

Bunyan Meeting

Mill Street

Bedford

Sunday 15 May 2022

The Fourth Sunday after Easter



Welcome to worship at Bunyan Meeting

Bunyan Meeting is an Independent Church founded in 1650 and is affiliated to The Congregational Federation and The Baptist Union.

Following the service tea and coffee will be served in the church foyer.

Children are welcome to use the activities provided in the children's corner and church foyer during morning worship.

If this is your first visit to Bunyan Meeting please introduce yourself to one of our stewards.

Our services today

- 9.30am Christ, Coffee & Croissants All-Age worship
- 11.00am Morning worship led by our Minister
- 6.30pm Evening worship with Communion led by our Minister

Our Worship next week Sunday

- 11.00am Morning worship led by our Minister
- 6.30pm Evening worship led by our Minister

You can also join us live at our services on our **YouTube Channel**

Just go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXUjR5w2IAazr8gPBDYCyAA>

Or: <https://www.bunyanmeeting.co.uk/live>



Please keep silence before our service when the Bible is brought into church and use this time for reflection and private prayer

Our church flowers today



are given by Pearl and Michael Thomas in memory of their parents and Pearl's sisters Liz and Robena.

The Offering on Sunday 8th May

amounted to £807.40

The Communion Offering

for the three months April, May and June will be in support of:

MAF Mission Aviation Fellowship

MAF, believes nothing should stop people from receiving the love of God and the essentials of life – no matter how remote they are. They use aviation and technology, because in many places those are the only ways to reach isolated people in need.

We pray for members and friends of the church, remembering especially:

The family and friends of Dilys Leeder

Janet Wootton's mother, Paddy

Ruth Blake

Dorothy and Alan Nicholas

Edith Wells

Linda Garner

Margaret Ormerod

Joy Ansell

Steve Sleight's father, Brian

Jean and Norman Browning

Evan Griffiths

Cherry Protheroe

MORNING WORSHIP 11.00AM

Hymns from Rejoice and Sing

Opening voluntaries

Welcome and notices

Call to worship

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 536

New every morning is the love

Introduction to Theme

Hymn No. 569

We pause to give thanks

First Reading

Revelation 21 v 1 - 6 (page 1249)

Read by Julie Barker

Second Reading

John 13 v 31 - 35 (page 1082)

Read by Patsy Ingray

Hymn No. 68

Lord God, by whom all change is wrought

Sermon

Hymn No. 625

God of freedom, God of justice

Prayers of Intercession

Offering and dedication

Hymn No. 663

Love divine, all loves excelling

The Blessing

Closing voluntary

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EVENING WORSHIP 6.30PM

Hymns from Rejoice and Sing

Opening Voluntaries

Welcome and notices

Call to Worship

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 69

Lord of all being

Readings

Leviticus 6 v 8 – 13 (page 106)

2 Timothy 1 v 3 – 12 (page 1195)

Prayers of intercession

Hymn No. 280

Join all the glorious names (omit v 5 & 6)

Sermon

Silent Prayer

Offering and dedication

As the offering is brought forward we stand and sing the doxology no. 21

Hymn No. 218

When my love for God grows weak

Communion

All who love the Lord are welcome to share in the bread and the wine

Hymn No. 433

O Thou who camest from above

Blessing

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For your prayers

The special prayer for the Fourth Sunday after Easter

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Congregational Federation

South Chingford—Please pray as the church plans to meet live each week from the start of September, and also that people will continue to watch the services as they are live streamed. Please pray people will grow as they are part of small groups, and God will work in their lives through relationships built in these groups.

Thank God that a lot of people have been baptised.

It has been a time of change for the church, so please pray for the new secretary, new treasurer, and new children's leader. Please pray because of Covid, people are far more open to hear the gospel

Southwick—We at Southwick Community Church have just nominated four members as new Elders and Trustees. Please pray they will knit together with the Lord's help to fulfil the role of leading and supporting members of our fellowship. Please pray for the whole leadership team as we enter an important year for this fellowship. We need your prayers when we come to selecting a new minister to lead us later this year when our present pastor retires.

The Baptist Union

The Baptist Assembly is taking place this weekend, in Bournemouth and online. Pray that this will be a time for real connection and conversation about what God is saying to us as a Baptist movement. www.baptistassembly.org.uk

Bunyan Meeting News Letter

A Prayer for Ukraine



God of all, with alarm and concern we bring before you the military intervention in Ukraine.

In a world you made for peace and flourishing, we lament the use of armed force. We mourn every casualty of this conflict, every precious life extinguished by war. We pray comfort for those who grieve and those who are fearful.

Hear our longing that leaders and nations will honour the worth of all people by having the courage to resolve conflict through dialogue. May all our human failings be transformed by your wonderful grace and goodness.

We ask this in the name of Christ, the author of peace and sustainer of Creation. Amen.

Joint Public Issues Team, Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church.

From Wednesday Workshops to St Albans Cathedral

Anne-Marie Abbate recently took woven items made from willow and textiles created during Wednesday Workshops to St Albans Cathedral where they formed part of a wider project and exhibition. Apparently there were lots of favourable comments from visitors to the exhibition about the items, which is not surprising; the 'stained glass' woven panel looks absolutely wonderful in front of the actual window.



The items being created during a busy and lively Wednesday Workshop afternoon session.



And the items on display at St Albans.

WOW!

If you - or someone you know - would like to join the Wednesday Workshops (even if you want to just 'sample' one session), please contact **Anne-Marie** whose details can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

Thank You



Thank you very much Chris for the lovely bouquet of flowers. Thank you to Alison for kindly delivering them. They are giving us a lot of pleasure.

Brian Stevens

Dilys Leeder

Dilys went home to be with her Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, suddenly in Bedford Hospital on 24 April 2022. Her love, encouragement and unending support and card writing for her family and friends will be desperately missed.

Dilys' Funeral Service at Bunyan Meeting, Mill Street on **Tuesday 17 May 2022 at 12.45 pm** will be livestreamed (link from the family). The family would love you to join them for the Service and also for sandwiches and tea in Bunyan Meeting Church Hall at 1.45 pm.

Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, at Dilys' request, to opendoorsuk.org via memorygiving.com or cheques to the charity can be sent to Diane Murray (Dilys' daughter) 3 Foster Way, Wootton, Bedford MK43 9ER (01234 585540) or dimurray@gmx.co.uk

Wise Words

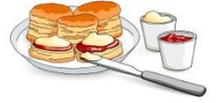
A person who blows his own trumpet is usually a soloist.

Many of us have sat at Church Meetings and believed we were thinking, when in fact, we were re-arranging our prejudices.

Ken Wells

Christian Aid Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning for Christian Aid at Bunyan Meeting is next Saturday **21 May between 10 am and 12 noon.**



There will be homemade scones with jam and cream and some stalls.

Please come along and support Christian Aid.

Quality items for the tombola and cakes for the cake stall would be welcomed. Items for the tombola can be brought to the Church Office at any time.

Ann Davies

Ruth's Quiz

Answers to last week's questions

- 125 There is an Exhibition Centre here and Howard Carter & Agatha Christie lived here? ***Earls Court***
- 126 Tewkesbury is in this County - take the Shire off and not a street? ***Gloucester Road***
- 127 Not South, North, or West and doves can live in this? ***Eastcote***
- 128 Something you get from trees not Watford but still a ford? ***Woodford***

This week's questions

- 129 A betting company and a small group of trees?
- 130 Another meaning for big and Isle in Dorset, not a road?
- 131 Royal Observatory here?
- 132 Aerodrome near the Polish War Memorial?

Thank you for your continued support. Last month saw us feeding over 1340 people and handing out over 13 tonnes of food and hygiene products.

The items we need at the moment are:

Fruit Juice (Long-life)	Jars of Curry Sauce
Cup-a-Soup	Tinned Fruit
Tinned Spaghetti	Tinned Tomatoes
Coffee (100g)	Washing Up Liquid
Teabags (40/80)	Tinned Vegetables
Tinned meat in sauce (e.g. curry, chilli)	Tinned Tuna
Jars of Pasta Sauce	1kg Bags of Rice

Thank you for your support.

Andrea Assistant Project Manager

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Bedford
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News Letter deadline

Please send items to the Editor by 6pm on Tuesday for inclusion in the Sunday newsletter. Thank you.

This week at Bunyan Meeting

MONDAY 16th May

Come & Sing 1.30pm

TUESDAY 17th May

Dilys Leeder's funeral 12.45pm

WEDNESDAY 18th May

Anniversary Project meeting 10.00am

Wednesday Workshops 10.00am & 1.00pm

Wednesday Lunches 12noon-1.30pm Hall

Lunchtime prayers 1.30pm

Deacons Meeting 2.00pm

THURSDAY 19th May

Knit & Natter 11.00am – 12noon Coffee Shop foyer

COFFEE SHOP

Open Tuesday – Saturday 10.00am – 1.00pm
(2.00pm on Wednesdays)

JOHN BUNYAN MUSEUM

Opening Times

The Museum's opening times

Tuesday to Saturday 11am to 4pm (last entry 3.45pm).

www.bunyanmeeting.co.uk/planning-your-visit

BASEMENT AT BUNYAN

Opening times: same as Museum

Bunyan Meeting Charity No: 248195

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