

Bethesda

Baptist Church

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Family News

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5 v 16-18

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

Andrew Docherty will be speaking and continues in the series in Mark's Gospel 'Seeing clearly'. Guy Fairweather is the speaker in the evening, continuing in the series in Thessalonians 'God has a plan'. This service includes communion.

Refreshments will be in The Key following the morning service. Do join us if you can.

This week

Monday 25th March

2.30 pm Monday Fellowship in the Lower Hall
Speaker: Adam Blowes

Tuesday 26th

10.00 am Parents and Toddlers in the Lower Hall
11.00 am Service at Eventide Homes
Speaker: Margaret Brock
12.00 pm Key prayer meeting in the Key
7.30 pm Church Night in The Key

Wednesday 27th

10.00 am Coffee Break for ladies learning English
10.00 am Wednesday Fellowship & Outreach
times vary Boys' and Girls' Brigades meet

Thursday 28th

2.30 pm Tudor Court

Friday 29th

7.30 pm Ministry Team meeting
11.00 am Funeral service for Mary Burt

Sunday 31st March - Mothering Sunday

10.40 am Andrew Docherty
6.30 pm Question Time in The Key
10.15 am Prayer in the Deacons' Vestry
& 6.10 pm Prayer in the Key Lounge
10.40 am Sunday School and Crèche



CHRISTIANITY EXPLORER

Christianity Explored:

Our next CE course will be held on Tuesday evenings in The Key from April to June. The taster evening, including a meal will be on **Tuesday 16th April** from 7:45 to 9:15pm. The course is relaxed and informal and offers the opportunity for individual questions to be asked and answered.

Please use the cards available in order to invite family, friends and colleagues to come along. If you are able to bring someone along with you that would be great. There is no commitment to attend the whole course. The taster evening is to help individuals decide whether the course will suit their needs.

If you have further questions about the course, please ask Jenny, Dom, Angela or Paul.

Question Time:

Our next Question Time will be held in The Key on Sunday 31st March. Tea and Coffee will be available from 6:10 and we will conclude by around 7:45. We will focus on questions about Jesus and about those who do not get the opportunity to hear the Christian message. There will be an opportunity to add your own questions and comments to the mix. This is a good opportunity to invite folks along who wouldn't normally come to church.

We look forward to an evening of lively discussion which will be helpful wherever you are on your journey of faith.

Do join us if you can



LARGE PRINT Bibles and song sheets are available.



There is also a hearing loop.

Don't forget that the clocks go forward next weekend



The Church flowers this week have been given by Kevin, Emma and Sam in loving memory of Win and Jack Knights.



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Please remember in your prayers

- David and Pauline Grant, Linda Docherty, Cassie Dickerson, Daphne Ward and her sister Audrey, Peter Cornish and our Bethesda Eventide residents: Evelyn Jewell, Eddie Cracknell and Rita Waspe.
- Arthur Burt and family. Mary passed away on 8th March. Mary's funeral will take place here in church on Friday 29th March at 11am, followed by refreshments in the Lower Hall.
- Sue Beecroft and family.
- Andrew Docherty and Guy Fairweather, our speakers today.
- Andrew Docherty, speaking next Sunday morning.
- The upcoming Christianity Explored course - for the leaders and those who will come.
- The Question Time session in The Key next Sunday evening.
- The Town Pastors and their need for new people to join them.

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for all ladies over 18

A clay workshop with PENNIKKITY POTS

*please bring a small flower or leaves to
decorate your tile using different glazes*

come and enjoy a relaxing evening

**Thursday 4th April
in The Key 7.45pm**

Cost: £10.00...includes workshop + refreshments

THE EASTER MESSAGE

All Christians agree that Easter is the most important event in history and we as a Church want to communicate that to the people of Ipswich. With this in mind we are again distributing invitation leaflets to 1000 homes around Bethesda. In addition to the Invitation card we are also distributing a great little booklet entitled "3 Days that shook the world" which clearly tells the Easter story. Can you help us in this by delivering to one of the roads around our Church. It could change someone's life! Many of our faithful distributors are no longer able to carry on. Your help would be greatly valued. *Charlie Clarke*

TO ALL KEYHOLDERS Because of insurance and security concerns, we are trying to obtain an up to date list of all those within the church who hold keys to all parts of the church and church office. At the doors today and next week there are individual sheets for you to complete, showing which keys you have in your possession. Please complete these and post through the office letterbox.

If however you have keys which are no longer needed or are obsolete could you please post them through the church office letterbox in an envelope marked who they are from and most importantly which door, cupboard or filing cupboard they fit.

Thank you for your help.

A prayer for the United Kingdom

O Sovereign Lord, in Your mercy move in each of our nations; to restore the honour of Your Name, restrain the forces of evil, renew Your Church and bring spiritual revival!

We pray for all people especially those in authority: that we may live quiet and peaceful lives.

Almighty God, we beseech You to guide our government and all others involved in the Brexit situation; that Your will may be done in the UK and throughout Europe now and in the years to come.

Loving Shepherd, please bring back those who have wandered; to repent and receive the forgiveness and eternal life of Your gospel.

Lift up the vulnerable and wounded and grant them healing, comfort and new hope.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

