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Bethesda Baptist Church

Family News

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Hebrews 12v2

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WE GIVE YOU ALL A WARM WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY.
Andrew Docherty is our preacher this morning at our All Age service and will continue in the series 'Let me tell you a story - The Tenants'. We meet again this evening at 6.30pm and Paul Law will be speaking at our Youth led service. Refreshments will be served in The Key after the morning service.

This Week

Monday 19th

2.30pm	Monday Fellowship meet in the Lower Hall The speaker will be Carol Back.
7.30pm	Eventide Trustees' meeting.

Tuesday 20th

10.00am	Parents & Toddlers in the Lower Hall.
11.00am	Service at Eventide Homes. The speaker will be Frank Fisher.
12 noon	Key Prayer meeting in The Key.
7.30pm	Church Night in The Key - Mike Griffin from Tools With A Mission. There will be an offering.
7.30pm	Richard & Rachel's House.
7.45pm	Dom & Jenny's House Group.

Wednesday 21st

10.00am	Coffee Break in the Lower Hall.
10.30am	Wednesday Fellowship in the Lounge.
2.15pm	Short Mat Bowls in the Lower Hall.
Times vary	Boys' and Girls' Brigades meet.

Thursday 22nd

7.30pm	Female Co in The Key - see separate note.

Friday 23rd

7.00pm	Lazers meet.

Sunday 25th March - Palm Sunday

10.40am	Speaker: Paul Law
6.30pm	Speaker: Andrew Docherty Subject: Jesus...rejected. There will be communion during this service.
10.15am & 6.10pm	Prayer in the Deacons' Vestry.
10.40am	Primary Sunday School & Crèche.

female co.

for all ladies over 18

EASTER

....make an Easter rag wreath

Please bring a pair of sharp scissors or pinking shears to cut material

Come and enjoy a relaxing evening

Thursday 22nd March
in The Key ***7.30pm***

Cost: £5.00.....includes refreshments + wreath and material

The Church Office

After almost 20 years working in the Church Office, Sue Haskins feels it is time to lay down her responsibility as Secretary. We want to thank Sue for all that she has done in serving the Church and the Lord in this role. She will be greatly missed.

Prayer Requests

Please remember in your prayers…

- Those who are sick, frail or housebound and our Bethesda Eventide Residents.
- Andrew Docherty & Paul Law, our preachers today.
- Paul Law & Andrew Docherty, our preachers next Sunday.
- Our Youth group as they take part in this evening's service.
- Our Boys' and Girls' Brigade members and their families.

Snippets

- **Latest News from Talitha Koum and Betesda, Romania** are available from the Information Area, please take a copy.
- **CYM Prayer Diaries** for March & April are available from the Information Area.
- **Thank You** - Ann & family would like to thank everyone for their cards, love, support and kindness in the recent passing of dear Eric.
- **Barnabas Fund** are currently running a campaign to raise awareness of the erosion of religious liberties and values in our country. They are also proposing the introduction of a new law to protect those freedoms. If you would like to sign their petition, you will find it in the Information Area. For more information see www.barnabasfund.org
- **Serving in Mission** - The next SIM orientation course for new mission workers runs at Wetheringsett Manor from Friday 6th April to Friday 13th April 2018. Praise God that the course is fully booked, but the accommodation at Wetheringsett is stretched. Do you have - or know of - a caravan they could borrow for the week? If so, please email Kevin Keegan (kevin@sim.co.uk). Thank you.

COME JOIN US

Boys' & Girls' Brigade

Come along and join us on a Wednesday evening, 6.30pm onwards.

For boys & girls aged 4-18 (reception upwards)

We play games, make friends, do sports, crafts, parades, devotions, camps & lots of exciting trips out. We would love to see some new faces.

If anyone is interested please contact the Church office: 01473 255035.

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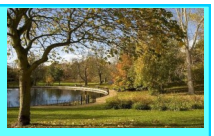
Good Friday Ramble - 30th March



Please book this date for our 'stay at home' event which will commence at approximately 12 noon following the morning service & refreshments.

We will start with a walk in the lovely adjacent park although the younger children will probably prefer to make use of the wooden play area. Please feel free to remain in the Lower Hall if you wish. This will be followed by a shared buffet lunch at around 1pm (please bring some food to share - hot and cold drinks will be provided.

We will then have the opportunity to play table tennis, board games etc. or just sit and chat. Children will be invited to join in an Easter Egg hunt and take part on some organised activities. The event will finish at 3.30pm and will still go ahead if the weather turns out to be wet. We suggest a small donation of £1 per adult and 50p per child to cover incidental expenses with the balance going to the Development Fund.

Help!

Girls' Brigade is in real need of help on a Wednesday night- did you know we have around 50 girls aged 4-14 attend? At the moment we have a pressing need for 3 Women to get involved in our groups on a weekly basis - but if you would like to be part of a rota, we would consider that too! If you have any questions or would like to talk further, please speak to Karen Fairweather ASAP.

The church flowers today have been given by Richard and Cynthia Cooke in loving memory of their parents.

Celebrate with us!

SIM will be celebrating 125 years of pioneering mission on May 10th 2018 at St James' Church, Clerkenwell, London EC1R 0AP. The event will feature global food, global music and global speakers. The main guest speaker will be SIM's International Director, Joshua Bogunjoko.

There are three parts to the celebration - an afternoon event aimed at church and mission leaders; an early evening event (6pm-7pm) aimed at SIM alumni; and the big evening celebration from 7pm to 9pm, which is open to everyone.

There will be refreshments, music and presentations about SIM UK's plans for the future.

To book a place, or if you want further information, please email 125events@sim.co.uk or you can sign up directly for the evening celebration at….
http://www.sim.co.uk/form/id-be-there-may-10