

## CHURCH DIARY

Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>There is no creche today, but parents are welcome to use the Buckhurst Room.</b>	
	10.00 am	Morning service <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <i>- today's service will include baptisms</i>
	2.00 - 6.00 pm	Easter Treasure Hunt at Ashburnham Place
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 - 4 pm	Art Club (Buckhurst Room)
	2.30 pm	Tea Talk (Buckhurst Room) - <i>James Clark</i>
	7.30 pm	Connect Group (Psalm 23 Room)
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10 - 2 pm	Ukrainian Hub (Beulah Centre)
	11 - 12.30 pm	Coffee Drop-in and Community Meals (Clifford Hall)
	2 - 4 pm	Connect Group (Buckhurst Room)
	7.30 pm	Connect Group (Barnett Barn)
	7.30 pm	Church Prayer (Buckhurst Room)
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Clifford Day Centre (Clifford Hall)
	7.30 pm	Worship Group Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Connect Group (Barnett Barn)
	7.30 pm	Square Dance (Clifford Hall)
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am	Leadership Prayer Meeting (Payne Room)
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Morning service
	10.00 am	ACCESS Group during morning service
	1 - 3.30 pm	BGT Showcase Rehearsal
	4.00 pm	Communion Service (Buckhurst Room)
	6 - 7.30 pm	Ethos (Barnett Barn)

**ACCESS Group** are providing a few refreshments after today's service to say thanks for supporting their fundraising!

**A very big thank-you** to everyone for your donations and prayers for the runners who represented Running Space, doing the Hastings Half Marathon last Sunday. Everyone who took part completed the course and did well!



31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

### Sunday - 10 am

### **Easter Sunday**

**1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

**Preacher: David Lockwood**

A warm welcome to anyone here for the first time today.

Please make yourself known to a steward.

Prayer prior to the service will take place in the  
Buckhurst Room from 9am.

### Motto Verses for 2024

**Made alive in Christ**

*Ephesians 2:1-10*

### Our vision

**Knowing Jesus, Transforming people,**

**Changing society**

There are collection boxes for your offering as you enter the sanctuary or exit for refreshments. If you wish to donate via BACS the account details for Beulah are Barclays Bank, Beulah Baptist, Sort Code 202791 A/c No 70094730  
There is now also an option for contactless giving via our card machines, located in the foyer or on the reception desk.

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**Sabbatical Program**, a message from David Lockwood:

Thank you for supporting and praying for myself and the family. In amongst the rest, conference and retreat, I will be spending my time on a particular area of research. I will be interviewing church leaders and asking questions about leading in evangelism, walking alongside new Christians and how churches integrate new people into the life of the church. Leaders from Baptist churches and other denominations from various parts of the country, where the church is growing with new Christians, will be sharing their experiences.

- Australia - 1<sup>st</sup> April - 17<sup>th</sup> April (Visiting Mount Pleasant Baptist Church senior pastor, 15<sup>th</sup> April)
- HTB Leadership Conference, Albert Hall - 6<sup>th</sup> May - 8<sup>th</sup> May
- Visiting church leaders in Warrington, Leeds and Manchester - 9<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> May / and Kent - 15<sup>th</sup> May
- Worth Abbey Retreat - 10<sup>th</sup> June - 14<sup>th</sup> June.

**Membership Information:** if you are interested in what it means to be a member of Beulah, an information session will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April, at 11am in the Clifford Hall. Please let the office know if you plan to attend, so that we know how many people to expect.

If you find an evening session would be more convenient, please let the office know and an extra evening session can be arranged.

**Janet Walsh** would like to thank her Beulah family for the love and support over the past month. The visits, prayers, flowers and cards are all appreciated.

**During April, the following have arranged for flowers to be displayed in the sanctuary on Sundays:**

- 7<sup>th</sup> - Pat Cockram in memory of Michael
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Sharon Clarke in memory of Gwen & Eileen
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Dilys Soar in memory of Paul
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Graham & Higgy Hall in memory of Colin and Mary

**The following have agreed to donate towards the work of BMS on the occasion of their birthday in April:**

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| 4 <sup>th</sup> - Jeremy Betts    | 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Dilys Soar      |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> - John Hoy       | 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Gordon Drage    |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> - Sheila Prosser | 25 <sup>th</sup> - Irene Keightley |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> - Frances Knight | 29 <sup>th</sup> - Pat Cockram     |

**Baptist News:** The Baptist Union council met this month to consider the changes in rules on the definition of marriage. Following a UK church-wide consultation, the council voted to uphold the Biblical view.

**Why we baptise people (Baptist Union)**

When people asked the apostle Peter on the day of Pentecost how they might respond to his message about Jesus, he replied, '*Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit*' (Acts 2:38). This serves as a pattern for baptism, and it can be seen that there are three agents at work:

**What we do.** In the process of becoming Christians, we turn away from our sins and believe in Jesus Christ. To do this we need to have heard and understood enough about Christ to make some response to Him: we do not believe in a vacuum but in response to the message which is communicated to us. We are called to turn from our sin, our self-centredness and wrongdoing, and to believe in Jesus Christ as the one who can save us from ourselves and our sinful condition.

**What the church does.** The church responds to our faith by baptising us. In this way it accepts the sincerity of our confession of faith. Invariably when people are baptised, they are asked to proclaim, '*Jesus is Lord!*', which is the key Christian statement of faith (1 Corinthians 12:3). By submitting to baptism, which has of necessity to be performed by somebody else, we demonstrate that we need power outside ourselves to save us. We are incapable of doing this for ourselves. To accept our own powerlessness is part of believing that in Jesus Christ we have a Saviour. It also points us to our need for the Christian community to support us in our faith.

**What God does.** God grants the gift of the Holy Spirit to renew our inner life and to work in us the spiritual power to live holy and godly lives. This is how we can say, 'So if anyone is in Christ there is a new creation' (2 Corinthians 5:17). This is not to suggest that God only comes into this process at the end and all the rest we do in our own strength. Rather, God has been there from the beginning, awakening us to our need and enabling us to respond. The response we make in faith is therefore itself a gift from God, and this is only possible because God is already working in us.

