

Where we meet and who we are



The office and mid week activities are based at our building in: Well Street. MK18 1ET



On a Sunday morning we meet for worship at : Lace Hill Academy, Catchpin Street, MK18 7RR

Well Street United Church is an LEP (local ecumenical partnership) of Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed churches. In reality, many of us come from other churches or no church background, but we have felt at home in this church.



BUCKINGHAM CHURCHES HOLIDAY CLUB 2024—6TH –9TH AUGUST
Registration for Children will be open from 4th March. As spaces are limited so please register asap if you would like your child to attend. If you would like to be a volunteer please register asap (group leader, group helper, admin, catering, etc.)
More information and how to register is available on the website <https://www.bcholidayclub.org.uk/>

As part of our worship we have an offertory box available by the hall door. If you are visiting please feel under no obligation to give.

If you are a regular worshipper please speak to James Knapton or Wendy Collins as to how you can give by Standing Order or online and also about Gift Aid if you are a tax payer.

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Welcome to Well Street United Church

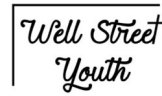
Welcome to Well Street United Church especially if it is your first time.

If you would like to receive electronic weekly updates please speak with a Welcomer.



Wednesday 13th March

7.30pm at Well Street United Church



Sunday 17th March

Breakfast at McDonalds
Meet at 9.30am—for more information please speak with Jane or Andrew

Saturday 23rd March Youth Nights' Easter Party

will be held at Well Street Church 6.15 pm – 8pm.
Come along for a time of food, games and worship.
To book a place follow the link below

<https://bpchurch.churchsuite.com/events/sd3y6whn>
For more information please speak with Sam or Jane

Family News

The Funeral service for Stella Knibbs will take place on **Thursday 14th March**. The Service of Committal will be at 12.30pm at Aylesbury Vale Crematorium, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at Well Street United Church at 1.45pm



Congratulations to Sheila and Julian as they celebrate their Silver Wedding on 1st April

Weekly Activities

Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship

Tuesday 10.00am

First Steps (Toddler Group)
Contact Church Office to Register

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - Life Groups—contact Church Office for details

Thursday 5.00pm
Explorers (5-11year olds)

Saturday 10.00am-12 noon
Renew Café

Monthly Activities

First Sunday

3.00pm service at Lace Hill Manor (Care Home)
Led this month by Lynn Billingham

First Wednesday
CAMEO—Speaker this month is Trevor Ray

For more information contact Church Administrator (details on back)

Minister's Message

Hopefully, every Sunday is special, but this year March is full of what we might call special Sundays: Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. It's the first of those on which I want to focus.

Mothering Sunday (also known as Mothers' Day) was traditionally the day on which people would return to their Mother Church, the place where they were baptised and became a 'child of the church'. That got me thinking. Which is my mother church? Is it the Baptist church in Bridport in which my Dad served as minister for five years in the first half of the 1960's? I was dedicated to God there, by my maternal grandad (also a Baptist minister!). Or is it the church in Lowestoft in which I grew up from the age of four, was raised on stories from the Bible, which I loved, came to faith aged 13, and was baptised as a believer, one month before my 16th birthday? Both were important in my journey to adult years, but it's this latter one that I regard as my mother church, and I'm grateful to all those who were spiritual mothers to me over the years.

Among those spiritual mothers is the one who gave birth to me and, despite what you may say, was the best mum in the world! She was a warm, smiley woman, who loved being a mum (perhaps not so much in my teenage years!) and had a deep faith. I'm thankful for all she taught me, not least her example as a servant of God, following Jesus Christ.



I hope you have been blessed with a good mum. And maybe, you have made it your aim to be the best mum you can to your own children, or a spiritual mum to others. We often emphasise God as Father, but we tend to overlook the maternal side of God. Here are a couple to verses to meditate on:

Isaiah 49:15 – 'Can a woman forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!'

Isaiah 66:13 – 'As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you...'

Know that God loves you, like the best mum, and will comfort and care for you always. Resolve to be the best version of you, that you may be like the Lord in nurturing others in our Christian faith.

Tim

Preaching for March

Date	Place	Time	Theme	Preacher/Worship lead
3rd March	LHA	10.30am	Café Church Purpose in School & Work Genesis 2:18-20 1 Thess 4:9-12	Revd Tim Edworthy
10th March	LHA	10.30am	Purpose in Family Luke 15:11-32 Including The Lord's Supper	Revd Tim Edworthy Sam Knapton/Ben Brooke
17th March	LHA	10.30am	Purpose in Friendship Proverbs 27:1-10 Mark 8:31-33	Revd Tim Edworthy Katy Morris
24th March	LHA	10.30am	Purpose in Holy Week Matthew 21:1-11	Revd John Boxwell Cathy Read
28th March	WSUC	7.30pm	The Lord's Supper (Maundy Thursday)	Revd Tim Edworthy
29th March	BPC	10.15am	Good Friday service	
31st March	LHA	10.30am	'He is Risen!' Psalm 16 Matthew 28:1-10	Revd Tim Edworthy
7th April	LHA	10.30am	Café Church— Purpose in Interests Psalm 150	Revd Tim Edworthy

LHA—Lace Hill Academy WSUC—Well Street United Church BPC—Buckingham Parish Church

During Holy Week we are again planning on a week of Reflection via Zoom (apart from Maundy Thursday when we will meet at Well Street United Church). Details to follow



Monday 18th March

This year Grenville and Buckingham Primary Year 6 's will be coming along to Well Street and BPC to hear the Easter Story. We have a wonderful opportunity to share the gospel with 90 children plus their teachers. However, for this to happen we need a team of volunteers, to help with craft and someone to assist Tim as he shares the story of the Last Supper. Please contact me if you are able to help. Thank you Wendy