

Belvedere
BAPTIST CHURCH



Newsletter

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**Spiritual and social transformation in Belvedere,
Bexley, Britain and beyond**

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SUNDAY MORNING TEACHING PROGRAMME



January's Teaching Theme: Church Discipline

This is the month when people start making new resolutions. They have a vision of where they want their life to go and they know they need discipline to help them get there. It's the same in church life: to fulfil the vision God has for us discipline will be required. But what does the Bible say about church discipline? What are its benefits and how can it be done well?

Sunday 8th

The heart and motive of Church Discipline: Hebrews 12:5-13, 1 Peter 2:11-12. (Rev David Hazeldine)

Don't judge me! What's that log in your own eye? Discipline is necessary in every area of life but we often react defensively to it. So how and why, then, does God discipline us? What is at stake? And what is the aim of discipline anyway?

Sunday 15th

The practice of Church Discipline: Matt 18:15-17, 1 Tim 5:17-21. (Rev David Hazeldine)

If church discipline is going to be practiced well, we need some do's & don'ts. Are we nit-picking every bad habit or just tackling massive moral dilemmas? And who says so anyway?

Sunday 22nd

Lifestyle, Beliefs & Church Discipline: Titus 3:9-11, 2 Thess 3:6-15. (Spero Mifsud)

'Having nothing to do with someone' doesn't sound very Christian, does it? And shaming someone into doing the right thing sounds like a bygone era! But what do these passages mean and how serious were the issues at stake?

Sunday 29th

'An example of Church Discipline': 1 Cor 5:1-13, 2 Cor 2:5-11. (Rev Andrew White)

Discipline worked well in the church in Corinth, with the offender eventually being restored back in to church life.

WEDNESDAY CHURCH FAMILY EVENINGS

These evenings are under review – listen out for announcements.

New Youth Project for BBC!

At the AGM in October, church members expressed their really high priority for wanting young people and children to be more involved in church life. Since that time, we as leaders have taken this on board and have put in place plans for Margaret to work approximately 4 hrs per week across 2017 to help develop a community of secondary school aged kids at BBC. Her work will primarily be coordinating consistent social and spiritual activities throughout the year. Margaret will share more details as plans develop.

This was only possible due to specific funds being held in our accounts of 2,000 GBP for young people. Please support Margaret and the youth in prayer.

David



THANK YOU FROM THE REFRESH LIBRARY



We have done it! Thank you anybody who helped to buy this wonderful set of 5 DVDs from Darren Wilson. All discs are now available to borrow from the library from the New Arrivals shelf. Borrowing time for DVDs has been shortened to 2 weeks to speed up the circulation.

Briefly about the set:

Christianity was never meant to be a social club. It was meant to change the world.

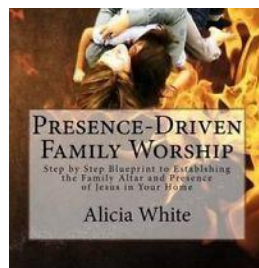
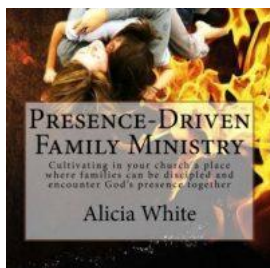
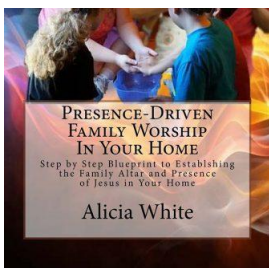
Yet for many people, Christianity has become an institution of rules and duty. But for filmmaker Darren Wilson, his life of cultural Christianity changed radically when a powerful encounter with God led him to begin making films that attempted to display the God of the Bible in living colour.

Each film Darren has made focuses on different aspect of God: 'Finger of God' looks at His power, 'Furious Love' at His love, 'Father of Lights' at His fatherhood, and both 'Holy Ghost' and 'Reborn' look at Holy Spirit.



The next collection is going to be focused on FAMILY MINISTRY to support this need in our church.

We will be buying books by *Alicia White*: **Presence-Driven Family Ministry**: Cultivating in your church a place where families can be discipled and encounter God's presence together; **Presence-Driven Family Worship** and **Presence driven family worship in your home**. All contributions are welcome!





Guess who?

Answer in next month's newsletter



Happy New Year Belvedere people,

I hope you've had a blessed Christmas. We had a wonderful Christmas fair run by the church here. My new trio of me on vocals and keyboard, Meagan on harp and Nicholas on beat box performed, including a Christmas medley at the end. About 500 people came and enjoyed and God created a wonderful atmosphere of fun and community.

I was really blessed to be a part of the Indian worship team who served a 3 day Pray For India conference. There were 8,000 people from all over India attending. I have never seen the supernatural side of God so evident. Hundreds and hundreds of people received physical healing from God there. Blind people seeing, limbs growing to their correct length, joint replacements being restored so that people could run and jump. Terminal cancer healed, deaf hearing again, blood disorders healed, internal organs healed and restored. The spirit moved on the last day so powerfully we could see and hear the effects sweep across the stadium like a wave. I was really amazed to be a part of that.



Straight after that, I participated in a TV show which is a singing competition of people from all over the world singing in Hindi. That coincided with my regular gig at the Taj Hotel finishing. I didn't get through the round but felt God's purpose in having me be involved in the show. I really enjoyed performing on a stage and singing in Hindi too. I feel I should do more of this kind of thing and that maybe I've been holding back and limiting myself in singing and performance.

I also had a wonderful follow up Skype conference call with the arts track leaders from the Movement Day in New York. These guys are from England,

South Africa and New York. They're all doing city wide, national and international ministry work in the arts. I felt very small when I was sharing about our Mumbai Arts Collective. But again was struck by the significance that God has positioned us to be connected in leadership with this global movement for the arts. So we've committed to getting to know one another and praying for each other's work this year with the long term goal of establishing an arts movement that serves to world arts scene.

I'm looking forward to spending time in the new year hearing from God what he wants me to focus on in 2017.

Bless you all and I'm praying for great things in Belvedere in 2017.

Heather xx

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Me and another little contestant on Dil Hai Hindustani (Heart is Indian)TV show

JANUARY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday, 1st	NO Sunday morning worship service	
Weds, 4th	7:30 pm	To be confirmed
Thursday, 5th	10:00 am	Crochet lessons
Friday, 6th	9:30 am	Tots' Club
Saturday, 7th	10:00 am	Refresh is open to serve you
	10:00 am	Ladies Discipleship Group
Sunday, 8th	10:30 am	Sunday morning worship service
Weds, 11th	7:30 pm	To be confirmed
Thursday, 12th	2:30 pm	Women's Own – speaker Dennis Roberts
Friday, 13th	9:30 am	Tots' Club
Saturday, 14th	10:00 am	Refresh is open to serve you
	2:30 pm	Tea Dance
Sunday, 15th	10:30 am	Sunday morning worship service and Communion
Monday, 16th	10:00 am	Calligraphy
Weds, 18th	7:30 pm	Members' meeting
Thursday, 19th	10:00 am	Evergreen Knitters & crochet lesson
	2:30 pm	Women's Own – To be announced
Friday, 20th	9:30 am	Tots' Club
Saturday, 21st	10:00 am	Refresh is open to serve you
Sunday, 22nd	10:30 am	Sunday morning worship service
Weds, 25th	7:30 pm	To be confirmed
Thursday, 26th	2:30 pm	Women's Own – Richard Payne
Friday, 27th	9:30 am	Tots' Club
Saturday, 28th	10:00 am	Refresh is open to serve you
	2:30 pm	Tea Dance
Sunday, 29th	10:30 am	Sunday morning worship service
Monday, 30th	10:00 am	Calligraphy