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Dear Church Family,

More than ever in these times we need to pray not only for ourselves but for our needy world. Our mission partners here in the UK and around the globe need our prayers. We see the terrible conflicts in Ukraine in Eastern Europe, we see great suffering and evil all around the world whether it be continuing problems of the pandemic, natural disasters, climate crisis and man's inhumanity to man. God calls us to be a people of prayer. Sometimes you can feel helpless in the face of such darkness, but let's believe with all our hearts that God's light *"shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it."* (John 1.5)

Over the last two years, through the depths of the pandemic there have been those at OBC who have worked tirelessly to maintain and grow the church in so many ways. I want to say, on behalf of us all, how grateful we are for the sacrificial service of those who have given of themselves with love and generosity. Together we have proved the point that Christ is building his Church *"I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it."* (Matthew 16.18)

Celebrating Easter this year has, I think, special significance. I hope that you and many others will join us as we worship the crucified and risen Son of God. The salvation and hope that he brings is the very best good news that anyone in the world can ever receive. Pray, serve and act so that others might open their hearts to the wonder of God's love.

With love in Christ.



From Martyn, our Minister



*Christ has died! Christ is risen!*

*Christ shall come again!*

*Hallelujah!*

But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? Romans 10.14

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**For the last 6 months my role has changed from that of Senior Youth Pastor to Minister-in-training. A role that has challenged, excited and encouraged me, I find myself in this limbo between loving and wanting to stay in touch with youth ministry but also to spread my wings further in support of all the Lord is doing at OBC.**

**Along with the changing of role I have started my studies at Spurgeon's College; studying as a minister-in-training for 3 years, with a desire to achieve a BA in Theology by the summer of 2024.**

**What have I learned so far? Well amongst other things, you can indeed teach an old dog new tricks. I find myself fully immersed in the glory of this wonderful college and amazed that the Lord can lead and teach such fascinating things about his works and wonder.**

**I'm pleased to report that I have passed all of my essays and assignments so far, these include an essay on Christian doctrine, an essay on the Micah declaration with an introduction to Christian Mission, an exegesis of Jesus' calling of Nathanael and Phillip, a critical reflection on my calling to ministry and 2 practical assignments of preaching and leading a service. God is good, all the time.....**

**My first semester was especially challenging as I hadn't studied at this depth for nearly 25 years so I found myself having to relearn how to learn before learning what was being taught. A conundrum many on my course have encountered too.**

**As for this semester, well I'm already writing essays concerned with pastoral practice, a missional church, spirituality and another exegesis on the Synoptic Gospels. Along with this I'm asked to attach myself to a church plant for a week of work experience. Our friend and mission partner, Penny Marsh heads up the church plant of Ebbsfleet Baptist Church and she has a packed week of input for me just after Easter which I'm very much looking forward to as well.**

**Along with the many other blessings of serving at a vibrant, busy and**

multi-cultural Church, I have the opportunity to go on a mission trip to Zambia. The feeding project which the church supports is funded by a charity called the Silverwood Trust. I am a Trustee and it is with great honour that I can go there in September with Danny Brown and support everything they do.

It's a privilege to serve and be part of OBC. Every since Sarah and I first attended in 2015 we've felt nothing but love and support. May everyone be encouraged that God is so, so good. If he can lead me to a life in Christian ministry, you'd be amazed at where he might lead you.

God bless,

*Phil*

From David, our Children & Families Worker

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As of September 2021 I have been back into Tubbenden Primary School for regular fortnightly assemblies. From January we have been looking at the series on Creation and how we can look after our world. Please pray for their Assembly co-ordinator as we plan for after Easter to look at the Beatitudes. I'm pleased to say that I will hopefully be back into Poverest Primary school after Easter for regular fortnightly assemblies. The new RE co-ordinator has been in touch and also requesting regular prayer spaces, the first of which is a spotlight on our world. For those not sure what prayer spaces are all about in schools they are opportunities for all children regardless of faith or no faith to have special opportunities to reflect on different aspects, opportunities to ask questions and times for the children to think about important aspects.



Tiddlers – our baby and preschoolers group which means every Wednesday afternoon during term time is increasing in its popularity which is so exciting. We have a number of regular families and there is such a lovely buzz about every session we do. Every week we have a mix of stories including simple Bible stories and many of children sit on the carpet listening and engaging with these stories. We also have

music time and again a number of Christian songs are used to engage with the children as well as the parents. Please pray for our continued engagement with these families, many just hear about our group and come along, we pray that this Easter many will understand who Jesus is.



Many thanks to our team of volunteers who help to provide such amazing opportunities for babies and

children. Every week we provide so much high standard of faith development. All our team are DBS checked and attend regular safeguarding training as well as meet with me via Zoom to plan, prepare each team's programme. Crèche provides families the opportunities to leave little ones in the capable hands of others so that they can sit in the morning services, First Steps provides worship, Bible stories and crafts to help the children learn more. Livewires stretches the children even further with wonderful illustrations and task orientated opportunities to help them develop their young faith. Sunday mornings are just part of the process in these young lives and the whole team wishes to encourage all parents and carers to chat to us about your family so that we see the next generation growing in faith



CTO's united children's work

Churches Together in Orpington are active again this year with three events planned. The first was at Green St Green Baptist Church on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Here we had a Biblical theme linked to a craft session. The next one is planned for Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at St Nicks Church with a Bible theme connected with sporting activities. The final CTO event we hope to have Doug Horley and his Christmas pantomime sharing the gospel message sometime towards the end of this year. All booking details will be on the CTO web page as well as shared around the local churches.

A physical Holiday Bible Club will be taking place this summer from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July here at Orpington Baptist Church. The activities in the main will be active and physical in line with the Commonwealth Games. Further details to follow.

*David*

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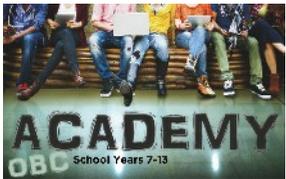
From Michael, our youth worker



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It's been quite an interesting couple of years! As a Church, as a youth group and especially as individuals we've certainly been through a lot of ups and downs the past 2 years. As we've just past the 2nd anniversary of our very first Covid lockdown, and we're gradually getting back to normal and rebuilding our various groups, what a great time to reflect and update you all on all things youth.

As a youth group, we have prayed and chosen 1 Timothy 4:12 to be our Bible verse of the year. This verse encapsulates what we as a youth group are aiming to do - *"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity"*. We want to see our young people grow and develop their relationship with Christ as well as their confidence in themselves and their faith.



In Academy this year we have been further exploring our youth Bible verse of the year, with our own series. We have been looking into how this verse, and the areas it talks about can help and influence our faith and lives. We are a seemingly ever growing group on Sunday mornings, with lots of new and old faces.

Just like Academy, The Hub on Fridays, is a growing group of young people. However unlike Sundays, the majority of the young people coming aren't from OBC! We love this, and the opportunity it provides us to care and minister to the young people. We have a "God Slot" whereby we talk about an important topic centred around faith and Jesus, that affects their lives. This is a great opportunity for us to teach and show God's love for them - please do pray that we see breakthrough in their lives and hearts.



Another super exciting new venture is 4:12. This is a youth Life group, that is built toward developing and deepening the young people's faiths and relationships with God and one another. We



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look at trying to tackle some of the big obstacles and questions they are facing, what Jesus and the Bible say about it, and what it all means for their lives. As we enter the final two terms of school, we will be changing up 4:12 to better suit the busy time period of exams! This means we will be hosting 4:12 once a term (further details and dates on the website) and we will be having a time of fellowship and food, worship, discussions and study, and a time of prayer together.

As we look ahead to the future and to summer, we are so excited and looking forward to going to Satellites! This is one



of the youth festivals that has taken over from Soul Survivor now that they have stepped down. Its run by the amazing team over at Youthscape, and is geared up to being a truly sensational week for the young people. We are also really looking forward to being able to go with a number of other Churches in and around the area, growing fellowship and community with the Churches and young people, as fellow young Christians in and around Orpington. I can't encourage and recommend coming along enough! It will be such a rich time to learn about themselves, God and their faith, while having fun with their friends. We would love for any and all other young people to come along with us, so if you or your young person would like to come don't hesitate to get in touch!

Last but by no means least, I and the whole youth team wanted to say a massive thank you for all your prayers and support over the last few months and years. It's through the love and support of the Church family (and especially our amazing youth volunteers!) that everything we do with the young people is possible. Please do carry on praying for everything we have going on, and that we can see some truly amazing movements by the Lord in our young people's lives!

Thank you and God bless, Michael and the youth team

*PS - for any more details on anything youth, or to get my contact details please see the website!*

# Treasury News

Energy prices rising, fuel bills rising, inflation rising, interest rates rising, world tension rising... but what's also rising is God's provision financially for us at OBC.

Having come through the last two years of the pandemic in a fairly healthy financial state thanks to the generosity of the fellowship and God's wonderful grace to us 2022 has started really well with our offerings and the current income and expenditure very close to what we budgeted.

Like most charities however, it is the unknown surprise costs which catch you out and we had this recently when our water heater broke and the church building lost hot water – you ask Kathryn Donald the impact of this as I'm sure the water wasn't quite as warm as she expected at her recent Baptism, and what a great occasion that was. £3,500 later I'm pleased to say the hot water is back.

The really good news though, is that we have received three legacy payments since Christmas totalling over £150,000 from our dear friend Pat Marshall, Susan Skinner and Elaine Robinson. As a church, like most charities, we encourage people to consider leaving a legacy to OBC in their wills as this can often help towards major projects which we wouldn't normally be able to afford.

As a church we also encourage people to tithe what they receive, there are plenty of references to tithing in the Bible if you want to know more about what this means. We also practice this as a church with a significant amount of our overall income used to support other Christian organisations and outreach ventures, which we have been able to maintain throughout the pandemic. We tithed part of the first legacy we received to support Hope Ministry and The Eastern European Baptist Churches with their work with Ukrainian refugees, and along with many generous donations from the fellowship we have been able to support these Christian charities and our friends at Project Ruth in Bucharest, also taking in refugees, to the tune of nearly £6,000 to date.

The Diaconate are looking at how we should tithe money from the latest legacies as well as the wider subject of how this money should be used

and we will come back to the church with our thoughts soon. Previous legacies have contributed greatly to the new church building extensions we did 12 years ago and the Tower Road landscaping and planting. Most people will know that we still have to finish replacing our roof covering as well which we have started but need to complete.

These are nice decisions we are looking to God for discernment for, as we need to be good stewards of all that He provides us, but please continue to support the church with your regular giving so that we can continue with the plans God has already laid before the fellowship, whilst looking at what more we can do.

I thank God for His provision to us and also to the many faithful givers who enable His will to be done through OBC in our homes, our community and the wider world.

*Paul Cooke*

You can give to OBC in many different ways

- On Sundays - When the offering baskets are passed around
- Standing orders - We have a standing order form which you can access here or contact the office for more details
- Giving envelopes - Some people like to use envelopes that we provide and you can enclose whatever gift you feel able to
- Paypal - If you have and use Paypal, we have also set up a Church account that you can donate through
- Regular Giving Online - Fill in the form below by ticking the box on how you want to give. You can choose a one off payment, monthly or both

If you are a tax payer we encourage you to fill out the Gift Aid form allowing us to claim an additional 25% from the government.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ORPINGTON**

## **Vision Meeting (including AGM)**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

**8.00pm**

**at Orpington Baptist Church**

*- All welcome -*

*Come and hear what God is  
doing through His Church  
working together in Orpington*



# Churches Together in Orpington

## Week of Mission 10-15 April 2022

Churches  
Together  
IN ORPINGTON

Through the week leading up to our Good Friday outreach service in Orpington's Market Square.

We'd love you to join us at any/all of the following:

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 7.00-8.15 pm**

**Mission Launch** Praise & Prayer evening for the coming week in The Hope Centre Walnuts Shopping Centre Entrance only at Odeon end of Walnuts / Walnuts car park use exit 'B'

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 11.30am-1.00pm**

**Daily Outreach** in Orpington Meet in the Hope Community Hub in the Walnuts Shopping Centre (Units 7-9)

**Good Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 11.00am**

**CTO Outreach Service** Pray for Orpington as you walk to join us in the Market Square. We'll be gathering together, worshipping, preaching the Gospel and then sending one another out, equipped with the tools (Why Easter? booklets), to proclaim the message of Easter both across Orpington and beyond.

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# Easter People

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

10.30am Servant King

Palm Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April

10.30am Hosanna!

4.00pm Golden Service with tea and cakes

Good Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April

11.00am We join with the Churches Together Open Air  
Worship in Market Square, Walnuts

Easter Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April

10.30am Easter Celebration with Communion

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April

10.30am Walk to Emmaus (Rev Peter Swaffield)

# MADE FOR MORE

*Readings in Ephesians*

Orpington Baptist Church : Spring to Summer series 2022



**ALL-AGE CELEBRATIONS**  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Father's Day - 10.30am  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July - End of term!! - 10.30am



**HOSANNA!** Palm Sunday  
10<sup>th</sup> April  
10.30am  
Main Celebration  
4.00pm  
Golden Service  
with tea and cakes  
OBC



 Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
**Pentecost Sunday**  
10.30am Main Celebration  
4.00pm Golden Service  
with tea and cakes  
*"God save the Queen"*  
OBC  
THE QUEEN'S 70<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

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# The Girls' Brigade – 1st Orpington Company

In Girls' Brigade this term we have been thinking about the meaning of Easter. This has been shown through different activities across the company.

It started with a delicious pancake evening, when the Seniors and Brigaders took over the kitchen and produced what seemed like a mountain of fabulous pancakes with several different toppings.



Some of the Brigaders have been exploring art and produced an amazing Easter picture which can be seen in the Welcome area. The younger girls have been looking at the reason we celebrate Easter and the significance of the egg representing new life. They have also, of course, had to use some chocolate along the way.

We are very blessed to have six of our Brigaders taking on leadership responsibilities and working within the other sections as part of their training. It is so lovely to see them teaching the Girls' Brigade values through play, activities and conversation.

It has been good to see the band back and playing again and a proud time on Sunday to march behind them at Church Parade after 2 years. Also many congratulations to them for winning several awards at the band competition the previous day. A full on weekend!

As we continue to meet on a Tuesday evening, we are happy to welcome new recruits, both as members and helpers. Don't be shy, come and see us in action from 6pm.

*Jenny Tompsett*



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The 1<sup>st</sup> Orpington Girls Life Brigade (Girls Brigade) was founded in April 1946 by Mrs Chapman who became the first Captain. The next was Mrs Corke mother of Joyce Wright.

Mollie Laver (Crane) and Beryl Laslett joined at the first meeting. Mollie and Beryl in due course becoming Captain. Sheila Saunders (Brierley) joined in December 1947 and is the eldest old girl. There are still a few former members at OBC and, many joined other churches as their lives changed and they moved away.

Last year was the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and of course, not celebrated due to the pandemic. We thought it appropriate to recognise this very special occasion.

We remember with grateful hearts and thanks to God for wonderful memories and lifelong friendships.

*Sheila Saunders*

# BOOK REVIEW

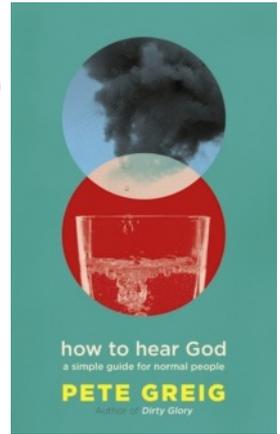
During Lent this year I've been reading Pete Greig's newest book 'How to Hear God - a simple guide for normal people'.

Pete is known to many as a key Christian leader, founder of the 24/7 Prayer Movement and author of many books, including the Prayer Course. He is also the voice behind Lectio 365 that many people read or listen to.

'How to Hear God' has as its different chapters:

- Hearing God's Word in Jesus
- Hearing God's Word in the Bible
- Hearing God's Word in Prayer
- Hearing God's Word in Prophecy
- Hearing God's Word in Whisper
- Hearing God's Word in Dreams and the Unconscious
- Hearing God's Word in Community, Creation and Culture
- The Word, the Whisper and the Way

I found it deeply inspiring and a profound reminder that God wants to speak to us everyday and more than we know! Read it on Kindle (£8.49) or paperback (£11.99).



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OBC:  
**Outward**  
 looking...



Every day we hear awful news from places all over the world. It's easy to feel hopeless as we look at such evil and darkness. Here at OBC we help to punch holes of light in that darkness to tell people about Jesus and show the difference God's love can make. We support these local, national and international projects with prayer and financially. Individual groups at OBC also support many other mission projects.

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Relief and development agency working in 50+ countries



Miriam, a youth worker in the Czech Republic



Bana Besu Feeding Project, Community School & Nurse in



Pete & Louise work in Bangladesh with Baptist World Mission

christians against poverty

# CAP

CAP is a Christian charity tackling the main causes of UK poverty - debt, unemployment, life affecting habits or a lack of vital life skills. There's a local project in our borough and a CAP Job Club and Life Skills course in Orpington.



Our partner church in Bucharest, Romania



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Worship and  
eat together  
in celebration  
of our  
international  
Church Family

Let us know if you  
can bring  
a dish reflecting  
your culture

# INTERNATIONAL LUNCH

## Sunday 8 May 2022

With our **Church Family Meeting AGM**



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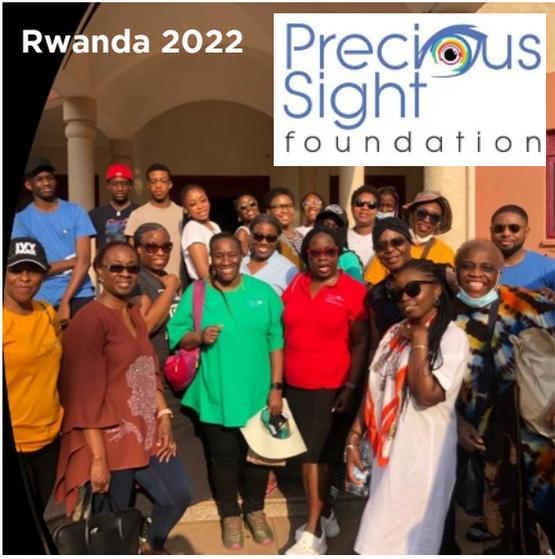
Dear OBC Family

Thanks to you, in three days we saw 1163 people, issued 139 pairs of prescription glasses, 519 pairs of reading glasses and 777 bottles of eyedrops.

The work continues as some have been referred for surgery and further treatment with the money you have donated, we will also be able to pay for some of those surgeries and follow-up treatments.

Thank you for making a difference where needed.

Remi Adesina



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It is wonderful that we can now all join together for refreshments after the service. We do, however, want to remind you how important it is that you keep an eye on your child once you have collected them from their session. We really want to keep all children safe in church.



God won't allow a Goliath in front of you, unless he knows there's a David inside of you!

Before returning to Heaven Jesus told his disciples:

**“Go and make disciples of all the nations”** (Matthew 28:19)

**NATURAL**

A workshop using J. John resources

**EVANGELISM**

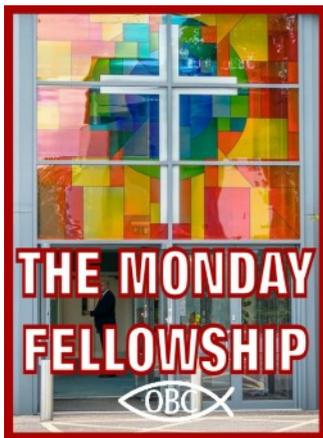


On Ascension Day  
come to OBC to  
learn ways to 'go'

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022**  
**7.30pm : Youth Lounge**

- Please let Martyn or Phil know if you're coming -

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We are a small group of people who meet together on the **2nd and 4th Mondays** of each month for very informal worship and chat about different topics. Some recent ones have been:

- Resolutions
- The animal kingdom (we tried listing all the animals in the Bible)
- Our favourite music
- Neighbours
- Simon Lees came to talk to us about the work of Foodbank.

**We start at 2pm followed by refreshments around 3pm**

*All are welcome - we would love to see you*

**Our next meeting is 11<sup>th</sup> April when our focus will be Easter**



*“He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own **special work**, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.”*

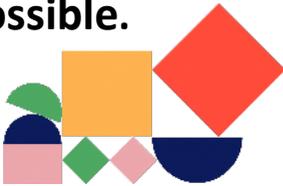
Ephesians 4.16

*Don't just be a passenger join the crew!*

Is your *'special work'* helping God's Kingdom grow through the work and outreach of OBC? We need help in all kinds of areas. Please pray about what you can offer and contact the office or speak to Martyn, Phil, David or Michael.

**“We’re your fourth emergency service”, one of the motoring organisations used to announce.**

**We get alongside churches of all sorts and sizes, inspiring them to think beyond the way things have always been done to achieve more than they thought possible.**



Many Baptist churches in the UK see the Baptist Union [BU] and its Home Mission in much the same light. Before the pandemic struck the BU gave advice on practicalities such as data protection, what a church treasurer needs to know etc. During the pandemic equally practical statements came on how churches could apply the latest (and ever-changing) government guidance on seating, who could sing and when – and where – and many other topics. This is invaluable stuff for deacons responsible for the smooth running of a church. There was even a webinar on equipment to consider when broadcasting services on–line.

None of this is possible without Orpington Baptist Church – and many others – contributing to the national Baptist purse. The Baptist Union does not govern nor fund OBC; in fact quite the reverse, but without the BU

the work of Baptist churches would be in a sorry state. The name “Home Mission” describes what it does. New ideas for spreading the gospel of Christ come from God’s people on the ground. If money is needed, the idea-generators can apply to Home Mission for funding. It might be a new church plant on a housing development eg our friend Rev Penny Marsh at Ebbsfleet. Or, there might be a ministry need to a specific community not likely to be attracted to “traditional” church. We had a video in a service a while ago about mission in London’s Brick Lane area, an example of just such “outside the box” thinking.

**So what can I do?** Pray. OBC gives to Home Mission as part of its planned budgeting. But many smaller churches are not in a position to do that – please pray for them. Pray for churches in the BU that have yet to grasp the idea of the Baptist purse and the part they can play. Pray for staff both at Baptist Union HQ and in the Baptist Associations throughout the country. All depend on Home Mission funding, whether to sift the thoughts of the ideas generators or produce guidance on church insurance. Pray for God’s work on the ground, that funding will be the last reason for it failing.

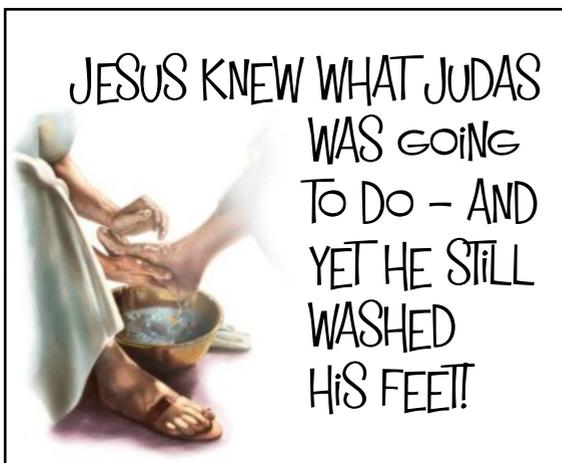
**Anything else I can do?** Keep yourself informed. Have a look at the BU website [<https://baptist.org.uk/>]. See the breadth and depth of information our fourth emergency services gives [[https://baptist.org.uk/Groups/220182/Latest\\_Updates.aspx](https://baptist.org.uk/Groups/220182/Latest_Updates.aspx)]. There’s no need to read and learn it all [sighs of relief all round], but be thankful for the expertise that is to hand, whether on past issues or current challenges - the Ukraine.

See the stories of how Home Mission has helped – and continues to help - churches around the country

[[https://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/374911/Home\\_Mission\\_Stories.aspx](https://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/374911/Home_Mission_Stories.aspx)].

**We are family – we owe it to our brothers and sisters in Christ.**

*Don Benjamin*



**Wordsearch answer grid (p.24)**

# Tales from the Café

We are really pleased that over the past few weeks attendance at the Café has started returning to pre-pandemic numbers. Each week we seem to see new faces too and it's been

particularly useful for new people to come along to and spend time getting to know others in the Fellowship, strengthening existing relationships and building links into our local community. We are very happy to have new volunteers joining us and so grateful to all those who give up their time each week so faithfully to this Ministry. We would be particularly interested to hear from anyone wishing to volunteer on a Saturday as we start to think about running a Saturday Café again sometimes too, so if you are interested please get in touch with Karen or Jo.

Prices in the Café still remain very fair, although recently we had to pass on some increases as prices rise in the shops, thank you for your continued support and understanding with this.

During the Easter Holidays the Café will be closed on April 6 & 7 but open on Apr 13 & 14 with Easter Fayre and activities for children so do come along, we look forward to welcoming you.

*The Café Team*



The Sanctuary Café  
**Easter**  
at the Sanctuary Café  
Wed & Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> April  
9.30 to 1.30  
Easter Themed Bakes  
Easter Activities for children  
Handmade Craft Sale raising funds for our mission partners working with Ukrainian Refugees  
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The poster features a purple border and a background of yellow daffodils and green grass. The text is in various purple fonts, with 'Easter' being the largest. A small fish logo with 'OBC' inside is at the bottom.



# BIRTHDAY SCHEME

Do something wonderful on your birthday.  
Share the gift of life.

## Happy Birthday to those who celebrate in

### APRIL

Doug Collins

Joyce Wright

Paul Cooke

Linda Moss

Marg Travers

Henry Donald

Ray Dyal

Sheena Jones

### MAY

Kathryn Donald

Ingrid Spinks

Sue Davis

Julie Iddiols

### JUNE

Sonia Mulley

Jean Ainsworth

Chris Reveley

### JULY

Audrey Smith

Janice Cotton

Helen Stockman

Linda Timmins

Maggy Bater

Madeleine Twydell

Hazel Williams

Ruth Dyal

Mark Twydell

Don Benjamin

Karen Cheeseman

Henry Knock

Marilyn Crisp

Julia Pedley

John Hales

[www.bmsworldmission.org/birthday](http://www.bmsworldmission.org/birthday)

*If Gift Aid is claimed please make cheques payable to OBC*

The BMS Birthday Scheme supports medical work and health ministries across the world through Baptist World Mission.

Speak to Fran Morris for more information.



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# Ministry of Flowers



Thank you for everyone who has recently made donations towards the Church Flowers. Every week they are dismantled and distributed to people in our Church who are in need of cheering up. We have recently provided the Mothering Sunday posies and will be decorating the Church for Easter.

If you'd like to make a donation towards flowers in the Church, either as a regular annual donor or as a single donation for a special occasion, please get in contact with one of the flower team. Any money donations should be given to the Church Office.

People donating over the next couple of months are:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> April Marg & Martyn
- 10<sup>th</sup> April Pam Reynolds
- 17<sup>th</sup> April Mick Cater  
Viv Cox  
Henry & May Knock
- 24<sup>th</sup> April Chris Reveley  
Ruth & Ray Dyal
- 1<sup>st</sup> May Jean Ainsworth
- 8<sup>th</sup> May Ann Ochiltree  
Doug & Wendy Collins
- 15<sup>th</sup> May Joslyn Hoyte-Smith  
Nina Clift
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May Mick Cater
- 29<sup>th</sup> May Viv Cox  
Brenda & Bernard Rouget

Many thanks to Fran, Karen Sumner, Linda and Marilyn for using all your God given skills in arranging the lovely flowers for us all to enjoy.

*Karen Hicks*  
Flower Ministry

## GRIEF AND LOSS



Exploring and  
understanding together  
7 sessions 10.30-11.45am  
starting  
Wednesday 20th April  
at OBC

For anyone who has  
experienced loss or grief that  
remains with them

Open to all - please register  
via OBC Office

Orpington Christian Counselling  
Service and  
Churches Together  
in Orpington



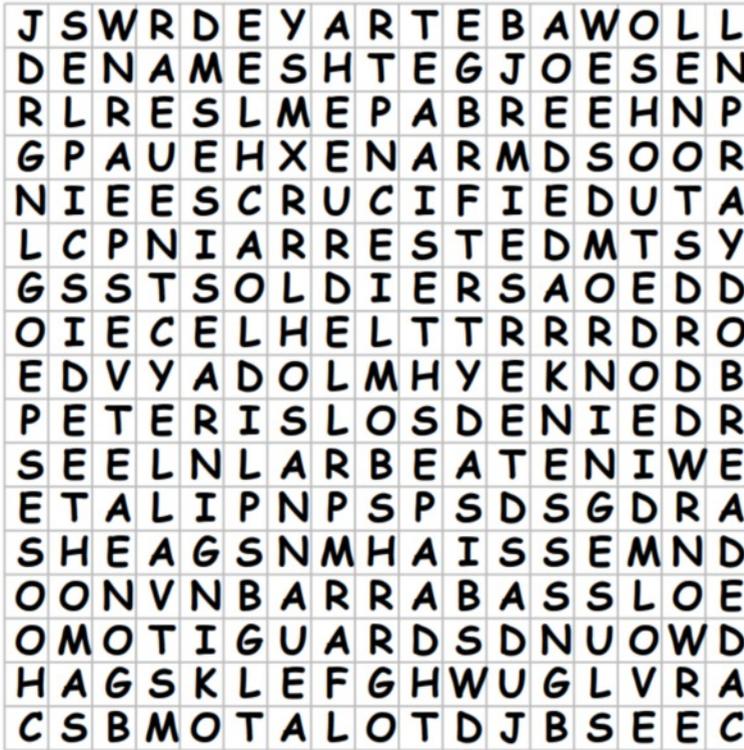
"Everyone who loves  
Jesus will have  
a new life."

1 Corinthians 15:22



Just like a caterpillar  
becomes a  
beautiful butterfly

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For older children  
(and grown-ups!)

## EASTER STORY WORDSEARCH

Can you find the  
words hidden on  
the grid?

As you look for  
each word think  
about which part  
of the amazing  
story of Easter  
that word is found  
in.

- |          |            |           |          |
|----------|------------|-----------|----------|
| AFRAID   | CROSS      | JESUS     | SAD      |
| ALIVE    | CRUCIFIED  | JUDAS     | SHOUTED  |
| ANGEL    | DARKNESS   | KING      | SOLDIERS |
| ARRESTED | DENIED     | LOVE      | SPEAR    |
| ASLEEP   | DISCIPLES  | MARY      | STONE    |
| BARRABAS | DONKEY     | MESSIAH   | TELL     |
| BEATEN   | EXCITED    | MORNING   | THOMAS   |
| BETRAYED | GETHSEMANE | NAILS     | TOMB     |
| BLOOD    | GIVEN      | PALMTREES | WASH     |
| BODY     | GONE       | PETER     | WINE     |
| BREAD    | GUARDS     | PILATE    | WORRIED  |
| CAIAPHAS | HOSANNA    | PRAY      | WOUNDS   |
| CHOOSE   | JERUSALEM  | REMEMBER  |          |

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# ORPINGTON STREET PASTORS

*The Church in action on the streets*



Are you a committed Christian aged 18+ and good at  
**CARING : LISTENING : HELPING**

Would you be excited to use those gifts  
for God's work in our community?

Is God calling you to join the Orpington team?

**Can you commit to training**

**(13 Saturday sessions online + 1 face-to-face session)**

Can you offer one Friday night each month  
(between 8.45pm and midnight)

or one Saturday each month 11.00am-1.00pm?

## CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION

A Street Pastor from  
your church:

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Pam Reynolds

Marg Travers  
(Team Coordinator)

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The work of Orpington Street Pastors is carried out by volunteers who patrol the High Street (from Tesco to Carlton Parade) practicing unconditional love to all those they meet, proactively showing their concern for the well-being and safety of people in practical ways. There are Street Pastors all over the UK and abroad. Go to [www.streetpastors.org](http://www.streetpastors.org) to get the bigger picture.

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