



Bunyan Meeting

Mill Street

Bedford

Sunday 22nd September 2024
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity



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 services 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 and Croissants All Age worship
- 11.00am Morning worship
conducted by our Minister
- 6.30pm Evening worship
conducted by our Minister

Our services next Sunday – Harvest Festival

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

Our services are livestreamed. If you do not wish to appear on the livestream you can evade the reach of the camera by sitting at the sides or in the back two rows of the central seating of the ground floor of the church or in the central back gallery.

You can also join us live at our services on our **YouTube Channel**.
Just go to:



<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 Jean Goldsmith
in memory of her husband Arthur

The offering for Sunday 15th September was £1234.71 (£484.71 was given in Church and an average of £750 in direct giving).

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

Liz Densham

Samantha Nightingale

Jo-Ann Gaunt

Ruth Blake

Julie Barker

Gwen Gribble

Brian and Heather Caves

Andy McGall (Jean's nephew)

Pearl Thomas

For your prayers

The special prayer for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Baptist Union

Today is Disability Awareness Sunday, part of Disability Awareness Week. Pray that increased awareness will be a real blessing to everyone in your church and be a positive step forward towards true Christian disability inclusion.

www.throughtheroof.org/disability-awareness-sunday

Congregational Federation

Trinity, Brixton

We give thanks for our fellowship, meeting both at Trinity and online, and ask for wisdom as we make plans for the future. May each of us have the ability and strength to accomplish all we have been called to do. Please join us in praying for those who are ill and the medical staff and carers who are looking after them. We pray for God's blessing on all who seek to bring peace at home and abroad and on those who find life difficult. Help us to become kinder to the environment and to be good guardians of the resources we have been given.

MORNING WORSHIP at 11.00am
Hymns from Baptist Praise and Worship

Opening Voluntaries

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 1

Angel voices ever singing

Introduction to Theme

Hymn No. 102

Lord, your word shall guide us

First Reading

Psalm 1 (page 543)

Read by Jean Goldsmith

Anthem

Second Reading

James 3 v 13 – Ch 4 v 8a (page 1215)

Read by Lydia Saul

Hymn No. 103

Open this book that we may see your word

Sermon

Hymn No. 397

Thou art the everlasting Word

Prayers of Intercession

Offering and Dedication

Hymn No. 537

May the mind of Christ my Saviour

The Blessing

Closing Voluntary

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EVENING WORSHIP at 6.30pm
Hymns from Baptist Praise and Worship

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship

Hymn No. 475

Christ is the King! (omit verses 3 & 4)

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

First Reading

Psalm 2 (page 543)

Hymn No. 617

Behold, the mountain of the Lord

Second Reading

Revelation 19 v 1 – 16 (page 1247)

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn No. 313

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Sermon

Silent Prayer

Offering and Dedication

Hymn No. 631

Let us sing the King Messiah

The Blessing

Closing Voluntary

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Bunyan Meeting News Letter

HARVEST THANKSGIVING Sunday 29th September 2024

This year we will be decorating the church for Harvest on Saturday 28th September from 9.30am onwards. I put an appeal in the newsletter some weeks ago for dried plant material to supplement the flowers in our arrangements, as well as the fruit and vegetables we normally use. Some of you have already offered some dried things we can use. It would be very helpful if you could bring whatever you have, along to the church on Friday 27th September during the morning whilst the church is open. Likewise, any donations of fruit or vegetables can be brought then.

We are always very grateful for donations towards the cost of the flowers and these can be given to Evan, Janice or me.

The fruit and vegetables will be removed on the Monday in time for the Harvest Supper. Volunteers to help bag them up would be very much appreciated – meet at the church at 10.00am. Please let me know if you can help.

Thank you.

Gilly Millbery

Harvest Supper on Monday September 30th at 7.00pm.

Andy is unable to cook for us this year so we will have a 'Bring and Share' Supper.

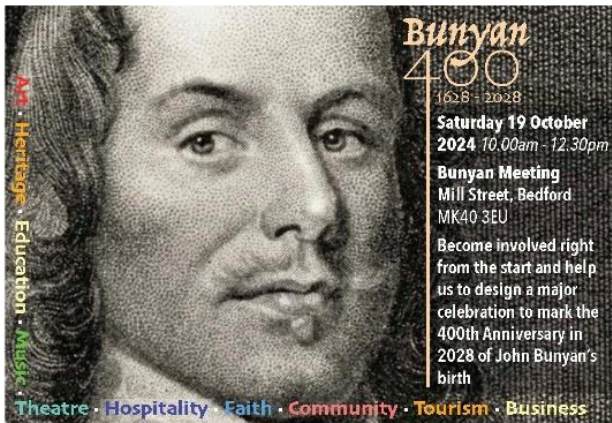
There is a list in the foyer where you can tick the item you would like to bring and add your name.

Please come along and support an evening of fun and laughter.

Sue (Gauley)

Bunyan 400 – Launch Day

October 19th 2024 at Bunyan Meeting



The Programme

Saturday 19 October 2024

10.00am ... Arrivals

10.30 - 11.15am

Presentations ... in Bunyan Meeting Church

11.15am - 12.30pm

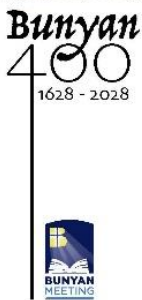
Coffee and Conversations ... in the Large Hall
with an opportunity to visit the Church, Museum
and Basement

RSVP to Revd Dr Janet Wootton revjwootton@btconnect.com

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We are looking forward to the Bedford launch of **Bunyan 400**, on Saturday October 19th. The invitation has gone out to organisations and community leaders in the town and county, including church, heritage and arts organisations, charities and civic leaders. Our aim is to *Inform, Inspire and Engage*.

Inform

2028 is the 400th anniversary of John Bunyan's birth, and the 350th anniversary of the publication of his most famous book, *The*

Pilgrim's Progress. Although the actual anniversary is four years away, we are already attracting interest from a local and worldwide audience. If we want to share our faith and our story through this anniversary, the time to start is now!

Inspire

The Pilgrim's Progress and the story of John Bunyan's life have provided inspiration for many over the years. We attract visitors from all over the world, who want to see where this amazing book was written, because it carried the Christian faith to their families, churches or communities in over 250 translations. The anniversary is a call to explore issues that are still relevant to our own world today.

Engage

We hope that the October Day will engage people directly in planning and supporting a whole host of events and initiatives that will benefit the community of Bedford. We have had an enthusiastic response to our invitations to the October Day, with lots of interest in involvement in planning and working together.

Janet Wootton

If you are free to participate in this event, or have time in the next few weeks to help with planning, please have a word with Doreen Watson or Janet Wootton, or contact Janet Wootton, revjwootton@btconnect.com. We need help with preparation and set up beforehand; and lots of people to act as stewards, help with refreshments, and generally welcome guests on the day.

Wise Words from Ken

Figures can't lie but liars can figure.

He that is happy is rich but he that is rich is not necessarily happy.

Change of Telephone Number

Andrew and Joy Duthie Tel: 01234 962001

REMINDER - dates for your diary

Church Meeting Wednesday 25 September 7.30pm

Special Saturday 12 October 10.00am to 1.00pm

Church Meeting

Christian Resources Exhibition

Wednesday 9 October and Thursday 10 October
At the Marshall Arena, Stadium Way
Milton Keynes MK1 1ST

BANKSY style artwork - artists unknown



If you were in church last Sunday morning or watching online you will appreciate why I have submitted these two pictures.

Cherry

Heritage Open Days

On 14th September Anne-Marie held a free metal embossing workshop in Bunyan Meeting.

This was to encourage the public to come in and find out about John Bunyan's life as a tinker and to take part in an art activity.

24 people visited and made some amazing artwork.



Basement Gallery

Next week there is an exhibition of art for just one day by an artist called Rebecca Louise Ward. This will take place on Tuesday 24th September.

My Art Exhibition



Open

24th September
11am-4pm

Basement at Bunyan

(Entrance through
John Bunyan
Museum)
Bunyan Meeting,
Mill Street
Bedford, MK40 3EU



Rebecca Louise Ward –
Artist and presenter

Look forward to seeing you all there!

This week at Bunyan Meeting

MONDAY 23rd September

Come & Sing 1.30pm, Church

WEDNESDAY 25th September

Wednesday Workshops 10 - 12noon and 1 - 3.00pm

Prayer Meeting 1.00pm, Deacons' Vestry

Lunchtime Service 1.30pm led by Rev'd Chris Damp

Church Meeting, 7.30pm, Harrowden room

THURSDAY 26th September

Knit & Natter 11.00am – 12noon, Coffee Shop

SATURDAY 28th September

Church to be decorated for Harvest from 9.30am

Bible Study 10.00am – 11.30am, Deacons' Vestry

COFFEE SHOP

Open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.00am – 1.00pm
(2.00pm on Wednesdays and 3pm on Saturdays)

JOHN BUNYAN MUSEUM

The Museum is open

Normal Museum's opening times:

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

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

BASEMENT AT BUNYAN

Rebecca Ward

Tuesday 24th September Just one day

Opening times: as Museum

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News Letter deadline

Please send items to the Editor, Jocelyn Harper,
email: jos.harpy@ntlworld.com Tel: 406969 by 6pm on Tuesday for inclusion in the Sunday newsletter. Thank you

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