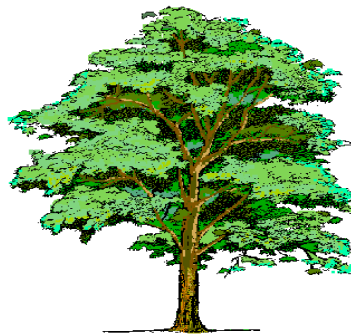


THE WINDOW



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FARNBOROUGH

BAPTIST CHURCH
Queens Road, Farnborough

Our Regular Church Activities

Sundays

10.15 – 10.30: Prayer time in the vestry

10.30: Morning Worship

Young Church Classes are held during the service. Activities are available for all age children.

Communion: 1st Sunday of the month

Tuesday

10.00am Morning weekly prayer with Zoom attendance
(link given below) to if you would like to join in.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Wednesdays

Thursdays

7.00 pm – Deacons and Church Meetings as advertised

Fridays

10.30am 'Altogether' Craft Day every week. ***Now started again.***

Saturdays

10.00am – 12.00 noon, Coffee morning

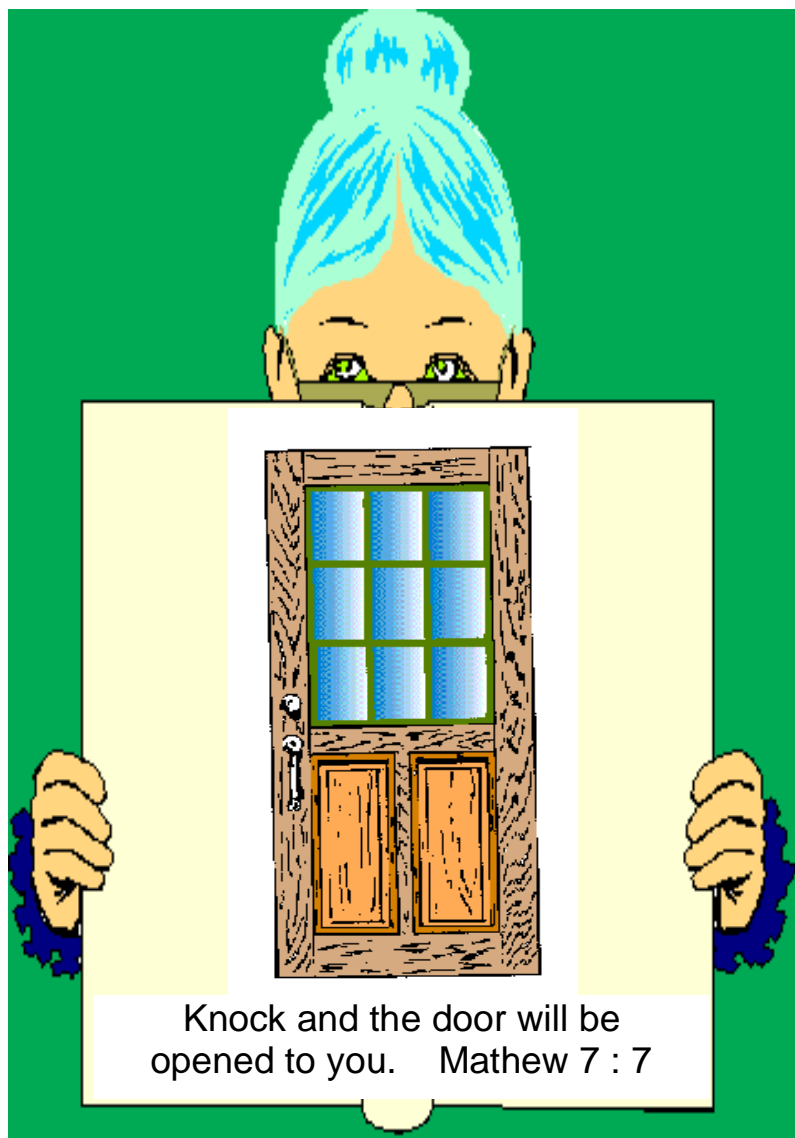
(When we can start it again.)

4.00pm – 6.00 pm, Messy Church (Dates to be confirmed.)

With the ever frustrating Covid/Omicron situation, we have to abide by the Government's advice. So there may be changes from them in the weekly diary, or even the Sunday Services. Rest assured everyone will be kept informed. Praise God for being in our midst always.

***We your people, the sheep of your pasture,
will praise you for ever; from generation to generation we will
recount your praise. Psalm 79, verse 13***

**Knowing God, showing his love,
serving the community**



**SERVICE DETAILS
FOR
May/June 2022**

MAY

James

- 1st C – Josh – Jas.1 – True religion
- 8th Josh – Jas.2 – Faith & works
- 15th Baptist Assembly (streamed service)
- 22nd Esther Matthews - Jas.3 – The tongue

Being Baptist

- 29th **Ralph Hanger - Church Anniversary –
Autonomy of local church - Matt 18:15–17;
1Cor 6:1–3**

JUNE

- 5th C – Josh – Pentecost - **Two Ordinances
(Baptism & Communion) - Acts 2:41–2:47;
1Cor 11:23–32**
- 12th Andy Kittow - **Biblical Authority - Matt 24:35;
1Pet 1:23; 2Tim 3:16–17**
- 19th Josh – Café Church – God, The Father
- 26th Gill P - **Individual Soul liberty - Rom 14:5–12**

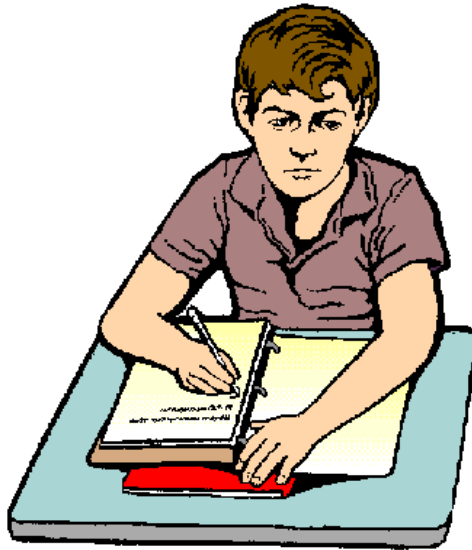


DIARY DATES MAY

Thurs.5 th	7.00pm, deacons' meeting
Fri.6 th	9.15am, Baby & Toddler group; from 11.00, Altogether
Mon.9 th	2.00pm, Wimborne House Communion service
Tues.10 th	Meet the Owendens at Church Crookham BC 2.00pm meeting + picnic –
Fri.13 th	9.15am, Baby & Toddler group; from 11.00, Altogether
Sat.14 th	9-5, Druglink booking
14-15 th	Baptist Assembly
Thurs.19 th	7.00pm, Church Meeting
Fri.20 th	9.15am, Baby & Toddler group; from 11.00, Altogether
Sat.21 st	1-5pm, party booking
Fri.27 th	9.15am, Baby & Toddler group; from 11.00, Altogether
26-27 th	Waldocks on holiday
Sun 29th	FBC Anniversary

June

Thurs.2 nd	7.00pm, deacons' meeting
Fri.3 rd	9.15am, Baby & Toddler group; from 11.00, Altogether
Sun.5 th	York Road Jubilee Street Party (details to follow)
Mon.6 th	2.00pm, Wimborne House Communion service
Thurs.9 th	7.00pm, deacons' meeting
Fri.10 th	9.15am, Baby & Toddler group; from 11.00, Altogether
Sat.11 th	Messy Church (to be confirmed)
Fri.17 th	9.15am, Baby & Toddler group; from 11.00, Altogether
Fri.24 th	9.15am, Baby & Toddler group; from 11.00, Altogether
Sun.26 th	North Camp Summer Fair



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JOSH'S LETTER

HOPE

Over the last couple of months I have had a few firsts in ministry; most notably for me is the first requests to take funerals. During the interview stages of applying to the Baptist Union, Spurgeons College and the Church here, when I was asked “What part of ministry are you least looking forward to?” I almost certainly and without hesitation answered “funerals”. I think that response was coming through the lens of youth work, where any thought of funerals is directly linked to a great tragedy of a life cut short rather than a life well lived.

However, having now taken two funerals I’ve come to appreciate them a little bit more. I still wouldn’t say that I look forward to them, not at all, but in meeting the families and leading the services I’ve learned about the bigger picture of that service. It’s not just about the 30 to 45 minutes you’re given at the crematorium, but about the opportunity to share a message of faith and hope with people – predominantly through your actions but with words if they allow you. In the lead up to the first funeral, my mind became fairly fixed on the service and getting everything right for them. However, the family had requested no faith input, except Psalm 23 and The Lord’s Prayer, and I couldn’t help but contrast it to what was the most recent funeral that I had attended. I doubt that any of us could create a more contrasting funeral.

The funeral I was preparing to take was of a 93-year-old man that I had never met, a man well known and well loved by the people he saw regularly, a man whose own faith seemed like a mystery to everyone that knew him, but whose family had no faith. Compared to a 37 week, still-born child, also well-loved but in reality, practically unknown to all who attended. A child whose own faith we could not

know, but whose family had a faith they clung to in their moment of crisis – and where I was at one funeral in the role of minister, at the previous one I was in the role of a father.

But this isn't a writing of grief and sadness but a message of hope. We've just celebrated the Easter weekend when we celebrate that Jesus Christ died and rose again, winning a victory not only over the power of sin but over death itself. Where is death's victory? Where is death's sting?... thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:55 & 57).

Because of Christ we know that death is not the end, but rather it is a new beginning, and so we can have hope, not just in this life but in the life that is to come. Grief is not only normal, grief is good, blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted! But hope says that one day every tear will be wiped away (Revelation 21:4). Hope goes hand in hand with faith and this closing section is not my own words, because someone else has already put it better than I can –these are the words of an incredibly wise, caring, articulate and beautiful young lady who I have the privilege of calling my wife, a couple of years ago she wrote a personal reflection on the song "Great Things" by Phil Wickham (a song I highly recommend if you enjoy contemporary worship).

You see, 16 times in a song, words to the effect of 'God, you have done great things' are sung. I'm not going to say it's always been easy to sing those words, but I recall being in at least two situations since Asher's death where friends have questioned my faith in God, for how could I possibly believe in a God that allows a stillbirth to happen to me. So let me tell you:

***You've been faithful through every storm
You'll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things***

The morning we went in to hospital because I was 'concerned' about reduced movements, I already knew. I knew our little boy wasn't coming home. After Asher's birth I was told that

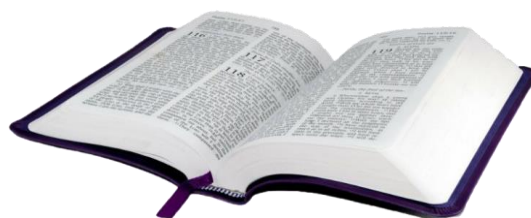
apparently many mothers in our situation say they have the same feeling but I firmly believe that God was telling me that everything wasn't okay, but to trust that it would be. By that I mean, I didn't expect a miracle to occur (perhaps I should have) but rather, He would be faithful to us, surround us and carry us through what could be described as the worst moment of our lives. There is no doubt in my mind that we stand as we are today thanks to His continued faithfulness. In the early days (the day of Asher's birth through to mid-December) I wrote down one thing every day that I saw as a blessing. It would take too long to explain them all now, but through the storm the positives are there if you are in a position to be able to look for them (and I acknowledge not everybody is). It certainly helped carry me through.

***And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is "Yes and amen"
You will do great things***

And I know that whatever life brings, He will be there again and again. I love the famous 'footprints in the sand' poem as imagery of such a loving God.

***The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child.
I love you, and I would never, never leave you
during your times of trial and suffering.
When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you.***

So, in a time of heartbreak and suffering, I firmly believe that God has done, is doing and will do great things, they just may not be in a way we ever thought they would be and to acknowledge them may be one of the hardest things to do.



Word of Encouragement

“Your love breaks like the light of day. Your presence here like a mighty wave.”

I John 4:4 “...You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.”

I love this verse. Having not had a great childhood and always being fed negativity and anger, this verse has and is particularly poignant to me.

It became even more relevant after my son died which is when I wrote this, but still its relevant today. Amid what is happening in our lives and in the world, it has just as much power for us now.

The one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

Did you hear that? The one who is you, the Holy Spirit that is alive in you is greater, more powerful than anything or anyone that is in the world.

Here are some truths if it's hard to see:

Ephesians 1:18-21 “...I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

That power is the same mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.”

We have the same power that raised Jesus up from the grave.

We have the authority to speak out against the darkness, fear, sickness, death.

It's Him in us who makes us strong.

It's Him in us who makes us brave.

It's Him in us who gives us confidence.

It's Him in us who gives us eyes to see a hopeful future.

It's Him in us who gives us the tools to fight battles bigger than ourselves.

It's Him in us who helps us to overcome darkness.

It's Him in us who gives us joy, even in mourning.

So, when you feel panic, overcome by darkness, know that it's Him in us who can tackle and overcome all things, not by our strength but His strength.

Romans 8:26 TPT (The Passion Translation – my new study Bible)

“...And in a similar way, the Holy Spirit takes hold of us in our human frailty to empower us, in our weakness. For example, at times we don't even know how to pray, or know the best things to ask for. But the Holy Spirit rises within us to super-intercede on our behalf, pleading to God with emotional sighs too deep for words.”



2 Corinthians 12:9-10 TPT “...But he answered me, ‘My grace is always more than enough for you, and my power finds it's full expression through your weakness.’”

So, I will celebrate my weaknesses, for when I am weak, I sense more deeply the mighty power of Christ living in me.

So, I am not defeated by my weakness, but delighted!

For when I feel my weakness and endure mistreatment – when, I'm surrounded with troubles on every side and face persecution because of my love for Christ, I am made yet stronger. For my weakness becomes a portal to God's power.”

Wow! Isn't that incredible!

Church family, if you take just one thing from this today, it would be: Call on the name of Jesus. It's more powerful than you could ever imagine.

Lord Jesus, thank you for this truth, I thank you that you're listening, that you are closer than I know. Thank you that I can talk to you any time of the day or night.

Your Holy Spirit that lives in me is my greatest weapon. With your strength, I can overcome anything.

In Jesus name. Amen!

Jesus in the Psalms

Psalm 3

This Psalm was written during the events described in 2nd Samuel chapters 15 -18.

One of David's sons Absalom formed a secret takeover of his father's throne and David went into hiding.

The majority of the people of Israel were against him. Because of these horrible events, David records a lament.

His enemies were many. Because of their sheer number they were making David question his relationship with God and his salvation even though God promised one of his descendants would sit on his throne forever.

For David, Israel's relationship with God was on the line.

The hope of a perfect future King was also on the line, but its not all lament in this Psalm.



David reminds himself when all his enemies surround him, God will protect him completely – even when his kingly glory is cast aside and ruined, he still has more glory than any other king because he is with God. His faith in God stands on one simple truth, David woke up this morning!

God kept him safe through the unconsciousness of sleep.

If God could sustain him when he is at his most vulnerable, there is nothing else for him to fear.

The realisation that all his help comes from God causes him to cry out for more help from the only one that is able. Salvation is the sole property of God alone.

Jesus saw Israel his chosen people, in a similar situation when his chosen servant David was in when he wrote this Psalm.

Only this time when his servant was surrounded by their enemies they would not be saved.

Like all of us they sought to rule themselves and had not made peace with God, so he was going to punish Israel again with the enemies that surrounded her – The Roman Empire.

They would destroy Israel's temple as a physical result of their spiritual rebellion.

But Jesus showed a way out of their inevitable destruction through His cross.

Jesus experienced in full where David experienced only in part the earthly religious rulers of his day, like Absalom, they conspired against Jesus.

When their conspiracy reached its height Jesus was surrounded by many foes. In the Garden of Gethsemane, and his many sham trials and finally at the cross.

His enemies even echoed the taunts of David's opponents that God would not save him.

But instead of seeing God like a shield around him as David did, Jesus only spoke of God removing his protection.

Ultimately when Jesus lay down to sleep, it was the sleep of death. Jesus was destroyed by his enemies to provide the deliverance David prayed for.

While the physical temple in Israel was destroyed by the Romans, now all nations can cry out to Jesus for deliverance from the eternal sleep of death.

We know this because as God sustained David through a night of sleep, he also sustained Jesus through his sleep of death.

Jesus rose from the dead to prove that those who put their trust in him for deliverance, the final King of Kings will sustain them into eternal life.

So, lets pray that the Holy Spirit will open our eyes to see the God who sustains us while we sleep, and may we see Jesus as the king who rose from the dead to provide eternal deliverance to all who call out to him.

Read Psalm 3 for yourself!

Every Blessing

Lynn

Whilst studying the Word, I found this blog which is insightful and encouraging, I had to share it with you my church family.

WHAT HAPPENED AFTER EASTER?

2,000 years ago, [Jesus conquered death forever](#). [The stone was rolled away from the empty tomb](#), and [we were given new life in Christ](#).

But what happened next?

Discover five things Jesus did after His resurrection—and what they mean for us today:

Jesus showed up.

Jesus spent 40 days on earth after His resurrection. During this time, He [eased His followers' doubts](#) and gave them direction for the future.

[Jesus didn't shout His love from heaven. He showed His love on earth.](#)

Today He does the same, by bending low to [hear our cries](#) and [heal our hearts](#).

Jesus modelled community.

[From breaking bread on the road to Emmaus, to having breakfast on the beach with His disciples](#), we see Jesus make time for relationships.

Jesus was never too busy to stop and show He cared.

As His followers, we're called to intentionally serve people in our families, workplaces, and cities.

Jesus comforted the broken.

When Jesus came back, He wasn't frustrated that His disciples hadn't understood His plan. He met them in their uncertainty and fear instead.

[Jesus consoled the woman weeping at the empty tomb. He eased Thomas' doubts. He spoke words of life and peace.](#)

Today, our Saviour still has grace for our questions and confusion. [He still draws near when our hearts are broken.](#)

Jesus redeemed mistakes.

Before the crucifixion, [Peter denied knowing Jesus three times](#). [Later, we see Jesus restore Peter by asking Him three times if he loves Him and instructing Peter to care for His flock](#).

Even though Peter stumbled in his faith, it didn't cancel his identity in Christ.

In the same way, [we can trust that God's power is made perfect in our weakness](#).

Jesus instructed and empowered.

Right before [Jesus ascended into heaven](#), He told His followers to “[go and make disciples of every nation](#).”

With these instructions, we're called to live every day with intentionality, looking for opportunities to share the Gospel.

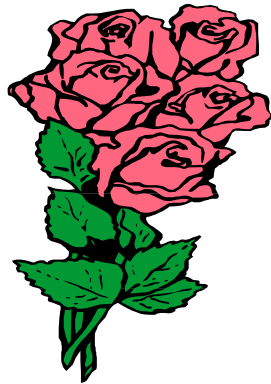
It's our job to show people what it means to know God and to make Him known.

Easter might be over, but what it means for us matters all year long.

Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, we're able to access God's grace, presence, and reassurance like never before.

Lynn

Announcing



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!
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MAY 2022

**MARGARET PALMER 7TH
JUNE WARNES 14TH
AROYEWUN OLADAYO 16TH**

JUNE 2022

GILL BRAND 5TH

From all at Farnborough Baptist Church

Pray Without Ceasing! **Sundays are highlighted**

Please keep this list near at hand so that we can keep each other in our prayers.

May 2022 Prayer

- 1st Pray for Josh who will be leading our morning Communion service**
- 2nd Dayo & Eunice Aroyewun, Philip and Esther in Southampton
- 3rd Dave Williams
- 4th Eileen Weinling and Family
- 5th Please pray for the local Baptist Churches in Aldershot & Cove
- 6th Fabio Sousa
- 7th Gill & Harry Page and Family
- 8th Please pray for our morning service and Josh who is leading**
- 9th Gill Brand and Family
- 10th Ivy & Barry James and Family
- 11th Please pray for the local Baptist Churches in Frimley & Mytchett
- 12th Jacquie Norris
- 13th Josh & Laura Waldock and Family
- 14th Jane Evans & Family
- 15th Please pray for today's worship service as we join the Baptist Assembly**
- 16th Jenny Smith and Family
- 17th Jose & Dalia Sousa
- 18th June Warnes & Family
- 19th Karen & Simon Woolley and Family
- 20th Please pray for the local Baptist Churches at Church Crookham and Fleet
- 21st Karenne & Fred Budden & Family

22nd Please pray for our morning service, speaker

Esther Matthews

23rd Ken Fuller

24th Levina Quintal and Family

25th Lynn Moss and Family

26th Margaret Palmer

27th Mary & John Hawyes and Family

28th Pat Brigden and Joyce

29th Please pray for our anniversary service with Ralph Hanger, and the fellowship lunch

30th Ralph & Kate Brigden and Family

31st For friends who are unwell

June 2022 Prayer

1st Ruth & Howard Smith and Family

2nd Shelia Allwood & Family

3rd Simon & Jackie Bodington

4th Sue & Pete Hillier in Wales

5th Please pray for today's Communion service and Josh who is leading

6th Tony Smith and Family

7th Valerie Harwood and Family

8th New friends coming to Church

9th The Triangle Bookshop

10th Our church leadership team and God's leading for the coming months

11th North Camp Schools

12th Please pray for today's morning service led by Andy Kittow

13th Pray for the work of the Baptist Missionary Society

14th Joe & Lois Ovenden and Family

15th Noah & Mikyung Lee

16th Farnborough Food Bank

17th For your contacts in the community

18th Pray for persecuted Christians, that they may know God's strength and courage in their daily walk with him

19th Pray for Josh who will be leading our morning service

20th Parent & Toddler families

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21st Outlook friends

22nd Messy Church families

23rd Friday Altogether friends

24th The Bible Society

25th Wycliffe Bible Translators and the Summer Institute of Linguistics

26th Please pray for our service led by Gill Page, and our witness at the North Camp Summer Fair

27th For contacts from our church website and on Facebook, that they may be blessed by what they read

28th For Club Connect children and Staff

29th South Eastern Baptist Association

30th The Baptist Union

Please pray every month in the

1st week for Our Lady Help of Christians

2nd week for St. Mark's Church

3rd week for the Methodist Church

4th week for the Baptist Church

5th week for the Ebenezer Fellowship/Society of Friends/Plymouth Brethren

AT A DISTANCE

I've learned to wave at people
Because we should stay apart
To smile and call a greeting
And send it from my heart.

To shout out "good morning"
To others across the street
To wave and blow a kiss too
To friends that I meet.

One day I'll shake their hand again
And give each one a hug
Til then I'll keep my distance
Just wave my hand and shrug.

Keep safe must be the message
Share from six feet away
And hope that in the future
I can hear just what you say.

Harry Page (April 2022)