



# Bunyan Meeting

## Mill Street

## Bedford

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025

The Eighth 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

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| 11.00am | Morning worship<br>conducted by Rev'd Dr Janet Wootton |
| 6.30pm  | Evening worship<br>conducted by Rev'd Dr Janet Wootton |

## Our services next Sunday

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| 11.00am | Morning worship<br>conducted by Rev'd Barry Osbourne            |
| 6.30pm  | Evening worship with Communion<br>conducted by Mr Richard Crane |

*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 Lilford and Enid Tatham

**The offering** for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August was £1507.50 (£757.50 was given in Church and an average of £750 in direct giving).

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

Cath Gipson

Samantha Nightingale

Brian Sleight, father of Stephen

Pam Jameson

# For your prayers

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

O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Baptist Union**

A prayer from the Armed Forces Christian Union: Quiet Revival – military training bases. Father God, we thank you for the Quiet Revival which is drawing many young men and women across our military training bases to find meaning and purpose in a relationship with you. We pray for all those who are exploring spiritual things and those who are new to faith. Father, we pray that the awakening of the Holy Spirit amongst these cohorts will continue and that Military Chaplains will be able to engage and encourage them in their faith journey. Amen.

<https://afcu.org.uk/pray-4-our-forces/>

## **Congregational Federation**

### Herstmonceux

Please pray for the continuing worship and witness of the church

### Higham

We thank the Lord for the renewal of the chapel roof and for wonderful financial provision. We pray for sufficient funds to make the final payments for the work.

We ask prayer for our annual civic service in September, that the chapel will be full and the Lord's blessing be upon us.

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: 327

*All my hope on God is founded*

Introduction to the theme

Hymn: 549

*Will your anchor hold?*

Reading

Genesis 15 (page 15)

Responsive Reading: from Exodus 22-24

Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3. 8-12 (page 1209)

Hymn: 599  
*O God of Bethel*

Sermon

Hymn: 321  
*The kingdom of God*

Prayers

Offering

Hymn: 621  
*For the healing of the nations*

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

Hymn: 74

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Reading

Psalms 150 (page 634)

Hymn: 414

*When in our music God is glorified*

Reading

Colossians 1:15-20 (page 1182)

Prayers of Intercession

# Hymn

- 1 Christ's is the world in which we move,  
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love,  
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care,  
and Christ is the one who meets us here.

*To the lost Christ shows his face;  
to the unloved he gives his embrace;  
to those who cry in pain or disgrace;  
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.*

- 2 Feel for the people we most avoid -  
strange or bereaved or never employed;  
feel for the women and feel for the men  
who fear that their living is all in vain.

*Chorus*

- 3 Feel for the parents who've lost their child,  
feel for the women whom men have defiled,  
feel for the baby for whom there's no breast,  
and feel for the weary who find no rest.

*Chorus*

- 4 Feel for the lives by life confused,  
riddled with doubt, in loving abused;  
feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,  
which longs to be pure but fears to begin.

*Chorus*

John L Bell (born 1949) and Graham Maule (1958-2019)\*



Sermon

Silent prayer

Offering and dedication (with voluntary)

Hymn: 382

*Come let us join our cheerful songs*

The Blessing

Closing voluntary

\* John L Bell (born 1949) and Graham Maule (1958-2019)

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# Bunyan Meeting News Letter

## Churches Together in Bedford

We are invited to enjoy fellowship and a Cream Tea on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August, starting at 3pm. All are welcome.

***Please bring your own picnic chair.***

This will be in the garden of St Andrew's Vicarage,  
1 St Edmunds Road MK40 2NQ.

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank the church family for the lovely flower arrangement which was brought to me last Monday by Alison. I much appreciated both the flowers and the welcome company. Thank you all.

*Anne Price*

Many of you know that I had a minor operation to remove a warty lesion from my left side which was sent away to be checked. It came back clear - no horrible surprises.

*Ruth Blake*

## Bible Reading Notes

Please remember to take your copy (or copies) of the Bible notes. These are in the church foyer – all free.

## The Minister's annual leave

Chris will be on annual leave from 11th August returning on the 1st September. We pray for him to be refreshed and to have a relaxing holiday.

# BUNYAN COFFEE SHOP

## SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> August

Open 10am until 2pm

### Cream Tea

Served from 11.00am



Homemade Scone with Clotted Cream and Strawberry  
Jam. (Gluten Free option available)  
Includes unlimited Tea and Coffee

**£4.50**

Please **pre-book** your Cream Tea/Gluten Free option in the  
Coffee Shop or email: [bunyancoffeeshop@gmail.com](mailto:bunyancoffeeshop@gmail.com)  
Tel. 07779412753 by 15 August 2025

***Our usual drinks and snacks will be available***

# This week at Bunyan Meeting

## **TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> August**

Renew Wellbeing 10.00am – 1.00pm, Coffee Shop

## **WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> August**

Prayer Meeting 12.45pm, Deacons' Vestry (NB Change of time)

Lunchtime service 1.30pm, Church led by Ian Rowlands

## **THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> August**

Knit & Natter 11.00am – 12noon, Coffee Shop

## **COFFEE SHOP**

Open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

10.00am – 1.00pm (2.00pm on Wednesdays)

## **JOHN BUNYAN MUSEUM**

### **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**

### **Summer exhibition: 'Roger W Martin: a collection'**

*The museum's summer exhibition showcases books, pictures and objects collected by Roger W Martin during his lifetime and donated to the John Bunyan Museum & Library in 2000.*

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July – 30<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Opening times: as Museum

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### News Letter deadline

Please send items to the Editor, Jocelyn Harper,  
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