



Bunyan Meeting

Mill Street

Bedford

Sunday 6th April 2025

The Fifth Sunday in Lent



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 with Communion
conducted by our Minister

6.30pm Evening worship
conducted by our Minister

Our services next Sunday – Palm Sunday

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 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 Norman Browning
in memory of his wife Jean.

The offering for Sunday 30th March was £1182.07
(£432.07 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

Jo-Ann Gaunt

Audrey Mehew

Katherine Mohrasri, Finn, Peter and Matthew

Bruce and Margaret Brown, brother and sister-in-law of
Naomi Sherman

June Barton

Jean Goldsmith

For your prayers

The special prayer for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Baptist Union

This week we pray for the South Eastern Baptist Association, seeking to be a community of God's people praying and working together to see an outpouring of God's Spirit in South East England.
www.seba-baptist.org.uk

Congregational Federation

Trinity, Brixton

We give thanks for the work to renovate Trinity's organ and pray that its music may be enjoyed both by the church and by the local community. As we make decisions about our church's future ministry, we ask for God's guidance. Several of our congregation are unwell and we remember them as they cope with difficult situations. We also pray for just peace in our world and a willingness to understand others.

MORNING WORSHIP at 11.00am
Hymns from Rejoice and Sing

Opening Voluntaries

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 37

We give immortal praise

Introduction to Theme

First Reading

Isaiah 43 v 1 – 21 (page 728)

Read by Andrew Duthie

Hymn No. 591

Do not be afraid

Second Reading

John 12 v 1 – 11 (page 1079)

Read by The Rev'd Chris Damp

Anthem

Sermon

Hymn

- 1 From whence this fear and unbelief?
Hath not the Father put to grief
His spotless Son for me?
And will the righteous Judge of men
Condemn me for that debt of sin
Which, Lord, was charged on Thee?

- 2 Complete atonement Thou hast made,
And to the utmost Thou hast paid
Whate'er Thy people owed;
How then can wrath on me take place,
If sheltered in Thy righteousness,
And sprinkled with Thy blood?

- 3 If Thou hast my discharge procured,
And freely in my room endured
The whole of wrath divine;
Payment God cannot twice demand,
First at my bleeding Surety's hand,
And then again at mine.

4 Turn then, my soul, unto thy rest!
The merits of thy great High Priest
Have bought thy liberty;
Trust in His efficacious blood,
Nor fear thy banishment from God,
Since Jesus died for thee.

Augustus M Toplady (1740–1778)

Prayers of Intercession
led by Cherry Protheroe

Offering, Voluntary and Dedication

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

Hymn No. 442
Bread of heaven!

Communion

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

Hymn No. 366
And can it be

The Blessing

Closing Voluntary

EVENING WORSHIP at 6.30pm
Hymns from Baptist Praise and Worship

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship

Hymn No. 76

You servants of God

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

First Reading

Isaiah 32 v 9 – 20 (page 716)

Hymn No. 325

A sovereign protector I have

Second Reading

Luke 13 v 22 – 30 (page 1047)

& Matthew 7 v 21 – 23 (page 972)

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn No. 532

I know not why God's wondrous grace

Sermon

Silent Prayer

Offering and Dedication

Hymn No. 329

Blessed assurance

The Blessing

Closing Voluntary

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Bunyan Meeting News Letter

Bunyan Meeting Flower Arranging Group

Our next **Flower Group** meeting is on **Wednesday 9 April** at 7.30pm in the hall. A chance to review the past year at our AGM followed by a demonstration by me of some ideas for our Easter arrangements. I will also be finalising who is doing what for Easter. We always welcome new members so please speak to me if you would like more information and a copy of the programme for this year.

Flowers for Easter

We shall be decorating the Church for Easter on **Saturday 19 April** from 9.30am onwards. It would be helpful for me to know as soon as possible who is able to help with this please.

If anyone would like to give a donation towards the cost of the Easter flowers please give it to Evan or Janice or send it to me.

Gilly Millbery

Easter Meal this Monday 7th April at 12.30pm for 1.00pm

2 Courses and a Glass of Wine

Main Chicken or Salmon or Vegetarian Option

Dessert Cheese Cake and an Andy 'surprise'

You are invited to come and enjoy a lovely meal cooked by Andy; with time to share fellowship, all for £12.50.

Please add your name to the list in the church foyer. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sue Gauley

Lent Services – Bedford Town Centre Churches Together *Reflections on the Cross*

The last service in the current series will be led by our friends from the Salvation Army and will be held at Bunyan Meeting on **Wednesday 9th April**, starting at 1pm.

Please join us if you can, all are welcome.

EASTER HOLIDAY FUN FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Our museum will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt over the Easter period and Crafty Thursdays on the 10th and 17th April.

I am delighted to say we will be working with IMPACT (Bedford Area Schools Christian Support Trust) to put on activities in the church on Tuesdays the 8th and 15th April. Becky and Trish, (Impact's two schools' workers) will be leading the sessions on the theme of Easter. We will need help in advance in the preparation of materials and on the two dates, to help with the craft activities. Please let me know if you are able to help in any way.

Cherry Protheroe



Easter Holiday Activities

At Bunyan Meeting in Mill Street, Bedford MK40 3EU

Tuesday 8th & Tuesday 15th April 2025
11:00am-1:00pm

For Primary age children (accompanied by an adult)



Register in the church foyer coffee shop between 11:00am and 1:00pm at a time convenient to you.

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bunyanmeeting@gmail.com
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In conjunction with
Impact
Supporting Schools, Exploring Christianity

Bible Reading Notes 'Our Daily Bread'

Please remember to take your **free** copy of the Bible notes, available in the church foyer.



**JOHN
BUNYAN**
MUSEUM
Bedford



£ 2
per child

Cracking Crafty Thursdays



Create Spring and Easter inspired crafts
on Thursday 10th April and 17th April.

11am- 3pm, £2 per child.

Drop in, no booking required

Free Easter Egg Hunt

Explore the museum with our FREE 'Egg Hunt' trail.

Drop-in Tuesday- Saturday , 11am -4pm over the school
holidays (Closed Good Friday)

John Bunyan Museum, Bunyan Meeting, Mill Street,
MK40 3EU



www.bedsartsociety.co.uk

Est. 1954



Spring **ART** **EXHIBITION**

AND SALE OF PAINTINGS

8th to 12th April 2025

11am to 4pm

The Basement at Bunyan

Bunyan Meeting Church, Mill Street. Bedford. MK40 3EU

AN EXCITING RANGE OF ART BY LOCAL ARTISTS

4 hours FREE parking at Lurke Street Carpark

This week at Bunyan Meeting

MONDAY 7th April

Easter meal 12.30pm for 1.00pm, Hall

Come & Sing 1.30pm, Stevington Room

WEDNESDAY 9th April

Prayer Meeting 12.30pm, Deacons' Vestry

Lent service led by the Salvation Army 1.00pm, Church

Flower Arranging Group 7.30pm, Hall

THURSDAY 10th April

Crafty Thursday 11.00am – 4.00pm, Hall

Knit & Natter 11.00am – 12noon, Coffee Shop

SATURDAY 12th April

Bible Study 10.00am – 11.30am, Vestry

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

BASEMENT AT BUNYAN

The Basement Gallery

Beds Arts Society's Spring Exhibition

Tuesday 8th April – Saturday April 12th 2025

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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