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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's head and neck, facing left. The feathers are depicted with thick, curved lines.

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Psalm 8

Please read through the Psalm before reading this article.

God is to be praised because he is the creator of all the earth. The Psalm begins by asserting that he is not a local deity or merely the God of Israel, equal to the gods of other nations. His name is majestic in all the earth.

His glory is seen in the heavens, in stars and planets. The more we discover of the universe the more wonderful they are. It is not the stars we worship, nor do we turn to the stars to determine our future but to He who made the stars.

Through the praise of children, His truth is established. CH Spurgeon wrote in his book The Treasury of David; How often will children tell us of a God whom we have forgotten! How doth their simple prattle refute those learned fools who deny the being of God! Many men have been made to hold their tongues, while sucklings have borne witness to the glory of the God of heaven.

Jesus, Himself quoted this verse, But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, 'Hosanna to the Son of David,' they were indignant.

'Do you hear what these children are saying?' they asked him.

'Yes,' replied Jesus, 'have you never read,

"From the lips of children and infants

you, Lord, have called forth your praise"?' Matthew 21:15-16

The children recognised him when the wise men of the world couldn't see what was in front of their eyes. Let's make sure that we never get so wise that we miss the simple truth that is declared in all creation.

When we look at the glory of the world, the moon stars, the vastness of space, we seem so insignificant. The best way to get some humility is to get a sense of proportion, see how our lives measure up to time and space. If you think you are something, even if you are the greatest person ever to have lived, you are the greatest person on a small insignificant planet and if science is to be believed, the greatest person in a tiny fraction of the existence of the universe, and a belief in God doesn't help, because our few days are like the grass of the field compared to eternity.

C H Spurgeon again this time quoting from a book about the solar system: Man is but as a grain of sand to the whole earth, when compared to the countless myriads of beings that people the amplitudes of creation. What is the whole of this globe on

which we dwell compared with the solar system, which contains a mass of matter ten thousand times greater? What is it in comparison of the hundred millions of suns and worlds which by the telescope have been descried throughout the starry regions? What, then, is a kingdom, a province, or a baronial territory, of which we are as proud as if we were the lords of the universe and for which we engage in so much devastation and carnage? What are they, when set in competition with the glories of the sky? Could we take our station on the lofty pinnacles of heaven, and look down on this scarcely distinguishable speck of earth, we should be ready to exclaim with Seneca, "Is it to this little spot that the great designs and vast desires of men are confined? Is it for this there is so much disturbance of nations, so much carnage, and so many ruinous wars? Oh, the folly of deceived men, to imagine great kingdoms in the compass of an atom, to raise armies to decide a point of earth with the sword!"

So it is with amazement we join the Psalmist and ask, "Why are You interested in people?" Yet he is, this Creator God calls to us, Psalm 55: 22 Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken.

And Again: Matthew 11:28-29 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Then we are encouraged in Philippians 4;6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

And 1 Peter 5: 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Here is something to stun us the God of the Universe is interested in you.

He has given humans charge of the earth, making them a little lower than the angels in glory. Yet he set his love on you, He is interested in your life, He is concerned for your wellbeing now and for eternity. It is amazing that he is interested in the human race but it is a hundred times more that he is interested in me as an individual.

No wonder we return with the psalmist to say, "LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth."

Andrew

This article was the base of a sermon preached at Parry Chapel on 16th June 2019

HOLIDAY CLUB

JULY 29TH – AUGUST 2ND

We need you to;-

Volunteer to help during the week:-

- With the children's groups.
- Registration.
- Refreshments.
- Manning the doors.
- Being willing to help with anything!

Volunteer during the weekend before:-

Friday evening –

- Cleaning the sanctuary.

Saturday and Sunday:-

- Preparing the group areas.
- Painting scenery.
- Making tea and coffee.
- Cutting out and sticking.
- Encouraging.

Volunteer on the last evening Friday 2nd to:-

- Pack away and dismantle.
- Clean.
- Put chairs and books back.

Collect items for Junk modelling (bring the week before), see list on the Notice Board.

Invite children along you may know who are aged 5 – 11.

If you are in doubt please ask Mel, Anita, Vickie or Ian.

Above all Pray for the club, for Health and Safety, for smooth running of the club and children who will come.

Programme of Events

JUMP (Tuesdays)

(10.00 am - 11.30 am Term Time)

2nd

9th

16th

23rd

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

9th OUR SUMMER MEAL

23rd NO MEETING

Thursday Afternoon Fellowship

(At 2.30 pm)

4th Rev. Clement Tang

11th Joy Browning - Hebrew
Scriptures.

18th Mrs. Sandra Riley.

25th Mrs. Dianne Maple.

Thank You Page

We would like to thank everyone for cards, phone calls and presents for Audrey's birthday and Malcolm's stay in hospital in Yeovil, Somerset when he was taken ill. It was lovely to know we were thought of while so far away and thank you for the lovely welcome back.

God Bless you All,

Audrey and Malcolm O'Dell

FELLOWSHIP NEWS AS AT 16TH JUNE 2019.

CONGRATULATIONS to those celebrating special occasions in July:-

TOM MOWER on his 100th Birthday on 30th,
AURIEL HAYDON on her 80th birthday on the 16th,
ROGER and HEATHER LAKE on their Diamond Wedding on 25th.

Our love and sympathy to JANET SUMMERLIN whose Great-nephew BRANDON died in Canada and to JUSTIN WOODCRAFT whose mother MARGARET died on 24th May.

After being discharged from Yeovil Hospital MALCOLM O'DELL spent some time recuperating with the family in Dorset. He and Audrey came back to Luton at the beginning of June and it was good to have them back in fellowship with us last Sunday.

Several people have had coughs and colds, CYNTHIA BEST has had an eye infection. FRANK SMITH has a number of appointments coming up.

Our love and prayers to all in their joys and sorrows. We pray for renewed strength for those who have health problems, help and comfort to those who are anxious about loved ones, their work or their future.

Ann M Norman

28th TEA AND HYMNS AT 3.30PM AT CENTRAL.

CHURCH DIARY
SUNDAY WORSHIP

Morning 10:45 am

(Services led by Minister unless, otherwise stated)

7th Parade Service

14th Teaching Service: Subject: God's love for His ancient people.

21st Communion Service shared with the Chinese congregation

28th Picnic Service led by Erwin

Also on 28th at 3:30pm Tea and Hymns

27th and 28th Preparation for Holiday Club

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.

BMS World Mission Birthday Scheme
JULY

14th Steve Conybeare

16th Auriel Haydon
Lillian Cordery

24th Derek Jones

27th Rev Jim Donaldson
Damian Bell

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Thank You**

Flowers for the Sanctuary

- 7th Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gapp and family – In loving memory of Krystina;
In memory of my Dad, Mum, Brother Malcolm and Brandon from Janet.
- 14th Miss Pam Greener – In loving memory of a dear Mum, Dad and Brother;
Mrs. Jean Corder and family – In loving memory of sister Barbara.
- 21st Rev and Mrs. J. Donaldson.
- 28th From Shirley and David Hobbs and family.

FLOWER BASKETS

Have you received a flower arrangement in a basket recently from the church? We are looking for small baskets for our Flower Arrangers to use in the future. So could you look in your shed, garage to see if you have any and return them for re-use.

Very many thanks,

Rita Gibbs

Perry Green Services

At 6.00 pm

July

7th Mrs. Diane Maple

14th Miss Pam Greener

21st Mr. Adam May

28th tea and hymns at Central

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP

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

2nd Summer Meal

JULY 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

- Mon 1 Pray for the GB water games evening to be held in the front car park, that the girls would enjoy it and that passers-by would be interested and impressed. Also, all are welcome at a Prayer Gathering at 7:30 this evening at St Matthew's Church, Wenlock Street.
- Tue 2 In 1964, in America, the Civil Rights Bill became law. Pray for that nation, that its people would be united and all treated fairly. Also pray for our deacons meeting tonight.
- Wed 3 Pray for children who find school a struggle.
- Thurs 4 Pray for churches and youth workers at the event in London today seeking to tackle the rising challenge of serious youth violence.
- Fri 5 Pray for our BB company.
- Sat 6 Pray for safety and enjoyment at the High Town festival today, and pray that it would promote community cohesion in that part of town. Pray for your part of town as well!
- Sun 7 Pray for everyone involved as Communic8 take the All Age service today. Pray also for people taking part in Race for Life, that it would be effective in raising funds for Cancer Research, but that people would come to understand that good works is not the way to get to heaven.
- Mon 8 Pray for the GB pizza evening, at church and at Pizza Express.
- Tue 9 Pray for LIFT.
- Wed 10 Pray for the Circle Dancing at High Town Methodist Church this afternoon.
- Thurs 11 Pray for families known to the church or brigades who have financial worries.
- Fri 12 Pray for peace in Northern Ireland.
- Sat 13 Pray for our Youth Club.
- Sun 14 Pray for today's teaching service. Pray for any visitors we may have. Pray for those serving tea and coffee. Pray for the musicians, computer operator, sound desk, stewards. Pray for the Sunday school teachers.
- Mon 15 Pray for safety and fun for girls and leaders of the GB having outdoor games at Manor Road Park tonight.

- Tue 16 Pray for those of our brothers and sisters around the world who are suffering because of their faith.
- Wed 17 Pray for SHIELD tonight.
- Thurs 18 Pray for “Talking Elephants” – coffee and conversation for people who have been bereaved at St Anne’s Church today.
- Fri 19 Pray for safety at the Peace Riot commemoration events in town today and tomorrow.
- Sat 20 Pray that our politicians would learn to disagree without rancour, and to see the good even in people whose views they think are quite wrong.
- Sun 21 Fifty years ago man took his first steps on the Moon; pray that as a nation we may be able to walk into the uncertain future with our hand in the Hand of God, safer than a known way.
- Today we have our communion service, followed by church lunch, and in the evening ROOTS; do pray for all of these.
- Mon 22 Pray for the new leader of the conservative party who is likely to be announced today.
- Tue 23 Pray for the food bank.
- Wed 24 School holidays start today; pray for parents.
- Thurs 25 Pray for everyone who comes along to our Thursday Afternoon Fellowship.
- Fri 26 Pray for the service at Little Bramingham Farm, and for Andrew as he leads it.
- Sat 27 Pray for the welfare of the leaders of our organisations, as some are going through tough times and many have to juggle their church role with full time work and other commitments.
- Sun 28 Pray for the picnic service today, that the weather would be favourable and that passers by would notice. Pray also for the people at the church building working hard preparing for holiday club.
- Mon 29 Holiday club starts today! Pray that many children would come along and enjoy learning about Jesus.
- Tue 30 Pray that Tom Mower would have a happy time on this his 100th birthday. This day in 1966 the England team won football's World Cup; pray for sports chaplains, and for others seeking to be a Christian presence among professional sportsmen and women.
- Wed 31 Please continue to pray for the leaders and children at holiday club.

Weekly Church Activities

Sunday

10.45 am Morning Service
Communic8

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

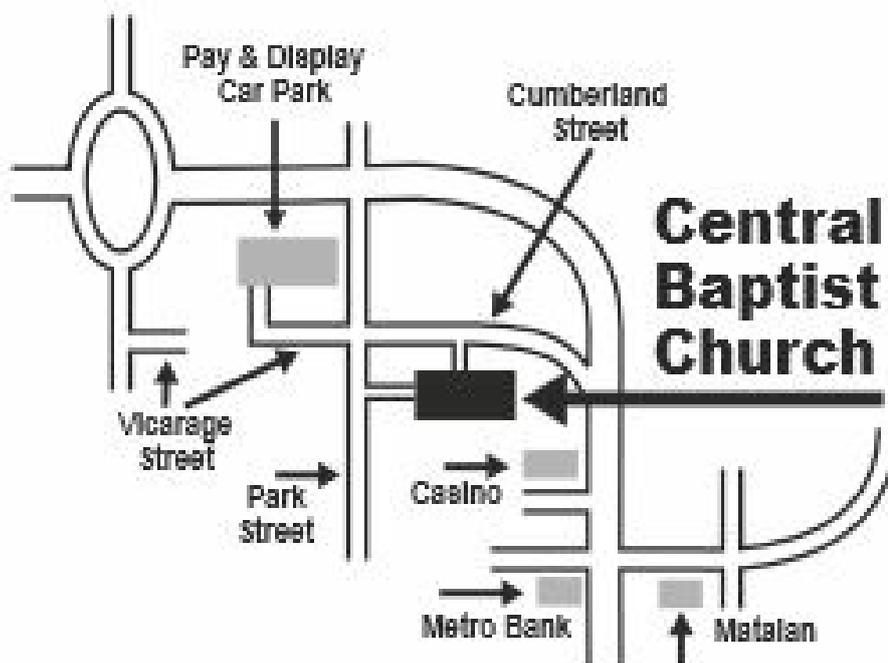
6.45 - 9.30 pm Boys Brigade

Saturday

7.00 - 9.00 pm Youth Group - Year 7+

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