

**This is what the LORD says: 'Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. Jeremiah 6:16**

## Farewell to Graham and Chris



This Sunday we say farewell to Graham and Chris Banks, as we mark Graham's retirement from his ministry at Queens Road.

Graham first served the church here as Associate Minister in the 1980s, before moving onto periods of ministry in Leeds and Bognor Regis. In November 2016, the Lord called Graham and Chris to return to Coventry, when Graham became our Ministry Team Leader.

As we give thanks for Graham's leadership and service over the last 5 years, three things particularly come to my mind: First, Graham's creativity in turning various rooms around the church into different scenes from first century Palestine, for each of Rewind to Christmas and Rewind to Easter, where year 6 children from local schools came to meet and question a number of characters who brought the Christ-

mas and Easter narratives to life. Second, I remember well a prayer ministry team week-end away at Ffald-y-brenin in the wild west of Wales, led by Graham on the challenging theme of Wilderness. Thirdly, Graham encouraged us to set up a Community Fridge and Larder, as a place to freely share un-needed but still edible food items. Each of these different recollections speak to me of Graham's thirst to see the gospel shared and God's wonderful love for all demonstrated in action and in word.

I am sure you each will have your own memories of Graham's ministry amongst us and of all that has been achieved for the Kingdom over the last 5 years.

Although Graham and Chris are not able to be with us on Sunday because they are away, looking after grandchildren in Devon, we will be giving thanks and praying collectively for Graham and Chris during the service.

I am sure we will all want to wish Graham and Chris a long and happy retirement in Bognor and pray that they and all of their wider family would know God's blessing on their lives in the coming years.

Iain Colville  
Church Secretary

**31st October 2021**

Morning Service at 10.30am:

Praise and Share in the Large Hall 5pm—6pm

The Chapel has a hearing loop system – you can access it by sitting centrally downstairs.

News sheets and Songs/Hymns are available in LARGE print – please speak to a steward

Prayer ministry is available in the chapel following the service.

Coffee will be served after each service. Please feel welcome to stay and chat.

### MINISTER

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### NEXT SUNDAY

10.30am : Worship in the Chapel and online

## Information Online

The MORNING service this Sunday 31st October 2021 can be found online on our website at [www.qrbco.co.uk](http://www.qrbco.co.uk) On the homepage of the website there are easy to follow links pages about key activities including a link to the News page which gives the latest information. There is also a calendar for checking dates and times of activities.

Find us on Facebook by searching for "Queens Road Baptist Church"

## Prayer Focus

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed a stronghold in times of trouble Psalm 9:9

Personal Focus : strengthen us all Lord to face the things we have to do this week. May we rely on your spirit.

Coventry Focus: Pray for safety and good health for the teachers, children and young people returning to school this week.

QRBC: Give thanks for Graham and Chris Banks ministry among us and pray for their future in whatever way they are led.

International: For all involved in bringing food, medicine and clean water to those who have little or nothing in these challenging times.

### ARTY CRAFTERS

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November

10.30a.m - 12.15p.m in Small Hall

(Arrival from 10a.m)

N.B. 10.55 a.m - Pause for Remembrance

*Create simple Christmas cards  
with Chris*



*Most materials will be provided although it is suggested you bring a glue stick & some PVA glue.*

*A small ruler, scissors & pencil can also be useful for card making.*

*Also, if you wish, you may bring your own small image for the centre of the card.*

*For further information: -*

*Contact Coral or Helen in the Church Office*

#### Praise and Share—you are all invited

Following on from the Light Party we will be having a short service of worship (start 5pm) which will be in the form of "Praise and Share". We have invited a few people to choose a worship song, to share something of what Jesus means to them, and why their song is meaningful. We will be meeting in the Large Hall as this will be an informal gathering and children will be very welcome!! (Please ensure you pre-book for The Light Party by contacting Sarah White or Church Office)

#### Dates for your Diary

- **Wednesday 3rd November** Senior Fellowship 10.30 am Coffee and Tea. 11am The talk will be by Alan Betteridge on being arrested several times in two years (before being a QRBC Minister). 12 noon finish. ALL WELCOME Please contact Alan Betteridge 024 7641 9206 (*Group's Host will be Ken Palframan*)
- **Tuesday 9th November 7.30pm** Church Members meeting in the Chapel and on Zoom.
- **Saturday 13th November 10.30am** Church Family Walk around Draycote water. Parking costs £5 for the day. If you need or can offer transport, please contact us on 02476 418132. The road is suitable for buggies and bikes and there is a cafe by the car park. Friends & family welcome. We will walk the full 5 mile perimeter, but people are welcome to turn back when they've had enough. Note that dogs aren't allowed round the reservoir. Graham & Sandra Hobley.
- **Saturday 20th November**—QRBC Prayer Morning for all in the fellowship—details to follow.

**Premises Update:** please continue to book ahead for your group to be in the room you require and advise if heating is required. Heating will be programmed once a week for the week coming, so do keep Helen updated. Thank you

NEWS SHEET - Dates for submissions Wednesday to admin@qrbco.co.uk or leave in box in Reception. Please note the News sheet is published on the website so please do not ask for anything you would not wish to be published in this way.

PRAYER CHAIN It is important that prayer requests by email are sent to: prayerchain@qrbco.co.uk . Requests can also be received by telephone during office hours on 024 7652 0621. Requests may take longer to circulate when the office is closed