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one **LORD** one **FAITH**
one **BAPTISM** one **GOD**
and **FATHER OF ALL**

Ephesians Chapter 4 verses 2-6



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AUGUST 2017

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From your Pastor Andrew Gale

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Psalm 119:11

Your word is a lamp for my feet,

a light on my path. Psalm 119:105

God's word guides us, it is both a lamp to our feet showing us the next step to take and a light on our path showing us the direction of travel. However, it can only do this if we read it and store it in our hearts and minds.

There are some people when faced with a difficult decision, take their bible from the shelf, blow the dust off, say a quick prayer asking God to guide them, then flick the pages and read whatever it says on the page it falls open at. They hope by this method to find a verse that tells them, "Yea, verily thou shalt leave thine old job and move to a faraway town and take the promotion." God is gracious and sometimes will grant guidance by this method but more often people using this method scour the pages of God's word until they can find a verse which they can interpret to tell them to do what they want to do.

The correct way to receive guidance from God's word is to read it regularly, to imbibe the principles, to let it flow over our minds and hearts, let it form the base of our patterns of thinking. Then when we face a decision, we don't go searching for a proof text, rather, because we have trained our minds and filled our minds with godly wisdom, we instinctively react according to the word we have hidden in our hearts. With the help of the Holy Spirit, our aim is to make God's word part of our DNA, an integral part of who we are. We are looking for renewed minds that respond in every situation in a godly way. The only way to do this is to regularly ingest Scripture.

Blessings,

Andrew

Last eve I paused beside a blacksmith's door,
And heard the anvil ring the vesper's chime,
Then looking in I saw upon the floor
Old hammers worn with the beating years of time.

"How many anvils have you had," said I,
"To wear and batter all these hammers so?"
"Just one," he answered; then with twinkling eye,
"The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."

And so, I thought, the anvil of God's Word,
For ages, sceptic blows have beat upon;
Yet, though the noise of Paine, Voltaire was heard,
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Perry Green Services

At 6.00 pm

* On the first Sunday of the Month there will be a Prayer meeting at 5.15 pm.

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| 6th. | Mr. Len Fowler |
| 13th. | Mr. Adam Benjamin |
| 20th. | Mr. John Evans |
| 27th. | Miss Pam Greener (C) |

Tuesday Fellowship at 2.30 pm

NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST

CHURCH DIARY AUGUST 2017

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Morning 10.45 am

(Services led by Minister unless otherwise stated)

A prayer meeting is held every Sunday before the morning service from 10 am in the Prayer Room

Sunday Morning Services:

- 6th Holiday Club Special*
- 13th All age service led by Andrew*
- 20th All age service with communion led by Andrew*
- 27th Service led by elders (AG will be ministering in Toddington)*

All services will be led by the pastor unless otherwise stated

The Sunday evening group will meet at 6 pm each Sunday evening to discuss, prayer, share and sing together

The Notice Board

Programme of Events

JUMP (Tuesdays)

(10.00 am - 11.30 am Term Time)

NO JUMP

Ladies in Fellowship Together(L.I.F.T.)

(Tuesdays At 8.00 pm)

NO MEETINGS

Thursday Afternoon Fellowship

(At 2.30 pm)

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FELLOWSHIP NEWS AS AT 9TH JULY 2017

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Those who will be graduating after gaining their degrees –
JACK LITTLEWORTH –BSc in Computer Science,
HAYLEY NEWNS – B.A. in English Literature and Language,
CHARLOTTE TADIAR – B.A. in International Relations,
And HANNAH LOWEN – who have gained their QTS (Qualified Teachers Standard).

It is with sadness we report the death of our member MAVIS REEVES who died peacefully at home on 1st July aged 82. Our love and sympathy to her brother and family. We have also heard of the death of FRED O'DELL who moved to Clacton some while ago, we would remember his wife Barbara and ALAN DUDLEY a very dear friend. RON LEE has been in and out of hospital a few times having suffered a number of nose bleeds. JOAN PLANT is in hospital.

JANE ADAMS working in Cyprus hasn't been well.

There are a number of people who have had or are awaiting appoints for results, tests, treatment etc. including – ROGER BARTON, BETTY CATO, SHIRLEY HOBBS, MARGARET LOCKWOOD and HAZEL SMITH.

ORAL and SHEILA CARRINGTON were involved in a car accident and as a result SHEILA had to have time off work. We wish SIMEON, HANNAH and their two boys – ALEC and REUBEN all the best as they have moved to a village in Lincolnshire.

To all those mentioned and others we may not know about, we pray that they will soon be well, strengthened, comforted and upheld in their time of need. May we as a fellowship be supportive and encouraging, and also share in their joys and sorrows.

Ann M. Norman

BMS Birthday Scheme

8th Steven Archer

10th Keith Wright

13th Zac Sereaton

15th Graham Slough

21st Pearl Lee

30th Tim Newns

Our Church Garden needs new friends!

The two gentlemen that have tended the church gardens for a number of years, have for various reasons had to retire their services recently.

We are therefore looking for willing volunteers to help maintain our gardens and keep them tidy and trim. So that the task is not too onerous, volunteers would be asked to look after a particular area and tend it.

If you feel that this is something you could give a little time and interest to, then please speak to Jam Malcolm.

Flowers for the Sanctuary

- 6th Mrs. Jill Reading and Ruth;
In loving memory of Mum and Dad from
Christine and Roger Barton and family (sister).
- 13th Lovely memories of sister Mary Ann Norris
today (13th August 2009) – Never Forgotten
– Love Julie;
In loving memory of Edna and Reg Makin
and Arthur, Florence and Phyllis Bone,
from Clive and Liz Makin and family.
- 20th In loving memory of a dear Mum and Dad
from Pearl, Ron and family and Heather,
Roger and family;
Miss Nadia Deadman – In loving memory of
Mr. and Mrs. R. Bartlett a very dear Aunt
and Uncle.
- 27th Janet and Peter Moss and family – In loving
memory of Edie and Jack Ramsey and Shelia
Hicks.

AUGUST 2017

**In everything by prayer and petition
let your requests be known to God.**

**A monthly prayer calendar to help
us remember different aspects of
our Church life and beyond.**



TOPICS FOR PRAYER

- Tuesday 1 Pray for all the children attending our holiday club this week.
- Wednesday 2 Pray for the holiday club leaders and helpers, young and old, for those helping to serve drinks or assisting in any other capacity.
- Thursday 3 Pray for someone who is caring for a friend or partner who is unwell.
- Friday 4 Pray for parents coming today to see what their children have done at holiday club.
- Saturday 5 Pray for rest for those who have spent the week helping at holiday club, and for strength for those tasked with clearing up.
- Sunday 6 Pray for the service this morning, led by the holiday club team. Pray for the Sunday Evening Fellowship communion service tonight.
- Monday 7 Give thanks for the many Christian ministries in Luton; pray for Youthscape, Grassroots, the Oasis drop-in centre, Level Trust, the Luton Town Centre Chaplaincy, NOAH, Azalea (and more).
- Tuesday 8 Pray for those going on holiday, and also for those unable to have a holiday this summer.
- Wednesday 9 Pray for Boys' and Girls' Brigade.
- Thursday 10 Pray for people struggling with depression, especially those who live alone..

- Friday 11 Pray for young people graduating from university and college, and considering their future careers.
- Saturday 12 Pray for Pam Greener, and pray about who should take Pam's place as an elder in January when she has a year off.
- Sunday 13 Pray for everyone attending other churches while away on holiday.
- Monday 14 Pray for Erwin Tadiar.
- Tuesday 15 Pray for Samson Akinola.
- Wednesday 16 Pray for Andrew Gale.
- Thursday 17 Pray for young people getting their A-level results today. Especially pray for those having to go through "clearing" to find a suitable course.
- Friday 18 Pray for our town. Give thanks for the many good things going on here.
- Saturday 19 Pray for Ruth Tiso, particularly as she studies in preparation for the final stage in her accreditation as a baptist minister.
- Sunday 20 Pray for the communion service this morning, and for the prayer meeting this evening.
- Monday 21 Pray for Mel Quinn.
- Tuesday 22 Pray for Anita Jones.
- Wednesday 23 Pray for parents during the long school summer holiday: not only do childcare become a problem, but children can become bored.

- Thursday 24 Pray for young people receiving their GCSE exam results today, and for their parents.
- Friday 25 Pray for our ministry in the village of Peters Green.
- Saturday 26 Pray for those having to work this bank holiday weekend. Pray for everyone from our fellowship who is in paid employment, that they will do their work “as working for the Lord” not just for their human employer.
- Sunday 27 Pray for our deacons. They are not meeting this month, but the work still needs to be done. Pray for those from our fellowship who go to preach at other churches.
- Monday 28 Pray for Judy Baker and Sue Tadiar.
- Tuesday 29 Sometimes two paracetamol isn't enough: pray for those suffering with chronic pain and discomfort.
- Wednesday 30 Pray for Clement and the Chinese Church, and for the other fellowships who share our building.
- Thursday 31 Pray for teachers as they prepare for the new school year. And pray for children getting ready to return to school, especially for those who will be going to a new school.

Weekly Church Activities

Sunday

10.45 am Morning Service
Communic8 and Crèche
6.00 pm Evening Service

Monday

1.00 - 3.00 pm Watercolour Art Club
6.30 - 9.15 pm Girls Brigade (5-18 years)

Tuesday

10.00 -11.30 am **JUMP** (Join Us Mums & Pre-schoolers). During term time
2.00 - 4.00 pm Short mat bowls
8.00 pm Ladies in Fellowship Together (LIFT)
(2nd & 4th week)
10.00 - 12.00 pm Men's Prayer Meeting

Wednesday

9.30 am (1st Week) Open Prayer Meeting

Thursday

2.30 pm Thursday Afternoon Fellowship

Friday

6.45 -9.30 pm Boys Brigade

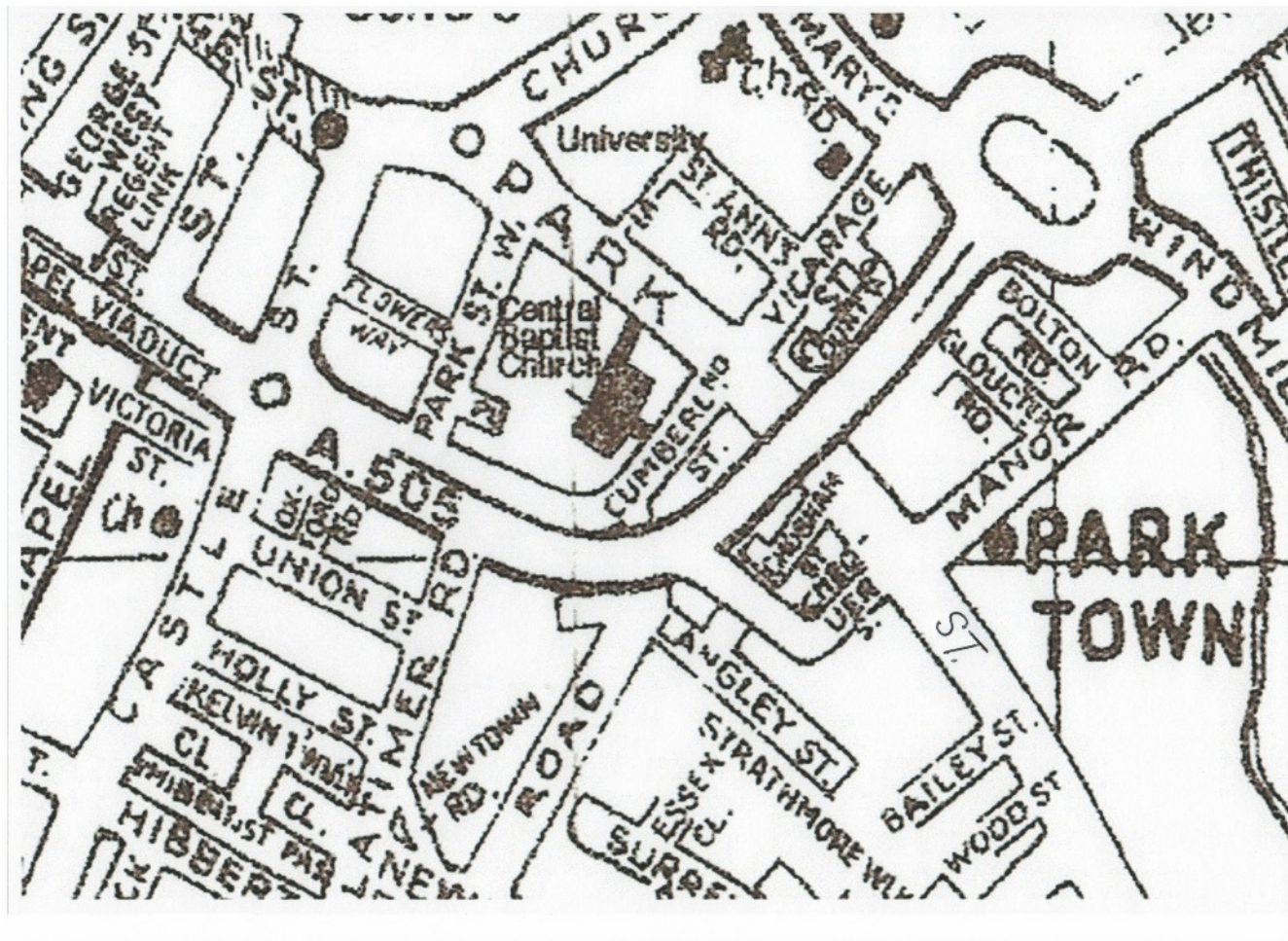
Saturday

7.00 - 9.00 pm Youth Group -11 years plus

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