

## My Bible-My Story



‘At the beginning of last year, I signed up to the ‘Rooted’ box following my brother’s death in February. He had had a heart transplant and then had his vaccine. He passed away from blood clots a month later. He was only 30. It was devastating. ‘I used the “Journal your journey through the Bible” notebook that came with the Rooted box to help me reflect on my daily Bible readings. There were two verses that really stood out for me: Proverbs 25.19, “Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a bad tooth and a foot out of joint,” and Psalm 121.4, “He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep”.

‘There was also a sticker that came with the box that said, “Trust in him” and God revealed to me where my confidence was. My confidence was in him sometimes, but you can’t see him and you can feel like he’s far away during the dark seasons of life, and so my confidence was in those I could see. But God was telling me that they are not the source of my help and that he is always there when we need him.

‘After my brother died it was just shock, a sense of denial. I didn’t want to talk about it. It felt foreign. A part of me had left and I couldn’t find it. At the same time, I had good things happening. I had a new job, and a new product on Amazon, but the bad outweighed the good. ‘I haven’t really felt God’s presence yet. I haven’t talked about the grief to God. God has been present, but I haven’t been talking to him as I should because it’s just too painful at the moment. ‘Psalm 121.4 reminds me that in the middle of the night you can call upon him and he’s there. He never slumbers nor sleeps. He never sleeps. Yes, there’s a lot of devastation, but he can see it all. We all need to know that someone is there when we feel alone.’

**Minister:** Rev Jack Walker.

**Secretary:** June McCaughren

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

# Whitchurch Baptist Church

## Sunday August 14th 2022



**Morning service led by**

**Rev Trevor Woodget [Basingstoke]**

*‘Come Holy Spirit empower us daily’*

**We give a sincere welcome to Trevor today.**

**Trevor is retired from Ministry having served most recently in Basingstoke Baptist Church and Moderated for us during times of Interregnum whilst seeking new Ministry.**

### **What's on this week:-**

**All mid-week meetings cancelled for August.**

**Wednesday 17th 10.30am** \*see notice

**Sunday 21st August** Jack Walker

Series on Proverbs No 5 'A dummies guide to listening'. Proverbs 10 v 11

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Those of you who receive messages and information by e-mail will be aware of jobs that need sorting 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 valuable places you might be able to fill.

Serving Communion, visiting potential new members, and there may well be others 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!

Those volunteering for work at the Manse on the 20th Aug can access the building from 9am. Come when you can

### **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.

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*\*Wednesday 17th Meeting has been changed to Barry & Sandra Jackman  
Please indicate to June if you intend going. As it's intended to be in the garden, bringing your own chair would be a good idea.*

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### **Suggested Prayer Topics this week**

Continue to remember those who have had surgery recently. Pray for healing for Margaret and a good diagnosis following consultation. Give thanks for evidences of healing and restoration that we have heard of. Remember those anticipating surgery of whatever nature. Ask for a successful outcome.

Continue to bring before our God the plans and preparations for the arrival of Robert and family. Pray that the Church here will be alive to the new opportunities and new ventures in fulfilling God's purposes.

### **Tragedy of Myanmar**

The military regime ... tortured the people, burnt their houses, bombed their villages, raped their women and children, sucked the people out of their livelihoods and killed thousands of innocent civilians..." With these words, Christian leaders in north-east India sum up the terrible suffering in neighbouring Myanmar since the military coup of February 2021. Many of the victims are our fellow Christians from Myanmar's ethnic minorities. Thousands have fled their homeland into nearby countries. At least 5,540 men, women and children, from infants to elderly, have sought shelter in one particular district of mainly Christian Mizoram state in India, which borders mainly Christian Chin State in Myanmar.

Having crossed the river that forms the international border, the Myanmar Christians arrived "tired, hungry, homeless and penniless", said the Indian Christian leaders, as they appealed to Barnabas for help

Local Indian Christians from 50 villages welcomed the refugees with open arms, and did their best to provide for their needs. Church members from all over the district donated clothes, bedding, utensils and other household items, as well as money to help the newly arrived believers. Many took refugees into their own homes. Other refugees were accommodated in temporary shelters of bamboo and plastic sheeting, but these will be inadequate during the heavy monsoon rains (May-September). Volunteers from the local churches are willing and able to help the refugees build more robust shelters, but they cannot afford the wood, nails and metal roofing sheets needed.

The international news has highlighted war atrocities by the Military Regime with disenchanted soldiers confessing to carrying out orders from senior military officials on the general public of genocide and murder and setting fire to whole villages. This particular group of people are largely a Christian group and as such suffer persecution.

Barnabas Fund are providing food and other practical things to help whether that be building materials or whatever, and you can contribute to that!

Contact Barnabasfund website for all details. All donations, large or small helps enormously and it is given 'in Jesus Name'. [By Christians for Christians]

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### **Andover Foodbank**

Tinned Soup  
Pasta Sauce

Tinned fruit  
Pkts long grain rice

Frying pans.  
Tin Openers.

As usual place your contributions in the marked box by the kitchen and they will be taken to the Andover Office.

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### **'Take Note' leaflets**

**Special Offer deals available on numerous books etc in the Hall.**

**Please Note:**  
**Vine Bookshop in Andover is closed for holidays until Tuesday August 30th 10am.**

If you wished to obtain any thing particular from the Leaflet, and with the shop being closed, you'd need to speak to John on the way to obtain it!