



Romford Baptist Church

Grapevine



From the Editor

In this edition of Grapevine, you will notice that some walks have been taking place – the Good Friday walk, the Unlock London walk and the regular Wellbeing Walks (see Current Activities on page 19).

In the Bible there are many instances where Jesus walked, often walking and talking with His disciples. Walking can be a great time of contemplation, companionship and conversation.

Psalm 89:15 says “Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, Lord.” and according to 1 John 1:7, “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.”

This reminds me of the hymn Trust and Obey:

*When we walk with the Lord in the light
of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides
with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.*

As we journey together, I pray that we will walk in the light of Jesus, as He sheds light on our paths, and shows us the way.

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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.

Pastor's page

Today's culture is to seek to be the most important, the number 1, the one whom everyone looks up to or has to follow or obey. But the truth is, no one is number 1. The music industry is focused around who is the best, who is number one, and the arts are focused on who deserves the prize, and all the time the struggle for being the winner brings chaos, disquiet and frustration. The Baftas, Oscars and other award shows demonstrate this.

The Beatles themselves thought they were invincible, John Lennon said Christianity will go, it will vanish and shrink. I needn't argue about that; I'm right and I will be proved right. We're more popular than Jesus now; I don't know which will go first—rock 'n' roll or Christianity.

Sports people all strive to be the best, but often success brings personal disaster and self destruction, and at this point I could say something about politicians, but maybe it's best to steer clear on this one.

As we celebrate 70 years and not out of a Queen who serves the nation, we know that the Queen is often seen as number one, but she herself is someone who recognises the Lordship of Christ over her

and a need for a saviour. Central to her is her faith in Jesus.

Some of her words,
"Although we are capable of great acts of kindness, history teaches us that we sometimes need saving from ourselves – from our recklessness or our greed. God sent into the world a unique person – neither a philosopher nor a general, important though they are, but a Saviour, with the power to forgive... It is my prayer that on this Christmas Day we might all find room in our lives for the message of the angels and for the love of God through Christ our Lord." (Christmas message, 2011)

"One of the things that has not changed all that much for me is the celebration of Christmas. It remains a time when I try to put aside the anxieties of the moment and remember that Christ was born to bring peace and tolerance to a troubled world." (Christmas message, 2006)

"To many of us, our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a frame-

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**The deadline for the
August 2022/September 2022
edition of the Grapevine is
Sunday 9th July 2022**

Please give any items to Cheryl Schulte, put them in the tray on the Welcome Desk or email them to Cheryl at:
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work in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example." (Christmas message, 2000)

"I know just how much I rely on my own faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning, I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God. Like others of you who draw inspiration from your own faith, I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel." (Christmas message, 2002)

If the Queen of the Commonwealth knows she is dependant on Christ, maybe we ought to depend on Him as

well. After all, the Bible, in Philippians 2 reminds us that one day EVERY knee will bow and confess Jesus as Lord. Jesus himself reminds us "whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant," Matthew 20:26

*Ian Bunce
Team Leader*



Pause to Smile

A Sunday School teacher was telling the story of the Nativity and had just finished the part about there being "no room at the Inn" when a small voice piped up and said "I blame Joseph, he should have booked before they went".

A little boy was pestering his mother for a baby brother or sister. The mother told him "maybe one day when we can afford one but not yet". A few days later the lad rushed home and called to his mother "quick mum get your coat on. They are having a Jumble sale at our Church and it said on the notice board 'All Children are free'".



Youth Q and A



One Sunday evening each month we "gather around coffee" and take time to find out more about someone. Last month, as it was 7 years since Vikki and Ian we called to minister at RBC. We spent time chatting to Ian to find out how he has

found the last 7 years.

The young people in the morning had come up with some questions for me to ask Ian, unfortunately we were una-

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ble to get through them all during the service so Ian has answered them below.

*Hayley Ayris
Church Secretary*

At what point in your life did you know that you were going to go into ministry? How old were you when you wanted to be a pastor?

I experienced a call to ministry when I was 19. 3 years later we were planting our first church. Before I was 19, though, I had been very active in my church teaching in the Sunday school and also leading the youth club (As the main leader.) The question, did I ever want to be a pastor, well even now I would not say I want to be a pastor, but with God's call I can do nothing else.

Do you have any doubts about God being real?

I have never had doubts about God being real, but my understanding of Him has often been wrong. I often made the mistake of trying to make God into someone I can fully understand and grasp. When I have got it wrong, it has felt as if God is distant, not that He has moved, I was looking in the wrong places

Can anyone join the church?

The church is open to all, but to be a member and so formally join, there are a few requirements

- That you have accepted Jesus as your Lord and Saviour
- Normally you would have been baptised by immersion as a believer

- It would be expected that you are living a life that is expected of a follower of Jesus

What are the passwords for all your apps?

I wish I knew. When I type them in it reads *****

Who do you love more, God or your wife? Do you love your Mum more than God?

There are different kinds of love, My love for my mom, is totally different from the romantic love for Vikki and my love for God is totally different again. In Greek they have at least three different words for love, expressing the different kinds of Love, in English we only have one, but we all know it feels different

Who is your most Godly child?

As both of my children were made in the image of God and by God, He put His handprint on both of them. Yes they both at times have made mistakes, as I have, but God made both my Daughter and Son special, just like us all.

Who is the better pastor? You or Vikki?

Vikki of course, I admire all her wonderful gifts and skills, she is also amazing that with all the obstacles that were put in front of her becoming a pastor, because she is a woman, yet she is still someone full of love and hope. I may not be too bad though!

Why did you want to become the

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pastor at RBC?

I didn't, God did, I came kicking and screaming, yet God has blessed us through obedience.

What is something that you would like to change about the church?

I believe as a church the challenge is to become more relevant and more radical. It is easy to be a passive church, but God is calling us to greater things, we have been given much and much is required, if only we got together to do it.

How did you feel when you started preaching?

Petrified and honoured. I am not an academic and all the ministers and preachers who I grew up around were amazing, yet God chose me to tell the greatest story ever to a lost world.

What is your favourite Bible scripture?

Zephaniah 3:17, that tells us that God delights in us and surrounds us with comfort and singing. What a picture of peace for a person in a time of insecurity.

How old are you?

A dozen years older than the church secretary and 5 years younger than the church treasurer (also 49 years younger than one of the Parkside residents). England have never won the World Cup in my lifetime.

Who do you hate in the church/or you don't like being around?

Hate is a strong word, and I can honestly say, no one. Hate only eats us up. Some people wind me up, particularly those who spend their time finding fault with everyone or everything or those who sit doing nothing while disrespectful to sisters and brothers who are doing the job they are called to.

*Question supplied by the Youth
Answers Ian Bunce*

BMS Birthday Scheme

Birthdays June 2022

6th Bren McSweeney
19th Colleen Thompson
21st David Thompson
24th John Brown
25th Christine Brown
27th Jiela Bitaga

Birthdays July 2022

8th Gordon Palmer



Last Day



The Church said "Bon voyage" to long time church member and deacon, Sarah Johnson. We will continue to pray for her and her family.

BMS Birthday Scheme



Thank you to all the people who are part of the BMS Birthday Scheme. The following extract from a letter from the BMS Supporter Engagement Team shows how we have changed lives.

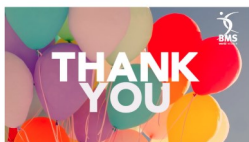
Thank you so much for the medical mission work you've made possible through the BMS World Mission Birthday Scheme. Today, I'd love to update you about the far-reaching impact members of Romford Baptist Church have had by giving faithfully on their birthdays every year.'

Thanks to our & others' generosity: *'In 2021 Guinebor II (hospital in Chad) welcomed an incredible 14,000 people into their outpatient clinic, with a further 5,000 being treated in the emergency room. They performed 65,000 lab tests, diagnosing deadly diseases and infections such as Malaria, HIV and hepatitis. A wonderful 1,949 babies were also brought safely into the world'.*

You can find more information online at www.bmsworldmission.org or I would be happy to answer any questions regarding the scheme.

Please join us and help to transform more lives.

Christine Brown
Birthday Scheme
Secretary



Smile-Lines

Don't fool me

A three-year-old put his shoes on by himself. His mother noticed the left was on the right foot. She said, "Sam, your shoes are on the wrong feet."

He looked up at her and said, "Don't kid me, Mum, I KNOW they're my feet."

Weight

Signing the register at a wedding, the groom had difficulty in making his ball-point pen work. "Put your weight on it," said the vicar. So the groom complied: 'John Smith (12 stone, 4 pounds)'

Maths lesson

The only place where you can buy 64 watermelons without anyone wondering why.

Park

A journey of a thousand miles begins with trying to find a place to park your car near the church.

A child's definition

'Ecclesiastic': material used to fasten a minister's robes.

“The fruit of the spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Long-Suffering, Gentleness,
Goodness, Faith, Meekness, Temperance” **GALATIONS – 5-22,23**



Not merely in the words you say
Not only in the deeds confessed
But in the most unconscious way
Is Christ expressed

For me 'twas not the truth you taught
To you so clear, to me so dim
But when you came to me you brought
A sense of Him

Is it a beatific smile
A holy light upon your brow?
Oh no, I felt His presence while
You laughed just now

And from your eyes He beckons me
And from your heart His love is shed
Till I lose sight of you, and see
The Christ instead

'Indwelt' by Beatrice Clelland (1912-1997)

†Bob McCaughren†
Salem Baptist Church, Romford

Submitted by Glynis Brown

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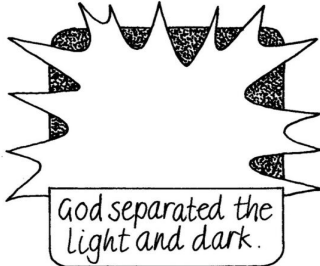
A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Genesis chapter 1 to 2 verse 3.

This story is at the start of the
Bible, and the start of time...

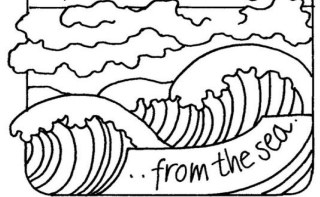
When God first made
the universe it was
empty and shapeless.
God said...

Let there be
Light!



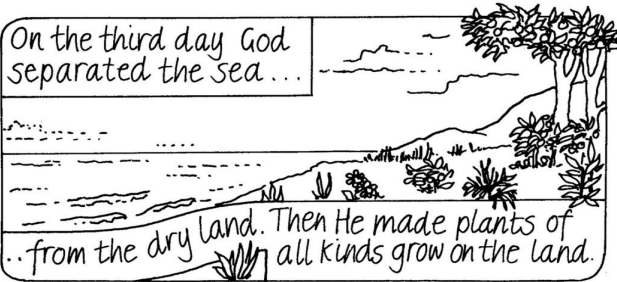
God separated the
light and dark.

On the next day, God
separated the sky...

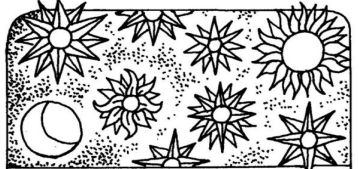


... from the sea

On the third day God
separated the sea ...



.. from the dry land. Then He made plants of
all kinds grow on the land.



On the fourth day God
made lights shine in the
sky for day and night.



On the fifth day God filled the sea with all
sorts of fish, and the sky with all sorts of birds



On the sixth day God made
all kinds of animals...



and then He made
people, men and women

God told the people

Take care of all I have made



God saw that everything He
had made was very good.

On the seventh day God
rested...



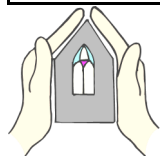
and so did everyone else!

Prayer Diary for June 2022

Wed 8 th	HENSON, Ruth	4 th session of the Life Group course tonight
Thurs 9 th	HENWOOD, Stephen & Dorothy	Thursday Life Group today
Fri 10 th	HIGGINS, Pauline & Kevin, Lauren & Rachel	Blood donors use the building
Sat 11 th	HILLS, Yvonne	
Sun 12 th	HODINITU, Nicolae & Natalia	Student social today
Mon 13 th	HOGBEN, Cynthia	Phonics with Robot Reg use the building today
Tues 14 th	HOLMAN, Jill	Needlecraft, Amaze adults and Treasure Times today as usual
Wed 15 th	HOOPER, Iris	Church members' AGM
Thurs 16 th	HUGHES, Brenda & Raymond	Youth club as usual
Fri 17 th	HUNT, Maisie	
Sat 18 th	HUXTABLE, Janet	
Sun 19 th	ILESANMI, Tolulope & Doyin, Oluwatoofe & Oluwapemi	Father's day, pray for all men on this day
Mon 20 th	IZE, Christiane (M); <i>Saleem Mbi-ti (Kayibi)</i>	
Tues 21 st	JEGEDE, Olakunle & Bunmi, <i>Teniola, Bamidele, Dara & Nao-mi</i>	Holiday at Home week starts
Wed 22 nd	JENKIN, Richard & Sarah, <i>Peter & Matthew</i>	Parent & Toddlers today
Thurs 23 rd	JOHN, Ademola & Zainab, <i>Damilola, Bukola, David, Daniel</i>	
Fri 24 th	JOHNSON, Brian & Anne; <i>Mat-thew, Nathan & Reuben</i>	

Prayer Diary for June 2022

Sat 25 th	JOHNSON, Sarah,	
Sun 26 th	JOHNSON, Serena	Causeway service, then Holiday at Home songs of praise
Mon 27 th	JONES, Joyce	
Tues 28 th	KAHN, Barbara	Carers hub use the building today
Wed 29 th	KALANGA, Annie, Joanne, <i>Katy & Megan</i>	
Thurs 30 th	KARIMI, Eisa & Sara, <i>Ella</i>	Brewers group use the building today
Fri 1 st July	KELLY, Julie	Blood donors use the building today
Sat 2 nd	KETLEY, Tony	Church away day
Sun 3 rd	KIRBY, Jean	
Mon 4 th	KIRBY, Tania, Emma & <i>Liam</i>	Leadership meeting tonight
Tues 5 th	KNIGHT, Richard & Julie, <i>Lauren & Mia</i>	Worship team practice and prayer meeting as usual today
Wed 6 th	KNIGHT, Iris	
Thurs 7 th	Winter Gardens Baptist Church, Canvey Island	



If you have any items for inclusion in the July 2022 Prayer Diary, please contact the Church Office.



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Genesis chapter 2:4-9, 15-25 and ch. 3

This story is about the wonderful start
to the world, and the first mistake...

God made Man and a
garden for him to live
in and care for.

You
can eat anything but
the fruit of
this tree



God made all sorts of
animals and brought them
to Man to name...

That's a...giraffe, and that's...an
ant, and...



but he needed a human
partner

Wow! You
are called 'Woman'



So God made Woman

But the snake asked Woman
Did that God really tell
you not to eat any fruit?



Yes, and that God told
us if we touch it we will
die!



Surely not!

That God doesn't want you
to eat it and be as clever
as He is.

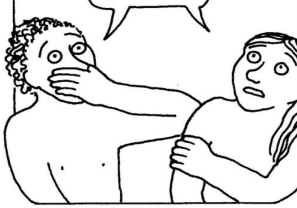


Go on,
try some!



Alright.

Oh no! What have we
done?



They made
clothes from leaves.



They tried to hide
Where are you?



It was the woman's fault
It was the snake's fault

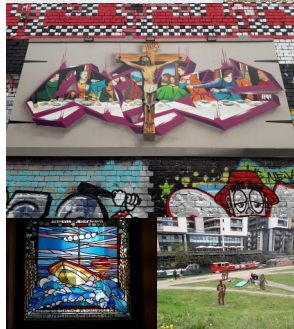
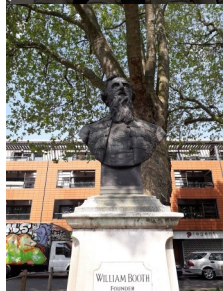


They had disobeyed,
so they had to leave
the garden.





Photo's from the Unlock London walk on Saturday 23rd April 2022



Good Friday walk in Romford - 15th April 2022



24 April 2022

Dedication of Maame Akosua Boatemaa Ofosu-hene



Bernard and
Serwaa Boateng
dedicate themselves to
bringing up Maame in the
way of the Lord.



New Members Welcomed



Left to right :Ethel Koranteng, Beauty Lawal, Rev Vikki Bunce, Jacquie Rose, JJ Giwa-Majekodunmi

JJ Giwa-Majekodunmi welcomes Ethel Koranteng, Beauty Lawal, and Jacquie Rose into Church membership. We are thankful to God for you joining us.

Association of Christian Teachers

Some prayer points you may want to consider:

School and College Leaders (Sunday 19th June to Saturday 2nd July)

"Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning." Daniel 2:20-21

- For all school/college leaders who have found the last period especially difficult.
- For a greater number of Christians to consider school/college leadership.
- For wisdom.
- For energy.
- For staying true to the Saviour and biblical teaching.
- For managing difficult staff.
- For good relationships with their own leaders.

Finances (Sunday 3rd July to Saturday 16th July)

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?" Matthew 6:25

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33

- Pray for all who are struggling in the current financial climate.

- Pray for children who are underfunded.
- Pray for authorities in their fiscal planning.
- Pray for Governing Bodies as they plan school budgets.
- Pray that all schools will get the necessary monies to give their children/young people the best education possible.
- Pray for school financial officers/bursars.
- Give thanks for God's provision.

New Beginnings (Sunday 28th August to Saturday 10th September)

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

- For Christian staff that they will be 'salt and light' in their educational settings. or schools as they start a new school year.
- For pupils and staff who are moving to a new school.
- For students preparing for their first year at university/college. or students moving away from home for the first time.
- For Christian staff as they seek to stay true to Biblical teaching in an increasingly secular environment.
- For the ACT Board in the working out of its refreshed vision.

*Submitted for your prayers and consideration
 Barbara Gatherum*



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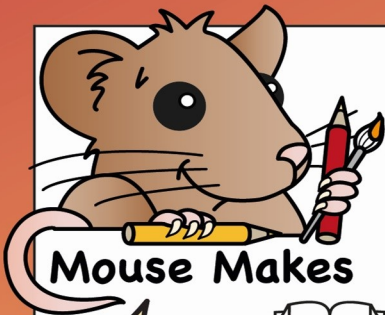
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story in Acts 2:1-11

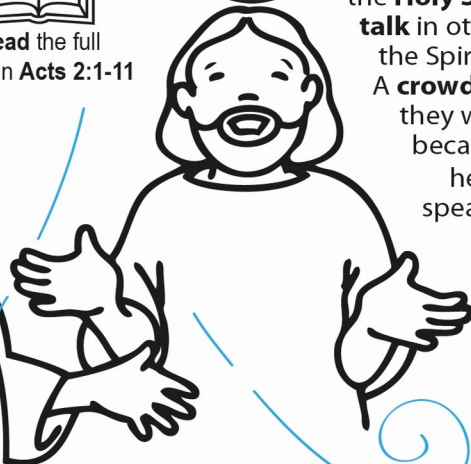
It was the **festival** of **Pentecost**, **fifty days** since **Passover** and **Jews** from many countries had come to **Jerusalem** to **celebrate**.

The **Apostles** and other believers were all **together** in one place when they heard a **sound**

like a strong **wind** and **saw** what looked like **tongues** of **fire** which spread out and **touched each person**.

All of them were **filled** with the **Holy Spirit** and began to **talk** in other **languages** as the Spirit enabled them.

A **crowd** gathered outside, they were all excited because each of them heard the believers speaking in their **own**



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language about the great things **God** had done. About 3,000 people **heard**, **believed** and were **baptised** that day!

All the words in **bold** type in the story are in the word search, can you find them?



Current Church Activities



Monday

9:30am

Amaze support group for parents and carers of children with additional needs (usually 1st Monday in the month)

12-2pm

Foodbank (donations can be dropped off at other times)

Tuesday

10:00am

Needlecraft Group

10:30am

Amaze Adults support group for adults with additional needs

2:00-3.30pm

Treasure Times

8:00pm

Prayer meeting on Zoom

8:00pm

RBC Worship Team meet

Wednesday

9:45-11:15am

Parent and Toddlers

12:45pm

Pause the Week (Midweek service)

7:45pm

Wednesdays @ RBC

Thursday

9:45am

Thursday morning Wellbeing Walk (usually 3rd Thursday in the month)

10:00am

Thursday morning Life Group, alternate Thursdays (please call church office for dates)

10:00-11:45am

'Friendly Faces' – OrangeLine (Hospice bereavement support coffee group)

10:00-11:00am

'Come and join us for a chat', 1st and 3rd Thursdays

11:00am-3:00pm

Holiday at Home – for over 65s, usually termly

7:30-9:00pm

Youth Club (alternate weeks)

Friday

10:00am

Craft Group in the Meeting Place

Sunday

10:30am

Morning Worship in the building and online

6:00pm

Evening Worship in the building and online

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

