



# Contact

MAGAZINE

**January 2019**

A stylized black and white illustration of a dove, symbolizing the Holy Spirit, with its wings spread and head turned to the left.

**Central BAPTIST CHURCH LUTON** Motto 2019

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.**



### **Take Your Opportunity**

As you know it is a prayer and practical target for each of us to seek to win one person to Christ during this year. In this third article on personal evangelism *1 Peter 3:15-16 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.*

If you are anything like me you think of a brilliant retort to a jibe several hours after the opportunity to use it has past. It can be the same when we are witnessing, someone makes a comment which would have been a good opening to share the Gospel but it is only afterwards that you realise it. This happens to us all, however if we are looking for opportunities they will come along, you may miss some but others will come and the more you look for opportunities the more you will see them.

#### Getting started:

The first thing to do is to make sure that your friends and colleagues know that you are a Christian, in a previous article I suggested that an easy way to do this is to answer the question, “Did you have a good weekend?” With “Yes, I went to church...” then something like “The preacher was on form,” or “We sang some of my favourite hymns/songs.”

“Did you have a good Christmas?” You could reply, “Yes, I really enjoyed carols by candlelight.”

These kinds of answers may lead to further questions, “What kind of church do you go to?” “What do they believe?” Whether or not they lead to further questions, at that time, people will know that you are a Christian. Eventually something will be in the news, or something will happen in the life of one of your friends and they will want to ask a religious question. Then you may be the only person that they can ask.

The most important step you can take is to self-identify as a Christian.

#### Live Right

Keep a clean conscience, live right. Your life is a more powerful testimony than your words, no one expects you to be perfect, but having identified as a Christian

people will expect that you will have a compassion for people and be guided by a moral code. It is important that in your conversations on any subject that you reflect the heart of God, in your behaviour you don't contradict your testimony. It is no good identifying yourself as a Christian and posting a racist joke on Facebook. There is no point in identifying as a Christian and back stabbing colleagues to get to the top. There is no point identifying as a Christian if the political views you express and the reasons you give for having them are selfish. (We acknowledge that Christians hold different political views but our views should be informed by compassion for the poor and the good of others, not simply what is best for us).

### Look for openings

Be gentle but look to turn some conversations to the things of the Lord, don't over do this. There are some Christians who can't have a normal conversation, some one says to them, "I've lost my car keys."

They reply, "I've got the keys to the kingdom."

Someone says, "Did you see the football last night?"

They reply, "I make it my goal to please the Lord."

Be normal, have normal conversations but from time to time opportunities will present themselves.

You could offer to pray for a friend or colleague when one of their family members is ill. Normally, this prayer will be in private but, if the person is really grateful and enthusiastically accepts your offer to pray you may ask, "Would you like me to pray in private or shall we pray together right now?" Make sure that they know that they can refuse your offer to pray, be especially careful if you are in a position of power, their boss or they depend on your support in some way.

Be genuinely interested and compassionate about your friends and colleagues, not because you want to witness to them but because you really care. A side effect of really caring will be opportunity to witness, but that is not the aim of our care.

Invite people to church, again make sure that they know that your continuing friendship doesn't depend on them accepting.

### Be Hospitable

My parents used to invite students from the local teacher training college who attended our church and their friends to Sunday tea in our flat. Also there, were some work friends of my father, he drove a lorry for a foundry company making it a very diverse tea time, crossing race and class barriers. My parents would explain that after tea they would be going to church and the guests were welcome to come

along if they wanted to. (In those days Sunday evening was the largest service). Most of the guests would come along to church but some just went home after tea.

**On Historical Article this month yet again features Mr Spurgeon, the Prince of Victorian Preachers**

## **CHARLES SPURGEON'S WORDS TO EVANGELISTS**

### **QUALIFICATIONS FOR SOUL WINNING - TOWARDS GOD**



1. Holiness of character. If you are not yourself holy, no souls will be saved.
2. You must have a spiritual life to a high degree.
3. A humble spirit.
4. A living faith.
5. You must believe that God has called you to preach the Gospel, and that you will do it with confidence and courage.
6. You must believe the message you deliver is God's word.
7. You must believe in the power of the message to save people.
8. You must preach earnestly and with life.
9. Simplicity of heart, doing it for God's glory and the winning of souls.
10. Complete surrender of yourself to God - you want God's thoughts and to preach God's words.

### **QUALIFICATIONS FOR SOUL WINNING - TOWARDS MAN**



1. Evident sincerity.
2. Evident earnestness. You need to be red hot. Even if folk say you are too enthusiastic or too fanatical. We need to tell of an earnest Saviour, an earnest Heaven and an earnest Hell.
3. An evident love to your hearers.
4. Evident unselfishness.
5. Holiness of character.
6. Seriousness of manner.
7. Tenderness of heart.

## **FELLOWSHIP NEWS AS AT 9TH DECEMBER 2018**

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

BETTY CATO who will be 92 on 19th January.

MAURICE and LYNDA HILL on becoming Great – Grandparents on the birth of their Great- Grand daughter.

Our love and sympathy to JUNE RADFORD whose brother- law JACK died recently. We have also heard of the death of GEORGE SAVAGE who was once a member of Central.

GERALD HALE has had his hip operation but is now in ward 11 at the L & D for therapy.

MALCOLM O'DELL has had a cataract operation. JILL GOODMAN is recovering from a very painful knee.

We particularly remember those who are going through difficult times or are anxious about work, their future or their loved ones.

May all these friends and others not mentioned know the Lords healing and strengthening and guidance, along with the care and encouragement of the fellowship.

Quite a number of our older folk are finding it difficult to get to Church regularly, but it was good to see some of them at the Christmas Dinner on 1st December.

We wish ERWIN, SUSAN AND CHARLOTTE TADIAR all the best in their new home

Thank you to all those who helped in any way for the 'Shut-ins and Over 80's Dinner. Particularly Mel and her team for the food, those who helped with the transport, invitations and moving chairs.

Over 50 people enjoyed a lovely afternoon along with Entertainment and the singing of carols with Tom Mower playing the piano.

There will be TEA AND HYMNS on 27<sup>th</sup> January.

*Ann M Norman*

**Perry Green Services**

**At 6.00 pm**

6th. Mr. Ian Benjamin (c) 3.30 pm

13th. Mr. Roger Barton 3.30 pm

20th. Mr. Erwin Tadiar 3.30 pm

27th. Tea and Hymns at Central 3.30 pm

**TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP**

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

**NO MEETINGS IN JANUARY**

# **Programme of Events**

## **JUMP (Tuesdays)**

(10.00 am - 11.30 am Term Time)

8th

15th

22nd

29th

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

NO MEETINGS IN JANUARY

## **Thursday Afternoon Fellowship**

**(At 2.30 pm)**

3rd

T.B.A.

10th

Peter Jolly

17th

Andy Banton

24th

Mr. Beven Andrew

31st

Mr. L. Paige

**CHURCH DIARY**  
**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**Morning 10.45 am**

(Services led by Minister unless, otherwise stated)

6th Covenant and All Age Communion

13th Teaching Service

20th Communion Service

27th Service led by one of our elders Pam Greener

3:30pm Tea and Hymns: Drink tea, sing hymns, what's not to like?

*On Sunday afternoons we meet at our chapel in Perry Green at 3:30pm, if you would like a lift please try to let the pastor know. Lifts leave the Cumberland Street Entrance at 3:10 pm sharp.*

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

## **BMS World Mission Birthday Scheme**

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nadia Deadman
7 <sup>th</sup>	Tony Burley Malcolm O'Dell
8 <sup>th</sup>	Pauline Todd
9 <sup>th</sup>	Ben Newns
14 <sup>th</sup>	Beryl Francisque Shirley Hobbs
23 <sup>rd</sup>	John Whitehorn Paul Knight
26 <sup>th</sup>	Ina Bailey

## **BMS World Mission Globes**

Thank you to everyone who has a BMS World Mission Globe or Box, we have been able to send them £290.64 from the recent collection.

Many Thanks  
Claire Newns

# *Flowers for the Sanctuary*

- 6th Shirley Garbett and family – In loving memory of a dear brother;  
In loving memory of Derrick Smith from his family.
- 13th Shirley, David and family – In memory of loved – ones.
- 20th In loving memory of Stan from Jean Corder and family.
- 27th Mrs. M. Lockwood – In loving memory of Mr. G. Garrett;  
In loving memory of a dear dad, Bill Plummer, from Audrey, Malcolm, Michael and Gillian;  
Mr. and Mrs. R. Todd – In loving memory of a dear mother and father.

## **CHURCH FLOWER FUND**

Very many thanks to everyone who donated through the year to the Church Flower Fund. Donations are always welcome from friends who would like to remember loved- ones in this way or special occasions. Please see Mrs. Rita Gibbs for more information.

Thank you  
Rita M. Gibbs.



**World Day of Prayer**

**(Interdenominational)**

**Luton Preparation Day**

(For the World Day of Prayer Service on 1st March 2019)

A service prepared by the women of Slovenia)

**28 January 2019**

Come to the preparation day to learn about Slovenia, practice the hymns for the service, listen to a bible study and even try circle dancing

**10:30 for 11:00 start and finish 3pm**

**Central Baptist Church**

**Luton**

52A Park Street, Luton, LU1 3ET.

Entrance in Cumberland Street

Please bring packed lunch Teas and coffees will be provided

Price for day £4

**All Welcome Men, women and children.**

## 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**

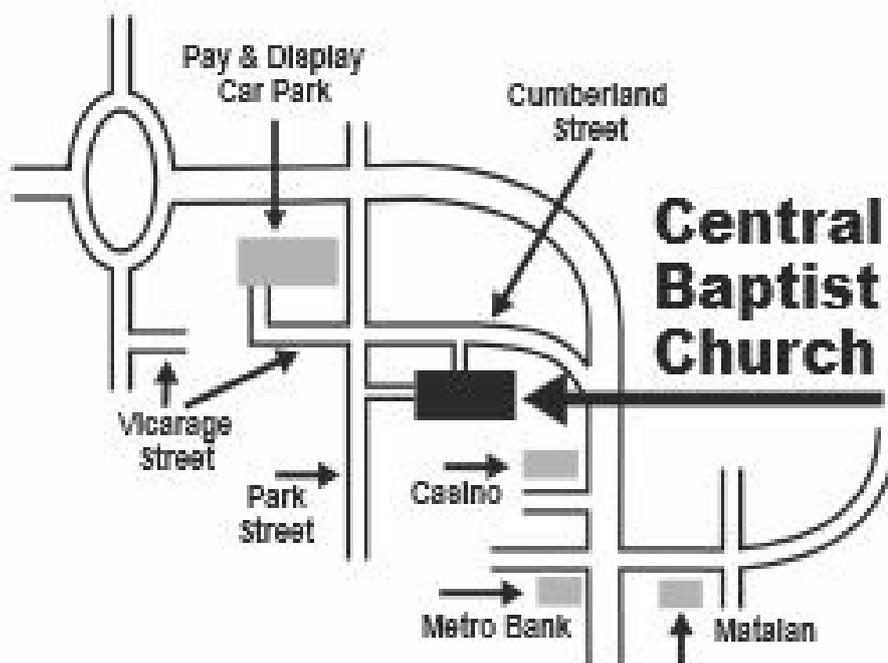
6.45 - 9.30 pm Boys Brigade

### **Saturday**

7.00 - 9.00 pm Youth Group - Year 7+

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