

Bethesda Baptist Church

# Family News

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## WE GIVE YOU ALL A WARM WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY.

We especially welcome Andrew & Linda Docherty back from their sabbatical. Andrew Docherty is our preacher this morning and we continue in the series 'Against all odds' - 'The bronze snake'. We also look forward to hearing from 'Teen Challenge' who will be taking part during the morning service. We meet again at 6.30pm and Guy Fairweather will begin a new mini series 'Three New Testament Letters' - 'Close the door' (2 John).

Refreshments will be served in The Key following the morning service. *Do stay and join us, we would love to have a chat!*

### This Week

#### Monday 4th

**Monday Fellowship Outing.** Leaving from Soane Street at 10.45am.

7.30pm Church Members' Meeting in the Lower Hall.

#### Tuesday 5th

10.00am Parents & Toddlers meet in the Lower Hall.

11.00am Service at Eventide Homes with Ted Jack.

12 noon Key Prayer meeting in The Key.

#### Housegroups meet:-

1.00pm Coral Sharpe The Key

4-7pm Ann Christian

7.30pm Andy & Linda Wright

Guy Fairweather

Jon & Heather Cordle

7.45pm Dom & Jenny Mann

#### Wednesday 6th

10.00am Coffee Break for ladies learning English in the Lower Hall.

10.30am Wednesday Fellowship Coffee Morning in the Church Lounge.

Times vary Brigades meet.

6.30pm Boys' Brigade Awards Evening - see separate notice.

#### Friday 8th

7pm Lazers meet in The Atrium.

#### Sunday 10th

10.40am & Andrew Docherty will be our preacher.

6.30pm Communion during the morning service.

10.15am & Prayer in the West Hall.

6.10pm

10.40am Sunday School & Crèche.



**LARGE PRINT**  
bibles, hymnbooks and song  
sheets are available.



**There is also a hearing loop.**

### Music Day Ice Cream - TODAY

In house group we have been thinking about how Bethesda can have a presence at Music Day - did you know that over 40,000 people are expected to visit the park that day? What an opportunity!

We will be giving out ice cream as people pass the Church, as well as having information about what goes on here - we really hope it will spark people's curiosity! Please pray for us as we meet people, and show a bit of God's love through an ice cream treat!

*Dom & Jenny's House Group*



The Thank offering still remains open and our gifts this year will go to supporting Tools With A Mission's appeal to replace their ageing vans that collect items to be shipped abroad and SIM's initiative to reach out to Syrian refugees given the opportunity to come to the UK.



## ***Please remember in your prayers...***

- ◆ Those who are sick, frail or housebound and our Bethesda Eventide residents
- ◆ Andrew Docherty & Guy Fairweather, our preachers today.
- ◆ Andrew Docherty, our preacher next Sunday.
- ◆ Final preparations for this year's Holiday at Home which takes place Monday 11th to Friday 15th July.
- ◆ Derek Bailey as he preaches at Hatfield Road Congregational Church next Sunday.
- ◆ Terry Mann as he goes out on Town Pastor duties on Friday 8th July.

### **Maintenance Team - Help Required!**

Would you have the ability and time to support the church by being a regular or occasional member of a team of people, who can be called upon in event of emergency repairs or cleaning being needed at the church, and also to be added to a list of people who are prepared to be part of a group who are called upon to clean drains and gutters etc. You will need to be fit enough to climb ladders on the odd occasion. We are looking to create a team of 4 or 5 people to share the burden. If you require more information then please speak with Steve Andrews or Peter Miller who will be able to give you more details. Would you be able to spare some time to support your church in this way? Please respond to the church office if you can assist.

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**BB Awards Evening – Wednesday 6th July at 6.30pm** in the Lower Hall. Peter Miller will be speaking and presenting the awards. Everyone is welcome, please come along and support the boys.



### **MUSIC DAY**

Programme of events for Bethesda this afternoon.

14.00 - 14.25	Silbury Hill
14.30 - 14.55	Ipswich Co-op Ladies Choir
15.00 - 15.25	Columbines
15.30 - 15.55	Black Barn Singers
16.00 - 16.25	Camerata Singers



The church flowers have been given by Ian & Helen Hawker in loving memory of Dorothy, Ian Hawker's mother and Muriel, mother of Helen.

### **Snippets**

- **Church meeting tomorrow** 7.30pm in Lower Hall, please try your best to support this.
- **Congratulations** to Mary & Gordon Curtis who celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Thursday 7th July.
- **Congratulations** - Steve & May Bowman would like to say thank you to the Lord for the safe arrival of their first grandson, Ludwig, born Friday 17th June, 7lb 2oz, to Andy & Sabine.
- **Eastern Counties Bible Convention 2016.** Flyers are available in the Information Area - please take one.
- **The latest news sheet from Bethesda Romania** is available at the Information Area - please take one.

### **Early Morning Walk**

Join us at Orwell Country Park on Saturday 16 July. We will start walking at 8.30am from Bridge Wood car park (off Nacton Road). A circular route of approx. 3.5 miles. The path will be undulating and no doubt muddy in places, so sensible footwear is advisable.

*If you would like any further details please ask Kevin, Nigel, Beth, Janet or Andy.*



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### **Thank you**

Dear Bethesda Mission Council (and Bethesda Family). Once again, you humble and amaze me by your support and incredibly generous giving - not just in finance but also in prayer and in enthusiastic interest in my ministry. Thank you so, so much for the recent gift - of which I have just received news from our finance team. God is good - all the time! With love Ann Christian. How can (I) thank God enough for (the Bethesda family) in return for all the joy (I) have in the presence of my God because of you? 1 Thessalonians 3 v 9.