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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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SEPTEMBER 2017

Articles for the OCTOBER Contact should be given to Gwyneth Gapp -by Sunday 10TH SEPTEMBER They can be handwritten, placed in the box in the front vestibule or emailed to gwyneth.gapp@ntlworld.com

September 2017

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From your Pastor Andrew Gale

Back to School, Work, Church

September is back to school month and for some back to work month. Apologies to those of you may point out that you didn't have a summer break. Apart from holiday club August is a restful month, almost all church organisations took a break for the summer but now September is here, they are starting up again. This may be a good time to consider joining, or at least sampling, one of our organisations since most are starting new programmes and this is a good time of year to join and fit in easily. I commend our house groups which currently meet on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

You may want to further and volunteer to help in one of our organisations, whether for the youth, both Brigades would be happy to speak with you, either about being a regular helper or about a short-term class to teach the young people a skill for which we can award them a badge. The Saturday evening youth club is an easy place to volunteer, we simply need a couple of adults to make sure that the young people have a safe place to meet. (All volunteers with our youth organisations have to comply with our safeguarding procedures)

You may feel that working with youth is not for you; The Thursday Afternoon fellowship is not an age restricted meeting anyone that is free on Thursday afternoons between 2:30-3:30 is welcome. However, and I say this gently, some of those that regularly attend are not in the first rush of youth. If you can offer lifts, make the tea at the end of the meeting or set up the room before the meeting please see Dennis or me.

You may feel that there is something lacking in the church, instead of complaining, "The church doesn't do anything for..." Why not consider gathering a few like-minded people together and starting something new to fill the gap?

It may be that you see a ministry outside of the walls of a church, you may consider serving the Lord with one of the many volunteer organisations in town. You may think about joining a political party or a campaign group.

It may be that you are reading this in despair, thinking, "With my work, family and church life there aren't enough hours in the day already." If that is you it maybe that this is the time to do the reverse of above and not go back to one of the organisations when they restart. We don't want anyone to be like Mary's little lamb:

Mary had a little lamb,
It soon became a sheep.
But then it joined a Baptist church.
And died from lack of sleep

We want you to have balanced lives, some of you are unbalanced because you are not receiving enough input. Some are unbalanced because you have no outlet for your talents and ministry. Some are unbalanced because you are doing too much.

The following is an article published in *The Lantern*, In March 1889: A Story for Boys it is related of a Parisian mother, that on the giving of her son forty pieces of silver for his portion, she made him swear never to tell a lie, and said: "Go my son; I consign thee to God, and we shall not meet again till the day of judgment."

The youth went away, and the party he travelled with were assaulted by robbers. One fellow asked the boy what he had and he answered: "Forty dinars are sewed up in my garments."

The robber laughed, thinking the boy jested. Another asked the same question, and received the same answer. At last the chief called him and asked him what he had. The boy replied, "I have told two of your people already that I have forty dinars are sewed up in my garments." The chief ordered the garments to be ripped open, and the money was found.

"And how came you to tell this?"

"Because," replied the boy, "I would not be false to my mother, to whom I promised never to tell a lie."

"Child," said the robber, "Art thou so mindful of thy duty to thy mother at thy years, and am I so insensible at my age of the duty I owe to God? Give me thy hand, that I may swear repentance on it."

He did so, and his followers were struck with the scene. "You have been our leader in guilt," said they to the chief; "Be the same in the path of virtue," and taking the boy's hand, they took the oath of repentance on it.

Perry Green Services

At 6.00 pm

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

- 3rd. Mrs. Ruth Tiso. (C)
- 10th. Tony and Angela Mann
- 17th. Mr. Michael Adams
- 24th. Mr. Andy Morton

Tuesday Fellowship at 2.30 pm

- 5th September. T.B.A.
- 19th September Mr. L. Fowler

CHURCH DIARY SEPTEMBER 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:

- 3rd Family service led by Patrice and John Evans
- 10th Teaching Service led by Andrew
- 17th Communion Service led by Rev Andrew Hollins who will also preach from our text for the year Ephesians 4: 4-6
- 24th Harvest Led by the elders

Harvest Tea and Hymns is at 3:30pm on 24th

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

Programme of Events

JUMP (Tuesdays)

(10.00 am - 11.30 am Term Time)

5th

12th

19th

26th

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

(Tuesdays At 8.00 pm)

12th No Meeting

26th We are pleased to welcome our friend Graham Slough to our meeting tonight. He will be speaking about his work in 'Christian in Sport'

Thursday Afternoon Fellowship

(At 2.30 pm)

7th - Sandra Riley

14th - Diane Maple

21st - Lee Page

28th - Andi Banton

FELLOWSHIP NEWS AS AT 13TH AUGUST 2017

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

CONNIE ARCHER who will be 94 on 10th September.

JANET SUMMERLIN who will be 80 on 23rd September.

Our love and sympathy to FRANK and HAZEL SMITH, Frank's sister CONNIE has just died.

SHIRLEY HOBBS has had a minor operation and we were pleased to hear all went well and there will be no further investigations.

RON LEE is getting on well and was able to go on holiday with the family – he has more appointments coming up. It was good to see him at Central today. At last TOM MOWER has had good news that the ulcer that has been troubling him for many months has now healed.

JOAN PLANT is home from hospital and is very much better.

JUNE RADFORD has had some health problems in the last few months and so couldn't get to Tea and Hymns which she loves; she is improving slowly.

DAISY COLEMAN hasn't been able to get to church recently as she has had problems with sciatica etc.

There are those who have appointments coming up including HEATHER LAKE and ERIC NORMAN. We would remember PEARL LEE and JEAN WRIGHT in their frailty.

May all these and others we may know of be in our thoughts and prayers.

Ann M Norman

TRIBUTE TO MAVIS REEVES

This was read at her Funeral Service on 8th August by her cousin Mrs. Margaret King.

Mavis was the eldest child of Flo and Ernie Reeves, Sister to David, Aunty to Michael, Julie Michelle and Raf and Great Aunt to Chloe and Joshua she loved her family dearly and enjoyed time spent with them, and to me and others here today Mavis was our Cousin, and I am proud to pay tribute to her. Mavis was a quiet reserved contented person even I would say quite shy, this trait she would joke with me about during our fairly regular telephone calls.

But there was a lot more to Mavis she was an accomplished musician playing the piano and organ having undertaken training in this field at the Royal Academy of Music in London. I have memories of her when I was a small child playing the piano and her Dad singing one of his many favourite hymns

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind another being the Old Rugged Cross .Mavis was a good Christian lady and a member Central Baptist Church here in Luton, (having transferred her membership from Blenheim Baptist Church Luton in 1975) although she worked part of her working ' life working for the Methodist Churches HQ in London.

Mavis did much travelling far and wide in her lifetime and was still enjoying short breaks away and day trips out ,in fact the last time I spoke with her only a few weeks before her death she told me she hoped to get away in September with local National Trust Group for a few days, she really enjoyed visiting historic houses and gardens and although she hated gardening herself she loved to walk around and look at the beauty and could never understand why I actually enjoyed gardening. Mavis loved in the Autumn to go in her car and pick blackberries which she made into delicious jam which she then enjoyed in one of her favourite puds Jam Tart and Custard and she gave many jars away. She was still proud to be able to drive out into the surrounding countryside

although she told me recently I don't go to far but I still enjoy driving taking daily walks she certainly enjoyed living in her flat overlooking the Park. Mavis was a skilled knitter tackling very intricate patterns and a great investigator/ researcher this ability was very apparent in her research of the Walter /Brewer and Reeves family history all done without the use of a computer. Often travelling many miles to find information from long forgotten grave yards, parish records etc. always willing to share her findings, sometimes saying this is getting frustrating... quote so many of the ancestors had the same Christian names.

Mavis was a caring person never forgetting our birthdays always a lovely birthday card how she remembered I will never know I Think Mavis had lists.....

Mavis you were a good and kind person who will be missed by us all God Bless you. Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Flowers for the Sanctuary

3rd Shirley, David and family – Remembering Peter and Nellie.

10th Mrs. Rita Gibbs – In loving memory of very dear parents.

17th In loving memory of John from Hazel Tomblin and family;
In loving memory of my dear wife from Zac Sereaton.

24th Thursday Afternoon Fellowship (HARVEST).

Thank You Page

Jim and Barbara Donaldson wish to thank all friends at Central who kindly sent us cards and flowers for our recent birthdays. Greatly appreciated!

" Hitherto hath the Lord helped us!"
Jim and Barbara

Thanks you all for cards, flowers, Prayers and visits in hospital and at home. I am truly thankful.

Much appreciated.

Cynthia Best

BMS Birthday Scheme

1 st	Mary Quinn
6 th	Lesley Lee Lynda Hill
10 th	Connie Archer
11 th	Gerald Hale
15 th	Rita Gibbs
16 th	Ann Norman
20 th	David Hobbs
23 rd	Janet Summerlin Hannah Lowen
28 th	Pat Ridyard

SEPTEMBER 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

- Friday 1st Pray for those starting new jobs.
- Saturday 2nd Pray for our young people having fun and fellowship in Broadstairs.
- Sunday 3rd Pray for other Churches who use our premises.
- Monday 4th Pray for children and young people going back to school and college.
- Tuesday 5th Pray for Deacons meeting tonight.
- Wednesday 6th Pray for workplace chaplains.
- Thursday 7th Pray that food banks get enough donations.
- Friday 8th Pray for Boys Brigade.
- Saturday 9th Pray for Youth Group.

- Sunday 10th Pray for Communicants
leaders.
- Monday 11th Pray for Girls Brigade.
- Tuesday 12th Pray for J.U.M.P.
- Wednesday 13th Pray for Shield.
- Thursday 14th Pray for those who are
unemployed.
- Friday 15th Pray for those arranging the
flowers for Sunday.
- Saturday 16th Pray for young people
returning to university and
those going for the first
time.
- Sunday 17th Pray for those serving tea
and coffee after this
morning's service.
- Monday 18th Pray for Art Club.
- Tuesday 19th Pray for Church meeting.
- Wednesday 20th Pray for our housebound
members.
- Thursday 21st Pray for Thursday
Afternoon Fellowship.

- Friday 22nd Pray for volunteers to come forward to look after church gardens.
- Saturday 23rd Pray for those decorating church for Harvest.
- Sunday 24th Pray for our Harvest Service today.
- Monday 25th Pray for Girls Brigade and Boys Brigade Awards evening.
- Tuesday 26th Pray for L.I.F.T.
- Wednesday 27th Pray for those who received Harvest Parcels.
- Thursday 28th Pray for the Open the Book Team and the children who listen to the story.
- Friday 29th Pray for the Prayer Team.
- Saturday 30th Pray for Music Group.

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

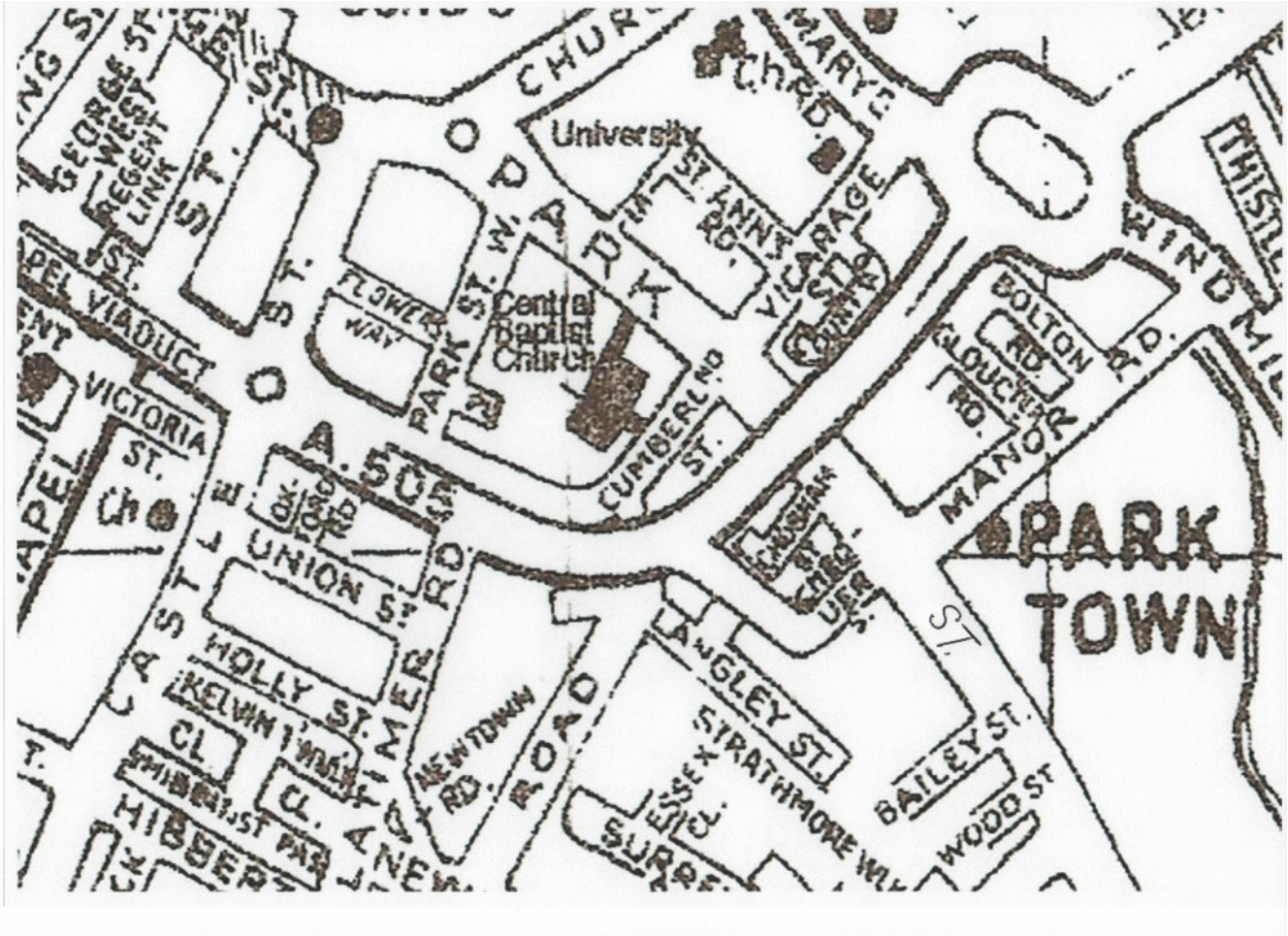
Saturday

7.00 - 9.00 pm Youth Group -11 years plus

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