

Bethesda Baptist Church

# Family News

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

Andrew Docherty is our preacher today and this morning we begin a new series 'A church God can use' - 'Rights in the church'. Communion will be during the morning service. We meet again at 6.30pm and we will continue in our mini series 'Three New Testament Letters' - 'Open the door' (3 John).

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

Young Peoples' 'Afterchurch' tonight is at Steve & Sharon Andrews

### This Week

#### Monday 11th

**11.00am** My Time Housegroup  
7.15pm Deacons' meeting in The Key.

#### Tuesday 12th

10.00am Parents & Toddlers meet in the Lower Hall.  
11.00am Service at Eventide Homes with Derek Bailey.  
12 noon Key Prayer meeting in The Key.  
7.30pm Church Night in The Key.

#### Wednesday 13th

10.00am Coffee Break for ladies learning English in the Lower Hall.  
Times vary Brigades meet for a BBQ at Spring Meadow, Thurleston Lane.  
7.30pm Church Development Meeting in the Lounge.

#### Friday 15th

7pm Lazars meet in The Atrium.

#### Saturday 16th

8.30am Early morning walk & coffee - see separate notice.

#### Sunday 17th All Age Family Service.

10.40am & Andrew Docherty will be our preacher.  
6.30pm Paul Law will be our preacher.  
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.**

#### 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.*

## THANKOFFERING SUNDAY

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, our preacher today.
- ◆ Andrew Docherty & Paul Law, our preachers next Sunday.
- ◆ Please pray for Holiday at Home this week, for safety on the road and an enjoyable week for all holiday makers.
- ◆ Derek Bailey as he preaches at Hatfield Road Congregational Church this morning at 10.30am.
- ◆ Guy Fairweather as he goes out on Town Pastor duties on Friday 15th July and Sheila Aldous as she goes out on Saturday 16th July.

#### **Deacons' Election – October 2016**

Church members please note that nomination papers for the Deacons' Election are now available and these must be completed and returned to the box in the Information Area by Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Nominees must receive at least 10 nominations to be eligible for the ballot at the Church Meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October. The following will be coming to the end of their current term of office and are willing to seek re-election but must be nominated: Ian Cooke, Guy Fairweather, Paul Law, Domenic Mann, Terry Mann. After serving for many years, Charlie Clarke has indicated that he will not be seeking re-election. Please obtain consent from those you wish to nominate (other than those listed above). Please pray that God will help and direct us in this matter. If you have any queries, please speak to Terry Green.

#### ***Snippets***

- **CYM July Prayer Diaries** are available in the Information Area - please take one.
- **Protestant Truth Society Meeting** to be held at the Martyrs Memorial on Christchurch Park on Saturday July 16th 2016 at 6.00 pm, the speaker will be Simon Green. If wet, the meeting will take place in one of our halls at Bethesda.
- **The Pilgrims Friends Society Summer Magazine** is available in the Information Area - please take one.



The church flowers have been given by Roger & Julie Barnes in celebration of their Silver Wedding Anniversary.

#### **uccf: the christian unions**

#### **Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship (UCCF)**

One of the aims of UCCF is to give every student in Britain the opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel. Please pray for the Christian Unions who will now have new committee members with leadership responsibilities and especially as they plan for activities after the summer break. Pray for students that have become Christians during this past year, that they be encouraged in their new found faith and be able to witness to friends and family as they return home and are away from the student environment. Remember those from Bethesda who will be starting or continuing their studies in the autumn: James Floodgate at Southend and Thurrock; Anna Jaye at Ridley Hall, Cambridge; Heidi Thomas at DMU, Leicester; Susan Brown at UEA, Norwich; Tom Andrews at Sheffield.

#### ***giftaid it***

If you are an income taxpayer, please consider using one of the Gift Aid envelopes available from the rack at each entrance. By simply filling in your name and address on the back of the envelope, you will increase the value of each £1 you give by 25p. Thank you.

#### **Bethesda Prayer Chain**

If you would like Bethesda friends to pray for an urgent or time specific issue then please telephone Sharon Andrews

If there is no answer, please leave a message with your name and number only and Sharon will call you back as soon as she can. ***Please do not leave the prayer message on the answer machine.***

