

Bethesda Baptist Church

Family News

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WE GIVE YOU ALL A WARM WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES.

Andrew Docherty is our preacher today. This morning we continue in the series 'Lord, hear my prayer' - 'Jehoshaphat's prayer'. We meet again at 6.30pm when Andrew will continue in the series 'That you may believe' - 'The Woman', the service will also include communion. 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' is at Ian & Sharon Cooke's

This Week

Monday 24th

2.30pm Monday Fellowship meet in the Lower Hall. The speaker will be Ron Low.

Tuesday 25th

12 noon Key Prayer meeting in The Key.
7.30pm Church night in The Key.

Wednesday 26th

10-12noon **Holiday Club ages 4-11**

Thursday 27th

10-12noon **Holiday Club**

Friday 28th

10-12noon **Holiday Club**

Saturday 29th

6.30pm Hog Roast in the Lower Hall. See opposite for details. Everyone welcome.

Sunday 30th

10.40am Guy Fairweather will be our preacher.
& 6.30pm Rev Mark Prentice from St John's, Ipswich, will be our preacher.
10.15am & Prayer in the West Hall.
6.10pm
10.40am Sunday School and Crèche.

JOIN US FOR FUN, GAMES AND
A HOG ROAST ON
SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER
From 6.30PM in the Lower Hall



Children are welcome to come along in
superhero fancy dress

Please sign up to let us know you are
coming.

No fee...but please feel free to make a
donation. Thank you.



LARGE PRINT
bibles, hymnbooks and
song sheets are available.

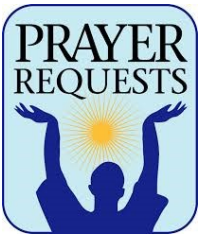


**There is also a hearing
loop.**



We would kindly ask that, if it is not essential for you to park on the Key Car Park from Wednesday - Friday while the Holiday Club is running, or you can park elsewhere, this would be very much appreciated as it will be very busy

with parents collecting and dropping off children.
Many thanks.



Please remember in your prayers...

- ◆ Those who are sick, frail or housebound and our Bethesda Eventide residents
- ◆ Andrew Docherty, our preacher today.
- ◆ Guy Fairweather and Mark Prentice, our preachers next Sunday.
- ◆ All the ladies from Bethesda who are at the Ladies' Conference at Sizewell Hall this weekend.
- ◆ Holiday Club this week. Please pray for all the leaders, helpers, children and their families.
- ◆ David Sheppard, out on Town Pastor duties on Friday 28th October & Ann Christian out on Saturday 29th October.
- ◆ Derek Bailey as he preaches at Kesgrave Baptist Church this evening.
- ◆ Margaret Brock as she speaks at Chelmondiston Ladies' meeting on Tuesday 25th October and Kesgrave Baptist Women's meeting on Wednesday 26th October.



Table Tennis Tournament - We will be holding another tournament on Friday 11th November in the Lower Hall and Atrium from 7.00 - 9.30 pm (approximately). If you would like to take part, please give your name to Beth or Nigel Long, Kevin Wright or Andy Smith as soon as possible. There will be an entry fee of £2 payable at the tournament.



The church flowers are given in loving memory of Tony Brown from, Pam, Peter, Christine and families.

Snippets

- **Deacons Election** – Paul Armstrong, Ian Cooke, Guy Fairweather, Paul Law, Domenic Mann & Terry Mann have been elected to serve as Deacons. Please see the photo board in the entrance for all deacons currently serving.
- **BCCT Trustee** – Andy Allberry has been appointed as a BCCT Trustee.
- **Thank you** - We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Charlie Clarke who has served as a Deacon in the church for the last 28 years. Thank you also to Wendy for supporting him over this time.
- **Worship times together** - At the Church Meeting on Monday evening it was shared that from the New Year we will all worship together downstairs.

Families In Need – Maureen Reynel gave an informative and challenging account of the work of FIND at a recent Tuesday Church Night. She explained that at present they had sufficient tea, soup, pasta and beans but were in need of **jam**, tins of **carrots** and **peas**, tinned **mince** and **stews** and **corned beef**.

Thank you for your continued support of the FIND food bank.



Key Holders

A lock has been fitted on the East Side Gate. If anyone currently has keys to the Church, East room, Kitchen, Lower Hall or Atrium you will need to have a key for this gate. Please contact Mel Armstrong if you will need a key.

What More can I Give?

To maintain the ongoing daily ministries of Bethesda we need weekly giving to regularly average £2,850. Weekly offerings are currently around £300 short of this target and we have had to dip into reserves to make up the shortfall. This is not a situation we can allow to continue indefinitely.

Against this backdrop we recognise the pressing need to redevelop some of our buildings. Should the cost of the works proposed exceed the amount we currently have set aside, no commercial lender would support us unless we can demonstrate an ability to more than cover our regular ongoing expenses.

To support our current programme we need a 13% increase (£300 per week) in our regular giving. Can we ask you, as we ask ourselves, to prayerfully consider these questions?

- Can I commit to regularly support the ministries of Bethesda by monthly bank transfer?
- If I already do this, am I able to increase the monthly amount I give?
- Am I an income tax payer who hasn't signed up to Gift Aid my offerings? This simple step can increase the value given by 25%.
- If I give through the offering am I able to commit to an increased weekly gift?

Our treasurer, Jon Haskins, would be happy to talk with you individually and walk through the relevant forms if this would be of help to you. The Deacons