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Motto 2018

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



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October is my favourite month, probably because it contains my birthday but also because I enjoy seeing the leaves change colours on the trees. The crisp mornings and the first frosts all have a beauty to them. Of course, others will point to the drawing in of the evenings, the threat of the coming winter and the household debates about whether or not it is time to turn on the central heating. Everyone knows that the dates for household heating are 1st November until 20th April, outside of these times put on a jumper and possibly a woolly hat. (I just wrote that to see which of my family read my article)

I suppose every month and season of the year has things to enjoy and things not so good, in summer we enjoy the long days and the fun outside but sometimes the nights are too hot for us to sleep. The snow is beautiful, but it is so cold. Spring flowers bursting with new life but so many rainy days. Some of us are glass half full types, we concentrate on the good things of each season, some of us enjoy a good moan and we see the things that are wrong.

Every season of life has things to enjoy and rejoice in and things which are harder and more difficult, what do we focus on, the blessing or the problem?

Andrew

Taken from the Baptist Magazine for January 1817

LONGING FOR A REVIVAL
 Dear Saviour now thy work revive
 Within this heart of mine
 Renew my soul and bid me live
 And be entirely thine

Do I not long to see thy face
 To dwell beneath thine eye?
 Am I not thirsting for thy grace
 To bear my soul on high?

The world around me smiles in vain
 It cannot make me blest

Nor without thee does heav'n contain
For me a place of rest

Just as the flow'rs expand to meet
The sun's enliv'ning rays
So I thy blest return will greet
With undissembled praise

Come then dear Saviour take my heart
Possess it as thy throne
Nor let me more from thee depart
But seal me as thy own

So Jesus shall thy work revive
Within this heart of mine
So with thee Saviour shall I live
And be for ever thine

Coseley BHD

Home Missions Stories

As Baptist stronger churches who God has prospered support other Baptist churches through Home Mission giving: Here is one story of how this money is used:

King Street Baptist Church, Thetford

- A town-centre church making the most of its ideal location for outreach to the town
- Exploring the possibility of working together with others to develop new missional ways of outreach

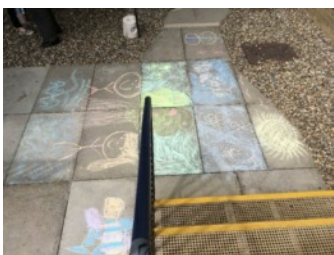
King Street Baptist Church is a long-standing church in the town centre of Thetford in Norfolk. Having been established in 1861 it has been a constant site of worship in the heart of the town community for 157 years. It is situated in the middle of the main pedestrian street from which it takes its name, surrounded by shops and cafes, making it an ideal place of outreach.



The forecourt is used by ourselves and by others

as we work with Thetford Christians Together. We regularly host Healing on the Streets, the Easter March of Witness, hold our own Christmas Nativity festival and a monthly singing duo on a Tuesday morning. Kidz club is also hosted monthly on a Saturday morning. We have a collection box in our foyer for regular Foodbank donations which are greatly needed in the town which has a high proportion of deprivation and poverty.

This last year has seen many changes including the appointment of a female minister in training, which the EBA Home Mission grant enables us to support. As well as continuing our weekly bible study group and regular prayer meeting, a new discipleship and nurture group has begun known as MICE (Maturing in Christ, aiming at Christian living according to the Word in Ephesians 4). This meets twice a month focusing on growing disciples and preparing us to disciple others through sharing faith in our daily living and working spaces. A pastoral team has been established and trained, increasing the care and support we can give to those of our church family and friends.



Sunday worship forms the heart of our fellowship

as we gather for praise and worship and seek God's will for a new missional focus in our community. We receive many visitors of many nationalities and denominations on a regular basis as they stay in the area either short or long-term. Easter Sunday was a great time of celebration as we baptised a wonderful new Christian lady and also welcomed three new members. We are blessed with the strong giftings of welcome, friendship and hospitality which are appreciated by all who join us. Using those strengths since April we have gathered one Sunday a month in a less formal café style approach to

worship together, inviting people in the town to join us, either on the forecourt or in our building. The forecourt is a great space for outreach and our youth team have spent the spring/summer under our new gazebo offering face-painting and activities to children passing the church and offering a coffee to parents whilst they sit and relax as they wait.

Focusing on overseas mission as well as local, we have just begun to partner with four couples who are working with BMS in various parts of Africa and Asia who we hope to build relationships with as they serve in difficult circumstances overseas.

Prayers of Thanks:

- For God's provision of our premises and situation in the town
- For the provision of the EBA Home Mission Grant for 2019
- For the gifts of welcome and hospitality
- For the work of the Holy Spirit in our fellowship as we embrace change together

Prayer Requests

- For new mature Christians with professional backgrounds to be called to serve at KSBC as we struggle with a very small leadership team and people to resource any new opportunities.
- For financial support and grants as we seek to replace rotting windows and refurbish the chapel sanctuary

Practical Needs:

- For help to update and redesign our website
- For willing and able people to serve
- For musicians

Plans for the future:

For the future we are exploring the possibility of working together with others to develop new missional ways of outreach through a consultancy programme.

We are also seeking to open our building more for community use and to become a place of prayer and healing.

Sally Sago Minister in Training

Why my wife is mad at me

Our downstairs toilet doesn't flush properly. She says it really needs replacing.

But I haven't got round to it yet.

And anyway, we have a perfectly good toilet upstairs.

Did you know that 2,300 million people do not even have *one* toilet in their home? Many do not even have a single toilet in their whole village.

The charity Toilet Twinning raises funds to enable people to have clean water, sanitation, and education about better hygiene.

Every pound spent on sanitation in poor communities gives over five pounds worth of benefits in increased productivity and savings on healthcare costs.

For example, in one village, 14-year old Monica says there was a lot of sickness before the village started building toilets. "I used to be sick for up to two weeks in a month, and sometimes, the diarrhoea was so bad that my family had to borrow an ox cart to take me to hospital and sell some of our chickens to pay for medicines."

So go to **toilettwinning.org** (or call 0300-321-3217) to find out more. If you twin your toilet, then your smallest room becomes the proud owner of a certificate, complete with photo and GPS coordinates (so you can look up your twin on Google maps).

Put the certificate in a frame, and you have a perfect Christmas present for someone who has everything.

Remembrance

As you will know, it is 100 years since the end of the First World War. Did you also know that on Sunday, 4 August 1918, the fourth anniversary of the declaration of war, King George V and Queen Mary joined members of the House of Commons and the House of Lords for a special church service in Westminster. The King had asked that it should be observed as a National Day of Prayer to pray for the end of the war. One hundred days later the war ended.

On 4 August this year, churches across the country began 100 days of prayer for peace and reconciliation, calling this Remembrance 100, starting with another National Day of Prayer.

Buckingham Palace backed the Day of Prayer, mirroring the action of the Queen's grandfather. Rev 'd Nims Obunge, the Queen's Deputy Lieutenant for Greater London, said, "I am delighted that Buckingham Palace is acknowledging this significant anniversary. As part of Remembrance 100 we are encouraging communities across the country to organise peace prayer events, community peace talks, peace festivals and more community-building activities."

Bible Society supporters across the country will be joining with thousands of other Christians in praying for peace over the 100 days from 4th August until Remembrance Sunday on November 11th.

Every day there are prayers and actions for peace. You can sign up to take part and spend just a few minutes of your day, adding your prayers to those of tens of thousands more. If you want to take part in the remaining days of the initiative, look at www.remembrance100.co.uk for more information.

[from the Bible Society]

Flowers for the Sanctuary

- 7th Ladies in Fellowship Together
- 14th G. B. and B.B.
- 21ST Mr. and Mrs. Eric Norman:
Mrs. M. Lockwood – In loving
memory of Mrs. Garrett;
In loving memory of June from
Dennis Cousins and family;
In loving memory of Pearl from
Ron Lee, Janice, Graham and
families and Heather and Roger
Lake and family.
- 28th In loving memory of Tom and
Gladys Radford, from Auriel,
Nester and families;
Mrs. Jean Corder – In loving
memory of dear relatives.

BMS World Mission Birthday Scheme

9th Alan Dudley

21st Andrew Gale
Hazel Burley

23rd Nikhil Uthayaseelan

Connie Archer wishes to thank all who sent cards, flowers, phone calls and visits on the occasion of my 95th Birthday.

Perry Green Services

At 6.00 pm

- 7th. All Age Harvest Festival 3.30 pm. Led by Mrs. Diane Maple
Followed by Tea and Cakes
- 14th. Mr. Ian Horsler
- 21st. Mr. Andy Morton
- 28th. Miss Pam Greener (c)

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP

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

2nd. Liz van de Pol

Programme of Events

JUMP (Tuesdays)

(10.00 am - 11.30 am Term Time)

2nd

9th

16th

23rd

30th

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

9th - Our A.G.M., Followed by a Fellowship
Supper

23rd - Quiz Evening - Fit a Face to the Name & Fit
Answers to Questions

Thursday Afternoon Fellowship

(At 2.30 pm)

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| 4th | Les Ebdon and Tom Mower. |
| 11th | Rev. Chris Adams |
| 18th | Sandra Rile |
| 25th | T.B.A. |

CHURCH DIARY
SUNDAY WORSHIP
Morning 10.45 am

(Services led by Minister unless, otherwise stated)

Sunday Morning Services In October (all services except 28th lead by Pastor Andrew Gale)

- 7th Parade service, continuing the adventures of Paul the Apostle
- 14th Teaching Service: The Manner of the Lord's return
- 21st Breaking of Bread
- 28th Led by a member of our team of Elders

On Sunday evenings we meet at our chapel in Perry Green at 6 pm, if you would like a lift please try to let the pastor know but the lifts leave Cumberland Street Entrance at 5:45 pm sharp.

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

FELLOWSHIP NEWS AS AT 16TH SEPTEMBER **2018**

Our love and sympathy to RIBCA SHAHZAD and family – Ribca's father died in Pakistan a few weeks ago and ANDREW O'DELL whose cousin Maureen died recently. Several people have had health problems recently including:- JEAN CORDER, ALAN DUDLEY, GWYNETH GAPP, DAVID HOBBS, HAZEL LITTLEWOOD and HILARY OGBERIGBY.

We pray for renewed health and strength for those not well, help and encouragement for all 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

Arranged by the Guild of Friends in aid of the Girls Brigade.

6th October 10 – 12 noon. Coffee Morning – Cakes and Crafts

Poem of the Month

Last month's poem was by Miriam Tiso. This month's poet is someone else that you probably know; someone who is well known, but not as a poet.

Such natural love twixt beast and man we find
That children all desire an animal book,
And all brutes, not perverted from their kind,
Woo us with whinny, tongue, tail, song, or look;

So much of Eden's courtesy yet remains.
But when a creature's dread, or mine, has built
A wall between, I think I feel the pains
That Adam earned and do confess my guilt.

For till I tame sly fox and timorous hare
And lording lion in my self, no peace
Can be without; but after, I shall dare
Uncage the shadowy zoo and war will cease;

Because the brutes within, I do not doubt,
Are archetypal of the brutes without.

WILL WE HAVE MEMORIES IN HEAVEN?

What lies before me, I wonder!
 I'm now eighty-eight years of age;
 Will I be ready and willing,
 When it comes time to "turn the next page?"

The first kiss I had from my sweetheart
 What bliss to become man and wife!
 To share all our joys and our sorrows
 Which seem to be part of one's life.

When I pass over to Heaven
 Will I take with me my mind?
 Or, as with my earthly possessions,
 Leave also my memories behind?

The pleasure I had while relaxing
 On the bank of a clear rippling stream,
 Licking my lips as I tasted
 A bowl of fresh strawberries and cream.

Will we have mem'ries in Heaven?
 How else would we know our loved ones?
 There'll be parents, friends and relations,
 And also our daughters and sons.

Will we have mem'ries in Heaven?
 Recalling our joys and regrets?
 The heartache of losing a loved one,
 The loving devotion of pets.

Will we have mem'ries in Heaven?
 There's much I'd like to recall,
 The sweet songs of birds in the evening,
 The sound of a great waterfall.

Will there be singing in Heaven?
 We'll have lots of time on our hands;
 Will there be music in Heaven?
 I hope there're no rock and roll bands.

The wonderful beauties of nature,
 Mountains and valleys and trees,
 The flowers in all of their beauty,
 The feel of a soft summer breeze.

There'll be much to learn when in Heaven,
 The tune that the angel choir sings,
 And something that's long had me puzzled,
 Does Gabriel really have wings?

The joyful sound of the church bells,
 Peeling out on a fine Sunday morn;
 Reminding the faithful who worship,
 That Jesus, our Saviour, was born.

If we have mem'ries in Heaven,
 (In Heaven there's time without end)
 I'll have a good chance to remember
 The fun times I've shared with a friend.

Will we have mem'ries in Heaven?
 There're some that I'd like to retain;
 The colourful leaves in the autumn,
 The gentle soft patter of rain.

Will we have mem'ries in Heaven?
 All in God's time I shall know,
 But quite unable to tell you,
 Or hear your soft "I told you so!"

Eric K. Edwards 12.1.2005

Prayer Diary – October 2018

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

- Mon 1 Today is Nigeria's Independence Day; pray for that great nation, the richest in Africa, but with many divisions (political, ethnic, religious, ...). Today, also, Samson and Racheal, and Elizabeth Oyedemi, travel to Lagos at the start of their mission trip.
- Tues 2 Pray for the Tuesday Fellowship at Perry Green meeting this afternoon, and pray for the deacons meeting tonight, that they may make wise decisions about finance and fabric.
- Weds 3 Pray for Samson as he lectures at the Baptist College of Theology, Lagos today and tomorrow. His theme will be "Living Sacrifice worked out in True Discipleship" Pray also for SHIELD meeting tonight.
- Thurs 4 Pray for Mike Thomas as he flies out to Nigeria to join the mission. Pray for the "going deeper" prayer meeting at Youthscape tonight.
- Fri 5 Pray that Samson, Racheal, Elizabeth and Mike will have safe travelling during the next two weeks.
- Sat 6 Pray for the GB Coffee Morning today. Pray for Anita, Pam and everybody else involved in Messy Harvest at Perry Green today.

- Sun 7 Pray for today's parade and family service. Pray for Dianne Maple leading the harvest service at Perry Green this afternoon. Pray for Segun Akinola.
- Mon 8 Samson lectures today and tomorrow at the Baptist College of Theology, Oyo. Mike starts two weeks of lectures at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ogbomosho. He will be presenting a textual, theological, pastoral and ethical investigation into the church in Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Pray for them both.
- Tues 9 Pray for the children at JUMP this morning, and the ladies of LIFT, meeting tonight.
- Weds 10 Pray for our young people starting university and college courses this year, that they will settle down and find their feet quickly in student life away from home. And for students continuing their studies, that everything in their academic work and their social activities may be to the glory of God.
- Thurs 11 Samson lectures today and tomorrow at the Christ Apostolic Church School of Prophets and Evangelists in Babajide.
- Fri 12 Pray for the Womens World Day of Prayer committee meeting at our church today.
- Sat 13 Pray for our Youth Group meeting every Saturday. Pray for the Église Protestante de Londres, meeting Wednesdays and Sundays in our building; they have a special event today.

- Sun 14 Pray for our teaching service this morning; pray that any visitors will receive a welcome. Pray for those that serve tea and coffee, and that more would be willing to share in this ministry.
- Mon 15 Pray for the girls of GB who meet early this evening to have a cooked tea together before their company night.
- Tues 16 Pray for the leaders and helpers at JUMP. Also, it is church meeting tonight: pray for the future leadership of our church, that more people will hear and heed a call to serve as deacons and church officers.
- Weds 17 Pray for the work of Youthscape in Luton. Pray for the young people who went away with them this summer, one supported by a gift from our Thursday Afternoon Fellowship.
- Thurs 18 Pray for the Christians in Sport Table Tennis group who meet on Thursday evenings. Pray for Peter Gapp as he prepares the next edition of Contact.
- Fri 19 Today is the last day of Mike's lectures in Nigeria; they all travel home over the coming weekend. Pray that the fruit of their labour might last.
- Sat 20 Pray for the GB District young leaders weekend today and tomorrow being held at our church: some of our girls will be attending and as well as being hosts, Hannah and Elizabeth will be two of the trainers.
- Sun 21 Pray for our communion service, and for church lunch afterwards. Give thanks for new people helping in the kitchen. Pray for the service at Perry Green this evening.

- Mon 22 Pray for art club. Pray for Ruth's prayer meeting every Monday evening.
- Tues 23 Pray for the Tuesday morning Men's prayer meeting. Pray for the speakers at LIFT, and for the committee.
- Weds 24 Pray for Slimming World, the Friday art class, WI, Gamblers Anonymous, and other secular groups who use our building during the week.
- Thurs 25 Pray for Thursday Afternoon Fellowship, thanking God for those that speak, and praying for those who listen.
- Fri 26 Pray for the service at Little Bramingham Farm nursing home, to be led this month by Andrew.
- Sat 27 The clocks go back tonight; pray for parents of young children already struggling from disturbed sleep. Remember the New Testament Church of God who have a worship event in our premises.
- Sun 28 Pray for the Elders' service this morning. Pray for the ROOTS event this evening, for the leaders in their spiritual, practical and technical preparation. Pray that many from different churches will come along and be blessed and particularly pray for musicians who will work together well and be sensitive to the Holy Spirit.
- Mon 29 Pray that the GB light party tonight will be a safe and enjoyable alternative to Halloween.
- Tues 30 Pray for the carpet bowls group. Pray for Jam that he may meet the deadline for submitting our annual report and accounts to the Charity Commission.
- Weds 31 Tonight is Halloween; pray that children will be kept safe, and that the vulnerable will be protected from foolishness. Pray for the small group who gather for the end of month prayer meeting at Central this evening.

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

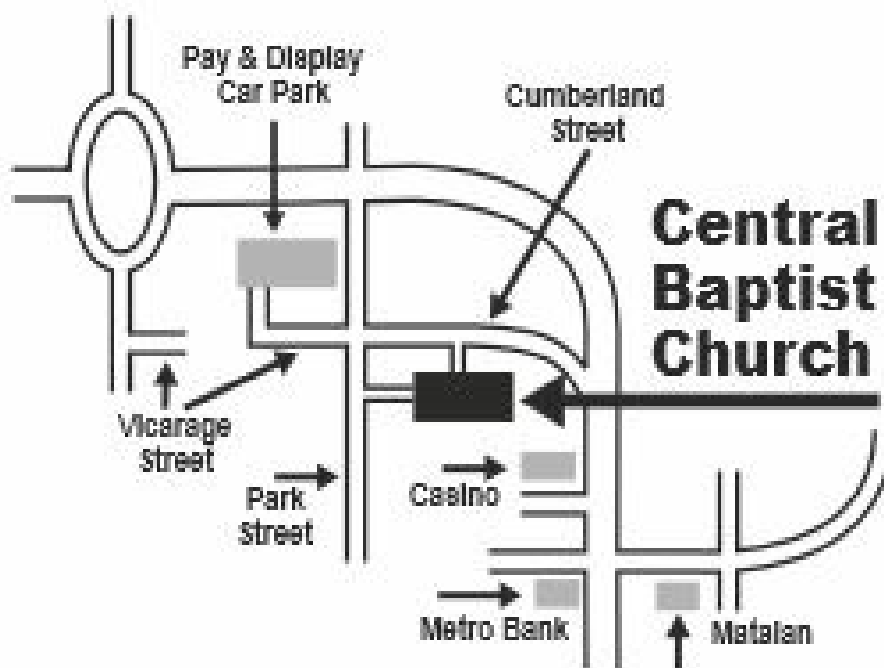
6.45 -9.30 pm Boys Brigade

Saturday

7.00 - 9.00 pm Youth Group -11 years plus

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