



# Bunyan Meeting

## Mill Street

## Bedford

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024  
Thirteenth 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

- 11.00am Morning worship  
conducted Rev'd Tony Avery
- 6.30pm Evening worship  
conducted by Mr Thomas Dodd

## Our services next Sunday

- 11.00am Morning worship  
conducted by Rev'd Stephen Copson
- 3.00pm Local Congregational Churches Songs of Praise
- 6.30pm Evening worship  
conducted by Mr Jim Lyon

*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 Wendy Richardson in memory of her parents

**The offering** for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August was £1809.12 (£999.12 was given in Church) and for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August it was £1345.82 (£595.82 was given in Church). An average of £750 is given each week in direct giving.

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

Liz Densham

Samantha Nightingale

Jo Gaunt

Ruth Blake

Julie Barker

Gwen Gribble

Brian and Heather Caves

Helen, Sue and Norman's niece

Andy McGall (Jean's nephew)

Pearl Thomas

# For your prayers

## **The special prayer for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service: Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Baptist Union**

Baptist Colleges prepare women and men for pastoral and missional leadership: they train the next generation of accredited Baptist ministers and pioneers; they enable those wishing to specialise in chaplaincy, evangelism, counselling, pastoral supervision and children's, youth and families; they provide a broad range of courses to enhance the skills of local church leaders; and they facilitate theological learning at every level from beginners' studies to doctorates. Please pray for the staff and students at our Baptist Colleges. [www.baptist.org.uk/colleges](http://www.baptist.org.uk/colleges)

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. 5

*Be still, for the presence of the Lord*

Introduction to Theme

Hymn No. 54

*Let all the world in every corner sing*

First Reading

Psalm 150 (page 634) Read by: Irene Day

Anthem

Second Reading

Mark 5 v 21 – 43 (page 1007)

Read by: Alison Shaw

Hymn No. 634

*Make me a channel of your peace*

Sermon: *Reach out and I'll be there*

Hymn No. 359

*Open our eyes, Lord*

Prayers of Intercession

Led by Geoff Shaw

Offering and Dedication

Hymn No. 553

*Great is your faithfulness*

The Blessing

Closing Voluntary

EVENING WORSHIP at 6.30pm  
Hymns from Baptist Praise and Worship

Welcome and Opening prayer

Call to worship

Hymn No. 29

*All hail the power of Jesus' name*

Prayers of confession, praise and thanksgiving

Hymn No. 384

*Jesus is Lord*

Reading: 1 Kings 17 v 7 - 24 (page 358)

Prayers of intercession

Hymn No. 557

Join all the glorious names

The Lord's Prayer

Reading: Luke 11 v 1 - 13 (page 1042)

# Hymn No. 339

*How sweet the name of Jesus sounds*

Sermon

Offering and Dedication

Hymn

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire

Uttered or unexpressed

The motion of a hidden fire

That trembles in the breast

Prayer is the burden of a sigh

The falling of a tear

The upward glancing of an eye

When none but God is near

Prayer is the simplest form of speech

That infant lips can try

Prayer, the sublimest strains that reach

The Majesty on high



Prayer is the Christian's vital breath  
The Christian's native air  
His watchword at the gates of death  
He enters heaven with prayer

Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice  
Returning from his ways  
While angels in their songs rejoice  
And cry, "Behold! He prays!"

No prayer is made on earth alone  
The Holy Spirit pleads  
And Jesus at the Father's throne  
For sinners intercedes

O Thou by whom we come to God  
The Life, the Truth, the Way  
The path of prayer Thyself hast trod  
Lord, teach us how to pray.

James Montgomery (1771-1854)

## Benediction

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# Bunyan Meeting News Letter

We welcome the Revd Anthony Avery (and his wife Diane) who is leading our worship this morning.

After 33 years as Minister of Victoria Road Congregational Church, Northampton, I retired 5 years ago.

But our Lord had other plans and as we know, He is always opening and closing doors,

Welford Congregational Chapel, which is in the next village to ours, is a wonderful, traditional, non-conformist chapel, built in 1793. It was an ideal place to worship and enjoy fellowship. Unfortunately their Pastor became ill and has been in a nursing home for the past two years. The Chapel members then asked me to be their Minister which I happily agreed to. We have a very loyal and caring congregation who are also engaged in many village activities. So it's no pipe and slippers for me yet!!

My wife Diane and I are looking forward to sharing worship with you and we look forward to joining you all for a cup of coffee after the service.

All blessings

*Tony Avery*

We also welcome back Mr Tom Dodds to lead our evening worship.

## **A Request for Help**

As many of you know, we livestream our services each Sunday. We now need more help, even if it's only one Sunday a month. As a well-known supermarket says, "Every little helps." If you wish to volunteer, please speak to either me, Sue Hammond, Geoff Shaw, Paul Smith or Ian Rowlands, so that we can continue this vital work for those who are unable to attend services.

*Ruth Blake and the livestream team*

## THANK YOU

I should like to thank you all for the lovely flowers brought to the house by Alison, not just once but on two occasions.

As you most likely already know, while we were visiting my family in the Republic of Ireland, I fell and broke my hip.

The fracture was too bad to repair, so the hip was replaced. On our return from an extended Irish visit of 9 weeks, I made swift progress and was walking well, only occasionally did I require the aid of a stick. The Zimmer frame had long been abandoned.

Then out of the blue, on 13<sup>th</sup> July, I found I couldn't sit without experiencing extreme pain. After three visits to A&E, the third occasion being by ambulance, I was eventually taken seriously and was admitted to a ward, where I remained for 16 days. I have been diagnosed with Insufficiency Fractures of the Sacrum, which is most likely due to Osteoporosis, of which type, the medics are investigating. Unfortunately, this is going to be for the long haul. The older the bones the longer the haul.

Thank you for the lovely cards I received while in Ireland and here in Bedford, along with the many visits, and of course for your prayers. We have had to abandon our forthcoming visit to Ireland for a family wedding. I'm not sure when I will venture out again; that will depend on future treatment.

With love, and God bless.

*Pearl Thomas*

Anne and her family would like to thank friends at Bunyan for all your cards and messages and to the many of you who attended the funeral, not least many of the Flower Club, for making it a very special and memorable occasion.

*Anne Price*

Thank you so much for the gorgeous flowers I received on Sunday evening after the sad loss of my younger sister, Annie, last Wednesday. The flowers I received from my church were just the tonic I needed. Thank you all.

Love

*Dixie Hames*

Thank you so very much for the beautiful flowers you so kindly sent to me. I do enjoy attending Bunyan Church and listening to the heartfelt sermons and prayers; they are so uplifting.

I am always given such a warm welcome.

Sending my warmest blessings to you.

*Greta*

## **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.

***'Belated Happy Birthday'***

Cath Gipson 20<sup>th</sup> August



## **More Wise Words from Ken**

People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.

A room without books is like a body without a soul.

## **Congregational Churches Songs of Praise - 1st September 2024**

We are welcoming the local Congregational Churches to a Songs of Praise at Bunyan Meeting on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 3.00pm.

Afterwards there will be bring and share tea. All are welcome.

There *will* be an evening service.

## **An Evening of Jazz – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August**

Lo-Five proudly presents a selection of acoustic jazz at Bunyan Meeting. As part of their 2024 UK tour, the vocal quintet will tackle some ambitious close-harmony arrangements by The Real Group, featuring iconic tunes by Duke Ellington, Nat King Cole, Stevie Wonder, and more!

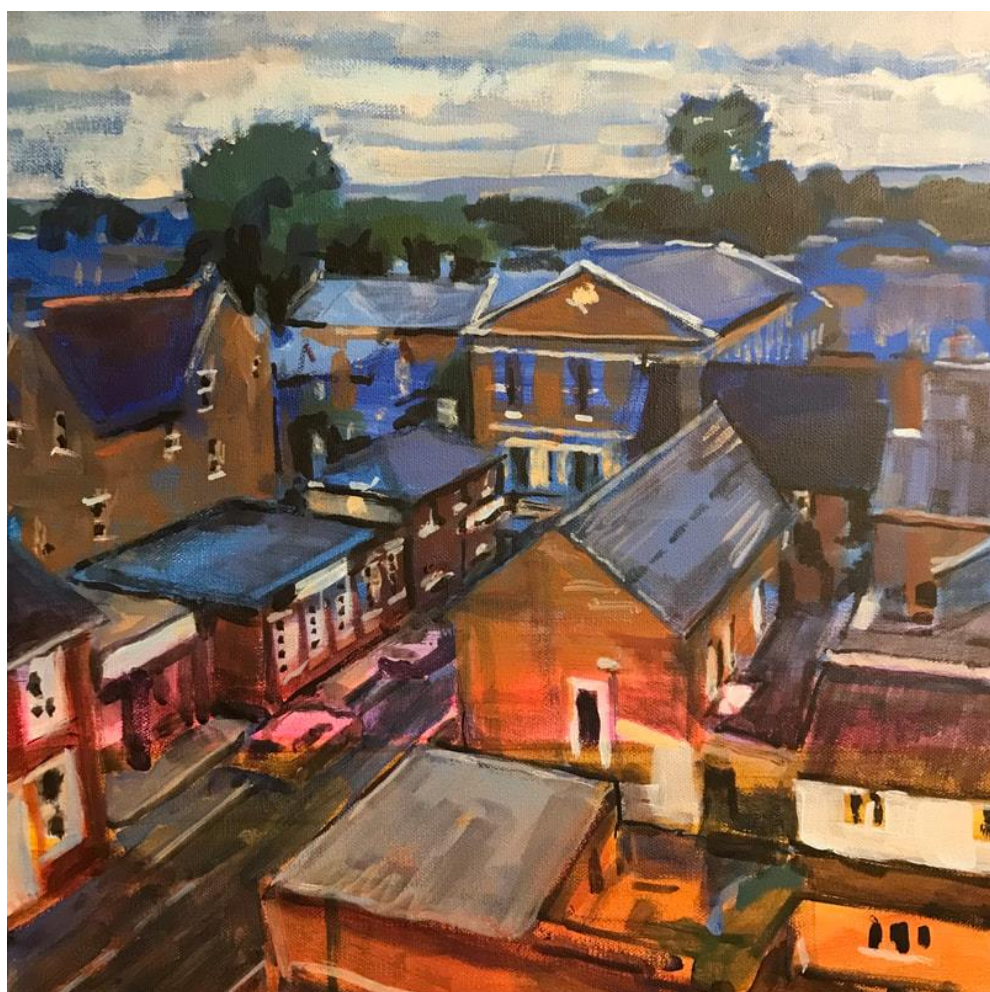
**Time:** 6.30pm – 8.00pm, Tickets: £12 / £8. (Tickets on door or through

Eventbrite [An Evening of Jazz - Bedford Tickets, Fri 30 Aug 2024 at 18:30 |](#)

[Eventbrite](#) )

# ANGLES

**70 new paintings of Bedford  
by local artist  
Simon Wrigley**



**Basement Gallery, Bunyan Meeting  
MK40 3EU  
(Entrance off St Cuthbert's roundabout)**

**Free entrance 11 - 4 pm  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024**

## Wednesday Workshops

Art for Wellbeing

Autumn 2024



Art for Wellbeing Workshops at Basement at Bunyan have been running for seven years. Different artists visit weekly and teach a variety of arts and crafts. All classes are aimed at a beginner's level so there is no need to be artistic, just come along and have a go.

All materials and refreshments are included.

September 11<sup>th</sup> – October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024 (seven weeks) £49

November 6<sup>th</sup> – December 11<sup>th</sup> 2024 (six weeks) £42

You can choose between morning or afternoon classes.

10am-12noon or 1pm-3pm

This is a not-for-profit activity and therefore you will need to pay in advance for each term to secure your place as this money will pay the visiting artist.

Please contact Anne-Marie Abbate to book your place or to ask for more details.

email: [amabbate@yahoo.com](mailto:amabbate@yahoo.com) tel :07775 973501

**Basement at Bunyan, John Bunyan Museum entrance, Mill Street, Bedford. MK40 3EU** Facebook page: Basement at Bunyan

# This week at Bunyan Meeting

## STAFF ANNUAL LEAVE:

Our Minister: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August – 8<sup>th</sup> September

## MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> August

Bank Holiday – Museum, Office and Church closed

## TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> August

August Activity 11.00am – 2.00pm, Church

## WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> August

Prayer Meeting 1.00pm, Deacons' Vestry

Lunchtime Service 1.30pm led by Janet Wootton

## THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> August

Crafty Thursdays 'Make intricate and inspiring clay pictures' 11.00am – 3.00pm, Hall

Knit & Natter 11.00am – 12noon, Coffee Shop

## FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> August

Lo-Five presents 'An Evening of Jazz' 6.30pm, Church

## 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](http://www.bunyanmeeting.co.uk/planning-your-visit)

## BASEMENT AT BUNYAN

**Museum Summer Exhibition** now on.

***Collected Works: finding a good home for cherished things***

Opening times: as Museum



# Contact Information

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## News Letter deadline

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

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