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**AUGUST 2019**

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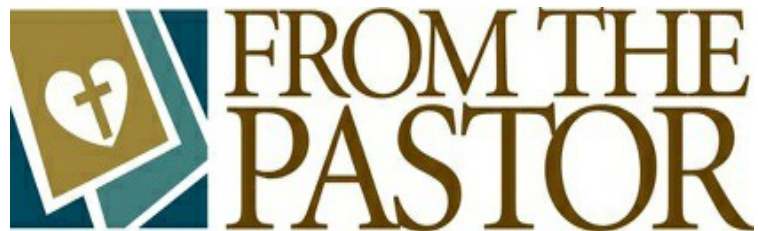
Acts 1:8  
New International Version

**BUT YOU  
will receive  
power when  
the Holy Spirit  
comes on you;  
and you will  
be my witnesses  
in Jerusalem, and  
in all Judea and  
Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.**

A stylized, black and white line drawing of a dove, facing left. The dove's head is in profile, and its wings are spread, with the feathers represented by thick, curved lines. The entire illustration is contained within a rectangular border.

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### **A Season of Rest**

August is a strange month, there is a week of mad activity at the beginning, when we run our holiday club. Then almost everything closes down, no children's meetings, no Thursday Afternoon Fellowship, no house groups and no children's classes on Sunday morning. Many people, especially those with children go away on holiday.

How will we use this natural lull in activity? I know that there are some people that don't like these times and would prefer us to keep going without a break but it can be a good time to take stock, relax and re-energise. I have noticed that as we get close to August there is a fall off in attendance, things seem to slow down and feel a bit forced, ideas seem a bit stale and volunteers are tired.

When September comes everyone is back, rested, feeling like they have missed the fellowship and we come back stronger.

There is a time for everything and a season for every purpose under heaven and this is a time to rest, refresh and reset.

Much of the year we may feel like this:

Mary had a little lamb  
It grew into a sheep  
Then it joined a Baptist Church  
And died through lack of sleep

In the time we are not madly running around keeping the show on the road there is time to think, to imagine how things could be better, to dream of new ways of being. So often we are so busy doing that we neglect to think, all our energy is spent doing what we always do but in this quiet month there is a chance to think, to challenge ourselves to come back with improvements to the works we are involved with.

Enjoy August, don't feel guilty when holiday club is over and you have space just to sit. Don't feel bad about catching up on your sleep. Don't feel guilt when you finally watch that box set of your favourite TV series. Enjoy this season.

Andrew

From our forebears in the faith:

To talk with God – no breath is lost

Talk on, talk on

To walk with God – no strength is lost

Walk on, walk on

To grind the axe – no work is lost

Grind on, grind on

The work is quicker, better done

Not needing half the strength laid on:

Grind on

Martha stood – but Mary sat;

Martha murmured much at that;

Martha cared – but Mary heard,

Listening to the Master's word,

And the Lord her choice preferred

Sit on, hear on

Work, without God, is labour lost;

Work on, work on

Full soon you'll learn it to your cost;

Toil on, toil on!

Little is much, when God is in it:

Man's busiest day's not worth God's minute

Much is little everywhere

If God the labour do not share

So work with God and nothings lost

Who works with Him does best and most

Work on, work on

*A.A.Rees*

Published in The Lattern, edited by Rev S.H. Akehurst, August 1887

## **FELLOWSHIP NEWS AS AT 14TH JULY 2019**

We would remember those who have been bereaved recently. Our love and sympathy to RUTH TISO whose Grandpa died and also to RON COWLE and family on the death of PAULINE on 30th June. (the Cowles had been members at Central a number of years ago.)

Several people haven't been too well including:

CLAIRE NEWNS and JULIE ANDERSON (shingles), GWYNETH GAPP and HAZEL TOMBLIN. MALCOLM O,DELL and PAULINE TODD (LIFT) have had a cataract operation. ERIC NORMAN tripped at home and suffered cuts and bruises on his arm.

Others have had or await appointments, tests, treatment etc. including: ROGER BARTON, STEVE CONYBEARE, GERALD HALE, ROGER and HEATHER LAKE and JOAN PLANT. ANDREW and JO GALE have retired as foster parents after many years, we pray they will adapt to their changed life style. We pray for renewed health and strength for those not well, help and encouragement for all those who are anxious. May we do all we can to support each other as we hear about different situations.

*Ann M. Norman*

### **DATE FOR THE DIARY**

MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2019

QUIZ EVENING

6:30 TO 8 PM

Arranged by the Guild of Friendship in aid of the Girls Brigade.  
ALL AGES WELCOME DO COME

**CHURCH DIARY**  
**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**Morning 10:45 am**

(Services led by Minister unless, otherwise stated)

- 4th Holiday Club Team will lead  
11th Family Fun led by Andrew  
18th All Age Communion led by  
Ruth  
25th Bank Holiday Weekend chill

*On Sunday evenings we meet at our chapel in Perry Green at 6:00 pm, if you would like a lift please try to let the pastor know. Lifts leave the Cumberland Street Entrance at 5:40 pm sharp.*

*A prayer meeting is held every Sunday before the morning service from 10 am in the Vestry.*

# **Programme of Events**

## **JUMP (Tuesdays)**

(10.00 am - 11.30 am Term Time)

NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST

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

NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST

- NEXT MEETING 24TH SEPTEMBER

## **Thursday Afternoon Fellowship**

(At 2.30 pm)

1st	No Meeting
8th	T.B.A.
15th	No Meeting
22nd	T.B.A.
29th	No Meeting

## **BMS World Mission Birthday Scheme**

### **AUGUST**

8 <sup>th</sup>	Steven Archer
10 <sup>th</sup>	Keith Wright
13 <sup>th</sup>	Zac Sereaton
15 <sup>th</sup>	Graham Slough
30 <sup>th</sup>	Tim Newns

# *Flowers for the Sanctuary*

- 4th Mrs. Jill Redding and Ruth;  
In loving memory of Mum and Dad from  
Christine and Roger Barton and Family;  
In loving memory of Brenda, from Roy  
Hawkins and family.
- 11th Lovely memories of my sister Mary Ann  
Norris on 13th August 2009 – Never  
Forgotten – Love Julie;  
In loving memory of Edna and Reg Makin,  
and Arthur and Florence and Phyllis Bone,  
from Clive and Liz Makin and family.
- 18th In loving memory of a dear Mum and Dad,  
Stan and Dorothy Impey, from Heather,  
Roger and family and Ron and family;  
Miss Nadia Deadman – In loving memory of  
Mr, and Mrs. R. Bartlett a very dear Aunt  
and Uncle.
- 25th Janet and Peter Moss and family – In loving  
memory of Edie and Jack Ramsey and Sheila  
Hicks.



**Perry Green Services**

**At 6.00 pm**

AUGUST

4th Angela and Tony Mann

11th Mr. Samson Akinola

18th Mrs. Gill Short

25th Miss Pam Greener

**TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP**

We meet at 2.30 pm. On the first Tuesday  
of  
each month at Perry Green Baptist Chapel.

**NO MEETING IN AUGUST**

# ***AUGUST 2019***

**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**

- Thu 1 Continue to pray for Holiday Club: leaders and helpers are likely to be getting tired!
- Fri 2 Pray for those at home caring for children, especially for single parents during the school holidays.
- Sat 3 Pray for those clearing up after Holiday Club, and pray for the service tomorrow.
- Sun 4 Pray for Andrew and for Ruth.
- Mon 5 Pray for the Level Trust summer schools running all this month for 8-12 year-olds who are growing up in poverty.
- Tue 6 Pray for safety for our children during the summer holidays. Pray for the deacons meeting tonight.
- Wed 7 More than 2 billion people still don't have somewhere safe and hygienic to go to the loo, so pray for the water and sanitation work of the Toilet Twinning organisation: pray for the communities in Afghanistan, Malawi, Myanmar, Pakistan, DRC, CAR, Nigeria and Uganda whose toilets are twinned with our church, and pray that more people would support this work.
- Thu 8 Pray for our members who live in care homes and for those who live alone.
- Fri 9 Pray that governments might do more to address the problem of climate change.
- Sat 10 Please pray for the Central Baptist Association and our regional ministers (Geoff Colmer, Stephen Copson and Colin Pye) who support the 156 baptist churches in Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Northamptonshire and Hertfordshire.
- Sun 11 Pray for our teaching service today. Pray that we can grow in knowledge, in faith and in love.
- Mon 12 Pray for your Muslim neighbours who have a festival (Eid al-Adha) today.
- Tue 13 Even if you don't know why they left, pray for people who used to come to Central, but do so no longer. Pray that they might not lose their faith.
- Wed 14 Pray for the BBC and other broadcasters, and for the editors and publishers of newspapers and other media. Pray for writers and artists who work for these organisations. Pray that truth would be declared.
- Thu 15 Pray for young people who will receive their A-level results today.
- Fri 16 Pray for wisdom for the elders, deacons and church meeting as we seek God's will for the future.

- Sat 17 Please pray for the work of Churches Together in Luton, that the churches of our town may be encouraged to seek a deepening of their communion with one another, and to proclaim the Gospel by witness and service together.
- Sun 18 Pray for our worship group and for our Sunday school teachers.
- Mon 19 Pray for a resolution to the Brexit uncertainty. Pray for the Youthscape team taking a group of Luton young people to Soul Survivor.
- Tue 20 Pray for the work of the Oasis Centre helping those (mostly Moslem, mostly women) who have England as a second country, or English as a second language, to feel they fit into life here in Luton.
- Wed 21 Pray for Christians serving the 900,000 Rohingya people living in refugee camps in eastern Bangladesh, and pray for an end to their suffering. Pray too for the many refugees in other parts of the world, and for an end to conflict.
- Thu 22 Pray that young people who receive their GCSE results today will know that their value is not based on their academic performance but on the Father's great love for us. Pray that they would fix their eyes firmly on Him and that He would guide their future steps.
- Fri 23 Give thanks for all the good things about our town; pray for people who live in Luton but feel that they would rather live somewhere else.
- Sat 24 Pray for sufficient volunteers to do the work that God has called us to do here at Central.
- Sun 25 Pray for our elders: Ian, Pam and Erwin (and for Samson on sabbatical).
- Mon 26 Pray for those that work to clean and maintain our premises.
- Tue 27 Pray for the Queen and our royal family.
- Wed 28 Pray for those planning the autumn programme for our church and its organisations, and for school teachers preparing for the new term.
- Thu 29 Pray for those living with mental health issues, and pray for family members, health professionals and social workers who try to look after them.
- Fri 30 Pray for our MP's. Pray for honesty in public life and that politicians of all persuasions would work together for the common good.
- Sat 31 Pray for children going back to school on Monday, and especially for those starting school for the first time and for those moving on to a new school. Pray for our services tomorrow.

## Weekly Church Activities

### **Sunday**

10.45 am Morning Service  
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### **Monday**

1.00 - 3.00 pm 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  
7.30 pm Ladies in Fellowship Together (L.I.F.T.)  
(2nd & 4th week)  
10.00- 12.00 pm Men's Prayer Meeting

### **Wednesday**

7.30 pm Shield for those aged 14+

### **Thursday**

2.30 pm Thursday Afternoon Fellowship

### **Friday**

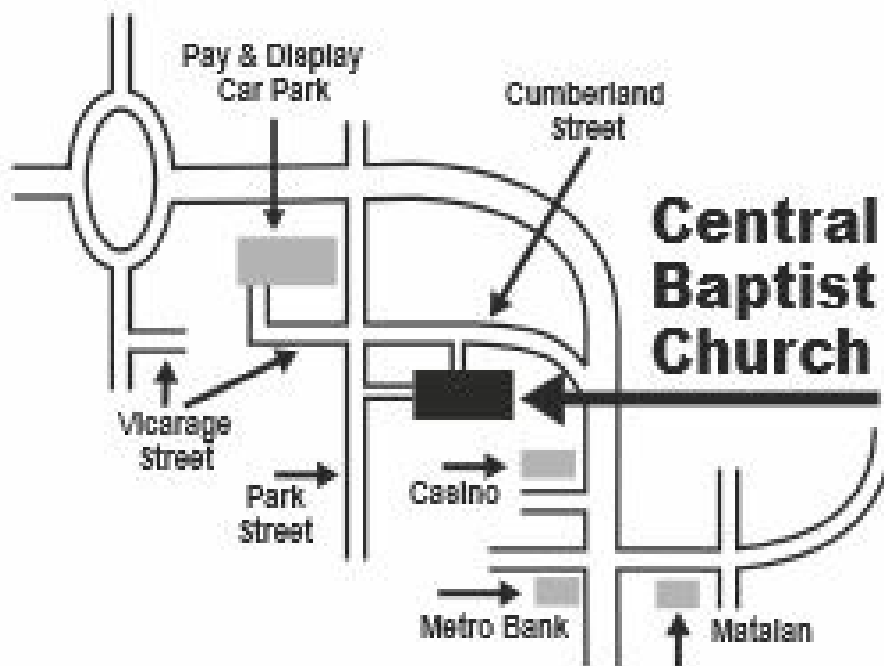
6.45 - 9.30 pm Boys Brigade

### **Saturday**

7.00 - 9.00 pm Youth Group - Year 7+

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