



# Contact

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 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.**

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

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### **September is back to .... Month**

I wrote last month of how valuable the semi-sabbatical month of August is, allowing us to recharge, regroup and rethink. This article may explain why we needed the semi-break.

September is back to it month, keep us in prayer on the 1<sup>st</sup> the young people will be on the last day of their annual weekend in Broadstairs, in addition to team and friendship building, we worship and study together, this month's theme is "What is a Christian?" Our discussions will take us way past, 'Someone who has prayed the sinners' prayer.' We will be looking at living as a Christian in this age, Christian values and the defining fruits of a Christian life. Though this is written in the future tense it will have taken place by the time you read this, the youth weekend is 30<sup>th</sup> August to 1<sup>st</sup> September, so pray that the seeds planted will not be snatched away.

At the other end of the age scale Thursday Afternoon Fellowship is re launching under new management, the group feel that they no longer need their meetings lead by me they are now able to return to leading their own meetings. This is an opportunity for you to get involved, if you would like to lead the meeting, lead the prayers or play an active part in this lovely relaxed meeting please contact Dennis Cousins. Although I said at the start of this paragraph 'at the other end of the age range' there are no age limits, upper or lower at this meeting, if you are free on Thursday afternoons I commend it to you. Over the three years I have been involved with it, I have enjoyed the wide range of very informative and inspirational speakers Dennis invites. A meeting which does have strict age limits is Shield on Wednesday evenings, you must be over 14 to attend and, unless you are leading or especially invited, under 30. We discuss all kinds of issues especially relating to young people, we are growing in confidence so that this is a group where members can really say what they think, whether that is expressing doubts, talking through issues and arriving at conclusions which differ from those of past generations, getting to grips with living out the Christian life in this generation. Boys' and Girls' Brigades are back with new members recruited through holiday club, past members of Jump and new contacts. Some staff will have new roles and we approach the new term with joy.

I mentioned Jump, our parent and toddler group led by Anita on Tuesdays, some children will have moved on to school or nursery others will be joining for the first time. We aim to build a lifelong relationship with these children keep them in your prayers.

Sunday School and Commic8 restart 8<sup>th</sup> September, we are very grateful for the study, preparation and time spent with the children by the teachers. Some children will be moving classes, we pray that they will settle in to the new programmes.

Family Housegroup, where parents and children study together will be back on 10<sup>th</sup> September and other housegroups will restart at the same time. The new programme for LIFT (Ladies In Fellowship Together) also begins.

Deacons and Elders will meet to seek the Lord's guidance as they lead the church

We continue to care for each other, visiting those in need, praying for each other and encouraging each other in the Lord.

We have a full programme, there remaineth yet very much land to possess, let's push on to all God has for us.

Andrew



**This month's historical article** is taken from an anonymous commentary on the book of Joshua, published by Elliot Stock, Paternoster Row, London. 1869.

Mr Spurgeon wrote in his review of this commentary, "Pious remarks, such as anyone would make." - **that may not be the most fulsome praise, nonetheless I trust that this passage is of some benefit:**

*Joshua Ch. xiii., xiv. to v. 5.*

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in the heavenly places in Christ."--1 Eph. 1, 3.*

THE second section of the Book of Joshua (ch. xiii.), commences by Jehovah saying, "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." Northward and southward, toward the sunrising and toward the country of the Sidonians, the Lord saw possessions which He had given to Israel, still untrodden. The Lord was not satisfied that His people should lose the enjoyment of their blessings, therefore He promised them His support afresh, and declared, even in their laxity, "I will drive out" the enemy. This "I will" was emphatic, and should have roused Israel. Beyond this promise the Lord bade Joshua "Divide thou it (all the unpossessed land) by lot unto the Israelites for an inheritance, as I have commanded thee." Thus the whole of the land was reassured to them. But Israel's energy was on the wane. They were settling down in the portion of Canaan which their zeal and endurance had made their own.

The failure of the two and a-half tribes to drive out the remnant of the giants from their inheritance on the other side of Jordan is noted at this time. Thus all Israel is seen overtaken with sloth, which proved more difficult to overcome than the enemies they had subdued. Sloth should be the Christian's constant dread. "Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." (Eph. v. 14.)

If Israel had seen the lengths and breadths of their possessions as God saw them, could they have been slack to possess? But their eyes were set upon the possessions they had gained, and they were blind to what God had in store for them.

With what earnestness did St. Paul long that believers might have their hearts knit together "unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgment of the mystery ... wherein (margin) are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." (Col. ii. 2, 3.) Yet, untold as is the glory of the inheritance, what is harder than rousing the soul to enter upon the blessings "yet to be possessed?" The idea of settling down to enjoy what we may have attained is delusive; for there is no such thing as remaining stationary in divine things. Israel found out their error by the loss of what they had gained.

"I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Such a spirit should be our pattern: "Let us therefore, as many as be perfect (of mature age--full growth), be thus minded." (Phil. iii. 13-15.)

## Parkrun – Fitness and Fellowship

I think that the name is very off putting for many people, the thought of going down the park and running 5 km (3 miles), No!

Parkrun organise free, weekly, 5 km timed runs around the world.

They are open to everyone, free, and are safe and easy to take part in.

They take place in pleasant parkland surroundings, in Luton that is

Wardown Park and encourage people of every ability to take part;

from those taking their first steps in running to Olympians; from

juniors to those with more experience; all are welcome.

If you are worried that you wouldn't be able to run 5 km, don't worry, most people do not run the whole distance. They run some, walk some. There are a number of people who turn up week in week out and just walk the whole thing.

Although it is timed, it is not a race, only against yourself. Your time is recorded and after each run you are given your time and told whether you have improved on your personal best (PB). You do have to register and bring along the barcode they send you, to have your time recorded.

There are currently just over a dozen of us from Central that regularly turn up on a Saturday morning to do Parkrun, with a complete range of ages; from teenagers to over 60's.

Some of us run it all, some of us run for a bit, walk for a bit and some of us walk a lot of it. But at the end of the day it is exercise, exercise that most us wouldn't get otherwise. Afterwards we go for a cup of tea or coffee (most weeks there is cake) and a chat at the cricket club.

If you are interested in joining us or want to know more, just come and ask me or go to [www.parkrun.org.uk](http://www.parkrun.org.uk) for more information and to register.

Tim News

**BMS World Mission Birthday Scheme**  
**September**

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

“I would like to thank everyone for cards and good wishes given for my 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday.  
I had a wonderful time with friends and my family over from Australia.  
God Bless you all,  
Auriel Haydon

## **FELLOWSHIP NEWS AS AT 11TH AUGUST 2019**

New member:

The Right Hand of Fellowship was extended to ELIZABETH NGWA at the Morning Communion Service on Sunday 21st July.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

CONNIE ARCHER who will be 96 on 10th September.

Our love and sympathy to IAN, VICKIE and family – Ian's Mother AVRIL died in hospital on July 17th. We have also heard of the death of BILL WILSON known to us through OPEN DOOR.

Several people have been in hospital:-

ALAN DUDLEY is still in but TONY KITCHEN, LAURA MMANGISA and CYRIL YARDE went home after a few days.

DAVID HOBBS is much better after a chest infection. ITA EVANS has an eye problem.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all these friends and their families in their joys and sorrows. We pray that all may experience renewed health and strength and the love and support of a Caring Fellowship.

*Ann M Norman*

N.B. TEA AND HYMNS (HARVEST) SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER.

**HARVEST DISTRIBUTION**

DRIVERS are required for MONDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER.

Please let Ann know if you can help.

### **REMINDERS**

Monday 9th September 2019

QUIZ EVENING 6:30 to 8 pm.

Arranged by the GUILD OF FRIENDSHIP in aid of the GIRLS BRIGADE

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

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

**Morning 10:45 am**

(Services led by Minister unless, otherwise stated)

*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.*

- 1st Family Service including blessing of baby Ryan  
(this part of the service will be led by Pastor Ruth Tiso)
- 8th Teaching Service: Sanctification
- 15th Breaking of Bread
- 22nd Harvest festival, Giving thanks for God's provision
- 29th Service led by Pastor Ruth Tiso
- 22nd at 3:30pm Harvest Tea and Hymns

*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)

3rd

10th

17th

24th

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

24th Members Evening - Please  
come tonight and share your  
Holiday Memories

## *Thursday Afternoon Fellowship*

(At 2.30 pm)

5th Mr. Steve Burton.

12th Enid Burton.

19th Dr. Les Ebdon.

26th Miss Pam Greener.

# *Flowers for the Sanctuary*

- 1st Shirley, David and Family remembering Peter and Nellie.
- 8th Mrs. Rita Gibbs – In loving memory of very dear parents.
- 15th In loving memory of my dear wife Hazel from Zac Sreaton.
- 22nd In loving memory of John, from Hazel Tomblin and family.
- (HARVEST)
- 29th Thursday Afternoon Fellowship

## **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**

SEPTEMBER

1st Samson Akinola ( C )

8th Adam May

15th Erwin Tadiar

22nd Tea and Hymns 3:30 at Central

29th Miss Pam Greener

**TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP**

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

3rd - T.B.A

# ***SEPTEMBER 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

- Sun 1 After praying for our services today, consider: it is Emma Nutt Day. Emma was the world's first female telephone operator, a job which before had been exclusively male. Why not telephone a woman who has inspired you and share some words of encouragement? Or ring your Muslim friend and greet them, as today is also the Islamic New Year.
- Mon 2 Pray for everyone at Girls' Brigade, starting up again after the summer break. Pray too for children going back to school, or starting a new school this week.
- Tue 3 Pray for the Deacons, meeting tonight.
- Wed 4 Pray for the Chilterns group who meet in our premises today.
- Thu 5 Pray for the town-wide ministry of prayer; tonight at 7:30pm there is a "Seeking the Father's Heart" prayer gathering at St Mary's.
- Fri 6 Pray for the officers and boys of the Boys' Brigade.
- Sat 7 Pray for youth group meeting this evening.
- Sun 8 This is Education Sunday: give thanks for all that is good in education. Pray that, through God's power, all who work or study in schools, colleges or universities, would flourish. Rejoice with pupils who succeed and pray for reassurance for those who struggle.
- Mon 9 Pray for the WI group who meet in Room 1 this morning.
- Tue 10 Pray for JUMP, and for the men's prayer meeting.
- Wed 11 Pray for the young people at SHIELD tonight.
- Thu 12 Pray for the Christians in Sport table tennis team who meet in the hall.
- Fri 13 The world's poor contribute least to the problem of climate change, but are hardest hit by its devastating effects. Pray for our government to take swift action to limit global warming, and ask God to help you find out what you yourself can do to help.
- Sat 14 Pray for the work of the Leprosy Mission around the world, especially that projects to detect (and treat) this disease earlier would be effective in minimising the suffering it can cause.
- Sun 15 Pray for our communion service this morning, and for church lunch afterwards.

- Mon 16 Pray for the ladies who go to Ruth's prayer meeting on Monday evenings.
- Tue 17 Pray for the church meeting this evening, for wisdom and discernment.
- Wed 18 Pray for all who struggle financially.
- Thu 19 Pray for Thursday Afternoon Fellowship.
- Fri 20 Tonight at 7:30pm there is a town wide prayer gathering at Kestin House with New Covenant Fellowship Church. Pray God's blessing on all who go.
- Sat 21 The Peace Walk takes place today. Pray for safety and that the event would engender good relationships.
- Sun 22 Today is Youthwork Sunday, so pray for all who work amongst our young people. In the afternoon we have Tea and Hymns; so pray that we value people of all ages.
- Mon 23 Pray for our art club, and for the European Baptist Federation meeting this week in Glasgow.
- Tue 24 Pray for L.I.F.T. which begins again after the summer holidays and pray for Azalea who have a prayer meeting this evening also.
- Wed 25 Pray for God's blessing on Luton: on the University, on the schools, on the hospital, on our GPs, on our arts centres, on our museums, on our airport, on our bus drivers.
- Thu 26 Tonight at 6:30pm there is a prayer gathering in room 2 at Central; pray for this, also pray for those who care for the sick, frail or disabled.
- Fri 27 Pray for people with mental health issues.
- Sat 28 Pray for everyone who lives in Lea Bank Court, Penhill Court, Five Springs Court, Acworth Court, Mossdale Court, Green Court, Home Court, Kingsland Court, Dorset Court, Heswall Court, Spandau Court, Essex Court or Wesley House. The people who live in these high rise blocks are just as much part of Luton as guests at Luton Hoo, and their residents just as much loved by God.
- Sun 29 Pray for the Luton Chinese Christian Church who share our building on Sunday mornings.
- Mon 30 Today is Jewish New Year. Pray for the work of Christian Witness to Israel.

## 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**

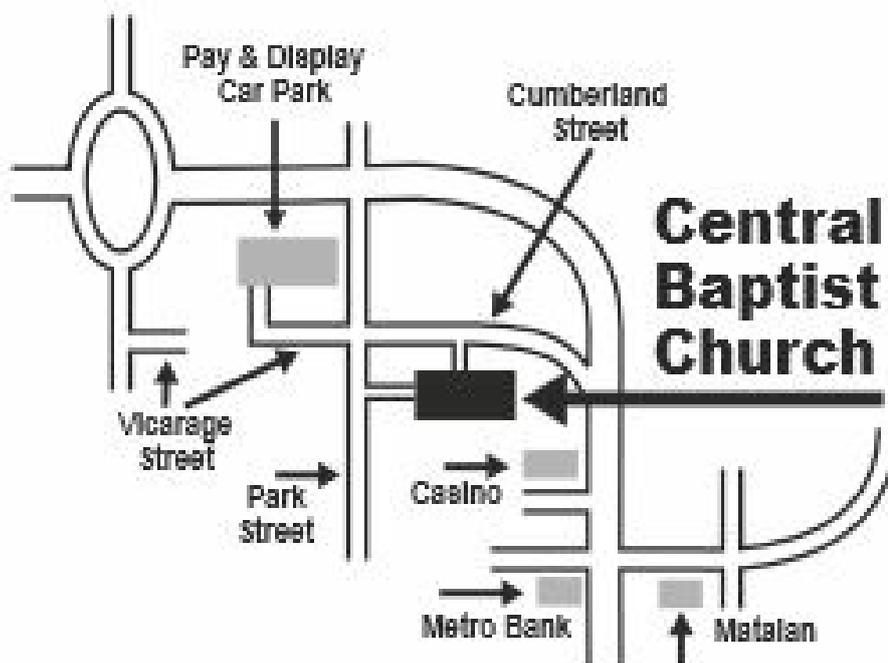
6.45 - 9.30 pm Boys Brigade

### **Saturday**

7.00 - 9.00 pm Youth Group - Year 7+

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