



Bunyan Meeting

Mill Street

Bedford

Sunday 20th October 2024
Twenty-First 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 by our Minister
- 6.30pm Evening worship with Communion
conducted by our Minister

Our services next Sunday

- 9.30am Christ, Coffee and Croissants All Age worship
- 11.00am Morning worship
conducted by Rev'd Dr Robert Hunter
- 6.30pm Evening worship
conducted by Rev'd Dr Robert Hunter

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 Anne Tolley
in memory of her husband Brian

The offering for Sunday 6th October was £1112.35
(£362.35 was given in Church and an average of
£750 in direct giving).

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

Samantha Nightingale

Bernard Wells

Margaret Richardson

Jo-Ann Gaunt

Ruth Blake

Brian and Heather Caves

Andy McGall (Jean's nephew)

Pearl Thomas

For your prayers

The special prayer for the Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Baptist Union

Please pray for the Hong Kong response project as it moves into a new phase, and for Coordinators Sharon Shek and Londy Chan. The project is aiming to set up 10 hubs around the country to build up a long-term support for Hong Kongers through our Baptist churches.

www.baptist.org.uk/hk

Congregational Federation

Cranbrook

East Ham

Dear Heavenly Father, we come before you praying for our church here at East Ham, our circuit and the churches in the South East Area. We are grateful for its worship and fellowship. Help us to see the kind of church you need today. May we not lose sight of the many and varied needs of this neighbourhood.

Let peace reign in our streets, our homes and our hearts. Lift up those who are struggling within our community – those who are experiencing hardship, poverty loneliness or illness. May our door and heart be opened to all.

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. 374

God is love

Introduction to Theme

Hymn

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God
With Christ my Saviour and my God

Charitie Lees Smith (1841 – 1923)

First Reading

Psalm 91 v 1 – 16 (page 600)

Read by Alison Shaw

Anthem

Second Reading

Hebrews 5 v 1 – 10 (page 1204)

Read by Rev'd Dr Janet Wootton

Hymn No. 544

Through all the changing scenes of life

Sermon

Hymn

I Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee!
let the water and the blood
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
cleanse me from its guilt and power.

- 2 Not the labours of my hands
can fulfil thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone:
thou must save, and thou alone.
- 3 Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly,
wash me, Saviour, or I die!
- 4 While I draw this fleeting breath,-
when my eyes shall close in death,-
when I soar through tracts unknown,-
see thee on thy judgement throne;-
Rock of ages! Cleft for me!
Let me hide myself in thee!

Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778)

Prayers of Intercession

Offering and Dedication

Hymn No. 536

Master, speak!

The Blessing

Closing Voluntary

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EVENING WORSHIP at 6.30pm
Hymns from Rejoice and Sing

Opening Voluntaries

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 389

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts

Reading

John 6 v 25 – 59 (page 1070)

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn No. 199

Jesus the Lord says, I am the bread

Sermon

Silent Prayer

Offering and Dedication

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

Hymn No. 442

Bread of heaven! on thee we feed

Communion

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

Hymn No. 543

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

The Blessing

Closing Voluntary

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Bunyan Meeting News Letter

From the Foodbank

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To Everyone at Bunyan Meeting Church

Thank you for your recent **Harvest donation** which weighed 42kg and will help to provide 100 meals.

We are always very grateful for any donations we receive and never more so, in these current challenging times. Donations, such as yours, are vital to the on-going provision of food for those in our community who are in such great need. The need for help from the Food Bank continues to increase year upon year and we now regularly feed over 2000 people a month, giving them enough food for 3 - 4 days, or around 10 meals. The monthly food leaving our warehouse is generally in the region of 18-20 tonnes, so we are very grateful for all donations we receive as each one is vital for the ongoing work of the Foodbank and is greatly appreciated.

So far in 2024, 150372.11 Kg of food has been given out, 8872 vouchers have been redeemed, and 18554 people have been fed, of which 6119 are children. The amount of people fed is a 4.5 % increase from 2023.

Without the support of individuals, organisations, and communities, Bedford Foodbank could not meet the increasing need in Bedford and the surrounding villages.

Thank you all once again, for your support on behalf of everyone who uses, works, or volunteers at the Foodbank.

Yours sincerely,

Andrea Badman, Assistant Project Manager



Following the tremendous success of the Bedford Winter Night Shelter last year the council have asked if we would be willing to provide the same service again this year. Knowing the positive impact the shelter had on the lives of so many because of the kindness, hospitality and generosity shown by so many from across the community we felt YES was the only answer!



Building on last year's model, we will open the [Winter Night Shelter](#) on 2nd December for 100 nights, providing up to 2000 bed spaces and 4000 meals for anyone in need of a safe place to stay.

This vital initiative is made possible through our close partnership with Bedford Borough Council, together transforming lives and ensuring that no one in our community has to endure the winter nights alone.

Home For Tonight, Hope For Tomorrow

This year, we're seeking to enhance our provision at the [Winter Night Shelter](#), by recruiting additional staff over the winter period to help support the running of the shelter. We will also try and provide wrap-around support and bring in

some other services in the daytime to enhance the wellbeing of our guests such as nursing care, podiatry, hairdressing, eye care and citizens advice. All this in partnership with other agencies across the town including our valued colleagues at SMART providing services at the day centre and The Hub, should create pathways of support providing meaningful options to prevent rough sleeping, isolation and a lack of safety for the most vulnerable in our community.

However, none of this will be possible without YOUR HELP. The shelter runs at its best with volunteers who are there because they care and want to help. The guests pick up on this and a community emerges of mutual respect, with kindness at its heart. We need 100 people to serve at the shelter over the 14 weeks we will be open, as well as those willing to cook and provide healthy, tasty meals. If time is pressing for you, financial support could be your way of contributing.

Visit our [Bedford Winter Night Shelter](#) page for further information and links to give your time, donate, cook meals, or apply for a paid role.

Help us create a place that's more than a shelter; help us build a community that gives a home for tonight and hope for tomorrow.

With warm regards, Kirstie Cook

Bible Reading Notes

We now have Bible Notes published by 'Our Daily Bread Ministries,' covering the three months, October, November December.

We also have the UCB Bible Notes – Word for Today. These are for the three months November, December, and January (2025).

Free copies are available in the church foyer; **please take a copy of either one, or both.**

It's that time again! 'With Christmas in Mind'

We are invited to join our friends at Elstow Bunyan Christian Fellowship to share in their special Coffee Morning from 10am to 12 noon on Thursday 31st October 2024. All proceeds will go to Lymphoma Action, helping those affected by lymphatic cancer. This is the opportunity to buy some Christmas gifts including toiletries, cards and toys.

ANGLES' exhibition raised £1173 for Bedford's homeless and refugees

Dear friend,

This is just to let you know that through my art exhibition 'ANGLES', [*at the Basement Gallery*], the sale of 22 paintings raised £1173 for the King's Arms Project - a Bedford charity in support of homeless and refugees.

Further info: <https://simonwrigleyartwork.weebly.com/angles-pricelist.html>

Best wishes, Simon

More Wise Words from Ken

Democracy is the government of the ignorant by the cunning.

A lot of folk who spout about capital and labour have never had any capital and have never done any labour.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Today is a very special Birthday for our dear friend,

Ken Wells. He celebrates his 100th Birthday and we all wish him a Very Happy Birthday and Congratulations.

From all your friends at Bunyan Meeting.



FORTHCOMING CHORAL CONCERTS AT BUNYAN MEETING

Tuesday 29 October, 7.30pm

CANTAMUS CHAMBER CHOIR

conducted by Henry Vann

Entente Cordiale

Music and Anglo-French friendship

by Ralph Vaughan-Williams, Lili Boulanger and Maurice Duruflé

Tickets £10
on the door only

Thursday 31 October, 7.30pm

THE CHOIR OF CLARE COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE

conducted by Graham Ross

A Child's Prayer

Music about youth and childhood

by John Tavener, Benjamin Britten, Herbert Howells, Lennox Berkeley,
Emma Brown, Lucy Walker, Aaron Copland and John Rutter

Tickets £20
online at ticketsource.co.uk/bedfordmusic or on the door

For details of other Bedford Sings events at venues
across the town please check out

www.bedfordsings.com/2024



Bedford Music Club

This week at Bunyan Meeting

MONDAY 21st October

Come & Sing 1.30pm, Church

TUESDAY 22nd October

John Bunyan Museum Friends AGM 1.15pm, Harrowden
and concert 2.00pm – 3.00pm, Church

WEDNESDAY 23rd October

Wednesday Workshops 10 - 12noon and 1 - 3.00pm
Prayer Meeting 1.00pm, Deacons' Vestry
Lunchtime Service 1.30pm led by Rev'd Chris Damp

THURSDAY 24th October

Knit & Natter 11.00am – 12noon, Elstow

Thanksgiving service for Mr Roy Palmer 12noon
and after in the Hall, Harrowden and Stevington rooms
(The Coffee Shop will be closed)

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

The next exhibition is **Framed** a photography exhibition
by the Bedfordshire School of Photography

Wednesday 23rd – Saturday 26th October

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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