

Bunyan Meeting

Mill Street

Bedford

Sunday 8th May 2022

The Third 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

11.00am Morning worship led by our Minister

6.30pm Evening worship led by our Minister

Our Worship next week Sunday

9.30am Christ, Coffee & Croissants All-Age worship

11.00am Morning worship

6.30pm Evening worship with Communion

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

Just go to:

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



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 Elizabeth Donaldson in memory of her husband Jim.

The Offering on Sunday 1st May

amounted to £1047.83

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

The family and friends of Bob Allen

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

Introit

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 382

Come, let us join our cheerful songs

Introduction to Theme

Hymn

I The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.
And I will trust in You alone.
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

(Descant)

I will trust, I will trust in You.

I will trust, I will trust in You.

For your endless mercy follows me,

Your goodness will lead me home.

2 He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

Refrain

3 And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and
staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

Refrain

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First Reading

Revelation 7 v 9 – 17 (page 1238)

Read by Myra Powell

Anthem

Second Reading

John 10 v 22 – 30 (page 1077)

Read by Jean Goldsmith

Hymn No. 660

Hark what a sound

Sermon

Hymn No. 586

All my hope on God is founded

Prayers of Intercession

Offering and dedication

Hymn No. 293

Ye servants of God

The Blessing

Closing voluntary

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EVENING WORSHIP 6.30PM

Hymns from Baptist Praise and Worship

Welcome and notices

Call to worship

Hymn No. 47

Give to our God immortal praise

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

First Reading

I Corinthians 15 v 12 - 22 (page 1155)

Hymn No. 257

Now the green blade rises

Second Reading

Acts 25 v 13 – 22 (page 1123)

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn No. 255

Now lives the Lamb of God

Sermon

Silent prayer

Offering and dedication

Hymn No. 404

Awake, awake: fling off the night!

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For your prayers

The special prayer for the Third Sunday after Easter

Almighty God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Congregational Federation

Penge—Please pray for the people in our community who are suffering the effects of the lockdowns, especially mentally and emotionally. We pray that God will give us the right words to say to those who come into the church seeking comfort. Pray also for the work of the Living Well project which provides practical support to those in need.

Richmond—Please pray this Bible verse for Richmond—now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine, according to His power, that is at work within us, to Him be glory.

The Baptist Union

Hayley Young will be inducted as President of the Baptist Union at the Baptist Assembly next week. Please pray for Hayley as she encourages us to 'Build a Bigger Table'.

www.baptist.org.uk/president

Bunyan Meeting News Letter

**Christian Aid Week at Bunyan Meeting
15 -21 May 2022**



Bunyan Meeting stands with those facing hunger, poverty and preventable disease.

With every gift, every action, every prayer, we celebrate and share hope with our sisters and brothers facing crisis around the world, from Ukraine to Zimbabwe.

Please make a donation here using Bunyan Meeting's e-envelope:

<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/bunyan-meeting>

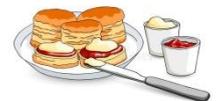
Your donation is anonymous but we will be able to see how much our church has raised, including Gift Aid.

If you are unable to give online please call 020 7523 2269 to donate over the telephone.

Watch the Christian Aid Week film 2022 here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=haiNNf9mY10>

There will be a Coffee Morning in aid of Christian Aid at Bunyan Meeting on **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

THANK YOU

To all my friends at Bunyan Meeting: 'Thank You' for the beautiful flowers, cards and presents that I received on my special birthday. I enjoyed my day and I don't feel any different (my knees still ache).



Bunyan is such a caring church and it is a privilege to be part of the church family with so many friends; now onwards to the next big birthday. Thank you all for your kindness.

God Bless,

Love

Sue xxx

The BMS Birthday Scheme



If you wish to support the important work of BMS World Mission, please contact Sue Hammond for details of their Birthday Scheme. It's a great way to celebrate a birthday as well as helping a great cause.

'Happy Birthday' to Brian Stevens on May 10th.

Members of the Scheme can make donations online at www.bmsworldmission.org (quoting our church reference number 7). Alternatively, send your donation to:

Sue Hammond, 13 Pattern Close Bedford MK42 9AY.

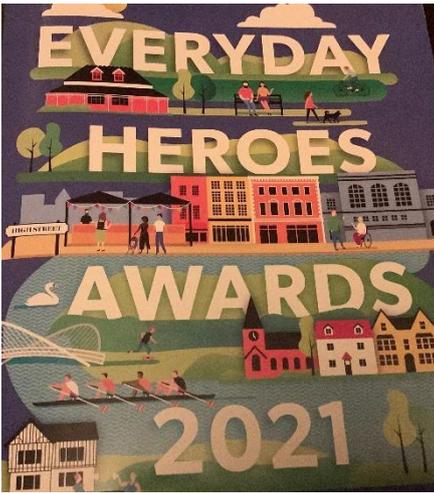
Sue Hammond

Word of Life Bible Notes

Copies for May to July are available in the church foyer. Please take extra copies to give to friends.



WHO IS OUR HERO?



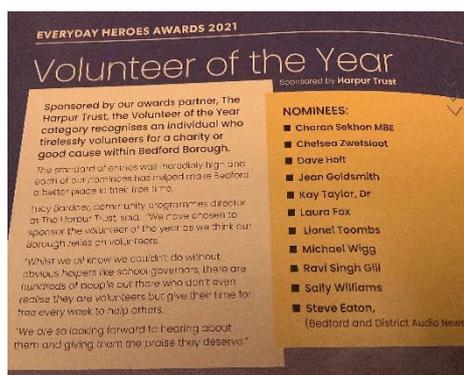
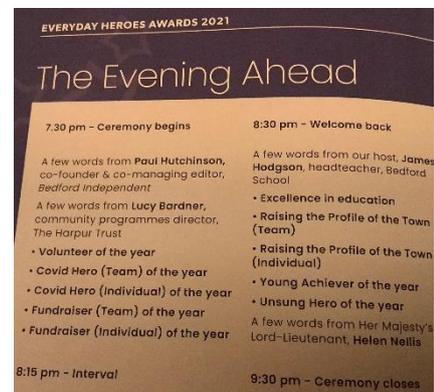
Last Thursday I had the pleasure of accompanying Jean to the Bedford Everyday Heroes event at the Quarry Theatre.

These are annual awards organised by Bedford Independent and supported by the Harpur Trust to celebrate people who are working hard to make Bedford an even better place to live. There's a range of categories from: Excellence in Education to Young Achiever of the Year.

Anyone can nominate (but a full and appropriate citation has to accompany the nomination) and anyone can be nominated if they are within the Borough of Bedford.

I nominated our very own Jean Goldsmith (with her permission) for the Volunteer of the Year Award.

Not only does Jean volunteer for the museum (which she has done for 30 years and was awarded a Silver Owl award from SHARE Museums East in 2020) but she also works hard for the church: stewarding on Sundays; reading a lesson in the services; helping at Wednesday Lunches; and she does a lot of pastoral visiting which I know is greatly appreciated by those she visits.



Jean is an inspiration and a good role model and much loved by all who know her.

As Jean and I agreed, it was extremely encouraging to see so many young people present and to hear what they are doing within our town to help others in such a variety of ways.

Although Jean did not get one of the top awards on the night it was good to be present and to have “flown the flag” for Bunyan Meeting and John Bunyan Museum.

Thank you Jean, you are our everyday hero.

Cherry Protheroe

Ruth's Quiz

Answers to last week's questions

121 Duke of Wellington has a statue and arch here?

Hyde Park Corner

122 Name of an animal rescue centre and has a charity shop
in Bedford?

Wood Green

123 Shakespeare's Globe Theatre & London Dungeon here?

Southwark

124 Something you ring and we are all different shapes and
also a green space?

Belsize Park

This week's questions

125 There is an Exhibition Centre here and Howard Carter &
Agatha Christie lived here?

126 Tewkesbury is in this County - take the Shire off and not a
street?

127 Not South, North, or West and doves can live in this?

128 Something you get from trees not Watford but still a ford?

Pastoral Cards



There is a good selection of Pastoral cards for sale in the Church Foyer,
costing £1.50 each with 20p from the sale of each card going to church
funds.

These cards are blank inside for your own messages.

Thank You for helping to support Bunyan Meeting Church.

Wendy Carter



Prayer for Ukraine

Heavenly Father, hear our prayers for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

Lord we ask for peace for those who need peace, reconciliation for those who need reconciliation and comfort for all who don't know what tomorrow will bring. Lord may your Kingdom come, and Your will be done.

Lord God, we ask for you to be with all; especially children who are suffering as the crisis in Ukraine deteriorates further.

Lord, for those who are anxious and fearful, for those who are bereaved, injured or who have lost their lives and for those who have lost loved ones. Lord hear our prayers.

Lord, we ask that decision-makers hear Your voice.

Parents protecting their families, deciding whether to stay or leave.

Church leaders as they support and comfort people.

And Lord, we ask for wise actions from global leaders - who have the power not only to start wars, but to stop them too.

Father God, we cry out for an end to this crisis. For mercy, peace, and truth, because You are light, hope, power and love. Amen



Wise Words

If our church is to remain stable we have all got to work like horses.



It is part of the rich tapestry of life that so many young people are ready to give us older ones the benefit of their *in-experience*.

Ken Wells

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 9th May

Come & Sing 1.30pm

TUESDAY 10th May

Bob Allen's funeral 1.30pm

WEDNESDAY 11th May

Trustees Meeting 10.30am

Wednesday Lunches 12noon-1.30pm Hall

Lunchtime prayers 1.30pm

Flower Arranging Group Meeting 7.30pm

THURSDAY 12th 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

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