

# GRAPEVINE

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The Church of the Resurrection, Grovehill  
(Anglican/Free Church)

## **BACK TO THE FUTURE**

With apologies to those who adhere closely to the church year... Also, apologies to friends at Belmont Road and COR (*Grovehill*), for whom this letter is less relevant.

After his baptism, Jesus spent 40 days in the desert. This period of him withdrawing from the spotlight may well have been longer – I'm not sure anyone was counting at the time.

It would seem that such an interlude must have been a massive inconvenience to Jesus. Surely he would have been itching to get on with his God-given mission. 'Action stations!' – perhaps the advice Prince Philip might have given him. Instead, the Spirit led him into the wilderness. Sometimes an extended period of reflection is more of a priority. Jesus sought his Heavenly Father, in order to put the enemy in his place and so that he could get the proper focus for the mission that lay ahead.

Without wishing to claim too much for my sabbatical (24 May-31 August), there are some similarities with my withdrawal from the spotlight. Carey's deacons have just agreed a revised mission statement for our church, which will be discussed at our May Church Meeting. So, I am hoping that while I may not be at Carey for the next three months, we can still 'together' be reflecting on the mission that lies ahead of us. A

mission that will no doubt be shaped by the various new flats that are being built and occupied just over the road. Flats, which are being marketed towards younger couples, who are perhaps also thinking about starting a family. Like any church, Carey faces a particular challenge in 2021 about how to effectively share the good news of Jesus with the younger generations. I am hoping we will be able to establish three small groups to begin brainstorming over this summer about our three-fold mission statement, revolving around nurturing faith, sharing faith and reaching young people.

As well as spending time myself reflecting on this challenge, I will also be doing a historical study. I will be researching the role William Carey and his two sisters played in the West Indian Sugar boycotts of the 1790s. This was an important and popular protest to the slave trade, which is a reflection of today's Fairtrade and Trade Justice movement. This may seem quite academic and irrelevant to some. However, I hope to show, in a small way at least, how the mission of God, for Baptists of both yesterday and today, embraces a positive engagement with political issues.

There is much to ponder in 2021, particularly as the world continues to combat Covid 19 and its many variants. And as we continue to wake up to the enormous challenge of our current climate emergency. So, I look forward not only to having a break from usual duties, but also to returning with a renewed sense of mission and purpose.

***'I turned around to see the voice of the one speaking to me... When I saw Him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then (Jesus) placed his right hand on me and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the First and Last. I am the Living One. I was dead, and now look, I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades".'***  
(Revelation 1:12, 17 & 18).

Colin Cartwright



# NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

## BELMONT ROAD

**Preaching plan for May** - all the following services will be on Zoom with up to 15 people at church, noting that it may be possible to increase this after 17<sup>th</sup> May, by prior arrangement with Andy Barton

**2<sup>nd</sup> March** - a Worship Service led by David Burden from the Hertfordshire Fellowship of Baptist Preachers

**9<sup>th</sup> May** - a Worship Service led by our Moderator, Tim Keightley

**16<sup>th</sup> May** - an Open Service including a short talk by Mike Wallis from Street Pastors

**23<sup>rd</sup> May** - a Communion Service led by Ken Payne from Aylesbury

**30<sup>th</sup> May** - a Worship Service led by Carolyn Kirk from the Hertfordshire Fellowship of Baptist Preachers

### **Easter Prayer Garden**

The Prayer Garden has hosted an Easter Egg trail over the Easter period. Some talented artists (Peter B, Alan and Mary) painted the story of Easter on 12 large stones. These stones depicted Palm Sunday, Last Supper, including a stunning image of Jesus washing the disciples' feet, crown of thorns and crucifixion, to the empty tomb and Mary meeting Jesus in the garden. These stones were 'hidden' around the church grounds. It has been wonderful to see so many people, young and old enjoying the trail.

Many visitors added their own painted stone to our stone trail leading up the church path. By Easter Sunday our trail stretched from the front gate all the way to the foot of the cross, which was beautifully decorated in flowers by Irene. Sandra created a display in the patio windows which visitors could enjoy as they use the benches to talk and pray with others, socially distanced of course.



This garden has been a real team effort – thank you to all who used their gifts to provide a witness to our neighbourhood.

The prayer garden is still open, so come visit the Labyrinth and enjoy the peace of the patio garden.

*Hazel Barton*

### ***New Logo***



The above was chosen by a majority of the membership as our new logo. Some of the comments by those who chose it were: “I like that it has the cross at the centre”, “It is good to have the bible underpinning it”, “It looks bright and modern”, “I like that it shows people worshipping and then reaching out to the heart of compassion”. Please note that it has been amended slightly (both pages of the bible are now blue rather than blue and purple) for us to be able to use it on our website.

*Hazel Barton*

## **CAREY**

### ***Sunday worship***

Following our return to worshipping at Carey over the Easter week-end, we are continuing to meet both in the church and on Zoom on Sunday mornings. You can also listen to recordings of Sunday worship on our website, usually available by Sunday evening. At the moment, there is still a separate Zoom meeting for the **Youth Church group at 11.30am**. (Please email David Blunden for the link to this - [david.blunden@ntlworld.com](mailto:david.blunden@ntlworld.com)) Please watch out for news of any changes to these arrangements in the coming weeks in the newsletter.

### ***Prayer meetings on Zoom***

These are continuing to take place on **Wednesdays at 8.00pm** and **Thursdays at 2.00pm**. Please contact Obed for an invitation to Wednesday night and Colin for an invitation to Thursday afternoon. If you cannot join via Zoom, you can still join via telephone. Please let Colin know if you might be able to take over hosting the meeting when he goes on his sabbatical.

### ***Baby and Toddler Group***

Olivia has now started her maternity leave (see 'News of the Fellowship' supplement) and it is likely that it will be decided to discontinue the group over the summer and re-launch it in September.

### ***Zoom coffee mornings***

These weekly get-togethers continue on **Tuesdays from 10.30-12 noon**, with Tamzin hosting. Please let her or Hilary know if you would like an invitation. You can join any time after 10.30am.

### ***Thursday evening Bible Study Group***

The Thursday Evening Bible Study Group will restart fortnightly on 29<sup>th</sup> April, at 7.30pm on Zoom. They will be using the Lifebuilder Bible Study Series, the book of Philippians, by Donald Baker. The workbook paperback is available to purchase from Eden at £4.87.

<https://www.eden.co.uk/christian-books/bible-study/bible-study-guides/lifebuilder-bible-studies/lifebuilder-bible-study-philippians/>

Please contact Charlene for further details.

### ***Socially distanced walks***

Our walks in and around Gadebridge Park have started again on Wednesdays and/ or Thursdays. At the moment these are fortnightly, but could be weekly if someone could help Hilary with the organisation. Please contact her for more details.

### ***Church AGM Part II and Ordinary Meeting***

The Church AGM Part II (postponed from March), followed by an Ordinary Church Meeting, will be held on Zoom at **7.30pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May**. The AGM will include the Annual Report and Accounts for 2020. Non-members interested in taking part in the discussions about the life and work of the church are welcome to attend, without voting.

### ***Mission Partners***

Please continue to pray for our Mission Partners, Phil and Louise and Peter and Louise and the country of Bangladesh.

**GROVEHILL**

For all Zoom events, please send an email to: [revaustin@sky.com](mailto:revaustin@sky.com) to receive an invite.

- **Sundays 11am** - Communion Service in Church and on Facebook 'Grovehill Church of the Resurrection - The Church

behind the Chippy' page. (Services can also be found on the 'Grovehill Church of the Resurrection' YouTube Channel.)

- **Sundays 12 noon** - Zoom at Noon
- **Monday-Friday 9.00am** – Morning Prayer on Zoom
- **Mondays 9am to 12noon** - Church open for private prayer
- **Monday-Friday 9.30pm** - Night Prayer by Zoom
- **Wednesdays 12 noon** - Ladies Bible Study Zoom
- **Wednesdays 7.00pm** - Prayer and Meditation in church
- **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays** of the month 6.00pm Hard COR Youth Group (10 to 13 year olds) on Zoom - invite from [revaustin@sky.com](mailto:revaustin@sky.com)

### ***Causeway Church***

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 3.30pm** - Causeway Church on Skype (email [revaustin@sky.com](mailto:revaustin@sky.com) for an invite). If you know of any young people (16+) or adults with additional needs who might be interested, please let them and their helpers know about this – they will be very welcome.

### ***Messy Church News***

'Messy Power' - **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1.30pm** on Zoom or on the Church grassed area. Advance booking before 26th May essential for craft pack or venue information. Ask [revaustin@sky.com](mailto:revaustin@sky.com) for an invite

### ***New at the COR***

- **Men's Bible and Faith Chat Group** (at first on Zoom - then together - venue tbc) 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month - 7.30pm. Ask [revaustin@sky.com](mailto:revaustin@sky.com) for an invite

- **Digging Deeper Youth Group** 10-14+ on Zoom 6pm 3rd Sunday of the month. Talking about the Bible stories and how they help with our lives where we are. Ask [revaustin@sky.com](mailto:revaustin@sky.com) for an invite

## **CHURCHES TOGETHER NEWS**

### ***Prayer Calendar for May***

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|-------------------------|--|
| Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | All who work in our schools and the pupils   |
| Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Church of the Resurrection – Grovehill, with their Anglican & Free Church and their RC congregations |
| Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> | Trustees of Churches Together  |
| Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Pentecost Sunday   |
| Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> | Youth Across Hemel   |

## DENS NEWS

Due to food stocks being high at this time we'd prefer a financial donation however, any of the items from the lists below will be gratefully received, thank you.

### **FOOD:**

Long Life Milk, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meat (Ham/Corned Beef), Tinned Fish (Mackerel/Sardines/Salmon), Rice Pudding and Custard, Long Life Fruit Juice

**Please note:** Unfortunately, we are unable to accept any donations of clothing items.

### **KITCHEN AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:**

Shampoo, Ladies' deoderants, Nappies (Size 6 or 6+ only), Washing powder/liquid and conditioner – small/medium, Washing up liquid – small, Multi-purpose cloths, Double sized bed linen (Unisex): Quilt covers, sheets, pillowcases, Toilet brushes, Frying pans: suitable for single person, Cereal bowls, Tea Towels, Pans – Medium Sized, Kitchen Scissors, Chopping Boards, Men's disposable razors

**Please note:** We can only accept items which are new or of good quality, and we cannot accept any items which are not on the list above. The Foodbank currently has a good supply of dog food and toothpaste

**To make a financial donation,** go to the DENS website

[www.dens.org.uk](http://www.dens.org.uk) or send a cheque to: DENS, The Hub, Paradise, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, HP2 4TF

### ***Captain Tom 100 – Do it your way!***

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021 would have been Captain Sir Tom Moore's 101<sup>st</sup> birthday and the one-year anniversary of the now famous 100 laps of his garden. To celebrate his incredible life, we're delighted to be part of an exciting new event: the **Captain Tom 100!** Everyone, of all ages and abilities, is invited to take on a challenge around the number 100 anytime and anywhere over Captain Tom's birthday weekend, starting on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April through to Bank Holiday Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

Here's how you can get involved:

**Dream up your challenge** – You could bake 100 cakes, cycle 100km, write a 100-word poem or sing 100 songs. The possibilities are endless! For more challenge ideas, check out this [great guide](#).

**Start fundraising** – Set up a JustGiving page via the 'click here to start fundraising' button *on the DENS website* and select DENS as your

chosen charity. There's no minimum sponsorship required, but pages with a target tend to raise the most, so why not aim for £100? You could even ask your friends and family to take part with their own fundraisers!

**Take on your 100** – Complete the challenge anytime between Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. We'd love to see how you're getting on, so share your progress on social media using #CaptainTom100 and tagging @DENSinDacorum.

**Get rewarded** – As well as making a huge difference to helping rebuild the lives of vulnerable local people, top fundraisers will be rewarded with one of our brand-new mascots, [DENNY The Bear!](#)

### **Hillbuster 2021**

**Sunday, 18th July 2021 8:00am starting from Gadebridge Park**

Run in association with British Cycling, our choice of either 60k or 100k challenges takes you over rolling Chiltern Hills, putting your strength power to the test to take on the Whiteleaf Hill climb. Finally, speed across the finish line knowing that you have made a big difference to those who are facing homelessness, poverty and social exclusion.

**Register at** [www.dens.org.uk](http://www.dens.org.uk)

## **BAPTIST ASSEMBLY**

Baptist Assembly will be **Online from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021**. Baptist Assembly 2021 will be free for anybody to [join via our website](#) (BUGB) where you can now [view the programme outline](#) for the full weekend. If you wish to receive the links for the programme direct to your email once they are available, please [register on the Baptist Assembly website](#). There is also an opportunity to make a voluntary donation.

Highlights of the week-end will be:

- Thursday evening – Prayers for our Baptist family and our world, including an In Memoriam for ministers and missionaries
- Friday evening – Looking back over an eventful year, with [Shane Claiborne](#) as Keynote Speaker
- Saturday morning – dedicated sessions to hear about the work of BMS and Baptists Together, and a contemplative practice Bible study session
- Saturday afternoon - Choice of Live Seminars, including a Q&A session with Shane

- Sunday morning - an opportunity for churches with internet connection to join Assembly to share together in worship as one whole Baptist family. Our aim is to have the largest Baptist worship service in living memory!
- Children's activities – sessions run by [Virtual Sunday School](#)

## THY KINGDOM COME

13<sup>TH</sup> -23<sup>RD</sup> MAY

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. Since its start in May 2016 God has grown Thy Kingdom Come from a dream of possibility into a movement. Christians from 172 countries have taken part in praying 'Come Holy Spirit', so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

This praying together has been across our diversity and differences as every person, household and church are encouraged to pray in their own way. According to our annual survey findings an astonishing percentage of people said they were praying for family and friends to come to faith in Jesus, and a significant number of people join in for the first time, we recognise there is much more we can do together to help *Thy Kingdom Come* be fully in the lifeblood of the Church.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- *Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ*
- *Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus*
- *Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness*

(See website [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global) for more details and resources)



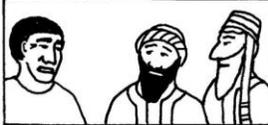
# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Luke 7: 1-10, Matthew 8: 5-13

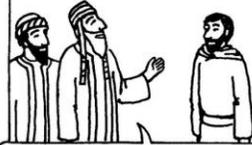
When the Romans invaded Israel, they used soldiers to keep order. For the centurion in Capernaum it was more than just a job...

The centurion had a young servant who was in great pain and dying.



When he heard that Jesus was near, he asked the town leaders to ask Jesus for help.

The leaders told Jesus..



This man deserves your help. He loves our people.

He has even built us a meeting place!



This could have been a tricky situation, for Jews never went into the houses of non-Jews.

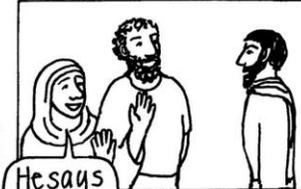


But Jesus said..

I will go and heal the boy.



But the centurion knew that, as a Jew, Jesus could not go into the houses of non-Jews so as Jesus got near, he sent some friends to him.



He says he isn't worthy enough for you to come to his house.

But he says he understands authority and knows you have it. You only have to say so and his servant will be healed

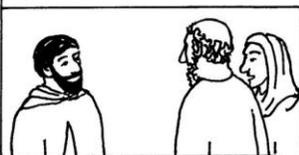


Jesus was amazed!



I have never met anyone in Israel with as much faith.

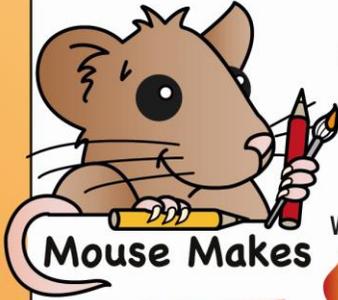
He said to the friends...



You may go now. What he has believed has happened.

When the friends got to the house they found the servant completely healed!





# Mouse Makes

Re arrange the scrambled letters to find the missing words.

The Holy Spirit  
**VSEIL**  
with us and in us.

The Holy Spirit  
helps us to  
**WKNOW**  
we belong to God.

The Holy Spirit  
**HCTSEEA**  
us about God.

The Holy Spirit  
**KPESSA**  
God's word to us.

The Holy Spirit  
**PHLSE**  
us to tell others  
about Jesus.

The Holy Spirit  
helps us when we  
**AYPR**



On the day of **PENTECOST**  
the disciples were gathered  
together in one place...

What sound did they hear?

Acts 2:2

What did they see?

Acts 2:3

What filled them?

Acts 2:4

How did they speak?

Acts 2:4

What did the crowd hear?

Acts 2:6

Which countries  
had they come from?

Acts 2:9

What was  
their reaction?

Acts 2:12-13

Who explained  
what was  
happening?  
What did he say?

Acts 2:14-36

How many  
people were  
baptised  
that day?

Acts 2:41



Change each letter to the  
letter before it in the  
alphabet and see what  
the **Holy Spirit**  
produces in us:

KPZ  
IVNJMJUZ  
TFMG DPOUSPM  
GBJUIGVMOFTT  
LJOEOFTT  
QBUJFODF  
QFBDF  
MPWF  
HPPEOFTT

Galatians 5:22

What is the work of the  
**Holy Spirit**? What does He do?  
Fill in the missing letters.

TEAC \_ ES  
COMF \_ RTS  
REVEA \_ S  
IN \_ OU  
TRAN \_ FORMS  
HEL \_ S  
GU \_ DES  
GENEWS  
CONV \_ CTS  
SANC \_ IFIES

## BELMONT AND CAREY YOUTH CAMP

This year's Belmont & Carey Youth Camp will be held from 14<sup>th</sup> - 21st August in Prestatyn. Spaces are still available for children and young people, aged between 8 and 18 (on 31st August), to attend. See the camp form attached to recent newsletters/emails for both churches for more details. Contact the Camp Organisers (whose contact details are on the camp form) or Andy & Hazel if you would like to know more about this.

## SPRING HARVEST - FOCUS ON WORSHIP

At Spring Harvest on-line this year the theme was worship, who we worship, why we worship and how we worship. Of course, worship is not just singing but it is how we respond to God with the whole of our lives; the words of this song are speaking to me about life worship at the moment, so I thought I would share with you...

Song: Build my Life by Housefires (*CCLI 7070345*)

Worthy of every song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe, we live for you.

Jesus, the name above every other name  
Jesus, the only one who could save  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe, we live for you.

Holy, there is no one like you  
There is none besides you  
Open up my eyes in wonder  
And show me who you are and fill me  
With your heart and lead me  
In your love to those around me

And I will build my life upon your love, it is a firm foundation  
And I will put my trust in you alone  
And I will not be shaken

It is available to listen to on Youtube -  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=smrq6hc-vcU>

*Gill Kaye (Belmont Road)*



## Christian Aid Week

10-16 May 2021

### With every gift, we help people like Rose and stop this climate crisis

In Kenya, extreme weather is making it harder and harder to survive. For communities fighting the climate crisis, every last drop matters and every last one of us can help them thrive. The coronavirus pandemic has only increased the urgent need for families to access a reliable source of water.

The devastating climate crisis robs people of the water and food they need to live.

Rose walks for six hours to fetch water for her grandchildren. She tries hard to give them the kind of life she remembers from when she was a girl: when the rivers flowed with water and the crops bore fruit.

Rose and her grandchildren shouldn't have to go hungry. A simple earth dam, built with the help of Christian Aid's partners and your donations, could completely change her life. This Christian Aid Week, you can be one of the hundreds of thousands of our supporters who give, act and pray to stop this climate crisis driving people like Rose to hunger.

From envelope collections to walking 300,000 steps in May, Christian Aid Week brings people together as one community against global poverty and injustice.

This Christian Aid Week (10-16 May), please:

- **Give** generously to help ensure people like Rose fight this climate crisis.
- **Act** as we call on the UK Prime Minister to lead the world with ambitious climate action that will also address inequality.
- **Pray** for a radical change of heart for politicians, and that as a global community we will care for our common home and for people living in poverty.

**Together we stop this climate crisis.**

Join us at [caweek.org](http://caweek.org)

(**For Carey members and friends:** If you are giving to the church by bank transfer, you can donate to Christian Aid Week using the same bank details and identifying the transfer as for 'Christian Aid'. There will be a few envelopes at the church for those not able to donate in this way.)

## **BANGLADESH, BHUTAN AND BRONZE AWARDS**

The BBC2 series entitled 'Climate Change – Ade on the Frontline' has already been an eye-opener. In the programme, presenter, Ade Adepitan visits many countries to see for himself the extent of our current environmental crises. The second episode in this series, shown first on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April, has served to give more of an insight into the country which Carey's BMS Mission Partners, the Proctors and the Lynches know well, Bangladesh.

At present an estimated 100 million people live in the world's largest delta - the Ganges. This part of Bangladesh is a vast area of very fertile land. But for everyone living here, their homes and livelihoods are already threatened by rising sea levels and by increasingly frequent and more violent tropical storms. The capital, Dhaka, has doubled in size to a population of over 20 million in just 10 years, largely because of people having to leave their ancestral homes in the delta.

Thankfully, the episode also showed some good news: a project to plant more mangroves to combat coastal erosion. However, it was made clear that this is only a temporary measure to buy time. Ade's next stop was the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan, one of the world's few 'carbon negative' countries. Bhutan is also being affected by global warming in different ways. But Bhutan prioritises Gross National Happiness over the western economic measure of GDP (Gross Domestic Product). And Bhutan continues to implement a massive national strategy of planting suitable trees and creating more woodland. As Ade put it, 'One of the easiest and cheapest ways to combat global warming is to plant trees', although this always needs to be done in ways which understand the variety of natural habitats, including meadows, wetlands, peat moors, for example.

April's online environmental forum for Dacorum, 'Woodlands for All', is pointing us in a similar direction. And I hope this forum will encourage new thinking and prompt the particular steps needed for Dacorum to grow more local woodlands, for the benefit of our planet and also to benefit local wildlife and local residents.

One last, small piece of good news. Carey has just this month been able to apply for a 'Bronze Award' as an Eco Church. This award has yet to be confirmed by A Rocha, so watch this space. This reminds us that Carey's God-given mission includes responding to our environmental crises. It also reminds us that there are further steps we could make to become an Eco Church with a 'Silver Award'. This journey, like the earthly mission of Jesus, will require us to be focussed, to persevere and to be 'wise as serpents, gentle as doves'.

*Colin Cartwright*

## **CBA ASSEMBLY AND AGM**

The Central Baptist Association Assembly and AGM will be held online again this year, on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. Stephen Copson writes: 'The opening session begins at 10am and will include an address by the Rev Geoff Colmer, Regional Team Leader and President of the Baptist Union 2021/22. Anyone from your church can participate and the link will be made known in due course.

At 11.45am the Annual General Meeting will take place restricted to voting representatives only. The AGM will include receiving the annual accounts and reports, deal with the appointment of the Treasurer and Independent Examiner/Auditor and confirm Council members for 2021/22.... We hope that this Time together will be an enjoyable and inspiring occasion, as we look forward to next year and a new situation.'

## **GRAPEVINE**

Items for the June issue should be with Hilary Donovan (258268 / [hilary.donovan@hotmail.com](mailto:hilary.donovan@hotmail.com) ) or Paula Moore (Belmont Road) by **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**. Thank you

## THIS MONTH 100 YEARS AGO

*We continue our series about church life at Marlowes Baptist Church in the 1920's. In the June issue of Marlowes Notes in the Baptist Home Messenger magazine (which I have now found that we have after all – it is the May and July ones that are missing) the minister, T. Percy George, writes about the equivalent of our Central Baptist Assembly (see page 15):*

'My dear friends,

The great event of the past month was the Annual Meetings of the Herts Baptist Association held at Boreham Wood. Marlowes was well represented, every delegate appointed being present. The morning session was devoted to business, election of officers etc. At that session my year of office as President ended, and I was glad of the opportunity of publicly expressing my appreciation of my own Church, in setting me free one Sunday a month to visit other churches. Some very kind things were said about the service I had rendered, but I quite recognise, had it not been for your sympathetic co-operation, I could not have given so much time to the work... The sermon of Dr. Dakin on the fellowship of his sufferings was a great utterance and I am sure that the message created a profound impression.

The afternoon was devoted to a Conference, the subject being "An Intensive Mission as preparatory to a mission to the outsider", opened by our new General Superintendent, the Rev. F.J. Walkey. His message was most searching, stimulating and suggestive. It was a scathing indictment of our indifference and the passionate appeal to do the work to which we were called. The conference was well sustained and everywhere there was the indication of a hunger and a craving for richer and fuller life. There is no doubt but what there is an attitude of great expectancy everywhere, and I am convinced myself that we shall soon witness a great spiritual awakening in all our churches. It is impossible to say along what lines it will, but this I know God has not created this anger to disappoint it.... It is for us to create the right atmosphere in our own church, to prepare the way for the working of the Spirit of God and when we are ready and prepared the blessing will not tarry....'

## **In Memoriam**

Rev. George Thos Edgeley passed away on May 2nd, aged 77. Many will remember he is faithful and earnest ministry as Pastor from 1883 to 1893, during which period 262 members were added to the church, some of whom are with us in fellowship still, and others are doing useful work in churches at home and abroad. He was a man of robust character and of considerable ability as a preacher, being most successful as an evangelist in many centres. His services were in constant demand by Churches in our country and elsewhere. He had lived in retirement for some years: his last visit to Marlowes was when taking part in the funeral service of Rev. Walter Stapleton in 1906. Mrs. Edgeley survives, with two sons and three daughters, to whom we extend our sincere sympathy.

## **Leverstock Green**

On Wednesday, May 11th, a Concert was given in the Chapel, which was crowded. Under the excellent supervision of Miss Lillian Wilkins the choir children rendered a splendid programme consisting of songs, recitations, dialogues etc., which were much appreciated by the audience. Each item contained a moral, which cannot have failed to make an impression on the hearts of the children. Mr. H. East took the chair, and added a touch of humour to the meeting. After defraying all expenses a clear £3:8:0 has been handed to the Choir Funds. Surely a splendid result and a great encouragement to the organist and the choir.

## **BUGB PRESIDENT FOR 2022/3 ELECTED**

Rev Hayley Young has been elected as the President of the Baptist Union for 2022-3. Hayley is the Regional Minister: Mission Enabler for the South Wales Baptist Association (SWaBA). She was one of four candidates in this year's voting process.... Hayley has been in local pastoral ministry for 13 years serving in churches in Southern Counties Baptist Association, Central Baptist Association and now SWaBA. She was called into ministry in her early 20s and was ordained when aged 24 after studying at Spurgeon's College.

She explained that her Presidential theme, if elected, would be 'Building a Bigger Table'.

# MAY DIARY

## **BELMONT ROAD**

*(Services on Zoom and in church – see page 3))*

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Worship service led by David Burden, Herts Association of Preachers
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Worship Service led by our Moderator, Tim Keightley
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Open Service, with short talk by Mike Wallis of Street Pastors
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Communion Service led by Ken Payne, Aylesbury
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Worship Service led by Carolyn Kirk, Herts Association of Preachers

## **CAREY**

*(Services in church and on Zoom and audio recording on website – see page 4)*

Sundays 2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Worship led by Colin Cartwright
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Deacons' Meeting
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Church AGM Part II and Ordinary Church Meeting on Zoom (page 5)
Thursdays 13 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bible Study on Zoom (page 5)
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Worship led by Bob Little

## **GROVEHILL**

*(Services live-streamed, on Facebook and on YouTube)*

Sundays	11.00am	Communion Service in church and on Facebook
	12 noon	Zoom at Noon
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3.30pm	Causeway Church on Skype (page 6)
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Digging Deeper Youth Group (10-14+) on Zoom (page 6)
Monday-Friday	9.00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	12 noon	
Monday-Friday	9.30pm	Night Prayer on Zoom
Mondays	9.00am-	Church open for private prayer

Tuesdays 4 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup>	12noon 7.30pm	Men's Bible and Faith Chat Group
Wednesdays	12 noon 7.00pm	Ladies Bible Study on Zoom Prayer and Meditation in church
Sundays 9 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00pm	Hard COR Youth Group on Zoom

**OTHER EVENTS**

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christian Aid Week (pages 13-14)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Ascension Day
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Baptist Assembly online (pages 8-9)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thy Kingdom Come (page 9)
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pentecost

**ADVANCE DATES FOR JUNE**

**CAREY**

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Worship led by Tony Graham, Hitchin
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Worship led by Les Ebdon, Hitchin
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Worship led by David Ronco, Hertford
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Herts. Preachers' Exchange

**GROVEHILL**

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1.30pm	Messy Church (page 5)
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm	Causeway Church

**OTHER  
EVENTS**

Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	CBA Assembly and AGM online (page 15)
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# HEMEL HEMPSTEAD BAPTIST CHURCHES

## SUNDAY SERVICES

(see pages 3-6 &18-19 for current variations to this pattern)

### BELMONT ROAD

(Bennetts End)

[www.belmontroadbaptist.co.uk](http://www.belmontroadbaptist.co.uk)

#### ***Morning Worship - 10.30am***

Sunday Club (5 - 15 years)

Occasional All Age Family Worship on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in month

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in month includes Communion

#### ***Evening – 7.00pm***

BB&GA Seniors most weeks in term-time

### CAREY

(Marlowes)

[www.careybaptisthemel.org.uk](http://www.careybaptisthemel.org.uk)

#### ***Morning Worship - 10.30am*** – Junior Church and crèche

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in month All Age Family Worship

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in month includes Communion

### GROVEHILL ANGLICAN/FREE CHURCH

(Church of the Resurrection, Henry Wells Square)

[www.grovehillchurch.org.uk](http://www.grovehillchurch.org.uk)

#### ***Morning Worship - 11.00am*** - with Junior Church

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in month: All Age Worship

## MINISTERS

**BELMONT ROAD** *Vacancy*

**CAREY** Rev Colin Cartwright

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**GROVEHILL** Rev Austin Janes

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