

# April 2021

## Welcome to Chadwell Heath Baptist Church

### What's on this month:

- ❖ **Sunday worship.** 10.30am each week.  
Join us either at the church if you've booked to come (from 2<sup>nd</sup> April) or online for Sunday worship together. (find all the service links on the CHBC homepage, [www.chadbaptist.org.uk](http://www.chadbaptist.org.uk))
- ❖ **Weekly Tuesday morning 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.
- ❖ **Monthly Wednesday prayer meeting.** 14<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm. Please join us for our monthly prayer gathering. Details of the Zoom call will be sent out on WhatsApp/email. If you don't have internet access then please still pray with us for that hour.
- ❖ **Ladies prayer:** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 8-9am. We are currently meeting over Zoom, and Ade will post details on the Ladies WhatsApp group. If you're not part of the group and would like to be then please email [office@chadbaptist.org.uk](mailto:office@chadbaptist.org.uk) with your name and mobile phone number.

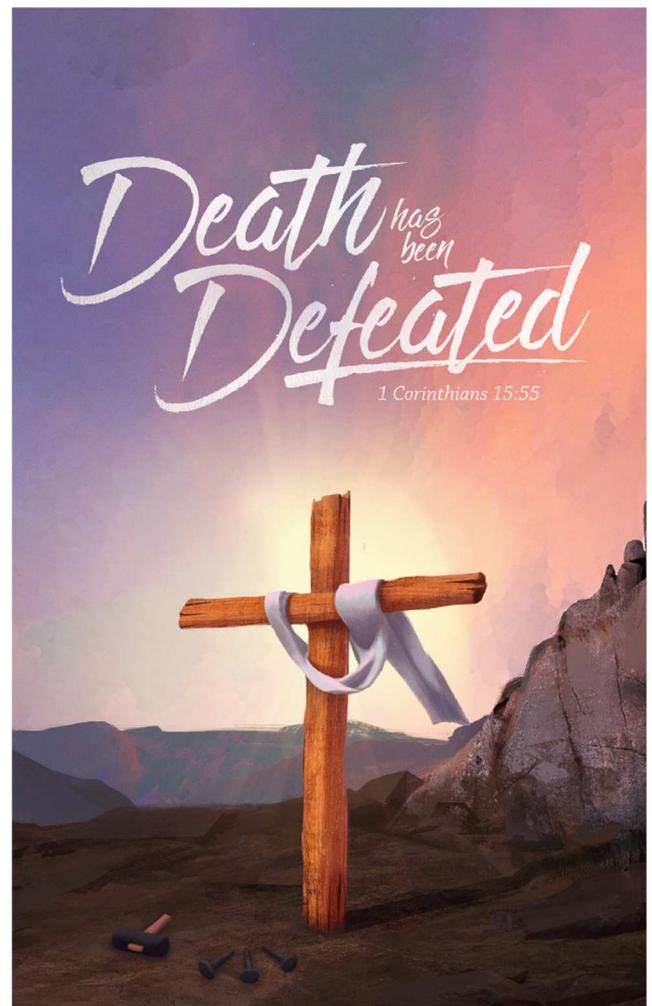
### Easter services

We are pleased that the church will be opening on Good Friday and Easter Sunday for our Easter services, and will then continue to open each Sunday for worship.

Please book your place online at or join with us on YouTube. (All links and bookings will be available from 28<sup>th</sup> March via our website at [chadbaptist.org.uk](http://chadbaptist.org.uk), or call James on 0751 135 1050 if you don't have internet access but would like to attend a service.)

- ❖ Good Friday communion – 10.30am
- ❖ Easter Sunday celebration – 10.30am

If you are attending the service at the church, please be aware that the same social distancing measures will be in place as we had in the Autumn. You must book in advance, wear a face mask at all times, observe the 2 metre rule, sit in an allocated seat, and we won't be able to sing together.



## Praying for each other daily:

*“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.” Ephesians 6:18*

<b>29<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	
Monday:	Steve Mansfield
Tuesday:	Ehi Mohammed
Wednesday:	Zea Morgan
Thursday:	Damaris Mukui
Friday:	William Mukui

<b>12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	
Monday:	Jenny Percy
Tuesday:	Rebecca Rajakumar
Wednesday:	Alison Roache
Thursday:	Ian Rogers
Friday:	Jacky Rowe

<b>26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	
Monday:	Martyn Simms
Tuesday:	Cathy Smith
Wednesday:	Dave Smith
Thursday:	Helen Smith
Friday:	Rachel Smith

<b>5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	
Monday:	Eunice Mwaura
Tuesday:	William Mwaura
Wednesday:	Althea Nangle
Thursday:	Beri Nwosu
Friday:	Tommy Ogunwusi

<b>19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	
Monday:	Douglas Ruddock
Tuesday:	Eunice Ruddock
Wednesday:	Chris Sewell
Thursday:	Vesta Shorey
Friday:	Herma Simms

### **A very happy birthday to:**

Kane Brown (29<sup>th</sup> March),  
Helen Thomas , (2<sup>nd</sup> April), Jenny Byrne (8<sup>th</sup>)  
Pam Dyer (10<sup>th</sup>), Sue Warren (20<sup>th</sup>),  
Sam Thomas (20<sup>th</sup>), Ken Hylton (21<sup>st</sup>),  
Rosie Sanjon (29<sup>th</sup>)

## **Prayer focus: Mozambique**

Mozambique, on the south-east coast of Africa, has risen 21 places to no. 45 on the Open Doors World Watch list, due to a dramatic rise in Islamist violence targeting Christians and burning churches and schools.

In the northern part of the country, where Muslims are the majority, and especially in Cabo Delgado province, Christians face extreme violence from Islamist militants al-Shabaab, with converts coming under extreme pressure to renounce their faith. Only last year more than 50 people in a village were killed when young people refused to join the ranks of the jihadis. This persecution has expanded in the past year since the Mozambique army withdrew from important strategic locations in 2020.

Please ask the Lord to give the church in Mozambique the strength and courage they need in this season to be a light for Him – no matter what fiery trials they face. May they know that they are not alone, and that the worldwide church stands with them in Christ.

May God bring deliverance, peace and stability to northern Mozambique, and may many find hope and peace through the gospel.



## Please pray for:

- After numerous delays and hurdles with the council, the building application is being formally considered at the planning committee at the end of April.
- Give thanks that we can begin to start worshipping together in person at the church as well as online. Pray for wisdom as we begin to re-open and for safety and care for our community.

## Give Hope: Generosity Sunday; 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021

A campaign by church leaders from across 40 denominations to bring hope this lent and Easter during the current crisis. You can hear stories of hope, practical action ideas and regular encouragements by signing up at <https://yourneighbour.org/>.

***“We're calling on God's people across the UK to join us in a moment of extraordinary generosity on Sunday, 11th April – the day before the next stage of lockdown restrictions lift – so that local churches can continue to provide the support and hope their communities so desperately need right now.***

On that day, we're asking whether you could join with Christians around the country to Give Hope by making an offering of £20 to the work of the local church. If all five million Christians who attend our local churches joined us, it would change everything - providing an extraordinary boost of £100m to the hope of our nation. “

## Operation Christmas Child & Samaritan's Purse

Thank you for all the shoeboxes full of gifts that you so generously gave last December. To see the joy of the children, and to see what a difference these gifts are making across the world please view their special report. Available at: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/our-ministry/2020-special-report/>



## Changes to recycling in Barking & Dagenham

From 5<sup>th</sup> April you'll be able to recycle glass bottles and jars, hardback books, mixed washed plastics (e.g. yoghurt pots) empty aerosols and clean aluminium foil. These can be put into your brown bin along with your usual recycling. For more details visit: [www.lbbd.gov.uk/what-goes-in-your-bins](http://www.lbbd.gov.uk/what-goes-in-your-bins)

## Free safeguarding sessions

LBBBD are running free online sessions for leaders of groups working with young people. If you are interested in joining the training, please contact [elizabeth.kitto@lbbd.gov.uk](mailto:elizabeth.kitto@lbbd.gov.uk) and state your name, organisation, and number of spaces that you would like to reserve.

- 2-3.30pm on March 29th 2021- BRAVE Gang Awareness Session for adults.
- 2-3.30pm on April 12th 2021- Exploitation Awareness 101
- 2-3.30pm on April 26th 2021- E Safety Awareness 101



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## Guardian-Redeemers (Ruth 2:20)

Redemption – something we may simply accept as an important part of our faith, but achieved for us at a great price by Jesus. But it is a lot more than important – without it, where would we be? What would we be? Where would be heading for?

In a dictionary it simply means to buy back, but in Christianity we are redeemed through the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Bible puts it beautifully in 1 Peter 1:18-19  
*“For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors,<sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.”*

So what about a ‘Guardian – Redeemer’? At the time of Ruth/Naomi/Boaz the expression meant that you had a responsibility to show God to your family and community, to save them from hardship, even ruin and poverty, from being hurt, from fear of the family bloodline ending.

When we become Christians we are called to show Christ to our family, neighbours, friends, community, church – Guardian Redeemers – everywhere that we have contacts:

*Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.<sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,<sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20*

In this modern age, we have been brought closer than ever to most parts of the world. Our neighbours are not just those who live next door, though perhaps we have a special responsibility to them, but the whole world. God has provided the means and we are expected to use them. It helps us to understand the words of Jesus in Luke 10:27 much better:

*<sup>27</sup> He answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind<sup>[a]</sup>; and, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’”*

Perhaps we could challenge ourselves to put aside, do without, give something up, in order to redeem someone who needs our guardianship.

I had not come across the expression ‘Guardian – Redeemer’ before although I must have read it numerous times in Ruth. Isn’t the Holy Spirit great?!

**[A reflection by Jim Hadley]**

