



# Bunyan Meeting

## Mill Street

## Bedford

Sunday 21st April 2024  
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 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 by our Minister
- 6.30pm Evening worship with Communion  
conducted by our Minister

## Our services next Sunday

- 9.30am Christ, Coffee & Croissants, All Age Worship
- 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 provided by Janice and Evan Griffiths  
for their Golden Wedding Anniversary

**The offering** given in Church for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April was  
£396.50 and £750 was given on line.

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

Audrey Mehew

The family and friends of Joseph who died on 14<sup>th</sup> April

Stephen Sleight's father, Brian

Peter Ormerod

Sue, Maria's friend

Jo Gaunt

Ruth Blake

Duncan, Cathie Stewart's son

Tim Shawe's Dad, John and his sister Anna

# 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**

Please pray for the April meeting of the Congregational Federation Council, where representatives of the geographical Areas of the Federation, plus the President, and chairs of committees gather to oversee the business of the denomination, supporting local churches in their mission and ministry, and representing the Federation on wider church bodies.

## **The Baptist Union**

This week sees Earth Day on 22 April – a day to raise awareness of the importance of looking after our environment. Please pray for the Baptist Union Environment Network (BUEN) which exists to inspire and enable Baptists Together to recognise the goodness of God's creation and share in God's mission to care for it, seeking justice for both creation and people.

[www.baptist.org.uk/buen](http://www.baptist.org.uk/buen)

MORNING WORSHIP at 11.00am

Hymns from Rejoice and Sing

Opening Voluntaries

Welcome and Notices

Introit

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 292

*When morning gilds the skies*

Introduction to Theme

Hymn No. 54

*A sovereign protector I have*

First Reading

Psalm 23 (page 555)

Read by Patsy Ingray

Anthem

Second Reading

John 10 v 11 – 18 (page 1076)

Read by Veronica Gerig

Hymn No. 590

*In heavenly love abiding*

Sermon

Hymn No. 589

*How firm a foundation*

Prayers of Intercession

Offering and Dedication

Hymn No. 345

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

The Blessing

Closing Voluntary

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EVENING WORSHIP at 6.30pm

Hymns from Baptist Praise and Worship

Opening Voluntaries

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 244

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing*

Readings

Job 19 v 1 – 6 & 21 – 29 (page 523)

I John 3 v 11 – 24 (page 1227)

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn No. 258

*This joyful Eastertide*

Sermon

## Silent Prayer

## Offering and Dedication

*As the offering is brought forward we stand and sing the doxology no. 113*

## Hymn No. 455

*The Son of God proclaim*

## Communion

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

## Hymn No. 251

*I know that my Redeemer lives!*

## The Blessing

## Closing Voluntary

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# Bunyan Meeting News Letter

## Review of Church Meeting Arrangements

You may remember that in the Organisation Review conducted by Pippa Hodgson one of her recommendations was that we should conduct a review of Church meeting. The review should include such things as the timing, frequency and agenda of the meeting together with the views of Church members on how to increase attendance and involvement at the meeting.

The Deacons have discussed how such a review should be carried out. At the last Church meeting the recommendation from the Deacons was that this should be done by means of a questionnaire which would be given to all Church members.

Copies of the questionnaire are available from Sue Gauley at both services today. These are personally addressed to individual Church members. *[Some letters have been sent by post to those unable to come to church. A big thank you to Cherry and Ruth for addressing the envelopes and stuffing them].*

Please note the return date for completed questionnaires is Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

Arrangements for this are detailed in the letter accompanying the questionnaire. This is an extremely important review. Please take this opportunity to make your views known.

*Geoff Shaw*

## Sad News

We received the sad news that Joseph, the little boy we have been praying for, passed away last Sunday.



We have sent condolences and the assurance of our prayers to his Grandmother Lisa.

## More Wise Words from Ken



Be brave to stand for what you believe, even if you stand alone.

Happiness is not the absence of problems; it's the ability to deal with them.

## 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'*

Esther Gordon      29<sup>th</sup> April



*Sue Hammond*

# This week at Bunyan Meeting

## MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Come and Sing 1.30pm – 3.00pm

## TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Study Circle 1.00pm, Church foyer

## WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday workshops 10.00am and 1.00pm

Prayer Meeting 1.00pm, Deacons' Vestry

Lunchtime Service 1.30pm led by Janet Wootton

Church Meeting 7.30pm

## THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> April

Knit & Natter 11.00am – 12noon, Coffee Shop

## 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 now 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

Exhibition: **Ukrainian Folk Art**, Embroideries, Kilims, Beaded Jewellery, Art Work, Decorated Eggs (Pysanky) and Woodwork

17<sup>th</sup> April – 11<sup>th</sup> May

*Please Note the different days & opening times for this exhibition:*

**Wednesday to Saturday 12noon – 3.45pm**

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## News Letter deadline

Please send items to the Editor, Jocelyn Harper,  
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