

May 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 or online for Sunday worship together. (find all the service links on the CHBC homepage, 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.** 12th May 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 29th May, 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 with your name and mobile phone number.

If you are attending the service at the church, please be aware of the social distancing measures: 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

3rd – 7th May	
Monday:	Martyn Simms
Tuesday:	Cathy Smith
Wednesday:	Dave Smith
Thursday:	Helen Smith
Friday:	Rachel Smith

10th – 14th May	
Monday:	Shakirat Talabi
Tuesday:	Helen Thomas
Wednesday:	James Thomas
Thursday:	Lisa Warren
Friday:	Sue Warren

17th – 21st May	
Monday:	Monica Whyte
Tuesday:	Betty Wiffen
Wednesday:	Gabriel Akintunde
Thursday:	David Atkins
Friday:	Kelechi Atulomah

24th – 28th May	
Monday:	Janet Aveling
Tuesday:	Dan Black
Wednesday:	Michelle Black
Thursday:	Lorna Bolton
Friday:	Jenny Byrne

A very happy birthday to:

Prosper Fredrick (6th), Jackie Hylton (15th), Julie Dennis (15th), William Mwaura (18th), Chris Haines (19th), Betty Wiffen (19th), Elena Lungu (24th)

Give thanks

We give God thanks and praise for the success of our planning application. It was approved unanimously by the LBBD planning committee last week. It's been a difficult process with many revisions, changes and hurdles, but we thank God for His continuing guidance, and we do pray now that we listen carefully to Him as we plan the next steps.

Thank God that the vaccination programme in the UK is going well and that we are on the way to opening up society again. Please pray that we would be attentive to the needs of our neighbours, colleagues and those around us for whom the last year has been particularly painful, and that we would respond with the love and compassion of Jesus to them.

Prayer focus: Ramadan

We are currently in the Muslim season of Ramadan (12 April – 12 May). For many Muslims this is a time of heightened spiritual awareness. As many spend more time in prayer and meditation, please pray that the Holy Spirit would reveal to them that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life, and the only One through whom they can be reconciled to the God of Creation and come to know Him as their Heavenly Father.

However, for some Christian believers from a Muslim background, Ramadan can be a lonely time, especially for those who must keep their faith secret for fear of reprisals. May the Lord strengthen and encourage them.

Pray, too, for God's wisdom and direction for Christians living in Muslim-majority areas, that they may be able to share the hope and challenge of the gospel with their Muslim neighbours. Pray that many Muslims will begin their journey towards Jesus because of their witness.

Please pray for: India

In view of the awful coronavirus situation in India, we would be grateful if the church could remember friends of Jim and Pamela in Kolkata (Calcutta).

Please pray for Emmanuel ministries - Calcutta. The leader there is Mrs P. Pavamani. The admin is Mr S. George. The children's workers are Bablu and Debbie.

Specific prayer points are as follows

1. New Indian government regulations on money from the abroad
2. Protection for children and families in dangerous areas of Kolkata, especially during religious tensions.
3. Disruption of schooling at Calcutta Emanuel School due to Pandemic. Pray that children will study at home.
4. Pavement Club for children who have no homes are only allowed to give limited service due to Covid restrictions.



5. As families lose what limited incomes they have, children are begging on the streets with all the dangers this causes.
6. As the children are spending much time unsupervised, they are joining gangs and are involved in drug abuse.
7. Please pray for the Emmanuel Ministries workers. It must be heart breaking for them to see what is happening to the children that they have helped, taught, supported, clothed, fed and introduced to Christ Jesus.

NEWS

Baptist Assembly online – 13-16th May

With Shane Claiborne as speaker, worship times, prayer, Bible study and consideration of current issues. The sessions will be free for anybody to join via their website – but you'll need register so the links will be sent to you in advance. For the full programme, the children's programme, and to register please visit www.baptist.org.uk

1st Chadwell Heath Scout group has spaces available for children aged 6 to 14. Meeting weekly in Catterall Hall, Cecil Road, they do a range of fun activities. Beavers, age 6-8 meet on Tuesdays 5pm, Cubs, age 8-10 meet on Tuesdays 6.30pm, and Scouts, age 10-14 meet on Fridays at 8pm. For more information email: 1stchadwellheathscouts@gmail.com

“It is well with my soul” Healing conference on 22nd May 10am – 2pm at Methodist Central Hall in partnership with Premier Lifeline, with worship, teaching and ministry.

<https://www.premier.org.uk/event/healingconference/>

A reflection by Jim Hadley

Over the Easter period the Holy Spirit showed me two truths which I believe he wanted to be shared, so here they are:-

1. If you ask anyone about their experience over the last year or so, it is almost certain it will be the “CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN”, which is quite understandable. Having to stay indoors, social distancing, working from home, closure of shops, cinemas, sports grounds, masks, loss of loved ones, etc etc. We have all been longing to get back to normal.

BUT, someone has been as active as ever (perhaps I should say three people). God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit has never stopped, not slowed. Just one example - the spread of His Word:



- ❖ ENGLAND AND WALES - almost a million children in 3,400 schools hear stories from the Bible, through 18,500 volunteer storytellers. 4776 Bibles have gone to 70 prisons. 20 prisons have run the 'Bible Course' - 2300 people have ordered the 'Bible Course'.
- ❖ CHINA - 250,000 Bibles were distributed. Work on the five Bible translations continued for 9 million people. Bible study guides, concordances and commentaries were supplied to 3000 preachers and students. 100,000 gospel booklets were given to people suffering in the pandemic.
- ❖ MIDDLE EAST - Bibles have been made available in Algeria, Morocco, Iraq, Turkey, Pakistan, Jordan and Iran. 30,000 children in Lebanon have had Bible booklets, 35,000 teenagers in Lebanon have been involved in an online Bible course and 10,000 children saw the Fun Gospel presentation. In Jordan 5000 children were given Bibles. Christians have received Christian support and 4600 Bibles were given to churches in Syria.
- ❖ AFRICA - a new Bible translation was launched in Nigeria, the 'EPIE' new Testament for more than half a million people. In Malawi 4500 children's Bibles were provided.

(All figures provided by the Bible Society)

"THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS AND THE DARKNESS HAS NOT OVERCOME IT" JOHN 1v5

2. I watched a programme on TBN Christian Channel on Easter Day and the speaker referred to a sermon that had been given during the last great pandemic just after World War I. The text used was Ephesians chapter 1 verses 19-21 and chapter 2 verses 4-5.

Sometimes, you read familiar verses in the Bible and the Holy Spirit reveals something new. This time, as I read these verses it was as if it was for the first time. To realise that the same power which raised Christ was at work in us just amazed me. I tended to believe that the way in which Christ was raised was unique, but here we are told that the same power used is available for us.

Of course, Christ Jesus deserved to be raised. Coming down for us, speaking, doing miracles, healing, feeding, comforting, suffering, dying, being raised, all for us. But what about us? Do we deserve eternal life? The answer must be NO. We are sinners in thought word and deed. But look at chapter 2 verses 4 to 5. The word is GRACE - "it is by grace you have been saved". When you consider this, the previous verses become even more amazing. That God should use the same power to save us that he did to raise Jesus - and all by HIS grace.

Please read Ephesians chapters 1 and 2 for yourselves and see if you can find it as amazing as I do.

Ephesians chapter 2 verse 8. "FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED, THROUGH FAITH".

