

Sunday 4th October, 2020

What's on this week:

- ❖ Sunday service: 10.30am

Join us either at the church if you've booked to come this week or online for Sunday worship together. (find all the service links on the CHBC homepage, www.chadbaptist.org.uk)

This week we will be sharing Communion together

- ❖ Tuesday prayer: 7-7.45am. Join us at the start of the day to pray together. Join us on Zoom, or if you're not able to connect online, please still pray with us.

Praying for each other:

Monday: Chris Sewell
Tuesday: Vesta Shorey
Wednesday: Herma Simms
Thursday: Martyn Simms
Friday: Cathy Smith

Happy Birthday to:

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| Hulda Dublin | 5 th October |
| Wisdom Fredrick (14) | 10 th October |

Willow Tree – well done!

In the past 3 years since Willow Tree began there have been 524 referrals. 120 of these have been during the pandemic. We give thanks to God for his generosity in bringing together people's skills and time, and for all the donations received. Thanks go especially to Jenny and Fred Percy who work many hours each week to serve local families. Going forwards, we will need others to volunteer alongside them to ensure we can continue this good work.

Jenny also wanted to share some good news.....JoJo Maman Bebe (a children's clothing company) has donated two large cartons of clothing packs to Willow Tree. It's such a blessing, and enables us to bless so many families in our area during this difficult time.

Thanksgiving week 11th – 18th October

CHBC Thanksgiving Week and Thanksgiving Offering Sunday is fast approaching. This is the time of the year we focus on giving thanks to God for all the good things He has done for us.

Please see the separate letter from William for more details.

Harvest Sunday

There are so many reasons to be thankful to God. We will be having our Harvest Service on Sunday 18th October. If you'd like to donate for our harvest display which will then go to the local foodbank please bring items (non-perishable) to church either Sunday 4th or 11th, Wednesday mornings 7th or 14th, or on Saturday 17th, 9-11am.

This year we are not able to bring up our gifts to the Harvest Table during the Harvest Service, so please bring them in advance. Thanks!

Care for the Family are now running their events online which means they can be accessed by many more people. They run short 1 hour events on parenting toddlers, teens, support for bereaved parents, widowed spouses, and more. To find out more details and book a space then visit www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events



Prayer: Eritrea, North-East Africa

Thank God that the Eritrean government has released 69 Christian prisoners, many of whom have been in long-term detention for their faith. This follows on from a release of more than 20 male and female prisoners in early September. Barnabas Fund reports that the authorities are continuing to make releases, which are linked to Covid-19 policies, on condition that bail securities are lodged, with guarantors held liable for the detainees' future actions.



According to Eritrean Christian leader Dr Berhane Asmelash, hopes are rising for further significant releases from among the 300 or more Christians, including adults and children, who remain incarcerated in the military jail, which is notorious for subjecting detainees to solitary confinement in metal shipping containers. While welcoming the news, he noted that no pastors or other senior Christian leaders known to be in captivity were among those released, and he urged for prayer for their safety and release.

Dr Berhane also called for prayer for the released prisoners. "Many have been in prison for a long time.....and will be homeless with nowhere to go. There is no state help in Eritrea.....They need to rehabilitate. We need to pray that they will recover from their trauma.

Evangelical Alliance – Autumn Survey

The Evangelical Alliance are asking Christians to complete an online survey about their church, faith and what's changed since Covid-19. They are trying to build a picture of what church life has been like, so they can find out how best to support Christians and churches at this time. If you'd like to give your view, then the survey is at: www.eauk.org/changing-church/autumn-survey

Scripture Union – Revealing Jesus, online launch and celebration.

Wednesday 14th October, 7.30pm

As churches begin to make plans for the 'new normal' and start to think about their work with children and young people again, Scripture Union invites you to join them for the launch of their new *Revealing Jesus* mission framework – to help make connections and opportunities for children to respond to the Gospel and grown in faith. www.scriptureunion.org.uk/revealingjesusevent

Covid-19 NHS app.

If you've booked onto the church service then we already have a record of who is in the building on a Sunday. If you visit at a different time then please ensure you sign in (in the office, or the back halls), and you can scan the QR codes which are now on the walls for use with the NHS Covid-19 app. If you want to check if you have Coronavirus symptoms you can do this at <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>

Cleaning

Thank you to Rob and Ian who are stewarding at our weekly services, and thanks to those Chris, William and Sue who've stayed to clean after the service. We do need two people to clean each week, (it takes about 30 minutes after the service), so please let James know if you can do this.



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