

### My Bible-My Story

'When my wife and I got married a friend embroidered verses from Proverbs 3 for us as a gift. All these years later, it still hangs in our hallway. It reads, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

'When I look back now, I can see its relevance for my life. I was brought up in Alexandria in Egypt. I came here to take up a career in psychiatry, but what happened is nothing short of miraculous. 'I had a visitors' visa for three months. There were two weeks of the visa period left. But I had burned my bridges at home. I was in a paralysis of depression and couldn't think what I was going to do. A GP, a lovely man, asked me what was wrong. I told him. He had a friend who was a psychiatrist. Two days later the psychiatrist rang. I went to see him and he was happy to train me. I gave him my passport and went from having to leave the country in two

weeks to being employed and staying. I worked from 1983 and retired in 2010.



'When I look back now I can see the hand of God in it. It has been redemptive. Every day I am reminded of this because I see the embroidery on our hall wall.'

*Stories shared with the Bible Society from the lives of ordinary folk!*

**Next Sunday is a 'special' day in the life of our Church when we give thanks to God for the ministry of Jack and Jill over the past three years and to crown that celebration we are rejoicing with those who are being baptised. What a way to bring ministry to a climax by publicly declaring peoples personal story to faith in Jesus and the difference it's made in their lives. Plan to join us!**

**Minister: Rev Jack Walker.**

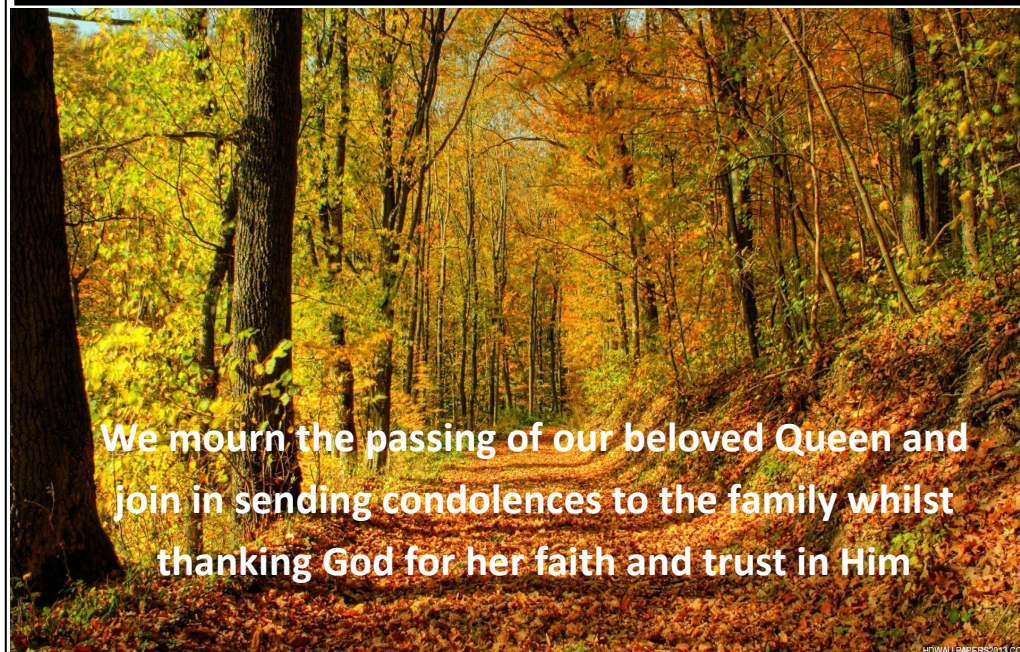
**Secretary: June McCaughren**

**Treasurer: Laura Ivey**

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

# Whitchurch Baptist Church

## Sunday Sept: 11th 2022



**We mourn the passing of our beloved Queen and join in sending condolences to the family whilst thanking God for her faith and trust in Him**

**Morning service led by  
Rev Jack Walker No 2 in a mini series  
'Encounters with Jesus'  
'Arguing with Jesus' Matthew 15.**

# Welcome

## What's on this week and beyond

**Wednesday 14th** 10.30am 'New Style' Bible Study Group at The Burfords.

**Sunday Sept 18th** Jack/Jills 'official' final Sunday. Lunch has been cancelled in respect of the Queen's death.

**Wednesday 21st** Members Meeting 8pm

**Sunday 25th** Harvest Thanksgiving led by Adam Stacey.

**Saturday Oct 1st** 3pm  
Roberts Induction.

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**Next Sunday No 3 'Just one touch'**

**Mark 5.**

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### **Prayer reminders this week.**

Recent requests for prayer mainly via the Prayer Chain, have included:

Margaret Reece. Jean Hopkins.

Julia Wigmore. Ian (June's brother).

David Ivey. Continue to pray.

### **Harvest Thanksgiving Sun: Sept 25th**

Anyone interested in helping with the display for this Sunday please see June.

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Beginning on Wednesday 14th at 10.30am a new format for the old mid week evening Study Group is being held at the Burford's Home.

Please note it is now in the morning!

## Help for the Chinese Church

The Church in China is experiencing incredible growth and the problem facing them is the acute shortage of trained Leaders.

Young believers step up to shepherd their congregations but resources for them are pretty scant.

The Bible Societies answer to help with this problem is the production of a Study Bible. Lay preachers have full time jobs outside of their church ministries so they can feed their families. Theological training is beyond their means.

The fires of revival are burning strongly in China in spite of the many varied attempts by the authorities to subdue and restrict it, but you cannot stop the work of God's Holy Spirit!

This resource will enable to help disciple countless believers. Elder Ye was in his early twenties and had just recently found faith when he felt needed by his local church. He grew into the leader he is today because a passionate supporter of Bible mission *provided* him with a Study Bible. The church Ye stepped up to lead had 30 members, but today it's home to more than 1,000! More information can be found on the Bible Societies website.

A Study Bible costs just £13.

## Gracious Lord

When the war and violence surround  
Your people,

When death is on every side and man  
has ceased to be his brothers keeper.

### **Our times are in Your hands**

When disease stalks the land,  
a pestilence that strikes without  
warning,

When sickness and sorrow fill the air

### **Our times are your hands.**

When disaster has descended upon  
us, storm, tempest, and earthquake,  
Floods, drought and locusts

### **Our times are in Your hands**

When famine ravages barren the  
earth, when food is gone and

children cry for bread,

When hunger and starvation are all  
they know

### **Our times are in your hands.**

When persecution is on every side,  
When family and friends reject and  
betray,

When authorities punish even to  
death

### **Gracious Lord, keep your people faithful.**

When your hand of judgement is  
heavy upon us

For our many sins, which we  
acknowledge and repent,

Then, in Your wrath, remember  
mercy.

### **Gracious Lord, forgive us.**

*A prayer used for  
The Persecuted Church Awareness 2022.*

## **Please note:**

Details in the previous edition of this weeks News Sheet gave information on next Sundays BBQ etc. This (the BBQ) will now not take place in respect of the news of Queen Elizabeths 2 death. Any updates will be sent out during the week and this is how things stand with what we know so far. The baptismal service will still go ahead although in a more 'down-beat' fashion but we will still rejoice in the Good News of Jesus especially as it has been wonderfully confirmed by the faith, trust and life of Queen Elizabeth.

We thank God for her commitment to the teachings of Jesus, the authenticity of the Bible and her character and life style which amplified the very God she put her trust in.

The Queen was Patron of the Bible Society

Pray at this time for the entire Royal Family, for the new King Charles 3 with the new roles they will be undertaking that they will find the same source of faith the Queen exemplified. Pray too for the Government and local authorities seeking to lead our country with the graces and principles shown by the Queen during her reign.

Paul Williams (Bible Society) '*Her Christian faith was her guide through life and because of that was able to be a stable and enduring presence in our national life*'