



Bunyan Meeting

Mill Street

Bedford

Sunday 8th June 2025

Pentecost



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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| 9.30am | Christ, Coffee & Croissants |
| 11.00am | Morning worship
conducted by our Minister |
| 6.30pm | Evening worship
conducted by our Minister |

Our services next Sunday

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| 11.00am | Morning worship
conducted by Mr Stephen de Silva |
| 6.30pm | Evening worship with Communion
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 Lydia and Mike for their wedding

The offering for Sunday 1st June was £1237.90
(£487.90 was given in Church and an average of £750 in direct giving).

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

Ruth Blake

Cath Gipson

Samantha Nightingale

Jo-Ann Gaunt

Jean Goldsmith

Mike and Lydia McDonald

For your prayers

The special prayer for Pentecost

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever.

The Baptist Union

On this day of Pentecost, we join with the Thy Kingdom Come movement in praying: Oh come Holy Spirit, speak and pray in me. Use me for the building of God's Kingdom in the world. www.thykingdomcome.global

Congregational Federation

Vineyard, Richmond

Please pray for the continuing worship and witness of the church.

South Chingford

(1) Give thanks with us for encouraging growth. We have seen a number of new people join the church recently, and after a period with lower numbers of children and teenagers, these numbers have recently risen rapidly again.

(2) We had a baptism service at Easter - please pray for those who declared their new faith publicly.

(3) Please pray for our pastor, Dave, and the leadership team as they continue to serve whilst facing a number of personal challenges.

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. 294

Come down, O Love Divine

Introduction to Theme

Hymn No. 312

Come, Spirit, all our hearts inspire

First Reading

Genesis 11 v 1 – 9 (page 12)

Read by James Collett-White

Second Reading

Acts 2 v 1 – 21 (page 1093)

Read by Julie Barker

Hymn No. 569

We pause to give thanks

Sermon

Hymn No. 302

O breath of life

Prayers of Intercession

Offering and Dedication

Hymn No. 579

Lord, thy Church on earth is seeking

The Blessing

Closing Voluntary

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EVENING WORSHIP at 6.30pm
Hymns from Baptist Praise and Worship

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship

Hymn No. 53

King of glory, King of peace

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

First Reading

Joel 2 v 2b – 32 (page 912)

Hymn No. 281

Born by the Holy Spirit's breath

Second Reading

Acts 2 v 14 – 41 (page 1093)

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn No. 297

The Spirit came, as promised

Sermon

Silent Prayer

Offering and Dedication

Hymn No. 613

The Church of Christ in every age

The Blessing

Closing Voluntary

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Bunyan Meeting News Letter

Christian Aid Week 2025

Bunyan Meeting raised £462.50 (including Gift Aid) during Christian Aid week this year. Thank you to all who contributed.

Ian and Ann

THANK YOU

Thank you very much for the lovely flowers sent to me following my recent surgery. Thank you also to Alison for delivering and taking the trouble to arrange the flowers.

Best wishes

Pat Stevens

Bunyan Flower Arranging Group - June 2025

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 11 June** at 7.30pm in the Hall. It's a practical session entitled *A Summer Wedding*.



In celebration of Lydia and Mike's wedding on 7 June, create an arrangement which depicts your idea of a June wedding.

I look forward to seeing you all and of course we always welcome newcomers.

Gilly Millbery

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'

Gwen Gribble 19 June

Evan Griffiths 23 June

Susan Hammond



Annual Leave

Jo, our Caretaker, is on annual leave from Wednesday 4th June to 13th June, returning Monday 16th June. Alfie will be covering her hours.

Dates for your diary

- **22nd June** 200th Anniversary Service at Shillington Congregational church 3.00pm
- **29th June** Picnic and joint evening service at Roxton Congregational church - picnic 4pm evening service 6.00pm
- **14th July** Church summer tea and garden party
- **6th August** Visit to Dorothea Court 2.20pm

A Thought from Sunday evening's sermon

What would our church be like if everyone worked in the way that **YOU** do?

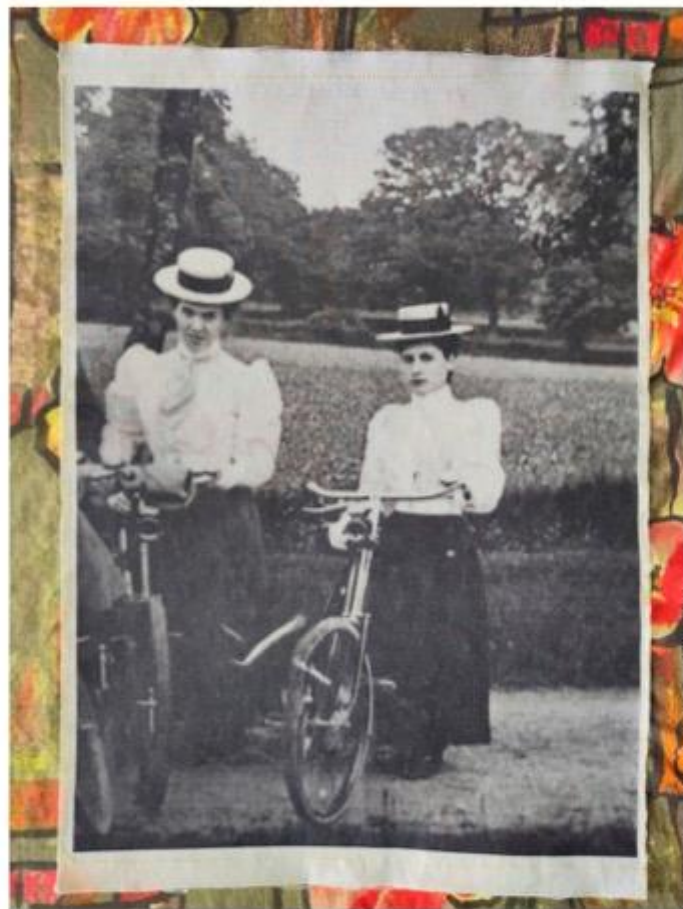
Would it be lessened or built up?

Would it be better or worse?



Journeys

A group of artists using various media interpret
the theme "Journeys"



Photograph courtesy of Bedfordshire Archives

June 17 - 28, 2025 Tues. - Sat. 11am - 4pm

**The Basement at Bunyan Meeting,
Mill Street, Bedford MK40 3EU**

***Meet the artists day, with refreshments
Sat. June 21, 11am - 4pm***

This week at Bunyan Meeting

MONDAY 9th June

Come & Sing 1.30pm, Church

TUESDAY 10th June

Renew Wellbeing 10.00am – 1.00pm, Coffee Shop

WEDNESDAY 11th June

Staff Meeting 10.00am

Deacons' Meeting 10.30am, Stevington room

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

Lunchtime service 1.30pm, Church led by Ruth Broomhall

Flower Arranging Group 7.30pm, Hall

THURSDAY 12th June

Knit & Natter 11.00am – 12noon, Coffee Shop

SATURDAY 14th June

Bible Study 10.00am – 11.30am, Deacons' 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

Next exhibition: Norma Wall and Friends

Journeys: a group of artists using various media to interpret the theme 'journeys'.

Tuesday 17th June – Saturday 28th June 2025

Opening times: as Museum

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News Letter deadline

Please send items to the Editor, Jocelyn Harper,
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