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THE ATTITUDES OF A TRUE WORSHIPPER

In April at Spring Harvest online this year the theme was worship; Rev. Doug Williams led the Bible teaching on Hebrews. I was challenged as Doug shared the attitudes of a true worshipper. I thought I would share them with you.

A true worshipper -

1. draws near to God; desires intimacy with him and has a deep appreciation of who he is
2. has relentless hope; despite what they are going through, they hold onto God's hope and promises
3. rejects impurity by avoiding sinful practices
4. shines out their love for God in their service and love for others
5. perseveres through suffering and finds God's grace to keep going
6. has an enduring faith and does not give up on God's promises
7. submits themselves to God's correction.

So how do you think you measure up? I have to say that when life is going well, I find it easier to be a true worshipper, however, when life gets tough, I start faltering and I am guessing that I am not alone. So, I encourage you to aspire to these attitudes and if life gets tough, lean on Christian friends, keep up a conversation with God, even if it is one word

like 'help', know you are not alone and remember who God is and what he has done for us.

Gill Kaye (Elder, Belmont Road Baptist Church)

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

BELMONT ROAD

Preaching plan for May - All the following services will be on Zoom with up to 15 people in the church sanctuary, and with up to 15 people at Sunday Club in the hall, by prior arrangement with Andy Barton, Jen Balding and Eric Moore. It may be possible to increase these numbers after 21st June.

6th June - a Worship Service led by Trevor Ransome from Peterborough.

13th June – a Worship Service led by Harold Liberty from the Hertfordshire Fellowship of Baptist Preachers

20th June - a Worship Service led by Maria Bond from Gold Hill Baptist Church

27th June – our Anniversary Service, with Communion, led by our Moderator Tim Keightley.

New website

Our new website is now live at www.belmontroadbaptist.co.uk Hazel and Heidi hope you will visit the site and make yourself familiar with what it has to offer: information about all the activities going on in the Church, events that are planned (such as the Sunflower competition), past sermons to download, links to other organisations that we are involved with. One way to keep the website active and relevant is to download the Church App to your smart phone, tablet or PC. Our thanks to Hazel Barton and Heidi Buckell for all the effort they have made for this to happen.

Sunflower competition

After the success of last year's sunflower competition, we would like to repeat it again this year. So, all you budding gardeners young or older now is the time to purchase your seeds. Or, if you are like Eric, you saved last year's seeds. There will be two categories: under 12 and

above. There will be prizes in each group - one being for the tallest sunflower, others will be judged on appearance. The competition deadline will be late September and entries will be submitted by photos of your sunflower. More details to follow nearer September. Contact Eric with any queries. All the best and get sowing.

CAREY

Tributes to Pam Hoare

Below you will find a slightly shortened transcript of the tribute Robert gave at Pam's funeral, followed by some comments from a few people at Carey who knew her well.

'Whether you're with us in person or online, thank you, so much for supporting us today. Thanks also for the many cards you sent. Several of you referred to Pam as "A Remarkable Woman" and so she was! Considering her double disability and increasing back-pain over many years, her phenomenal achievements will always inspire us and the memory of her infectious laugh will always cheer our way. Nothing would gladden her heart more than to hear you laughing this morning.

Pam was born in Guernsey. When she was only three, she contracted measles and lost sight. Disastrously, about the same time, she lost her Mum. The authorities quickly realised she would need a more specialised education than they could provide so, as young as she was, they brought her to England to one of the Sunshine Homes for blind babies where she was soon identified as "A Precocious Young Lady" and no wonder! One day, at the tea table, Pam suddenly knew what she must do. Standing up, she announced to all present: "I can say my letters right up to N!" If she was hoping for squeaks of adulation, she must have been very disappointed for all she got from a rather frosty matron was: "Sit down Pamela and stop showing off!" Even then she was fiercely independent. Offer her a glass of milk or juice and she would say: "Don't put my hand on it; I'll find it myself!"

When Pam was six, war broke out and for seven long years she was denied all contact with her family - they were still in Guernsey of course. She told us how difficult it was when they were eventually reunited.... But she was now in her 'teens and had gained admittance to a highly prestigious girls' college in Chorleywood. She did very well and was offered a place at Edinburgh University to study modern languages. But by now "precocious" had turned to FEISTY: no more academia for Pam!

She turned down the offer and legged it to London to: "Develop her social skills". She romped through a shorthand and typing course (achieving 140 words a minute) and found a job with the Ministry of Health.

It was about this time we met. Enthusiastically I helped her "Develop her social skills" to such good effect we were engaged in April '59 and married six months later. We bought a house in Potters Bar and almost immediately, she ran off to train with a guide dog to improve her mobility. She loved her dogs... Pam loved all animals and birds and could identify many of the songbirds in the garden. God the creator was the bedrock of her Christian faith. When she came home, she had to teach herself to cook, bake and keep house - skills that other girls would naturally have learnt from their Mum of course...In due course, Lorayne arrived and four years later, Matthew made it a pigeon pair... I think Matt was probably nine or ten before she went to work again, as a telephonist at Barclays bank Welwyn Garden City. She retired in '89 and ten years later we moved to Hemel. Very soon, Matt was married and we joyfully welcomed Mary into the family. She soon rewarded us with two wonderful Grandsons and this was the icing on the cake for Pam. She adored George and Charles and was so very proud of them - as indeed, we all are!

My one regret is that so few of you knew Pam in her prime because she was vibrant. She sang in choirs, read lessons in church, gave talks to raise funds for guide dogs, she was a prodigious knitter and often made up her own patterns, she was a voracious reader and would often read three books in a week. She loved language and would often correct us if we used a wrong word or incorrect grammatical construction, but above all, she loved poetry... Almost every one of you is here today because, in your own way you enriched Pam's life and made it more manageable for her. We want to thank you profusely for that and assure you we will never, never forget your kindness to Pam. Please remember her for her indomitable spirit and her wonderful sense of humour.' *Robert Hoare*

Cath McC said she would remember Pam for her bravery in overcoming her difficulties.

Pauline and Steve W said 'Pam was a very special lady, and dear friend. With a very wicked and naughty sense of humour. To be in her company you knew she was boss! She had a wonderful speaking voice which was great for reciting poetry. She loved taking centre stage with

our many weekly quizzes. She will be greatly missed, but will always be in our hearts.'

Lucille mentioned several of the same things as *Pauline*, but also spoke of Pam's lovely soprano singing voice, her love of her grandchildren and her love of nature. (Ask *Lucille* to tell you about Pam referring to her as her 'leading goose'!) She added that both Pam and Robert were 'incredible people'.

Colin's Sabbatical

Colin has now started his three-month sabbatical and will return to church duties on 1st September. (There will be a week's break in this in August when he will be at the Belmont and Carey Youth Camp). Please see the 'News of the Fellowship' supplement for details of the arrangements for pastoral care during this time. All of us at Carey wish Colin God's blessing and a time of refreshment and renewal.

Sunday worship

It was agreed at the last Church Meeting that we would continue to meet both in the church and on Zoom on Sunday mornings for the time being. (Obed will be hosting the Zoom sessions most weeks.) You can also listen to recordings of Sunday worship on our website, usually available by Sunday evening. At the moment, there are still separate Zoom meetings for the **Youth Church** group some weeks. (Please email David Blunden for the link to this - david.blunden@ntlworld.com) Please watch out for news of any changes to these arrangements in the coming weeks in the newsletter.

Prayer meetings

The **Wednesday** evening Prayer Meeting **at 8.00pm** continues on Zoom. Please contact Obed for an invitation. The Thursday afternoon meeting, however, has moved back to its original time and place – **7.00pm at Joan's house**. Please ring Joan beforehand, if you would like to attend, as numbers are limited to six.

Zoom coffee mornings

These weekly get-togethers continue on **Tuesdays from 10.30-12 noon**, with Tamzin hosting. Please let her or Hilary know if you would like an invitation. You can join any time after 10.30am.

Thursday evening Bible Study Group

The Thursday Evening Bible Study Group continues fortnightly **on 10th and 24th June, at 8.00pm on Zoom**. They are using the Lifebuilder

Bible Study Series, the book of Philippians, by Donald Baker. The workbook paperback is available to purchase from Eden at £4.87.

<https://www.eden.co.uk/christian-books/bible-study/bible-study-guides/lifebuilder-bible-studies/lifebuilder-bible-study-philippians/>

Please contact Charlene for further details.

The Book Club

The Book Club will be meeting up at **7.00pm on Wednesday 10th June** at Helen's for a walk.

Church walks

Our walks in and around Gadebridge Park continue on Wednesdays and/ or Thursdays. At the moment these are fortnightly, but could be weekly if someone could help Hilary with the organisation. Please contact her for more details.

BMS Mission Partners

Please continue to pray for our Mission Partners, Phil and Louise and Peter and Louise and the country of Bangladesh. We have recently heard that **Phil and Louise** have decided not to return to Bangladesh after their period of Home Assignment in the autumn. If you do not usually receive their newsletters, but would like a copy of their most recent one to find out more about their decision and what their plans are for the future, please contact Hilary or Jon N.

GROVEHILL

For all Zoom events, please send an email to: revaustin@sky.com to receive an invite.

- **Sundays 11am** - Communion Service in Church and on Facebook 'Grovehill Church of the Resurrection - The Church behind the Chippy' page. (Services can also be found on the 'Grovehill Church of the Resurrection' YouTube Channel.)
- **Sundays 12 noon** - Zoom at Noon
- **Monday-Friday 9.00am** – Morning Prayer on Zoom
- **Mondays 9am to 12noon** - Church open for private prayer
- **Monday-Friday 9.30pm** - Night Prayer by Zoom
- **Wednesdays 12 noon** - Ladies Bible Study Zoom
- **Wednesdays 7.00pm** - Prayer and Meditation in church

- **2nd and 4th Sundays** of the month 6.00pm Hard COR Youth Group (10 to 13 year olds) on Zoom - invite from revaustin@sky.com

Causeway Church

Sunday 6th June 3.30pm - Causeway Church on Skype (email revaustin@sky.com for an invite). If you know of any young people (16+) or adults with additional needs who might be interested, please let them and their helpers know about this – they will be very welcome.

Messy Church News

‘Messy Power’ - **Wednesday 2nd June 1.30pm** on Zoom or on the Church grassed area. Ask revaustin@sky.com for an invite

New at the COR

- **Men's Bible and Faith Chat Group** (at first on Zoom - then together - venue tbc) 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month - 7.30pm. Ask revaustin@sky.com for an invite

- **Digging Deeper Youth Group** 10-14+ on Zoom 6pm 3rd Sunday of the month. Talking about the Bible stories and how they help with our lives where we are. Ask revaustin@sky.com for an invite

CHURCHES TOGETHER NEWS

Prayer Calendar for May

Sunday 6th St Mary's Old Town (Anglican)

Sunday 13th Hemel Hempstead Methodist Church – Northridge Way,
Chaulden

Sunday 20th St Mary and St Joseph Catholic Church – Boxmoor (RC)

Sunday 27th Hemel Vineyard Church

CTHH AGM

TUESDAY 22ND JUNE ON ZOOM 7pm open for 7.30pm start
Worship, reports, elections

AND a presentation from Jackie Tuffs from: Hope UK- helping equip young people to make drug-free choices

Contact joel@nlpc.org.uk for a Zoom invite

FIRST RAMBLE OF 2021

Come and enjoy a ramble with friends from other churches across Hemel! Remember suitable boots and clothing

Date: Saturday 26th June 2021

Time: 10.00am

Place: The War Memorial by St Johns Church, Boxmoor.

Circular Walk: Grand Union Canal to Winkwell, Little Hay, Felden, Boxmoor

Duration & Length of Walk: 4 to 4 1/2 miles. 2 1/2 hrs.

Type of walk: 50 metre gradual climb

DENS NEWS

Due to food stocks being high at this time we'd prefer a financial donation, however, any of the items from the lists below will be gratefully received, thank you.

FOOD:

Long Life Milk, Cereal bars, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Fish (Mackerel/Sardines/Salmon), Rice Pudding, Long Life Fruit Juice, Savoury crackers

Please note: Unfortunately, we are unable to accept any donations of clothing items.

KITCHEN AND HYGIENE ITEMS:

Shampoo, Ladies' deodorant, Nappies (Size 6 or 6+ only), Washing powder/liquid – small, Washing up liquid – small, Multi-purpose cloths, Baby wipes, Men's shaving gel, cleaning sprays – antibacterial, Hand wash, Men's disposable razors

The Foodbank currently has a good supply of dog food and toothpaste

MOVE ON/RESETTLEMENT STARTER PACK ITEMS

Saucepans: medium sized, Frying pans: suitable for a single person

Cooking utensils: potato peelers, potato mashers, slotted spoons, ladles

Bed sheets: double sized, ideally fitted, Quilt covers: double sized, unisex

Please note: We can only accept items which are new or of good quality, and we cannot accept any items which are not on the list above.

To make a financial donation, go to the DENS website

www.dens.org.uk or send a cheque to: DENS, The Hub, Paradise, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, HP2 4TF

Go Yellow Week – 21st-27th June

Pick a day between Monday 21st – Sunday 27th June and donate towards Go Yellow (suggested donation = £1 per person).

Here are a few ideas to help get you started:

- Wear something yellow – a t-shirt, hairband, socks or even gloves
- Paint your nails or face yellow
- Decorate your home, office or classroom yellow
- Paint a yellow picture, then send us your photos on social media @DENSinDacorum
- Bake (or eat) yellow food – cakes, popcorn or a banana
- Choose your own idea – during DENS Go Yellow week, anything goes!

Every penny raised from Go Yellow will count towards families and individuals across Dacorum facing homelessness, poverty and social exclusion to take the next positive step in their lives.

Be part of Go Yellow week! Please email our friendly Fundraising team to tell us more about you and how you're getting involved.

Hillbuster 2021

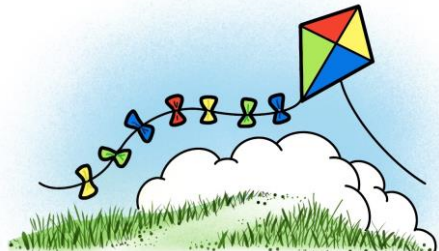
Sunday, 18th July 2021 8:00am starting from Gadebridge Park

Run in association with British Cycling, our choice of either 60k or 100k challenges takes you over rolling Chiltern Hills, putting your strength power to the test to take on the Whiteleaf Hill climb. Finally, speed across the finish line knowing that you have made a big difference to those who are facing homelessness, poverty and social exclusion.

Register at <https://www.dens.org.uk/>

BELMONT AND CAREY YOUTH CAMP

This year's Belmont & Carey Youth Camp will be held from 14th - 21st August in Prestatyn. Spaces are still available for children and young people, aged between 8 and 18 (on 31st August), to attend. See the camp form attached to recent newsletters/emails for both churches for more details. Contact the Camp Organisers (whose contact details are on the camp form) or Andy & Hazel if you would like to know more about this.



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Luke 10:25-37

An expert in the Law of Moses wanted to test Jesus' knowledge of the laws in the Bible, so he asked Jesus a question.

Teacher, so what must I do to get eternal life?



What does it say in the Bible?



Love God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind, and Love your neighbour as yourself.

You've got it right.



But who counts as a 'neighbour'?

So Jesus told a story -
A man was walking from Jerusalem to Jericho



That's a dangerous road!

He was attacked by robbers who left him for dead.



Oh no!

A priest was walking the same way, and after him a lawyer.



Oh, they are good people, they'll help.

They saw the hurt man but they walked past



I bet it's an ordinary person who helps!

Then a man from Samaria came that way...



Oh no! We hate them and they hate us Jews! That hurt man is done for!

He felt sorry for the hurt man, and cleaned and bandaged his cuts.



What? No!

He put him on his donkey, took him to an inn, and paid for him to stay.



So who was a real neighbour to the hurt man?



The... the Sss... the one who helped him.

So go and do the same.



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WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

I recently received an email from Tearfund and was challenged by it, so I thought I would share part of it. If you would like a **more in-depth understanding of the answer to the question 'Who is your neighbour?' taken from across the Bible**, then you can find it on their website. The traditional interpretation of 'love your neighbour' was that it applied to the people of Israel. In other words: 'we need to look after our own', or 'charity starts (and ends) at home'. Yet Jesus defines who our neighbour is not by tribe, race, nation, or even religion, but by need. We can see this being put into practice in the feeding of the five thousand (Matthew 14:13-31). The disciples want to send the hungry people away, essentially saying 'let them take care of themselves'. But Jesus says, 'You feed them.'

After telling the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus instructs the religious expert to 'Go and do likewise.' (Luke 10:36-37) Jesus' ultimate answer to the question 'Who is my neighbour?' is therefore to say 'You are the neighbour.' It becomes a call to action – a rallying cry to the church to go out into the world and be neighbours to whoever is in need. So it turns out that charity does start at home – because it starts with us, and the steps we take to be God's hands and feet in the world.

Tearfund is also asking us to pray for the Group of Seven (G7) summit in Cornwall on the 11-13 June, which the UK is hosting. This is a conference where leaders from the seven largest economies – the UK, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States of America, this year also joined by South Korea, India, South Africa and Australia – will meet and discuss how they can play a strong role in tackling global challenges, such as the climate emergency. These countries are not only some of the world's wealthiest countries, but also the ones that produce the most pollution.

Paula Moore

(For more about the parable of the Good Samaritan see page 14 - Editor)



BAPTIST ASSEMBLY – 13th-16th MAY

New President

Geoff Colmer was inducted as Baptist Union President during [the AGM of the Baptist Union of Great Britain on Saturday morning](#), and then prayed for during [the Sunday morning session](#). During the Saturday broadcast he introduced his theme "Being attentive to rhythms of grace", and explored how it related both to him personally and Baptists Together as a whole.

Geoff, the regional minister and team leader of Central Baptist Association, explained how in 2020 he had been diagnosed with an incurable but treatable cancer. This had seen a six week stay in hospital, 12 weeks of wearing a back brace, and rounds of chemotherapy. Having stem cell transplant in early May would naturally mean that his Presidential year would need 'a slow start'. He said that this would be the case for churches too as restrictions begin to ease. 'As we emerge out of the pandemic we will be in a period of uncertainty and to some degree, continued unpredictability. The pressure will be to rush back into things. I'm going to need a slow start because of my condition – but I think many churches will need to take things easily, and not rush back into doing things we have previously done.

'I hope there will be that attentiveness. Firstly people need to recover – this year has been harrowing. And in that recovery attentiveness to rhythms of grace will be paramount. Also finding ourselves in this place presents an opportunity to discern afresh who we are and what we do.' Geoff said that in our vulnerability, God does come close by his grace. He explained that over the darkness of the past year he'd had 'other dimensions of God's presence I haven't experienced - a profound sense of God's presence... something I've really held onto.' He encouraged churches to have an openness to God. 'I hope we have that openness – we don't know what the year ahead will be like. But as we're open, I'm sure that God will surprise us repeatedly.'

A number of comments welcoming Geoff and his words were shared during the broadcast. They included this phrase, which seemed to capture his message: 'A recovering leader for a recovering year. It's exciting.' *Baptist Times 15/5/21*

Shane Claiborne - 'Lean into the suffering of the world'

Speaking live from his home in Philadelphia, Shane shared a number of reflections from Luke 10: 29-37, the parable of the Good Samaritan, in a 20 minute talk.

He said Jesus came to show us how to live, to teach us how to love - the Kingdom of God is something we are to bring here on earth. That means that, as well, as being concerned about the transformation of hearts and conversion of souls, we can also have a theology that engages the world.

He pointed out that this story would not have happened if people hadn't walked down the street where people get beat up. The gravity of the Gospel pulls us towards the pain. He highlighted the inconvenience of interruption. Everyone in the story probably had other things to do. Many of us have very little room for that interruption to take place. 'So let's leave space for interruptions.' A 'scandalous' aspect of the story was that the heroes are not the people of religion - while the Samaritan may not have had his theology right, 'he had his compassion right'. Shane also pointed out we know very little about the person in the ditch - except they are a child of God, made in the image of God. 'Their life matters!' But after you lift so many out of suffering - you also need to begin to reimagine the whole road to Jericho - and look at the underlying causes of injustice.

'I want to invite us to make a fresh commitment to lean into the suffering of the world. To recommit ourselves to walk the streets where people get beat up. To allow our schedules to be interrupted by the pain and the crises of those around us.'

Baptist Times 15/5/21

Recordings of all the sessions are available on the BUGB website: www.baptist.org.uk These include the sessions on Thursday and Friday evenings and Saturday morning (including a short session on contemplative practice, based on the parable of the Good Samaritan, and the BMS Presentation), five seminars on Saturday afternoon and the Sunday morning service. Seminar topics: 'We can't breathe until you can', 'Children, Young People and Families – Building back better', 'walking with Jesus through a changing climate', 'Missional threads' and a Q&A session with Shane Claiborne.

CBA ASSEMBLY AND AGM

The Central Baptist Association Assembly and AGM will be held online again this year, on Saturday, June 26th. Stephen Copson writes: 'The opening session begins at 10am and will include an address by the Rev Geoff Colmer, Regional Team Leader and President of the Baptist Union 2021/22. Anyone from your church can participate and the link will be made known in due course.'

At 11.45am the Annual General Meeting will take place restricted to voting representatives only. The AGM will include receiving the annual accounts and reports, deal with the appointment of the Treasurer and Independent Examiner/Auditor and confirm Council members for 2021/22.... We hope that this Time together will be an enjoyable and inspiring occasion, as we look forward to next year and a new situation.'

BAPTISTS TOGETHER MAGAZINE

The Summer issue of the magazine 'Baptists Together' is now available. A few copies have been sent to/are available to each church, but you can also order individual copies from the BUGB online shop @ £3.00 each for one issue or £8.00 for a subscription for the year (3 issues). It is also available to read on the BUGB website: www.baptist.org.uk The theme of the current issue is 'Pain and Hope', reflecting on the past year and looking to the future.

RECYCLING NEWS

Blister packs - Have you heard that Superdrug is now a collection point for empty medication blister packs? They have teamed up with the organisation [Terracycle](http://www.terracycle.com) and it is hoped that other pharmacies may join in the scheme in due course. You can leave your empty packs in a basket by the pharmacy counter.

Pens etc – The Berkhamsted Art and Crafts shop in Lower Kings Rd is collecting used pens etc, also to send to Terracycle. They will take all writing instruments (except for wooden pencils and chalk) - any brand of pen, felt tip, highlighter, marker, correction fluid pot, correction tape, mechanical pencil and eraser pen regardless of their composition.

CAREY GIVEN BRONZE ECO CHURCH AWARD

We are delighted to announce Carey Baptist Church has been recognised as a Bronze Award Eco Church! A massive thank you to everyone who made this possible and congratulations for making this milestone! The Bronze award celebrates everyone's excellent efforts so far, but also highlights that there is more action to undertake as we go through this journey.

Your Footprint Matters

Humans use as much ecological resources as if we lived on 1.6 Earths (data obtained from Global Footprint Network). I had considered myself to be a pretty 'green' person – that was until I completed my first ever carbon footprint audit! Your footprint consists of all the things you do that impact the world. Calculating your environmental footprint can reveal which parts of your lifestyle have the least impact on the planet as well as making you aware of potential areas that you could change to reduce your environmental footprint.

One of the findings from the lifestyle survey indicated many people are yet to complete a carbon footprint audit so take your first step by using a footprint calculator! These are widely available however, I found the World Wildlife Fund's environmental footprint calculator to be the most user-friendly. If you too would like to calculate your footprint, please use the link below:

<https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/>

Another great alternative footprint calculator is by Global Footprint Network:

<https://www.footprintcalculator.org/>

These resources are easy to use and are also very educational. It helped me realise simple habits I could change to reduce the damage done to our planet. Switching to more sustainable habits may seem small however, collectively, it adds up to make a big difference to our environment.

'God looked at everything He had made, and it was very good' Genesis 1:31.

Reading this passage made me wonder what God would think when He looked at everything He had made in today's world. This simple verse speaks powerful words and emphasises the urgent action we need to

take to respond to the current environmental crises. However, by making sustainable lifestyle choices, sharing tips with friends & family and mostly importantly through prayer and with the help of our Lord, we can make a big difference to our world. We hope by continuing in our eco-church journey we will be encouraged to do more to take care of God's creation.

Bhagya Leeniyagoda

THIS MONTH 100 YEARS AGO

We continue our series about church life at Marlowes Baptist Church in the 1920's, but only have one item relating to June 1921, which concerns the chapel at Leverstock Green.

Leverstock Green

On June 6th the Bible Class had their annual outing, going to Woburn Sands in a most comfortable charabanc. It was a delightful ride, the beautiful weather adding much to the grandeur of the scenery one enjoyed passing through the different towns and villages. The day was spent climbing the huge sand banks and wandering through the woods which extend for miles around. After tea we had a lovely drive through Woburn Park on our journey homeward. Everyone felt on reaching home that they had spent a quiet but very happy time together.

GRAPEVINE

Items for the July/August issue should be with Hilary Donovan (258268 / hilary.donovan@hotmail.com) or Paula Moore (Belmont Road) by **Sunday 20th June**. Thank you



JUNE DIARY

BELMONT ROAD

(Services on Zoom and in church – see page 3))

Sunday 2 nd	10.30am	Worship service led by Trevor Ransome, Peterborough
Sunday 9 th	10.30am	Worship Service led by Harold Liberty, Herts Association of Preachers
Sunday 16 th	10.30am	Worship Service led by Maria Bond, Gold Hill Baptist Church
Sunday 23 rd	10.30am	Communion Service led by Ken Payne, Aylesbury
Sunday 30 th	10.30am	Church Anniversary Service, with Communion, led by our Moderator, Tim Keightley

CAREY

(Services in church and on Zoom and audio recording on website – see page 5)

Tuesday 1 st	8.00pm	Deacons' Meeting (on Zoom)
Sunday 6 th	10.30am	Worship led by Tony Graham, Hitchin
Wednesday 9 th	7.00pm	Book Club walk (page 5)
Thursdays 10 th , 14 th	8.00pm	Bible Study on Zoom (page 5)
Sunday 13 th	10.30am	All-age Service led by Les Ebdon, Hitchin
Sunday 20 th	10.30am	Communion service led by David Ronco, Hertford
Sunday 27 th	10.30am	Worship led by Chamindra Leenyagoda

GROVEHILL

(Services live-streamed, on Facebook and on YouTube)

Sundays	11.00am	Communion Service in church and on Facebook
	12 noon	Zoom at Noon
Sunday 6 th	3.30pm	Causeway Church on Skype (page 6)
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Monday-Friday	9.00am 12 noon	Morning Prayer on Zoom
Monday-Friday	9.30pm	Night Prayer on Zoom
Mondays	9.00am- 12noon	Church open for private prayer
Tuesdays 6 th , 20 th	7.30pm	Men's Bible and Faith Chat Group
Wednesdays	12 noon 7.00pm	Ladies Bible Study on Zoom Prayer and Meditation in church
Wednesday 2 nd	1.30pm	Messy Power (page 7)

OTHER EVENTS

Monday 21 st – Sunday 27 th		DENS 'Go Yellow' Week (pages 8-9)
Tuesday 22 nd	7.00pm for 7.30pm	Churches Together AGM on Zoom (page 7)
Saturday 26 th	10.00am 10.00am	CBA Assembly online (page 15) Churches Together Ramble (page 8)

ADVANCE DATES FOR JULY

CAREY

Sunday 4 th	10.30am	Worship led by Alison Overton, Redditch
Sunday 11 th	10.30am	All-age service led by Harold Liberty, Hitchin
Wednesday 14 th	7.30pm	Church Meeting
Sunday 18 th	10.30am	Communion Service led by Bob Little, Marshalswick
Sunday 25 th	10.30am	Worship led by David Burden, Welwyn Garden City

GROVEHILL

Sunday 4 th	3.30pm	Causeway Church
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HEMEL HEMPSTEAD BAPTIST CHURCHES

SUNDAY SERVICES

(see pages 2-6 &18-19 for current variations to this pattern)

BELMONT ROAD

(Bennetts End)

www.belmontroadbaptist.co.uk

Morning Worship - 10.30am

Sunday Club (5 - 15 years)

Occasional All Age Family Worship on 2nd Sunday in month

4th Sunday in month includes Communion

Evening – 7.00pm

BB&GA Seniors most weeks in term-time

CAREY

(Marlowes)

www.careybaptisthemel.org.uk

Morning Worship - 10.30am – Junior Church and crèche

2nd Sunday in month All Age Family Worship

3rd Sunday in month includes Communion

GROVEHILL ANGLICAN/FREE CHURCH

(Church of the Resurrection, Henry Wells Square)

www.grovehillchurch.org.uk

Morning Worship - 11.00am - with Junior Church

2nd Sunday in month: All Age Worship

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