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From the Editor

Summer is here in full force. We've been looking forward to it for a long time, and now, for many of us, it is time to relax, go on holiday or spend more time with friends and family. It's also an opportunity to refresh ourselves, both physically and spiritually. As the days are longer, perhaps we can find some alone time with God.

As the psalmist says,

² *Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.*

³ *From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised.*

⁴ *The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.*

(Psalm 113:2-4 King James Version (KJV))

And yet, at this time, some of us are feeling on top of the world, but some of us are facing all sorts of challenges. Let's remember to praise God's name in both the good and bad times.

Blessed Be Your Name

In the land that is plentiful

Where Your streams of abundance flow

Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name

When I'm found in the desert place

Though I walk through the wilderness

Blessed Be Your name

May you be blessed over the summer, and praise Jesus' name from the rising to the setting of the sun, all through the summer, and beyond.

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Our purpose is to take the life-changing message of Jesus Christ to all, with the goal that they become His loyal disciples.



Pastors Page

I am so excited about what God is going to do through RBC and the Meeting Place as we see God's vision and plan unfolding. There is a temptation when stepping out on such a venture as this to see the problems and also to have a sense of bereavement as we may have to let go of our familiar activities and comfortable projects, to take on something far bigger, far riskier and, to be honest, scary and could fail. So why do it? Well to put it simply, when we as a church undertook to step out, it was to make Jesus known. I want to use the letters of the "Meeting Place" to remind us all, what we are doing and why.

M – Mission. It is not a business, it is a mission that God has called us to in order to make Jesus known.

E – Everyone. It is a place of the church that is open to all, members, worshippers, seekers, the lost, the desolate and the needy. It is a place where all can come in and meet with Christ.

E – Eating. Eating together is communion, and as we serve food in the name of Christ, we are also showing

our Saviour by the way we do it.

T – Talking. Simply talking about life, talking about Jesus, and this is done through listening first. We have two ears and one mouth, the challenge is to use them in that proportion.

I – Invitation. It is a doorway into the church where we invite people into a deeper relationship with the church, with his people and with Christ himself.

N – Nurturing – through supportive structures, that staff and guests can be supported to reach their full potential, be that a volunteer or staff member with additional needs to be believed in, and supported in an environment where they can flourish.

G – Gathering. We hope to hold events where people can come and gather together to enjoy activities, but to also grow deeper in their understanding of God.

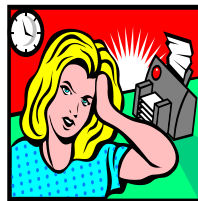
P – Provision. Providing practical support, signposting and support for those in need. That may be something from the food bank to making a call for someone in need.

The deadline for the October 2018/November 2018 edition of the Grapevine is Sunday 23rd September 2018

Please give any items to Cheryl Schulte, put them in the tray on the Welcome Desk or email them to

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L – Loving – As we are called by Christ, we will seek to show his love for all. Sometimes that will be to offer showers or demonstrate different care to someone in need. It may also include a listening ear.

A – Accessible. Believe it or not, many people find God distant and unreachable. Through the activities of the Meeting Place, we seek to help all on the journey towards discovering life and help for themselves.

C – Conference. On the back of the Meeting Place, there is so much more that we as a church can do to maximise the use, of the church going forward. This will include conferences and events that the church can use, that will bring many in from the community.

E – Evangelism. It is about making Jesus known, and through courses, materials and conversations, we will unashamedly be talking about our faith and hope, so that Jesus will be glorified and people will find new life through the gospel.

So what can you do?

Pray: Pray for the practical arrangements and also for what God is going to do through this exciting project. There is a temptation to see this as a business, it is not, it is a mission initiative where the church meets the com-

munity and the community meet Jesus.

Participate: There are many practical things to be done, from building, painting and volunteering. If you want to find out more about this, speak with Alison. There are things to be done before it opens and then once it is up and running.

Prepare: To get involved, to bring your friends along, partner with events and let it be known by sharing the vision and telling your neighbours.

Ian Bunce



Missionary Message

Apart from a hasty 'hello, we have arrived, and we are safe' announcement I realise we have not been in contact. So here we are, entering our third month in Bangladesh. Time has gone both quickly and slowly, and because we have Bangla classes five days

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a week everything is measured in relation to this. We mark months by which book we are on (that's lesson one of book three started today), and our days as to whether it is a class day or not. Mostly, during the day we do our homework, learn vocabulary and prepare for the next lesson. And so, time has gone both quickly and slowly depending on what we are doing.

We feel strangely at home here, but also still not quite believing we are in Bangladesh. Some things feel very different, such as wearing Bangladeshi clothes, riding on rickshaws and eating rice with our hand. But other things feel very normal, so it is hard to know at the moment how to process everything; we certainly don't feel like tourists but is also doesn't feel like home yet, either.

We are definitely living a slower pace of life and we are benefiting from having the time to take things in, notice

what is around us and not have to 'do' things. We are using an Ignatian reflective prayer guide for our prayer times together and this is helping us to view the here and now positively and to seek God in all our moments of the day.

We are grateful to be keeping really well from a health point of view and have found a pattern of eating and exercising that seems to suit us. We want to thank God for this, as we see this as a direct answer to prayer.

The boys have done well in their exams, which is a huge relief to us and we are really grateful to friends and family for helping Calum move from Newcastle to London and for giving Jonah a home base, so he can work and see his girlfriend. Not making that final round trip from Weston to Newcastle feels a bit like unfinished business, but I can't imagine how it would feel if there had been no one we could call on. We were expecting not to be able to do things ourselves in Bangladesh, but the harder part is leaving things to other people in England, that you would like to sort out yourself.

Life has not all been about Bangla learning, we are slowly beginning to get to know people. We have had a

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little taste of Bangladesh outside of Dhaka and have had some unexpected encounters which have blessed us. We have met some really amazing Bangladeshi Christians who have an absolute passion for sharing the gospel. Worshipping with them has been a privilege over the last couple of months and hearing about their dreams and hopes is inspiring. We have been given a warm welcome at the BBCS headquarters, and people are generous with their time and insight as we ask random and multiple questions.

Thank you so much for praying for us. It really makes a difference. We find that we have much to give thanks for. Acquiring language skills is still of the upmost importance and this will take time. Please pray that we will have some breakthrough moments and will continue to make progress, and that we will remain optimistic. Also, we have some decisions to make about when and where to move and how to best continue language learning. Please pray with us about that. Our visa application has entered the labyrinth of the Home Office process - which is a significant step forward. Please pray that it will not be too long before we finally have a five-year stamp in our passports.

Thank you for your support.
Love Louise and Pete

Smile Lines

Don't know nothin'

When Columbus started out, he didn't know where he was going. When he got there, he didn't know where he was. When he got back, he didn't know where he had been. And he did it all on other people's money. Can't help thinking that Columbus reminds me of some teenagers who go on family holidays...

Sky fright

An airliner flew into a violent thunderstorm and was soon bumping around in the sky. One very nervous lady happened to be sitting next to a clergyman and turned to him for comfort. 'Can't you do something?' she demanded forcefully. 'I'm sorry ma'am,' said the reverend gently. 'I'm in sales, not management.'

Flowers

August 2018

- 5th Angela Beswick-Springer
- 19th Ruth Henson
- 26th Rebecca Waigwa



September 2018

- 2nd Ron Blyth
- 9th Sylvia Daly
- 16th Fay and Brian Veares
- 23rd Sue and Brian Sharp



EBF Mission Conference 2018

The Christians of the 21st century can learn a great deal from the Christ's disciples of the 1st century.

The annual EBF (European Baptist Federation) Mission Conference took place this year in Sofia, Bulgaria. The motto of this event was "Bold Acts". The representatives of 14 nations were warmly welcomed by Dimitrina and Teodor Oprenov, the co-pastors of Sofia Baptist Church. The mission workers from Baptist unions in the following countries were present: Austria, Belarus, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Czechia, France, Great Britain, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Serbia, Switzerland, Ukraine, USA. The worship team was provided by the Baptist Union of Austria.

Ian Bunce, the chair of EBF Mission Commission, preached during the opening service on the first night of the conference and emphasized: "we, the Christians of the 21st century can learn a great deal from the believers of the 1st century ... the so called Great Commission should be rather named Great Permission, as it inspires the Christians to use opportunities of sharing the gospel. Often God requires from us some supernatural acts which we could not do in our own strength unless being empowered by the Holy Spirit". He also quoted one of his mentors: "if a vision doesn't frighten you it may well not be from God...".

The conference elaborated the issues of: bold prophecy, bold prayer, bold preaching and bold acts. Also many bold stories from different corners of today's Europe were shared by the participants, and all activities were encompassed by prayer.

The keynote addresses were delivered by Dimitrina Oprenov (Didi) who explored several aspects of the Acts Story. The fulfilment of Old Testament prophecy had empowered the disciples to such an extent that they were able to face even hardships and persecution. Didi pointed out that we today live in the exactly same historical period and encouraged the Baptist mission workers to be as bold as their predecessors, when the disciples of Christ had been intimidated and frightened at times but courage filled them during times of corporate prayer. "Their prayer included praise, psalmody and petition, and was concentrated on God, who filled them with great courage", Dimitrina highlighted in her talk.

Teddy Oprenov, from Bulgaria, said in the final session that the book of Acts has not really been finished and we are writing its multiple pages of Acts 29

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until today. He also asked the participants for special prayer as the country's parliament is preparing a new religious law and its draft seemed to be limiting the now existing freedom of Evangelical Christians.

Theo Angelov from Bulgaria, former president and general secretary of EBF, raised the boldness of Christians who lived when the Communist regime ruled the country. He also reminded us of the fact that this system was at an open war with God and imprisoned Christian leaders (including his own father) as well as the Bible was a forbidden book. "The Communist authorities probably thought that, by jailing the leaders, they could cause the death of the church but didn't realize that the Head of the Church was still free and resided in Heaven, and spiritually still present with the Church", said Theo. Jenni Entrican, the EBF president, emphasized the broad activity of EBF, which includes mission work, theological reflection, social ministry and religious freedom. She expressed gratefulness for these effective ministries and pointed out that Christer Dealander from Sweden has been

nominated for the 2018 Denton and Janice Lotz Human Rights Award for his effective and longstanding work. EBF is also supporting the refugees who are not only in Europe but also in camps in Turkey. Jenny, with particular joy, talked about the EBF Transform - productive ministry of training the younger leaders.

Numerous regional stories showed how much and how important work is being done across EBF. The Mission Partnerships support about 50 church planting projects annually in different nations of Eastern Europe and the Middle East. One of them is in Grodno, Belarus, and the church planter Vasily called it a supernatural activity. Tomislav Dubotovic from Bosnia shared that 11 new congregations have been opened in this country during the last 20 years.

The antitrafficking work has a high priority. The Ladies-in-Waiting, being based in Strasburg, France, concentrate on helping the trafficked women from Eastern Europe. The Project Resgate, based in Zurich, tries to reach the prostitutes from Brazil and has established a network in 12 European countries. The participant from Ukraine shared about the war which divides the nation and asked us to pray that it would end before long.

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Will Cumbia, an intern at a Baptist Church in Vienna, Austria, said: "I'm glad to have taken part in this beautiful conference. It was an incredible time to connect with others and to hear how God is moving across the continent. Bravo especially for elevating both women's voices as well as the stories of our brothers and sisters from Eastern Europe."

The conference participants enjoyed sincere fellowship and warm hospitality of Bulgarian Baptists, and an added value was very tasty coffee from the Christian Coffee Shop run by the FBCh of Sofia. The recipients of scholarships have been very grateful as they would not be able to travel otherwise. The participants from Belarus and Ukraine

were deeply appreciative for the translation which was provided into Russian.

What is the conclusion from this conference? It may be summarized in just one sentence: "Christians always need to be bold in persevering, sometimes bold to discontinue and often bold in taking a new step of faith."

This was the last conference organized by the present EBF Mission Core Group being led by its chair Ian Bunce. A new chair for the next quinquennium will be appointed by EBF in September 2018. And the next mission conference on "Arts and Mission" is planned for June 5-8, 2019 in Stockholm, Sweden.

*Daniel Trusiewicz
(submitted by Ian Bunce)*



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mk 4:35-41, Mt 8:23-27, Lk 8:22-25

Jesus had spent the day teaching big crowds by Lake Galilee, and when evening came he told his disciples...

We'll sail over to the east side of the lake



Suddenly a massive storm blew up



Even the experienced sailors panicked



But Jesus was fast asleep at the back of the boat



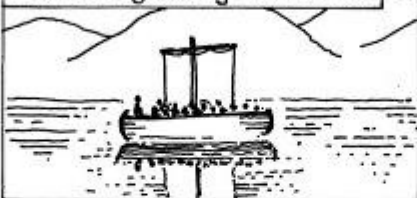
Master Lord, save us! we're going to drown!

Teacher, don't you care we're going to drown?

Be quiet!



Immediately the wind stopped and everything was calm.



Why were you afraid? Don't you trust me?



Now the disciples were even more afraid.



Who is he? Even the wind and sea obey him!

Only God has power like that!



The Big Bash!



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE STORY WAS ABOUT A RICH MAN WHO DECIDED TO HAVE A PARTY

HE SENT OUT LOTS OF INVITATIONS



OH! NO!!

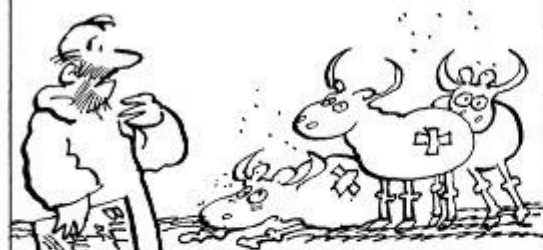


BUT PEOPLE STARTED MAKING EXCUSES

ONE MAN SAID HE HAD BOUGHT A FIELD, BUT NEEDED TO MEASURE IT



ANOTHER MAN SAID HE NEEDED TO TEST DRIVE THE OXEN HE HAS JUST PAID FOR



ANOTHER MAN SAID HE HAD JUST GOT MARRIED - AND HIS WIFE WOULDN'T LET HIM OUT!

SO THE RICH MAN INVITED ALL THE POOR AND NEEDY INSTEAD.



YES - I CAN COME TO YOUR PARTY

THE PARABLE MEANS WE SHOULDN'T MAKE EXCUSES FOR NOT FOLLOWING JESUS.

Prayer Diary for August 2018

Fri 3 rd	W We are the body of Christ, worship him today	NICHOLLS, Ruth
Sat 4 th	E Everlasting God, you are the God of yesterday, today and forever	NITISOR, Claudiu & Dana, <i>Darius, Giulia, Danluka</i>
Sun 5 th	L Lord of our live, may our actions honour you	NJUHI, Hannah
Mon 6 th	C Christ triumphant ever reigning. Come to him today	NKENG, Cecilia
Tues 7 th	O Omnipresent God, we cannot hide from you	NORMAN, Doris
Wed 8 th	M My Jesus my saviour Thank God for your personal relationship with him	NWUBA, Toyin
Thurs 9 th	E Evangelise everywhere	ODETOLA, Jide, Foluke; <i>Arinola, Damilola</i>
Fri 10 th	P Prayer is the powerhouse of the church	ODUYEMI, Caroline
Sat 11 th	T Trust in the Lord always and do not lean on your own understanding	OFORI, Gladys
Sun 12 th	O Omnipotent God be with each student receiving their AS or A2 results today	OGUNLEYE, Adekunle & Ronke, <i>Maria</i>
Mon 13 th	R Remember to pray	OGUNLEYE, Christabel
Tues 14 th	R Relax and enjoy 'Holidays at Home', or some other recreation	OGUNLEYE, Emmanuel
Wed 15 th	O Other people need to come to know Jesus, spread the word	OLAWUYI, Anne & Abiodun, <i>Chelsey & Clinton</i>
Thurs 16 th	M Mighty God we praise you for your wondrous creation	OLIVER, Iris
Fri 17 th	F Father in heaven hallowed be thy name	OLOFINJANA, Bunmi, <i>Tobi, Dianne, Feyi (Bankole)</i>
Sat 18 th	O Over all the earth you reign on high pray for other areas of the world	OLSON, Dawn; <i>Katie, Oliver & Harry</i>
Sun 19 th	R Results day for the GCSE exams pray for our young people's future	OLUSOJI, Laura & Moses, <i>David & Toluwalepe</i>
Mon 20 th	D Deliver us from evil Help us when we are faced with temptations	OMOKOH, Jermaine

Prayer Diary for August 2018

Tues 21 st	A Always pray at all times and in all places	O'NEAL, Sandra & Dave, Sophie, <i>Reuben</i> & <i>Georgia</i>
Wed 22 nd	B Bread, remember Jesus is the bread of life	OPOKU, Peace; <i>Victoria</i> , <i>Nicholas</i> , <i>Caroline</i> & <i>Aviel (Tetteh)</i>
Thurs 23 rd	A Always commit everything to God	OSANI, Lara
Fri 24 th	P Persevere on your Christian journey, even when the going is tough	OSHO, Adetola & Abisoye, <i>Antonia</i> , <i>David</i> & <i>Victoria</i>
Sat 25 th	T Turn your eyes unto Jesus and see the world as he sees it	OWOYEMI, Idowu & Yetunde; <i>Bibooluwa</i> , <i>Inioluwa</i> , & <i>Iyioluwa</i>
Sun 26 th	I Immerse yourself in scripture so you can recall verses in times of trouble	PALMER, Gordon & Barbara
Mon 27 th	S Servant king, help us all to serve others	PARKINSON, Iris
Tues 28 th	T Triune God God the Father God the Son God the Holy Spirit	PEDRO, Greyba
Wed 29 th	Y You have a responsibility to pray	PIDGEON, Mel & Greg, <i>James</i> & <i>Elizabeth</i>
Thurs 30 th	CH Christ alone cornerstone Build your life on him	PIDGEON, Rob and Shirley, <i>Robert</i>
Fri 31 st	U U turn from your old life and be born again	POMEROY, Kathy
Sat 1 st Sep	R Repent from sin	POPOVA, Ilinka
Sun 2 nd	C Confess your sin, he is faithful and just and will forgive your sins	POULTNEY, Arthur & Mavis
Mon 3 rd	H Holy God let us honour you	POWELL, Brian & Margaret

The Reformation

4: The Free Churches (Baptists and others)

The great reformers of the Sixteenth Century challenged many unbiblical ideas that had become traditional, but one idea they did not challenge was the assumption that the Church should use power to impose its views on people, and that the government should help to enforce the official version of Christianity. The Catholic Church thought that governments should do what the Church told them (not that they ever had that much success with this), whilst most Protestants believed that the government should support the Church.

During the time of Queen Mary, when Protestants were being viciously persecuted, many Protestants went into exile in the Netherlands until she died. They returned at the start of Queen Elizabeth's reign. However, as time went on and Elizabeth seemed to be supporting only a very moderate reformation and keeping to many of the old ways, some groups of Puritans started to organise themselves, aiming to move faster and worship in the



way they felt right. They were soon experiencing persecution, along with the Catholics. In order to be free to organise churches in the way they believed in, many fled to the Netherlands, where the government was more tolerant of different views.

These churches which insisted on taking their own approach, regardless of the official Church of England rules, were known as 'Independents'. They came to believe that faith was a matter of individual conscience and nobody should be compelled to believe any particular doctrine. This was revolutionary, and very difficult for most people at that time to accept. Towards the end of the century, some Independents came to think that if faith was a matter of individual conscience, then baptism should be a matter of individual conscience as well, and that only people old enough to think and decide for themselves should be baptised. This ruled out baptising babies. Congregations that took this approach became known as Baptists.

During the reign of King James I, some of these Baptist Christians, along with some of the other 'Independents', returned to England and established more or less 'underground' churches.

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One of their leaders, Thomas Helwys, wrote a book (*A Short Declaration on the Mystery of Iniquity*) in which he argued for religious liberty, and against the idea that kings or governments should interfere with people's religion. For this he was imprisoned, and died in 1616.

For decades Baptists were a persecuted minority, but their position improved when the English Civil war broke out. The high church Anglicans tended to be on the King's side, and the government of Parliament quickly became dominated by Puritans. These MPs were generally Presbyterians who wanted one compulsory Church of England, they just wanted it to be Puritan, not high church. But in order to win the war, Parliament felt compelled to raise a new kind of army, the 'New Model Army', which attracted large numbers of Independents and Baptists. Gradually, power shifted from Parliament to the army, and especially to general Oliver Cromwell. England under Cromwell was a golden age for Independents, Baptists and others, and they were able to preach their views and form churches openly.

Oliver Cromwell died in 1658, and

King Charles II became king, as the monarchy was restored, in 1660. The New Model Army was disbanded, the Church of England purged of Puritans, and all Christians who did not conform to the (high) Church of England were called 'Dissenters' and persecuted harshly.

In 1685 Charles II died, and his Catholic brother, James II, became king. The Anglican establishment soon decided that England could not have a Catholic king, and in 1688 invited William of Orange, a sound Protestant, to become king. This was achieved, but not without a revolution, and warfare in Scotland and Ireland. As a reward for opposing James II, Dissenters were given the freedom to form their own churches legally, but they were still discriminated against in other ways. It would take about two hundred years for the discrimination against non-Anglicans to end. Contrary to modern atheist propaganda, the great struggle for religious freedom in England was mainly fought by free church, and to some extent Catholic, Christians, not atheists.

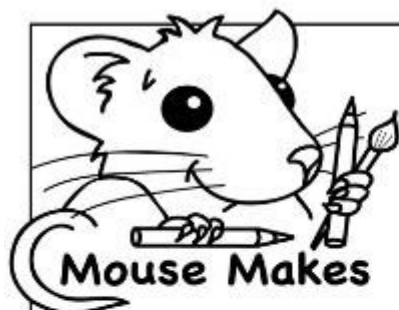
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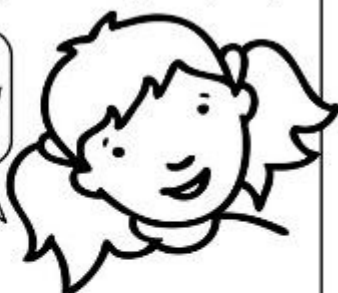
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What do you say when you pray?



When I pray I
say **THANK YOU**
to God



When I pray I say
SORRY and ask God
to forgive me



I pray for my **FAMILY**
and my **FRIENDS**



I pray The Lord's
Prayer from
Matthew 6:9-13

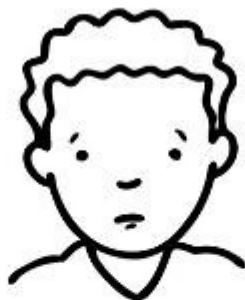


PATER NOSTER
is Latin for
'Our Father'

How many other
words can you make
with the letters from
PATER NOSTER ?

Here are two to start you off

SON	PEAS
.....
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.....
.....



When I pray I tell God
about my **WORRIES**
and ask Him to help me

I talk to God all
the time about
all sorts of things!



What do you pray to God about?

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Obituary - In His Presence with Thanksgiving

David Leonard East

12th February 1931 to 27th February 2018



I am sad to report the death of one of our members, David East, who went to be with his Lord on 27th February 2018.

David was involved in RBC (Main Road Baptist) for many decades and was a modest man of many talents and interests, who was a wonderful example of how to live out the Christian life as a member of the local community and in working life. He was a deacon for many years and served God and the church as Church Secretary for 11 years in the 1980s. David was loved and respected by so many people in the church, wider community and professionally, and was always encouraging and kind with a lovely sense of humour.

David's wonderful character led to tributes to the privilege of having had long friendships with him spanning 50 years and more.

David was such a positive and supportive man, who helped me and my generation to grow in our faith and affirmed us as we developed and grew as Christians and took on various responsibilities within the church. He was such a positive and kind person and these qualities were demonstrated as David and Pat regularly hosted the

Youth Group on Sunday evenings after the service, and many a helpful and formative conversation took place during these times.

David had many interests, including gardening, bird watching and nature, and he passed these interests on to his children and grandchildren, who all remembered these qualities and interests with wonderful love, affection and warmth during the Service of Thanksgiving held a few months ago in St Albans, where David and Pat had moved to some months ago. Family life was always enjoyable and filled with fun and interesting times, and many stories were told by his family of these wonderful experiences, including some great holidays which didn't always go exactly to plan, but nonetheless were enjoyed by them all. David was really good at making family life full of special times and memories.

David was a key member of the Men's singing group several decades ago, which both sang and led services at local Baptist churches, as well as those in the wider area in Essex and beyond. I was privileged to be the "young man" of the group in the mid-1970s and

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1980s and have fond memories of the fellowship and ministry of which we were part during that period.

David and Pat had a heart to help others in need and one example of this was when they took Mike Simpson under their wing when he was going through difficult times and sleeping rough behind the church more than twenty years ago, and by their kindness to Mike formed a significant part of his journey to faith in Jesus Christ.

David also served Tools with a Mission for many years, whereby he collected tools for use in building, gardening, carpentry, plumbing etc. which were then collated into sets of tools for use in training and support and development of trades, mostly in African countries.

David will be sorely missed by his family, and by his many friends in the church and beyond.

This obituary is based on the large number of tributes given by David's family and church members and friends, as well as my own recollections of David going back many years.

Neil Walden

Church Away Day

When: Saturday 13th October 2018

Venue: All Nations Bible College, near Ware, Hertfordshire (approx. 1 hour by car)

Theme: 'Above & Beyond' – seeing how we look to God above to reach out beyond the church

Speaker: Bishop Mike Royal of the Cinnamon Trust

Worship: Led by Luke

Children/Youth Separate programmes led by Graceworks

This is an important day for the church. We will have some teaching and times of worship, but also opportunities to relax, enjoy the beautiful grounds and get to know each other better. Lunch and dinner are provided, as well as morning and afternoon refreshments.

We hope you will want to join us for this day which starts at 10.30am, with tea / coffee being served from 9.45am. They day will end with a social event which should conclude around 8.30pm.

Booking Forms are available from the Welcome Desk or Church Office. For further details please see Ken or Pauline Yates 07709 672794 / 07742 707790.



Romford
Baptist Church

Church Away Day 2018

Saturday October 13th



All Nations Bible College,
Near Ware, Herts

Theme: "Above and Beyond"

Details & Booking Form

“Thank you for my summer holiday”

Thank you for my summer holiday were words that featured several times by the end of our time together at this year's Holiday at Home for those aged 65+. Our theme this year was *'Oh I do like to be....'* and each day we had a focus on a different area, starting on the Tuesday with the countryside, Wednesday at the seaside and Thursday at the theatre. From a visiting bee-keeper, amateur actor and a speaker from the Queen's Theatre, to some home-grown performance 'talent', we had fun, laughter and lots of good food. Our day out this year was to Barleylands, where the Tiptree restaurant served us a fabulous meal, and our week culminated with a Songs of Praise on Sunday afternoon, followed by a cream tea. Huge thanks to all those who came as well as who enabled the week to run so smoothly, and hopefully these photos give you some idea as to what took place...



Viki Bunce





Photo by Nigel Lea-Wilson

Congratulations
to
Amber and Rob
Gaskell
who were
married on
30th June 2018
at Mutley Baptist
Church in
Plymouth

Inspirations

card making

The next session of Inspirations is on Saturday 10th November in the Willow Hall between 10.00am and 3.00pm. On our longer day we have more opportunity to chat to each other and share experiences – an opportunity to make new friends and pick up some hints and tips as well as producing amazing cards.



We are offering a choice of workshops and are pleased that Liz will be coming back to demonstrate her feather and

bead work on a card suitable for all occasions. You will use beads, feathers and other embellishments to make this beautiful card, adding a greeting if you so choose or leaving it blank.

I will be branching out slightly from conventional card making by embellishing an MDF heart which can be hung with ribbon or can be adapted to use on a card blank if you so wish. We will use lace, flowers, ribbons, bows,

diamantes and more to decorate the heart, and the finished product will be presented in a beautiful foiled box.



All the materials will be provided, as well as tea / coffee and home-made cakes, but please remember to bring your lunch!

To secure your place, please complete the booking form and hand it with your £10 fee to Kathy at the welcome desk, Anthea or Ruth in the church office or myself. You can also mail it to the church office.

Please book early to secure your first choice of workshop, and if you have a specific occasion or colour scheme you would like to have, please let us know in good time so that we can do our best to source the materials.

I hope to see you at the workshop but meanwhile enjoy the summer sunshine!

Pauline Yates
(07742 707790)



Regular Church Activities



Monday	10 am	Parent & Toddlers
	11 am	Kerygma (Coffee Drop-In)
	12:50 pm	Parent & Toddlers
	6.45 pm	'Parksiders' (Social and Fellowship Group - usually first Monday in the month)
	7 pm	Streetlight Youth Club (Year 7+)
Tuesday	10 am	'Stitch in Time' Needlecraft Group
	2.15pm	Treasure Times
Wednesday	9.45 am	Parent & Toddlers
	8 pm	Midweek Meeting (Small Groups or central meeting)
Thursday	9.30 am	Small Group
	8 pm	RBC Music Team
Friday	9:30 am	Small Group (Alternate Fridays)
	10:30 am	Small Group for People with Learning Difficulties
	12.30 pm	Prayer Meeting
Sunday	10.00 am	Prayer Meeting
	10.30 am	Morning Service
	6.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
	6.30 pm	Evening Service

If you have any regular church activity which you would like to have advertised, please let the editor know.



*After inspection, Callum was allowed into
the Animals' Service*