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The Church of the Resurrection, Grovehill
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VISION - OUR PRIORITIES AND GOD'S PRIORITY

Unlike some animals, with eyes in the sides of their heads, human beings can only look one way: forward. Plus we don't have the capacity of owls to rotate our heads over 180 degrees. So, human vision is always limited. We can too easily, like Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, get fixated on what is immediately in front of us. This ability to focus should in theory mean that human beings can give attention to what is most important. But, alas our understanding of what is most important in our world often fails us. Plus we have a remarkable ability to get distracted...

One perfect illustration of warped human priorities is the recent chaos at the petrol pumps. All of us - except those who walk, bike, those who are able to use public transport, or those who have electric cars - have probably been caught up in this stressful experience. In a world of competing priorities, what do we prioritise? Where so many things are clamouring for our (undivided?) attention, where do we look?

In such a demanding world, we need to daily look to God. The Lord of creation has perfect 360 degree vision, day and night. Our God understands what our priority is 24 hours a day: 'to love God and to love our neighbour'. And our definition of 'neighbour' should be the widest possible, to include God's creation. Jesus taught, for example, that breaking God's sabbath was permissible for the sake of an animal's welfare (eg. Luke 13:15). And loving God and God's creation must also

surely mean that each of us finds ways of becoming less dependent on fossil fuels - urgently!

Keeping in focus the command to love is our priority at Belmont, Grovehill and Carey; our always priority in this current chaos, as we follow Jesus.

Mentioning Belmont Road reminds me, it is good to welcome back Tim Keightley to Baptist ministry in Hemel Hempstead (*see below*). Tim, we all look forward to engaging in partnership with you in the gospel in this part of the world. God sees your coming and going - and ours too!

Colin Cartwright

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

BELMONT ROAD

New minister

At a Belmont Road Special Church Meeting on 14th September those present unanimously agreed to appoint our Moderator, **Reverend Tim Keightley**, as our minister for 3 years starting from the 1st November. (*Tim was a member of the Baptist Team Ministry in the town in the 1990's.*) We look forward to Tim's ministry amongst us. Details of Tim's Induction Service will be in next month's Grapevine.

Preaching Plan for October

All the following services will still be on Zoom, as well as in the church sanctuary. It is no longer necessary to pre-book to be in the church building, as we have increased the seating capacity (congregational singing permitted but face coverings must be worn, windows and doors kept open). 3 normal rows of soft cushioned seats are now available either side of the central aisle in the front half of the church. Social distancing will not be enforced in this section, but households are encouraged to leave a one seat gap between each other. The back half of the church will continue to have 1 metre social distance spacing between seats, some of which will be hard blue plastic chairs (Covid sanitised) and some of which will be soft cushioned chairs (not sanitised).

3rd October - a Worship Service, including baptism for Joyce, led by our Moderator Tim Keightley

10th October – an all-age Harvest Service led by Jen Balding.

- 17th October** – a Worship Service led by Les Ebdon from the Hertfordshire Fellowship of Baptist Preachers
- 24th October** – a Worship Service led by Kathy Williamson from Borehamwood.
- 31st October** – a Communion Service led by Maria Bond from Gold Hill Baptist Church

Sunflower competition

Thank you to all those who have entered our Sunflower competition results to follow. However, we think the slugs have won this year!!

CAREY

Sunday worship

We are continuing to meet at the church and on Zoom for the time being. Obed will be hosting the Zoom services. You can also listen to recordings of the sermon on our website, usually available by Sunday evening. The Church Meeting agreed almost unanimously to allow people discretion about whether to wear masks during Sunday worship. The one condition is that those who choose not to wear masks are particularly mindful, especially when singing, about how close other people are directly in front of you. For the time being, we will be keeping other measures in place, such as the use of hand sanitiser, social distancing etc. Please avoid talking in the aisles after the service. We will continue to keep a record of who is attending the service for 'Test and Trace' purposes. The Youth Church group has now returned to meeting at the church.

Creche and Coffee rotas

Please contact Judy (01442 216387) if you could help with the Creche and/or refreshments after the service, so that she can complete the rotas for the coming months.

Prayer meetings

The **Wednesday** evening Prayer Meeting at **8.00pm** continues on Zoom. Please contact Obed for an invitation. The Thursday evening meeting continues at **7.30pm at Joan's house**.

Bible Studies

Monday Morning Group

The Monday morning Bible Study Group hopes to start a new series of studies at **10.30am on Monday 11th October** on Zoom. We will be using

one of the 5-part York Courses, entitled 'Jesus Re-discovered', which looks at Jesus under the headings: Jesus' Life and Teaching, Following Jesus, Jesus: Saviour of the World, Jesus is Lord and Jesus and the Church. Please contact Gill or Hilary if you are interested in joining in. It should be possible to make arrangements for anyone without internet access go to someone else's house.

Thursday Evening Group

The Thursday evening group has now re-started on Zoom every second week and will be meeting on 14th and 28th October. They are studying 'Galatians – why God accepts us' by Jack Kuhatschek, part of the LifeBuilder Bible Study Series. Contact Charlene if you are interested in joining this group.

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.

Baby and Toddler Group

Our Baby and Toddler Group has now re-started on Friday afternoons for a slightly shorter time (1.00-2.30pm), to allow for extra cleaning afterwards. Please use the Facebook page to find details and to contact Olivia to book - <https://m.facebook.com/careybabytoddlergroup>

Church Anniversary

We will be celebrating our Church Anniversary on **Sunday 17th October**. The service will include the renewal of our Church Covenant and Communion.

Carey Hymn Café

The Carey Hymn Café will be open again on **Tuesday 19th October from 2.30-4.00pm** in the Memorial Hall for

- * tea /coffee and cakes
- * fellowship with friends old and new
- * an opportunity to sing favourite traditional hymns

All welcome – bring your friends. Requests for hymns should be made to Gill or Robert. (**Please note** that there is no parking at the side of the church in the afternoons during the week, but it is possible to drop people off on the paving outside the Memorial Hall.)

Recycling pens and ink cartridges

There are now baskets in the front foyer/vestibule where you can leave pens etc. (including felt tips, highlighters, markers, correction fluid pots,

correction tape, mechanical pencils and eraser pens) and empty ink cartridges for recycling.

New arrangements for church walks

Please contact Hilary **by 5pm on a Monday** if you would like to join in a walk in Gadebridge Park that week, saying which day(s) (**Wednesday, Thursday or either**) you are available and whether you would join at the church or the white bridge. 10.30am start. (email hilary.donovan@hotmail.com) Phone: 01442 258268).

BMS Mission Partners

Please continue to pray for our Mission Partners, Phil and Louise and Peter and Louise and the country of Bangladesh. Phil and Louise are visiting Carey on **3rd October** for the last time before they finish their service with BMS. They have asked for our prayers for their family, for the school for visually impaired girls in Dhaka, where Louise used to work, for all the children in Bangladesh, that they can return to school, resume their educations and remain safe, and for themselves as they travel around the UK saying their goodbyes and that they receive the closure they require.

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.)
- **Monday-Friday 9.00am** – Morning Prayer on Zoom
- **Mondays 9am to 12noon** - Church open for private prayer
- **Monday-Friday 9.30pm** - Night Prayer on Zoom
- **Wednesdays 12 noon** - Ladies Bible Study Zoom
- **Wednesdays 7.00pm** - Prayer and Meditation in church
- **2nd and 4th Sundays** of the month 6.00-7.00pm Hard COR Youth Group (10 to 14 year olds) in church
- **3rd Sunday** of the month 6.00-7.00pm Digging Deeper Bible Youth Group in church (10-14 year-olds)

Causeway Church

Sunday 3rd October 3.30pm - Causeway Church in Church (unless Covid prevents) Call Rev Austin in advance 01442 270585. 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.

Saturday morning refreshments

Refreshments in the Church Hall 10.00am to 12 noon (a chance for people to get used to coming back to church).

Harvest

Our Harvest service will be at 11.00am on **Sunday 10th October**, when we will be collecting items for Watford & Three Rivers Refugees Partnership. On Sunday 17th October we will be supporting the Bishop of St Albans' 2021 Harvest Appeal 'Water is Life' bringing clean water to communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Film Night

There will be a Film Night at **6.00pm on Saturday 23rd October** in Church. Free, but donations for refreshments and charge for Raffle tickets.

Bible Reading Zoomathon

Saturday **30th October** 9am - 9pm BIBLE READING ZOOMATHON (contact revaustin@sky.com to join in or to sponsor)

CHURCHES TOGETHER NEWS

October Prayer Calendar

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| Sunday 3 rd | Christians Against Poverty (CAP) – Christian volunteers supporting and advising families about debt and related issues. |
| Sunday 10 th | St Barnabas Church – Adeyfield (Anglican) |
| Sunday 17 th | Our Police forces |
| Sunday 24 th | New Life Pentecostal Church (Assemblies of God) |
| Sunday 31 st | Our local Ambulance and Paramedic service |

Forum

The next Forum of Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead is planned for **Tuesday 12th October at 7pm for 7.30pm start at St George's United Reformed Church** in Long Chaulden HP1 2HX. We look forward to welcoming speakers from **Through The Roof**. Here's an introduction to TTR – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zSDhE9VZdyl>. Everyone is welcome to attend. (See Heidi's article on page 7– Editor)

THROUGH THE ROOF

The Christian charity, Through the Roof (TTR) offered to do some Disability Awareness training, something which I was keen to arrange as Disability Champion. I knew the organisers did not live locally, so I was hesitant about arranging it, as I was fearful of low numbers. I think Belmont is brilliant when it comes to being Disability Aware, as after all, they have me! So I wouldn't have blamed people for not wanting to commit to a Saturday morning Disability Awareness session. One of the good things which have come out of Covid is that meetings/training are now being delivered on Zoom. After spotting that TTR were inviting churches to sign up for their Disability Awareness workshops, over Zoom, I approached the Trustees and we decided to go ahead.

We used the same evening as we would have been meeting for house group and, despite it being an hour earlier, which caused difficulties for some people, we had a really good attendance with 12 people joining in total. It was a lovely summer's evening, so a big thank you for those who logged on, rather than choosing to sit in the garden!

The 2-hour session was led by two people from the charity, not only did it explore some of the barriers which disabled people can face when it comes to church, it also looked at the biblical perspective of disability. When talking about accessibility and the church it is highly probable that one of the first things which comes to mind is the physical access. Is there a ramp for people in wheelchairs to use? Whilst having ramps is undoubtedly very important, accessibility, within church, also includes whether the disabled person can fully access Communion. Can they enjoy tea and coffee after the service? Can they themselves use their gifts to serve others? It is also easy to forget that some people have disabilities which you cannot see - Hidden Disabilities.

One of the important messages which the leaders wanted us to take away was that, although there is a huge spectrum of disabilities, no one person needs to be an expert on every kind of disability, The job of the church is to get alongside people and ask the disabled person how the church could best support them. Even if the church building cannot be all

singing and dancing when it comes to accessibility, it is the heart of the people, in the church, which is important. Being able to welcome and come alongside people.

Looking at the biblical perspective of disability, we looked at the verse in Genesis 1 v 27, which tells us that we are all made in the image of God. We also looked at incidences where, rather than rebuking those with disabilities (which people did at that time) God, himself welcomed them. This is clearly played out in the story of the Great Banquet – Luke 14 1-24.

Like me, I think we all found it a very useful session and would recommend it to others. I am sure that Through the Roof would be more than happy to lead a session for your church so if you are interested please do email them - info@throughtheroof.org.

Heidi Buckell

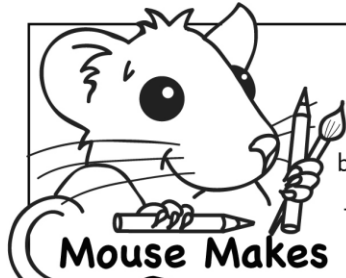
Disability Champion @ Belmont Road

(See also 'Churches Together Forum' above and item below from the Baptist Union - Editor)

TALKING ABOUT DISABILITY, CHURCH AND FAITH

The Baptist Union has recently launched a new area of its website (www.baptist.org.uk) with the title 'Talking about disability, church and faith'. It has articles and resources contributed by members the BU Disability Justice group and others. Many churches have excellent inclusion statements and a real desire to get to grips with what those statements say. The point of these posts is to provide some Christian theological and wider resources to help make those statements a living reality for all of us. We believe that disability, in all its wide variety, should be part of the conversation of the whole church. These posts are therefore not confined to any one aspect of disability, but aim to be as widely relevant as possible.





"Come with me across the lake,"

Jesus said to his disciples, so they got into a boat and set out. While they were sailing Jesus slept.

A big storm *blew* across the lake and the boat began to fill with water. They were in **great** danger.

The disciples went to Jesus and woke him.

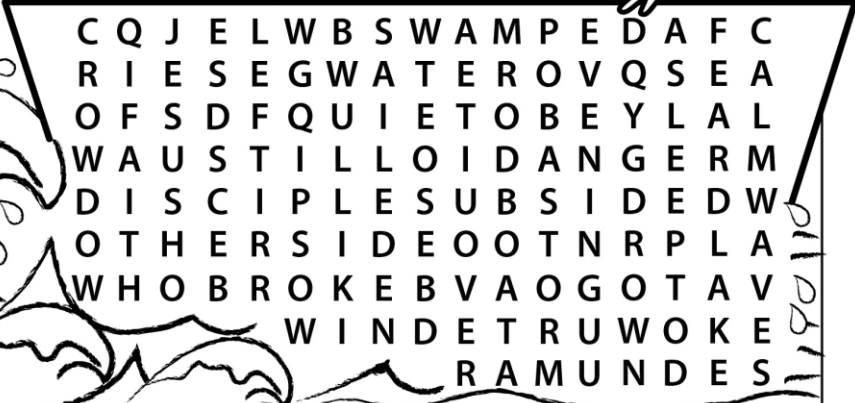
They said, "*Master, mater, we are going to drown!*"

Jesus got up and gave a command to the wind and the waves, "*Be still, be calm.*"

The wind stopped and the lake became calm.



Read the story
in Mark 4: 35-41



EVENING • JESUS • DISCIPLES • CROWD • LEFT • OTHER SIDE • LAKE • BOAT • SAILED
ASLEEP • WAVES • BROKE • OVER • SWAMPED • DANGER • WOKE • DROWN • QUIET
STILL • WIND • STORM • WATER • SUBSIDED • CALM • FAITH • FEAR • OBEY • WHO

LIKE A PUMPKIN

(Parish Pump Editor: October is the month for pumpkins, and so we offer this light-hearted reflection...)

A lady had recently become a Christian and been baptised. Curious, one of her colleagues at work asked her what it was like to be a Christian.

The lady was caught off guard and didn't know how to answer. Then she saw the office 'jack-o'-lantern' on a nearby desk and blurted: "Well, it's like being a pumpkin." Her colleague asked her to explain that one. So she said: "Well, God picks you up out of the patch and brings you in and washes off all the dirt on the outside that you got from being around all the other pumpkins.

"Then He cuts off the top and takes all the yucky stuff out from inside you. He removes all those seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all to see.

"It is our choice to either stay outside and rot on the vine, or come inside and be something new and bright."

Are you something new and bright? Will you be smiling today, and shining with His light?



ST LUKE – THE DOCTOR WHO BROUGHT GOOD NEWS

This month we remember St Luke (18th October), the author of the third gospel and the Book of Acts. Throughout his writing Luke makes clear that the good news of salvation is available to all people regardless of their gender, social position, or nationality. It is believed that Luke was a doctor, and he certainly sees the importance of healing in the ministry of Jesus and the Church. The signs of the presence of God's kingdom include the healing of sickness, hurts, as well as unforgiveness.

This is evident when Jesus sends out the 72 disciples in Luke 10, a reading for St Luke's Day:

'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field...When you enter a town and are welcomed eat what is set before you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.' (Luke 10:2,8). What challenges do we find in these verses?

Firstly Luke, as a **Gentile** (a non-Jew) recognises the revolutionary way outsiders are welcomed into the faith community, e.g. Zacchaeus (Luke 19) and Cornelius (Acts 10). How can we engage with those who are outside the community of faith? We have to avoid the tendency to regard ourselves as insiders! As we reach out to those who are ready to welcome the gospel, we have an opportunity to share good news and healing in the name of Jesus.

Secondly, as an **Evangelist**, Luke wants us to share the love of Jesus with all those we encounter. However, as these verses indicate, this has got to be rooted in prayer, if we are going to be led by God in our response to others. *'Mission is seeing what God is doing and joining in'* (Rowan Williams).

Canon Paul Hardingham (Parish Pump)

CAREY – ECO CHURCH

The story so far...

In September last year, Carey registered to become an 'Eco Church'. A small 'green team' was formed. Bhagya and Chami built 'Bugingham Palace' in our church garden. Members and friends of Carey undertook at Lifestyle Survey. And thanks to our collective efforts and the work of the members of the green team, Carey has been awarded Bronze Eco Church status. Since then, Carey has changed our recycling contract to Cawleys, which ensures that the vast majority of the waste produced by Carey and our hall users will be recycled, instead of some of it going into landfill.

A lot has been achieved in a relatively short space of time. And Carey is already registering 'silver' or even 'gold' in three out of the five categories which are used to monitor a church's progress in becoming more eco-friendly. However, there are other steps and some distance to go before we can progress further. These are particularly under the headings of 'Buildings' and 'Lifestyle'. What better time to demonstrate that the gospel of Jesus is not just good news for human beings, but also good news for the whole of God's creation?

Where do we go from here ?

Three areas for progress identified by our Lifestyle Survey were:

- weekly shopping: buying more 'LOAF' products: Local, Organic, Animal-friendly, Fairtrade.
- personal energy supply: investigating swapping to a more sustainable energy provider.
- personal CO2 emissions: checking our personal CO2 footprint.

(Possibly the easiest online tools is on the World Wildlife Fund website:

<https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/> Also Conservation International:
<https://www.conservation.org/carbon-footprint-calculator>

PLEASE NOTE: The average annual CO2 footprint for the UK is 10 tonnes per person. If your footprint is below this, well done! But you may be able to identify ways to reduce your footprint further.

So, please consider carefully what extra step you feel you might be able to take to support our struggling environment. Not forgetting this timely opportunity: **Carey's green team would like to encourage everyone at Carey to write a letter to your MP, ahead of COP26 in November,** asking that our government do more to combat climate change. More important than Carey becoming a Silver or Gold Eco Church is this:

becoming a Christian community which celebrates a holistic gospel, and through whole-life discipleship recognises the part humans can play in glorifying God, along with the rest of creation.

The green team and our church leadership team would welcome input and suggestions, including from Belmont or Grovehill, about ways to reduce our personal and corporate carbon footprints.

DACORUM CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

Dacorum Climate Action Network (Dacorum CAN) brings together local individuals and organisations to **‘think global and act local’**. The aim of the network is to bring about meaningful change and provide a platform that will support, educate, encourage and enable people to make positive environmental changes in their everyday lives. These collective actions will help to tackle the Climate and Ecological Emergency by reducing emissions and increasing biodiversity.

Dacorum CAN is open to everyone who lives, works and plays in Dacorum and pledges to take positive environmental actions. You can join either as an individual or an organisation. Any organisation - such as schools, community groups, businesses and charities - is welcome to join. Becoming part of the network is quick, free and easy - simply fill out our short online registration form.

Get Creative for the Climate

We are calling on local artists to get creative for the climate and take part in our Climate and Ecological Emergency Exhibition. The exhibition is being held throughout November to tie in with COP26 - the global climate change conference, which is being hosted by the UK.

The Get Creative for the Climate initiative is being run in collaboration with Herts Visual Arts and will feature creative pieces from artists from around the borough. It is hoped that the art will help to encourage Dacorum’s residents to reflect on the challenges that lie ahead of us, but also provide an opportunity to learn about the available solutions, and inspire people to get involved in local climate action.

All visual art that can be displayed on a wall is welcome for submission, including drawings, paintings, photography and poetry. The theme of the exhibition is the Climate and Ecological Emergency - this has been kept

intentionally broad so that artists can choose how they wish to interpret this. If you would like to take part, you have until **Sunday 24 October 2021**. For more details, please read the [Climate and Ecological Emergency Exhibition Guidelines \(PDF 752KB\)](#).

The selected artwork for the Climate and Ecological Emergency Exhibition will be held in Dacorum Creatives Gallery in the Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead town centre throughout November. Times and days to be confirmed at a later date. Some artwork will also be chosen to be on display at a Climate Conference and Networking event that is taking place on the evening of Wednesday 3 November at the Forum in Hemel Hempstead.

This initiative is entirely free. There is no cost to submit or display artwork, the exhibition is free to attend and artists are not paid if their work is selected to be on display. As such, to help support the running of the exhibition, we will require a team of volunteers. If you or someone you know would be willing to volunteer some time to help with this, it would be greatly appreciated – please email:

sustainability@dacorum.gov.uk

DENS NEWS

YOUR TOWN HEMEL 5K RUN

DENS has been chosen as the official charity of Mayor, Cllr. Stewart Riddick for 2021-2. Cllr. Riddick will be hosting the ‘Your Town Hemel’ 5K Run in Gadebridge Park on Sunday 17th October.

The ‘Your Town’ initiative led by Dacorum Borough Council in partnership with Your Town aims to encourage people to live healthy lives, get more engaged in their local community and make them proud of where they live. Whether you are looking to walk, jog or run, Dacorum Borough Council invite you to join us for our upcoming event!

To take part in our Your Town 5k, we are asking for a minimum ticket donation of **£5.00** where all proceeds will be donated to the Mayor’s chosen charity, DENS. Most people know DENS as the homeless charity for people in Dacorum. In fact, DENS do so much more than just provide a roof and a bed. If you wish to increase your donation, you will have this opportunity when you sign up! Everyone who takes part will receive a medal to show their support, which you will receive upon completing the race.

SAM SHARPE LECTURE

The Sam Sharpe Lecture 2021

'Setting The Captives Free – forging the paths to freedom'

Thursday 21 October: 19:00 online

Sam Sharpe was a Baptist deacon and enslaved person who played an important role in the 'Great Jamaican Slave Revolt' of 1831-2. Since its launch in 2012, the Sam Sharpe Partners have hosted an annual lecture. This year, the Sam Sharpe Lectures in conjunction with House of Commons present this lecture being delivered by Amanda Khozi Mukwashi, CEO of Christian Aid, on the theme 'Setting Captives Free – forging the paths to freedom'.

You can register for the lecture and receive the link by going to the BUGB website: www.baptist.org.uk The lecture will also be recorded so that it can also be accessed from the website afterward

GRAPEVINE

Items for the November issue should be with Hilary Donovan (258268 / hilary.donovan@hotmail.com) or Paula Moore (Belmont Road) by **Sunday 24th October**. If you have been receiving 'Grapevine' via email over the past year or so, please can you let us know if you are happy to continue to read it online or would like to return to having a paper copy. We do not want to print so many copies as before, but appreciate that some may find a paper copy easier to read. Thank you



FIGHTING FOR A FAIRER FUTURE

BMS World Mission petitions the UK Government on equal access to the Covid-19 vaccine.

You stepped in and helped when the pandemic threw the world into chaos. And when the opportunity came to rebuild a fairer future, you rallied together to make your voices heard too.

A global pandemic requires a global response – that’s been BMS’ position since the start of the Covid-19 crisis. So, when the 241 member bodies of the Baptist World Alliance shared that they’d be calling on world leaders to make equal access to the Covid-19 vaccine a priority, we wanted to do all we could to stand with them.

In a UK context, this looked like petitioning the Government to take steps to ensure a fairer future for everyone. The Campaign for a Covid-free world was quickly launched and, days after the first signatures were gathered, Prime Minister Boris Johnson acknowledged the necessity for wealthier countries to consider the rest of the world when it came to vaccine access. Speaking at a G7 gathering, he said he wanted to “ensure that we distribute vaccines at cost around the world [and] make sure everybody gets the vaccines that they need.”

As the campaign moved forward, encouraging news hit the headlines. The first deliveries of COVAX vaccines arrived in Ghana and Côte d’Ivoire, with many more countries to follow.



Thank you for supporting the Campaign for a Covid-free world.

BMS World Mission also joined the People’s Vaccine Alliance, a growing movement of health and humanitarian organisations urging that when safe and effective vaccines are developed, they are made available for all people, free of charge. At the time of delivery, the Campaign for a Covid-free world had amassed thousands of signatures. It was sent to Downing Street with prayerful confidence – that this contribution can and will have a positive impact on Government decision-making.

If you want to keep helping make a difference to people suffering with Covid-19, please consider giving to our Global Covid Relief appeal:
bit.ly/GlobalCovidRelief

Find more BMS stories at www.bmsworldmission.org/news

THIS MONTH 100 YEARS AGO

We continue our series about church life at Marlowes Baptist Church in the 1920's. There was not enough space in the September issue of Grapevine to include items about September 1921, so most of the items below refer to that month's events, beginning with the church's farewell to the minister, Rev T Percy George.

Pastor's Farewell

The closing services of our Pastor's ministry on Sunday and Monday, September 25th and 26th were marked by enthusiasm and reality. The large congregation on Sunday night attested the appreciation of Mr. George as a preacher of the Gospel, and his message was full of thanksgiving and hope.

On the Monday, eloquent testimony was borne to the geniality, honesty and catholicity of our Pastor... and the good wishes of "Marlowes" were expressed by the Chairman, Mr Chennells, by Mr. A. Orchard and the Secretary and on behalf of the Ladies by Mrs. G.L. Chennells; a tangible expression of our love was presented to Mrs. George and the Pastor by a handbag from the Ladies and a wallet of Treasury notes to the Pastor. Mr. George in his reply expressed his sense of indebtedness to the officers and members through whose hearty and loyal co-operation his ministry had been made happy and prosperous. May the same spirit mark the coming days to the glory of God in Jesus Christ.

*The members of the **Young Abstainers' League** met on 8th September to discuss their winter programme and 'It was unanimously decided to hold a devotional meeting once a month until Xmas, the intervening meetings to be given up to work on behalf of the London Slum Children.'*

*Nearly 30 members of the **Choir** met for their AGM on 14th September and 'the Choirmaster referred to the impending departure of the Pastor, and emphasised the extra responsibility thrust upon the Choir...'. *October 9th would be observed as "Choir Sunday" when they would be singing "Lauda Sion" during the evening service. Both Marlowes and Leverstock Green held their usual **Harvest Services** during September.**

OCTOBER DIARY

BELMONT ROAD

(Services on Zoom and in church – see page 2)

Sunday 3 rd	10.30am	Worship Service, including Baptism, led by our Moderator, Tim Keightley
Sunday 10 th	10.30am	All-age Harvest Service led by Jen Balding
Sunday 17 th	10.30am	Worship Service led by Les Ebdon, Herts Association of Preachers
Sunday 24 th	10.30am	Worship Service led by Kathy Williamson from Borehamwood
Sunday 26 th	10.30am	Communion Service led by Maria Bond from Gold Hill Baptist Church

CAREY

(Services in church and on Zoom and audio recording of sermon on website – see page 3)

Sunday 3 rd	10.30am	Morning service - visit of BMS Partners, Phil and Louise Proctor
Tuesday 5 th	8.00pm	Deacons' Meeting
Sunday 10 th	10.30am	All-age Service
Mondays 11 th , 18 th , 25 th	10.30am	Bible Study (TBC) (page 3)
Thursdays 14 th , 28 th	8.00pm	Bible Study (page 4)
Sunday 17 th	10.30am	Church Anniversary with Renewal of Church Covenant and Communion
Tuesday 19 th	2.30pm	Carey Hymn Café (page 4)
Sunday 24 th	10.30am	Morning Service led by Chamindra Leeniyagoda
Sunday 31 st	10.30am	Morning Service led by Jon Neall

GROVEHILL

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

Sundays	11.00am	Communion Service in church and on Facebook
Wednesdays	12 noon 7.00pm	Ladies Bible Study on Zoom Prayer and Meditation in church

Saturday 2 nd	7.00pm	Quiz Night with buffet meal
Sunday 3 rd	3.30pm	Causeway Church in Church (page 5)
Tues 6 th , 20 th	7.30pm	Men's Bible and Faith Chat Group
Sunday 10 th	11.00am	Harvest Service (page 6)
Sunday 10 th , 24 th	6.00pm	Hard COR Youth Group
Sunday 17 th	11.00am	Supporting Bishop's Harvest Appeal (page 6)
	6.00pm	Digging Deeper Youth Group (10-14+)
Saturday 23 rd	6.00pm	Film Night (page 6)
Monday 25 th	1.30pm	Messy Church in Church
Saturday 30 th	9.00am– 9.00pm	Bible Reading Zoomathon (page 6)
Sunday 31 st	11.00am	Candle Lighting and Remembrance Service

OTHER EVENTS

Tuesday 12 th	7.00 for 7.30pm	Churches Together Forum – Through the Roof, St George's URC (page 6)
Sunday 17 th		Your Town Hemel 5K Run (page 14)
Thursday 21 st	7.00pm	Sam Sharpe Lecture online (page 15)
Sunday 31 st – Friday 12 th November		COP26, Glasgow (pages 12-14)

ADVANCE DATES FOR NOVEMBER

CAREY

Sunday 7 th	10.30am	All-age Service
Wednesday 10 th	7.30pm	Church AGM Part I and Ordinary Church Meeting
Sunday 14 th	10.30am	Remembrance Service

OTHER EVENTS

Monday 1 st onwards		Dacorum Council Art Exhibition (pages 13-14)
Monday 14 th – Monday 21 st		Inter Faith Week

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

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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