!. Any information you might need can be supplied by June, you just need to ask! Vic is the contact for those sharing concerns on the prayer chain—speak to him if that's something you'd like to be part of!

Some useful dates to note:

Sunday Sept 18th Jack/Jills 'official' final Sunday, with lunch.

Sunday 25th Harvest Thanksgiving led by Adam Stacey.

Saturday Oct 1st 3pm
Roberts Induction.

All subsequent plans, topics, subjects etc from October onwards are obviously subject to planning decisions of Robert and the Leadership.

Andover Foodbank

Tinned fruit
Tinned soup
Pasta Sauce
Long Grain Rice

Frying Pans
Tin Openers.

Your prayer support this week would be appreciated for:

Julia Wigmore has been suffering with a problem in her right hand which may have resulted from previous surgery. The problem is being investigated and she would appreciate prayer for a swift diagnosis and effective treatment. Margaret Reece underwent foot surgery last week. So do pray for healing and freedom from anxiety. Maureen Donnelly was admitted to hospital after a fall. Pray for healing and peace for Maureen.

A Harvest Project Idea?

In a previous edition of the News Sheet, mention was made of the BMS supplying regular information to 'ordinary church members' about projects of interest and some in which they could get involved.

I've not heard about any specific project the Church has planned for Harvest, but there is a 'Good Land' appeal where the people of Ghusel, Nepal are inviting folk to partner with them to improve their land.

There is a fair amount of information available from a Leaders Guide, ideas for a service, a reflective video, and even a sermon guide by Rev Hayley Young [Baptists Together President]. Logging onto the BMS website will give you the information and you could decide to support the project personally or with your family.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday is September 25th with an All Age Service led by Adam Stacey.



This morning, during Communion, we welcome into Membership **Jo Morris**. We are thankful for those considering and acting upon the privileges and responsibilities of Membership here as we seek to be the kind of Church Community Jesus wants us to be! If you don't know Jo, make a point of saying hello this morning!

C onsidering Member ship?

The Church is NOT...

- ...a loose affiliation of people who hold roughly the same religious beliefs, no matter what those beliefs might be. I'm not joining a religious club when I join a church.
- ...a building. A building is simply a place to meet. I'm not going to an exclusive clubhouse when I go to church.
or...a non-profit organization with a clear vision statement and lucid objectives. I'm not joining an altruistic or philanthropic society when I join a church.

The Church IS...

- ...a regular assembly of people who profess and give evidence that they have been saved by God's grace alone, for His glory alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.
- ...a local, living, and loving collection of people who are committed to Christ and committed to each other.
- ...a display of God's wisdom and glory (Eph 3:10).
...a display of counter-cultural, Christ-like love (John 13:35).

We have privileges and responsibilities to God, to ourselves and to each other.