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# From the Editor

When reading through this edition of Grapevine, you will see some reports of activities that took place over the summer. And now that autumn is upon us, and winter is approaching, you will also read of activities and events that you can take part in as the seasons change. In Psalm 74v16-17 the psalmist says:

*<sup>16</sup> The day is yours, and yours also the night;  
you established the sun and moon.*

*<sup>17</sup> it was you who set all the boundaries of the  
earth; you made both summer and winter.*

We are reminded that the seasons, and regulation of the earth and nature are controlled and ordered by God. Even when it looks like everything is out of control, we can know that He is in control. And Psalm 27v1 reminds us:

*<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my light and my salvation—  
whom shall I fear?*

*The Lord is the stronghold of my life—  
of whom shall I be afraid?*

So as the seasons change, and we get busy with all the seasonal events coming up, let's remember that God is our light, our salvation and our stronghold. May we keep Him in the centre of all we do, so that we can live in the light of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Cheryl Schulte**

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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.

## Hannah's page

On the 15<sup>th</sup> September, we had the privilege of seeing two young people being baptised. They were preparing to go off to start a new adventure at University, but they both knew they wanted to give their lives to Christ first.

This time last year I was preparing to start in my role at Romford Baptist Church. I suddenly became aware of what my role entailed and how much responsibility it carried. And I knew that I could never fulfil this role without having a strong relationship with God and leaning on Him.

When we are about to embark on a new adventure, whether that be starting a new job, moving to a new house, getting married or changing school, do we take time out to hear from God first?

Our human nature can cause us to get busy with our own plans and rely on



our own strength to carry us. And sometimes in the busyness of life we can be running ahead, hoping that God is keeping up with us.

But Proverbs 3 vs 5 – 6 tells us to not lean on our own understanding, but to submit to the Lord and he will make our path

straight.

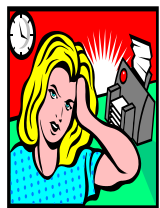
If we learn to place our plans before the Lord, asking for his wisdom and guidance, we can keep in step with Him. And when we keep in step with Him and walk in His plan, we can live an incredible purpose.

*Hannah Griffiths  
Children, Youth and Families Worker*



**The deadline for the December 2019/January 2020 edition of the Grapevine is Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Please give any items to Cheryl Schulte, put them in the tray on the Welcome Desk or email them to Cheryl at:  
**[grapevine@romfordbaptist.org.uk](mailto:grapevine@romfordbaptist.org.uk)**



## Hungary Mission Trip

On June 20th, my cousin, a family friend and I boarded a plane to Budapest to begin our very first mission trip. We met the mission leader, an American pastor named Janice Byrd, as well as the 40+ other Christians who were also embarking on this journey with us, at a hotel in the capital. It quickly became clear to us that we were the youngest on the trip by at least a decade but, although intimidating, we knew we were called there for a reason.



After 2 days of sightseeing and 35 degree weather, we were taken to Szentendre, a town just outside Budapest, not too dissimilar to Dagenham, where I live here in the UK. This is where I would spend my first week in Hungary. My cousin and I were introduced to our host family, a middle-aged couple with 2 young sons, whom we would later find out would be attending the camp we were to teach at. We attended the local church where the camp would be held for their Sunday

service. There we would meet other members of the church as well as the teens who would be our translators for the week, the majority of whom were themselves former attendees of this Bible camp.

After setting up and team prayers, Day 1 of the camp had arrived and I had been assigned to work with the 13-year-olds. I'm not a timid person, but the nerves were definitely there as I introduced myself to my class. Everyone in the class understood some English but they definitely didn't understand *my* English. From that point, on I would have to make a mental note to speak proper English just to even give my translators a chance of passing on my message. As expected, Day 1 went by agonisingly slowly as we worked through the language barrier. The heat didn't help much! The first lesson reminded me of when I was first learning to drive, the constant stalling of the car engine inhibited any swift progress, but just like me learning to drive, my students and I eventually got through it and from that day 1, a bond was formed.

On week 2, I was asked to travel 4 and a half hours to the north of the country to a rural town called Ujfeherto. Here I would complete my 2nd and final week

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of my mission. By this time the weather had cooled \*a little\* and I was looking forward to meeting my 2<sup>nd</sup> batch of students. During this week, not only would I be handling teenagers but also adults, as we would teach local members of the public English for an hour after the camp.

As the week progressed, the students seemed to become more and more confident with their English, as well as their knowledge of the Bible. To my surprise, many of them had quite a lot of Bible knowledge which, admittedly, made my job immensely easier. The most memorable day of that week was Day 4. Day 4 was the first time in my Christian life that I could say for sure that I was aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit. My students, translators and I gathered in a circle and they had decided prior to the lesson that they wanted to share each of their own personal experiences with God with me, which compelled me to share my own. It was an ending that would definitely leave its mark in my memories, and hopefully theirs, for years to come.

Week 2 had its challenges as the children I taught were even less English-speaking than the previous group, but through the help of the translators we got through it.

*Ola Fawunmi*

## The Meeting Place

The Meeting Place has now been open for 7 months and is becoming established within the community. We are open Monday to Friday from 9am to 3pm. We have a fantastic team of



volunteers but we always have room for more! Please speak to me if you would like more information. We have a Facebook page where we advertise events and new additions to the menu. If you are on Facebook, please can you like our page and share it each time I post something. This will really help with our advertising. Each Monday we bless clients that come to the foodbank with a drink and a cake. This is really appreciated by them and a very welcome treat. However, each time we 'bless' a client it costs £3.50. Some weeks these blessings amount to £42. If you would like to help cover the cost of these blessings, please either put your donation in a marked envelope in the collection (please gift aid if you can) or place your donation in the donation tin which is on the welcome desk each Sunday.

*Many thanks,  
Alison Savine*

## Remember, Reminder, Recycle.

Used stamps with a 2cm paper border can be put in the box on the welcome desk. They go to the Baptist Union.



Clean foil can also be given in at the welcome desk. This is sold and the money goes to the hospice.

Please pray for Graceworks/Scripture Union in Havering schools. The team leader appointed to come in September was unable to take up the post. A prayer letter is on the welcome desk. More details at [bit.ly/305griY](https://bit.ly/305griY). or [graceworkstrust.org](https://graceworkstrust.org)

*Barbara Gatherum*

## Flowers

### October 2019

6<sup>th</sup> Ken Curtice  
13<sup>th</sup> Iris H  
20<sup>th</sup> Rebecca Waigwa



### November 2019

17<sup>th</sup> Susan Young  
24<sup>th</sup> Dougan and Fely



## Correction

Apologies to Ruth Henson whose name was published incorrectly on the flower list in the previous Grapevine.

It should have read:

### August 2019

18<sup>th</sup> Ruth Henson



Wedding  
of  
Denis and Rahel  
Rundau  
21<sup>st</sup> September  
2019 in Lemgo,  
Germany



# Inspirations

Card Making

The next workshop will be on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, when we will be offering a workshop using Peel Offs. Christmas will soon be upon us and it can be a very busy time leading up to the Festive Season. However, you may still need a card which is quick to make but still looks stunning. We will be making not one but two cards, one for a man and one for a woman, using matting and layering, peel offs and embellishments. We can introduce simple colouring to one of the images if you wish, but it is equally beautiful just with the peel off.

it runs from 9.30am -12.30pm.

Please complete and submit the booking form available in the Foyer, Willow Hall or Welcome Desk by Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Everyone is welcome and this will be a brilliant start to your card making journey if you have not been before.

We hope you will come along to our Coffee Morning (see separate article) when we will be showcasing something of what we do at Inspirations

*Pauline Yates*  
07742 707790



## Peel Offs

The fee for the workshop is £6, which includes drinks, cakes & materials, and



## **Pastor Alfonse's Street Boys Ministry**

Pastor Afonse Bwambale is the Pastor of Kasese Central Baptist Church, he is married to Alice and has six children - five birth children and one who came to live with the family when she was a few months old. Alfonse had gone to nurse his friend through the last few days of Aids and returned with Zawadi (her name means 'Gift') as her mother had already died and Alfonse feared for her care if she was left with an extended family who didn't want her - Alice didn't turn a hair.

Kasese, although a relatively small town, is the largest in Kasese District and people who run away or are looking for work, are drawn to it. In 2007, soon after he took on the responsibility of leading Central Baptist Church, Alfonse was walking in the evening and spotted a child trying to sleep in a drain. He soon began to notice hidden children and very slowly started to approach them. Alfonse offered the church as somewhere they could sleep, however the boys (they were all boys) were far too frightened of anything that could be seen as 'establishment' and refused his offer.

Alfonse continued to build relationships slowly with the boys and prayed about how he could help them. He decided to ask the boys to slash (cut) the grass in front of the church building

and in return he would let them grow tomatoes on adjacent land. He gave them some tomatoes to start them off. The first crop was a great success and the boys were able to sell the tomatoes in the streets. With some of the money they earned from the tomatoes the boys bought G-nuts (peanuts), Alfonse taught them to roast the nuts and seal them in small bags. The boys were encouraged to wash using the tap at the church; they soon discovered that the boys who washed sold more G-nuts!

Alfonse's sons taught the street boys to make keyrings using beaded wire, they sold these to tourists. They still didn't have anywhere safe to live but they began to gain their self respect. The money was given to Alice for safe-keeping, she banked it on their behalf.

Alfonse and Alice wanted to provide somewhere for the boys who couldn't return home to live. Alfonse had built a house for his family and there was a small amount of land beside it, and so they gave that to the boys and helped them to build a house. The materials were paid for through selling tomatoes, G-nuts and keyrings. All the labour was provided by Alfonse and the boys.

When the house was ready for doors

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and windows, Alfonse arranged for the boys to do some labouring for a small company that made them - over many months they earned the doors and windows. It took a long time for the house to be built.

Alfonse tries to resettle as many boys as possible, he spends time making contacts throughout the District and sometimes into Congo. He negotiates with families and does his best to return boys to their kinsmen. He has found it is much easier to get families to receive the boys back once they have gained some skills. He always sends them home with some money to ease the transition.

Over the past ten plus years, Alfonse has cared for almost forty boys. He has resettled 24 boys back to their families, the boys whose families could not be traced have remained with him. They are now helping to teach and guide the others. There are currently 17 boys living in the house, they have very little but they share it willingly and try to support others in the community.

The boys gain skills - they have become accomplished farmers, but also a sense of community and a clear understanding of responsibility as well as a moral compass. Alfonse says 'I praise God for they have learnt to share together, love one another and work as a team.'

There have been some boys whose stories have not ended happily, a few have died - mainly from Aids which they inherited from their parents. Alfonse has paid their hospital bills, made their coffins and conducted their funerals. He is committed to being Christ to these boys and any others that become part of this very special family.

Prayer requests from Alfonse:

- The house needs more mattresses, blankets, bedsheets, as we only have five mattresses shared between 17 boys - one night there were 24.
- Pray for unity, trust and love
- Pray for me, that I am an encouragement to them
- Pray for opportunities for those who want to go back to school

*Submitted by Debbie Benn*

Deb Benn has sent this article about Pastor Alfonse in Uganda, with whom they used to work. He was featured in the TWAM video that was shown recently in church.

The article mentions that the street boys he cares for make keyrings to sell to tourists. Deb has also sent some keyrings to sell in The Meeting Place. The keyrings cost £1.50 each and the proceeds will go towards buying more mattresses for the street boys.

## Baptism

### Brady Asumang – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019



“He gives strength to the weary  
and increases the power of the  
weak.

Even youths grow tired and weary,  
and young men stumble and fall;  
but those who hope in the LORD  
will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint. “

Isaiah 40:29-31



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## Pause to Smile



superstore, went as follows:

A thief entered the store through an

old air vent in the roof, which had been disused for some years and had been covered with a plastic cap. This had been removed by the thief to gain entry. The store had installed CCTV cameras through out the building and they had recorded the following. First the thief went to the luggage counter and picked up a large holdall, he then

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## Baptism

**Arinola Odetola – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019**



"I will instruct you and teach  
you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my  
loving eye on you."

*Psalm 32:8*



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went to other departments and filled the holdall with a variety of goods. He ended at the jewellery counter where he removed a collection of gold tie clips and several pairs of gold cufflinks from the display stand. He completed his haul with two very expensive watches. He then went into the soft furnishings department and hid there until the store opened the next morning, when he boldly left by the front door. A police spokesman said "on

studying the CCTV Footage and measuring the entrance hole in the ceiling, which was fourteen inches by ten inches, we are looking for a small slim man with one eye"

I should have thought that, if the police were looking for a man that small, they should use both eyes.

*The Church Mouse*



## Prayer Diary for October 2019

Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	S Seek guidance for God's will for you	FALETI, Ola & Esther, <i>Emmanuel, Jemimah &amp; David</i>
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	E Everyone needs compassion, empathise with someone in need	FAWUNMI, Jide & Yemi, <i>Ayomide, Ayoola-mide, Favour &amp; Fisayo</i>
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	A Always pray for our leadership team, for protection both physical and spiritual	FEINSON, Peter & Gill
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	S Seek God's mercy for your shortcomings	FLACK, Ken & Linda
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	O Ordinary person! Part of God's army	FORD, Janet
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	N Never doubt God has a plan for you	GATHERUM, Barbara
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	S Seek God's forgiveness when you have failed Him	GEARING, Bert & Rita
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	S Seek God's enabling to serve Him	GOSTLING, Geoffrey
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	P Pray for courage to evangelise today	GREGORY, Carol
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	R Remember to intercede in prayer today for those in need	GRIFFITHS, Ben & Hannah
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	I In all circumstances give thanks to God	GRIFFITHS, Margaret
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	N Never think that God will leave you	HALL, Ian & Susan
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	G God loves you warts and all, remember to love others likewise	HARDING, John & Sue
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	S Seek God's blessings, be a faithful servant	HARRIS, Clarissa
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	U Understand that there are those who need practical as well as prayerful support	HARRIS, Patricia
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	M Many people are struggling to cope financially. Can you support charities like CAP?	HARRISON, John

## Prayer Diary for October 2019

Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	M Many people are struggling to cope emotionally. Can you support them with a listening ear?	HARVEY, Liz
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	E Every week children attend Kingdom Tots, Kingdom Kids, Kingdom Youth and Kingdom Students, pray for them and their teachers	HAYWARD, Joy
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	R Remember Street Pastors and pray for them	HENNIKER, Joyce
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	A Abandon habits that are detrimental to spiritual growth	HENSON, Ruth
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	U Utilise the time God has given you. You are not promised tomorrow	HENWOOD, Stephen & Dorothy
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	T Take time to listen to God; after all, He listens to you	HIGGINS, Pauline & Kevin, <i>Lauren &amp; Rachel</i>
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	U Utilise the spiritual gifts God has given you	HILLS, Emma, <i>Samuel &amp; Benjamin</i>
Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup>	M Many people are struggling to cope with life. Can you support them in some way?	HILLS, Yvonne
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	N Never give up on God because God will never give up on you	HODINITU, Nicolae & Natalia
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	W Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?	HOGBEN, Cynthia
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	I Include emergency services in your prayers, fire brigade, police and ambulance	HOLMAN, Jill
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	N Never doubt that God will forgive your sin, but you must confess it	HOOPER, Iris
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	T The Meeting Place, pray for staff and customers	HUGHES, Brenda & Raymond
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	E Every week Parent and Toddlers meet, pray for the volunteers and families that attend	HUNT, Maisie
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	R Romford Baptist Church needs volunteers, could that be you?	Church 1v23



If you have any items for inclusion in the November 2019 Prayer Diary, please contact the Church Office.



# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Judges 6:1-7, 11-16, 25-35

Once the Israelites had moved into their  
promised land, they obeyed God, but not for  
long, so God let other countries invade.

The Midianites invaded every  
year, and stole all the food  
the Israelites had grown.



The Israelites had to  
hide in the hills.



After 7 years,  
the Israelites called  
out to God for help.

Gideon was secretly  
threshing wheat when  
an angel arrived.



The Lord is helping you,  
mighty warrior.



God said

I will give you the  
power.



But my clan  
is the weakest in our tribe and  
I'm the weakest in my family.

I'll be helping you. Start by pulling  
down the altar built for Baal and  
build one for Me.



Gideon did as he was told (but he  
waited and did it at night).



In the morning, people  
came to complain to  
Gideon's father



If Baal is upset, he  
can take his own  
revenge, can't he?



Gideon sent out messages  
to call men to fight the  
Midianites..



and 32000 came.



## Autumn at RBC

### Wednesdays @RBC

During the autumn we have a new programme of Wednesdays at RBC, everyone is welcome. The dates are below. Small groups meet in people's homes around the area. For details of a small group near you please enquire at the Welcome Desk.

Together at RBC happens in the church, please use the side doors. We meet for refreshments at 7.30pm, and start the programme at 8pm. We will conclude by 9.15pm. Church meetings are for the church membership.



#### **October**

- 2 - Small Groups
- 9 - Together at RBC
- 16 - Together at RBC
- 23 - Together at RBC
- 30 - Small Groups

#### **November**

- 6 - Together at RBC
- 13 - Together at RBC

- 20 - Church Meeting
- 27 - Small Groups

#### **December**

- 4 - Together at RBC
- 11 - Together at RBC (Going into a half night of prayer finishing at Midnight)
- 18 - Small Groups

### Other events

#### **Holiday at Home events (Thursday 3 October and Sunday 5 December)**

Events for those aged 65+ which include food, fun, laughter and thought. More details available from Pastor Vikki.

#### **Big Give (Sunday 13 October)**

An opportunity to thank God through our giving.

#### **Youth Weekend 18 – 20 October at Carotty Wood**

A time for the young people to gather for fun and thought. Booking is essential and details can be found at the Welcome Desk and forms need to be with Hannah by 29 September.

#### **Amaze kids and adults half term fun (Final details to follow)**

#### **Light Party 31 October**

A Halloween alternative for children and young people proclaiming Jesus as

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the light of the world.

**Remembrance (Sunday 10 November)**



As has been our practice in recent years, on this Sunday morning our morning service will begin at 10am and finish in time for us to join the town centre for the service of remembrance. After this we will welcome the town for refreshments in the Willow Hall.

**Inspirations coffee morning (Saturday 16 November)**

*Inspirations*  
Card Making

Card demonstrations and coffee time in aid of Andy and Rianna Stannard's work with OM (Operation Mobilisation) in Moldova.

**Christmas at RBC**

**Sunday 15 December:**

All-age Nativity



**Monday 16 December:**

Remembering at Christmas



Amaze kids and adults Christmas party (TBC)

Adoption family group Christmas party (TBC)

**Thursday 19 December:**

Parkside Family Carol Service



**Saturday 21 December:**

Carol Singing in Market Place



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**Sunday 22 December:**

Carols by candlelight



**Tuesday 24 December:**

"Christmas Cracketeria"  
4pm Christmas Eve

**Tuesday 24 December:**

Midnight Communion



**Wednesday 25 December:**

Christmas Day worship



**Tuesday 31 December:**

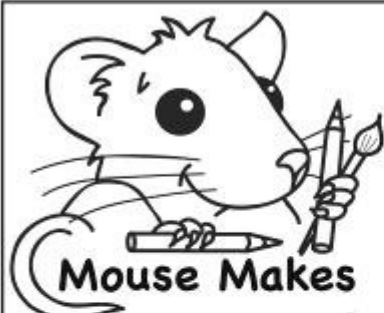
Crossover Service

## Pause to Smile

Two police officers in their patrol car were driving down the M1 from Birmingham to London, when they saw a small car driving very slowly along the inside lane. The car was travelling at 20mph, so the police pulled in behind it and followed it. The driver was moving the car in and out of the lane onto the hard shoulder and back onto the main road. After following the car for some time, the police put on their blue lights and signalled the driver to pull over and stop. This he did, the officers got out and walked up to the driver and asked him if he was alright. To which he replied "Yes fine". The policeman said "But you were driving very slowly and weaving about. Would you get out of the car, sir". The police looked at the man and noticed he was wearing a clerical collar. The officer asked "Where are you going, sir?" "I am on my way home from an ecumenical conference", said the priest. The other officer spotted a bottle on the passenger seat, "What is in the bottle?" he asked. "Only water" said the priest. The officer took out the bottle unscrewed the cap and sniffed, then put his finger into the bottle neck and shook it. He then licked his finger and said "this is wine". "Good heavens", said the priest, "another miracle!"



*The Church Mouse*

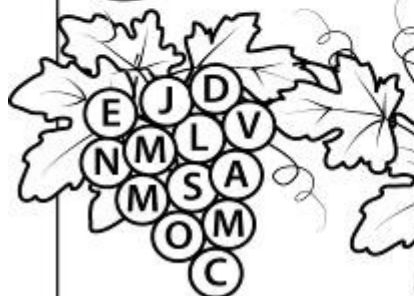


## THE TRUE VINE

Jesus said:

"I am the **vine**;  
you are the **branches**.  
The one who remains  
in me -and I in him -  
bears much **fruit**,  
because apart  
from me you can  
accomplish nothing."

John 15:5



"My **commandment** is this -  
to love one another just  
as I have loved you."

John 15:12



"No one has greater  
**love** than this -  
that one lays down  
his life for his friends."

John 15:13



You can read  
Jesus' teaching on  
*The True Vine* in:  
John 15:1-17

How many other  
words can you make from:  
**THE TRUE VINE**

Each of the word  
in **bold** on this page  
is hidden in the  
bunches of grapes.  
Can you work  
out which bunch  
each word is in?





**Coffee Morning & Sale**  
**Saturday November 16th 2019**  
**10am—2pm**



We are inviting everyone to our Coffee Morning when we will be showcasing our groups, selling drinks and cakes, cards and other handcrafted items. You will have the opportunity to watch demonstrations by some of our members and to enjoy participating in our 'make and takes' - you even get to take your make home!

Inspirations meets on Saturdays as announced throughout the year, currently around 4 times. They demonstrate different techniques and then use them to make a stunning card. The leaders are around to help as well as other members. They enjoy delicious homemade cakes as well and all the materials and refreshments are included in the price.



They have been making a variety of cards to sell at this event.



A stitch in time meet every Tuesday morning and they bring a project to work on and also enjoy refreshments and chat together. They make items to support local charities and have been knitting and crocheting items to sell for the event.

We are using this event to support Andy and Rianna Stannard who are working in Moldova. Last year the church raised money to help purchase a car for them. As the roads are so poor in Moldova, the car needs regular maintenance, and we hope to raise some money to help with this and any other funding they need for their work.



Fay Veares (Rianna's mum) and Linda Flack have been organising and knitting the Ferrero Rocher Christmas puddings which were so popular last year and will be helping with the

refreshments, along with others. There are also other handmade items for sale which are suitable for teachers presents, table gifts and stocking fillers.



Everyone is invited to come along to this event and encourage the groups and show support to Andy and Rianna, a very special couple who are working so hard for their Lord in Moldova.



# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Judges 6:36 - 7:8, 16 - 22

God had told Gideon he would drive the Midianite invaders out of His country. 32000 men had come to fight with Gideon.

Gideon asked God for proof.



God did as Gideon had asked.



Could you show me again, but with the wool dry and the ground wet?



God said  
The army is too big. They will think that they beat the Midianites, not Me.



So Gideon sent home all who were afraid - 22000 of them



There were still too many, so Gideon told them to drink from the spring.



300 scooped up water to drink, and the rest were sent home.



Each man was given a jar with a lit torch in it and a horn.



That night they surrounded the Midianite camp.



At the signal, they blew the trumpets, smashed the jars and shouted a war cry



The Midianites were so shocked they attacked each other, and then ran



The Israelites won without having to do any fighting.





## Amaze Fun Day



your ongoing prayers for the ministries of Amaze – the Friday Group, the Sunday School, the monthly support group, and the special events.

*Rev. Jan Loveard*

On the 29<sup>th</sup> August we hosted our annual Amaze Fun Day. It certainly lived up to its name and lots of fun was had by everyone! With nearly 50 of us attending, we split into 2 groups: 1 for the adults and the other for children. The adults had a lot of fun learning and preparing a drama to tell the story of the lost sheep, once rehearsed they then presented the story to the children and we were able to share how God loves each one of us so much. As always the teams were fabulous, and Clarissa led some lovely crafts whilst Susan and Colin served up delicious snacks and a wonderful lunch. Sarah wrote us a song all about the lost sheep, which we sang the following Sunday during the morning service. What was particularly lovely was to see a number of new families join us, whom we have made contact with through the monthly Amaze Support Group. God was at work and we value



## PASSION PLAY – BE INVOLVED!

Next April, we will be hosting the Hornchurch Passion Play 2020 – retelling the Easter story for over ten thousand people on the Queen's Theatre Green, Hornchurch and we'd love all churches across Havering to be involved...

We need 70+ cast members and 30+ crew, as well as an unlimited group of supporters – everything from a dedicated prayer network to enthusiastic tea-makers!

We are holding our BIG Meeting to launch the production at 3pm on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October in North St Halls, Hornchurch RM11 1QX.

This letter is an appeal for your help, as well as an opportunity for you and your churches to be a part of this incredible work of mission in our community. Please help us by publicising the play and the BIG Meeting in your church newsletters & magazines as well as sharing our updates on your website and Facebook pages.

To support you in engaging your communities, we are offering a speaker to visit your church and present a short talk at one of your main services. They will be happy to stay for the whole service and take any questions about the production. The dates we're offering are 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> September – whichever best suits you.

Please contact our publicity email address to confirm which time and date works best for you in September:

Email: [Publicity@hornchurchpp.co.uk](mailto:Publicity@hornchurchpp.co.uk)

We have produced a short video that we'd love you to share if possible – <https://www.hornchurchpp.co.uk/2020>

Please pass this invite on to other local churches, we want to offer this opportunity to everyone!

God bless and thank you for your support,  
The Hornchurch Passion Play Committee

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Hornchurch Passion Play

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## Regular Church Activities



<b>Monday</b>	9am - 3pm	The Meeting Place
	10am	Parent and Toddlers
	12pm - 2pm	Food Bank
	12:50pm	Parent and Toddlers
	6.45pm	'Parksiders' (Social and Fellowship Group - usually first Monday in the month)
	7pm	Streetlight Youth Club (Year 7+)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9am - 3pm	The Meeting Place
	10am	'Stitch in Time' Needlecraft Group
	2.15pm	Treasure Times
	8pm	Prayer Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	9am - 3pm	The Meeting Place
	9.45am	Parent and Toddlers
	8pm	Midweek Meeting (Small Groups or central meeting)
<b>Thursday</b>	9am - 3pm	The Meeting Place
	9.30am	Small Group
	8pm	RBC Music Team
<b>Friday</b>	9am - 3pm	The Meeting Place
	9:30am	Small Group (Alternate Fridays)
	10:30am	Small Group for People with Learning Difficulties
	12.30pm	Prayer Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	10.00am	Prayer Meeting
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Service</b>
	5.45pm	Prayer Meeting
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Evening Service</b>

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



*The Churchyard working party  
was never seen again*

