

GBC NEWS UPDATE 2021



News and views from Guiseley Baptist Church - May



Baptist Assembly 2021

This year's Baptist Assembly will be Online from Thursday 13 to Sunday 16 May 2021. We've registered as a church so anyone at GBC can join in with any or all of the events online. Attending the assembly usually involves significant cost and travel so this is a brilliant opportunity to join in with other Baptists around the UK and share what God is doing in our churches. And all for free!

The keynote speaker for the weekend will be Shane Claiborne. There will also be optional online workshops and events running over the 4 days.

Sunday Worship for All Online Service 16th May, 10.30am

The Assembly is planning to broadcast an online service on the morning of Sunday 16 May so Baptist churches and their congregations can participate together in one big online service. We at GBC would like to encourage you all to join the Assembly gathering online so we won't be streaming our own online morning service that day.

Links to the workshops, events and the online service will be available soon.

GBC's Friday donation collection point

Reminder: Every Friday between 10am and 1pm the front doors of the church building are open for your donation, whether it is a digital device or much needed food/other essentials for the Bradford North Foodbank.

Update on meeting together

According to the current government roadmap, the earliest we might be able to start thinking about gathering together in our church building for worship services is 21 June when the government hopes to remove legal limits on gatherings. Though this thought is very exciting for many of us, we recognise that there will still be many things to consider and that we do still need to be cautious. Please be assured that the leadership team will be following all government and Baptist Union guidelines as we prayerfully discern the way forward.

In the meantime, our regular activities continue:

- **GBC online service,**
Sundays 10.30 am
- **GBC Kids online service,**
Sundays 10.15 am
- **Zoom coffee and chat,**
Sundays 11.15 am
- **In-person prayer and reflection**
in the church building,
Sundays 4 pm

Connectsix

There are already folk meeting for walks (within the group of 6 guidelines), and this is proving to be a huge source of encouragement. If you would like us to help you find a group to meet with, to walk, chat and pray, or simply sit outside for coffee and a chat, please let Micky or Gill know. The ministers are also happy to meet up (outside) with folk on a one to one basis.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ - to the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1: 9-11

News from the April special church meeting & AGM

CONSTITUTION

The resolution agreed at the meeting on 21st April to amend GBC's constitution has now been approved by the Charity Commission. The revised constitution gives the church the flexibility to hold members' and trustee meetings either in person, by a suitable electronic means or a hybrid of the two, if required.

A NEW TREASURER FOR GBC

Appreciation was shown to Allan Stewart at the AGM for his excellent service as GBC's treasurer for the last 4 years. Allan will be stepping down from his role and supporting our new treasurer - Mike Smith - in a transition over the next 6-months or so. We are grateful to Mike for committing to this important role in the church.

Thanks were also given to Chris Burland for his diligent work as our gift aid secretary. Chris will also be stepping down later in the year and Allan will take over this duty.

Please pray for Mike, Allan, Sue and Trevor as our revised finance team administers the church finances and looks to develop our accounting systems - please encourage them when you can!





A time to pray ... 4pm, every Sunday at GBC

You are welcome to join others at our weekly gathering in the church building on Oxford Road to pray, reflect and listen to God through the scriptures. It goes without saying that all the necessary social distancing restrictions are in place to make the meeting as safe as possible. Masks will need to be worn and we ask you not to attend if you feel unwell. If you would like to attend the meeting please register with Gill or Micky.

Together on Sunday

GBC Kids Service

Available every Sunday from 10.15am on our Youtube channel alongside the weekly films and challenges. Search **GBC Kids and Youth** to check it out!



Celebrate with Matt & Susannah

On Saturday 15th May, 2pm, at GBC Susannah Smith and Matt Rayner will be married. Unfortunately only 15 people are able to be physically present at the service but the good news is we can all join in online. The service will be live streamed from the chapel. Simply go to GBC's Facebook or Youtube page and you'll be able to share in the happy occasion.



Catch up with GBC friends every Sunday on Zoom

Directly after the Sunday online service, usually around 11.15am, you are welcome to join friends for a virtual get together over Zoom. The invitation is available each week, via Prayernet and the Facebook group. If you haven't tried it before do come along - sadly coffee is not provided!

GBC House groups

MONDAY

Women's prayer group

Caroline Wallace
- tel. 07976 799229

Greenshaw Terrace women's group

Joanna Sugden - tel. 01943 871298

Silverdale group

Micky Munroe - tel. 01943 512394

TUESDAY

Ridgeway group

Mike & Ruth Smith
- tel. 07590 266476

Queensway group

Rosemary Stephenson
- tel. 07514 697357

Pendragon Terrace group

Lee Phillips - tel. 01943 875799

WEDNESDAY

Young Adults group (17yrs +)

Micky Munroe - tel. 01943 512394

Hawkstone Ave Men's group

Steve Allen - tel. 01943 510653

Menston group

Jenny & Philip Lerman
- tel. 01943 870306

THURSDAY

Hillway group

Allan Stewart - tel. 01943 969322

Should you require support from our ministers, or just a chat to catch up, Micky, Gill & Joe can still be contacted in the usual way:

- **Micky** - 07828 189762
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guiseleybaptistchurch.co.uk
- **Gill** - 07856 003219
gill.thurgood@
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- **Joe** - 07761 927981
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Questions about church finance & giving?

If you would like to discuss, in confidence, any financial matter relating to GBC, for the moment please contact Allan Stewart on: Tel. 07884 970488 or email at allan.stewart@guiseleybaptistchurch.co.uk Mike will become the main point of contact in the near future.

How about you?

Have you got a story to share? Maybe a picture or a piece of news we can feature in GBC's monthly newsletter? If so, we'd love to hear from you. Just contact Gill or Micky

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Church meeting dates for 2021

- Tuesday 13th July, 7.30pm
- Tuesday 5th October, 7.30pm

While social distancing is required and restrictions on physical gatherings are in place our meetings will be hosted using Zoom virtual technology.

For prayer support from the GBC family send your requests to:

prayernet@guiseleybaptistchurch.co.uk