

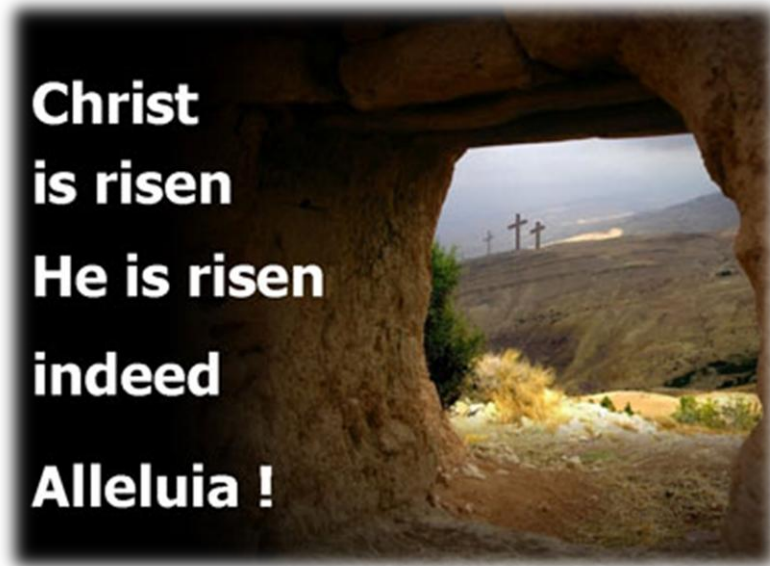
Belvedere  
BAPTIST CHURCH



# Newsletter

APRIL 2017

**Christ  
is risen  
He is risen  
indeed  
Alleluia !**



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

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# SUNDAY MORNING TEACHING PROGRAMME



## **April - Victory**

It's the month of Easter, and that means victory! Christ's death and resurrection is described in the Bible as the triumph over sin, death and Satan. How we experience this victory in our lives more and more is our focus these following weeks.

## **2nd - Victory in Prayer**

Praying can be hard, and sometimes our prayers don't seem to be answered. How can we pray more effectively and see Christ's victory come into the situations we face?

## **9th - Victory in our thoughts: 2 Corinthians 10:3-6**

The culture of Corinth had affected the minds, and therefore the actions, of the believers in ungodly ways. How can we learn from Paul's efforts to tackle this problem and how can we experience Christ's victory in our thought life too?

## **14th - GOOD FRIDAY Events**

12pm: Gathering and service, led by Rev. David Hazeldine (*BBC Car Park*)

12:40pm March of Witness through Nuxley Road (*from BBC car park*)

1:15pm Stations of the Cross (*outside All Saints*)

2pm: Communion Service (*All Saints Church*)

## **16th - EASTER DAY: Victory in life! Romans 5:12-21**

How does the death and resurrection of Christ affect our outlook on life? What has God given us in Christ that could enable us to 'reign' in life?

## **23rd - Victory through the Holy Spirit: Romans 8:9-14**

There is a battle that rages in every believer – we naturally don't want to do what God wants us to do. The Bible calls it 'the Spirit vs the flesh'. So how is this battle won and the desires of our flesh overcome?

## 30th - Victory over habits: Romans 6:1-14

Bad habits affect so many people and can seem to continually trip us up. We can feel so annoyed with ourselves when we really try hard to be good, but still fail. What is the answer? How can we experience total victory in these areas of our lives?

### Testimony booklet

Please remember the testimony booklet which is aimed at non-Christians. We need fairly brief testimonies from people in our church which show God's supernatural power in some way.

Please email testimonies to: [jdrobson@hotmail.com](mailto:jdrobson@hotmail.com)

Thanks

Julie



## A CONCERT IN AID OF EVERGREEN CARE BEXLEY

The Hartlip Singers will be presenting an 'Evening of Musical Delights!' with a varied programme including: Songs from the Shows, Operatic Pieces, Sacred Music and some surprises to raise funds for Evergreen. This will be held on:

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.00 pm (doors open at 6.30pm)  
at Geddes Place United Reformed Church,  
Geddes Place, Bexleyheath, DA6 7DJT  
Ticket price: £6.00 (includes refreshments during the interval)

This could be an enjoyable way to support Evergreen – so please do buy a ticket. These are available from the Evergreen office – 01322 431765, from Freda Ratcliffe direct, or by emailing her on [freda@evergreencarebexley.org](mailto:freda@evergreencarebexley.org).



## **REFRESH LIBRARY FUND *Update***

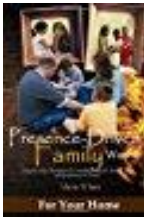
WELL DONE EVERYBODY! We have raised enough money to purchase Alicia White's books on family ministry for the Refresh Library. These are interesting books on making the worship a lifestyle in our families and inviting Jesus to be the center of our home.



[Stone Moments for Families: 72 Worship Activities to establish the Presence of the Lord in Your Home](#)  
White, Alicia



[Presence-Driven Family Ministry: Cultivating in your church a place where families can be discipled and encounter God's presence together](#)  
White, Alicia



[Presence-Driven Family Worship: Taking up God's Generational Call for the Family Altar](#)  
White, Alicia

Books will be placed soon on the NEW ARRIVALS shelf and any member can check them out for a month or extend for longer.

I will also accept any suggestions regarding the next fundraising library event.

*Dominika*

**May Newsletter Deadline: Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> April**



## Hello people of Belvedere Baptist,

I want to share with you the glorious time we just had with our Arts Collective events. We were blessed to have the Movement in Worship team from Brighton come and collaborate on 3 events: Creative Movement workshop, Arts in Worship night and Moving Prophetically workshop.

We had met Andy Au at the Movement Day Conference in New York last year and kept in touch. Many of you will know him as the guy who dances with giant flags in worship at Spring Harvest and Church Big Day Out. They have visited India for many years giving training in movement at a YWAM base in Chennai. So when we talked about them collaborating with us at the Arts Collective in Mumbai, they were very excited by the idea.

We saw such an amazing response at each of the events with much larger numbers than anticipated and people coming from churches that we would not have expected to get engaged. There was such a readiness to get involved and try something new and God really released us all to a deeper expression of worship. I think pictures say much more than words so take a look yourself:



Please pray for us as we follow up and seek God for the next steps. And please continue to pray for my visa and work situation. I still haven't had enough work coming in and there has been some hold up with documents coming through which I need for the application.

Thank you all for your prayers.

*Heather*



*Belvedere Baptist Church*  
*Easter Day @ 12pm : Ages 0-11*

THE  
**GREAT**  
EASTER EGG  
HUNT



## **Connecting to God through giving (chosen by Editor – not David!)**

There is a perception (and a reality in many cases) that pastors are motivated to preach on giving only because of their own selfish concern about the budget or a building program. For many years as a pastor myself, I ventured into the area of financial stewardship and especially giving quite rarely. As I would preach expositionally through a book of the Bible, I wouldn't avoid the subject of giving, but I hesitated to approach the subject extensively as a topic, lest I appear to be focused too much on the bottom line of the church rather than spiritual discipleship. I assumed – and it was partly true – that if people are growing spiritually, they will learn to give.

However, there is no other area of spiritual growth where we make the assumption that believers will grow without reminder and exhortation. I have come to realize that we are not mature disciples if we have not embraced the reality that materially we are stewards instead of owners.

If churches and pastors have communicated somehow that “stewardship” messages are primarily about fund-raising, then they are responsible to change that attitude internally. Stewardship is not fund-raising; it's basic discipleship. But in a similar sense, each believer must come to understand that giving is not just about “doing their duty.” Giving is actually a deeply personal indicator of our spiritual maturity as well as our love for God. If we understand Jesus' words that our “treasure” is an indication of our “heart,” how can churches and pastors avoid teaching on the important issue of giving?

### **Knowing God through Giving**

Giving is a spiritual issue and in fact, a relational issue with God. In order to truly yield to God's ownership of our possessions, we must evaluate carefully what may be the most telling evidence of our stewardship – the part we give. Just as we decide on what we spend on an appliance or how much we will put in a savings or retirement account, we must also have to decide how much money we will give. Even to give nothing is a decision. Stewards are accountable in each decision to please the owner.

An amazing benefit of giving as stewards is that it releases us from the real burden of our own financial needs. As we learn to trust God through giving, we can live confidently on what is left because we know that God is taking care of that.

*Extracted from <https://bible.org/seriespage/4-connecting-god-through-giving> - article by Sid Litke*

## APRIL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup></b>	10:00 am	Refresh is open to serve you
	10:00 am	Woman to Woman conference
<b>Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	10:30 am	Sunday morning worship service
<b>Weds, 5<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Flower arranging
	7:30 pm	Meeting in Refresh – everyone welcome
<b>Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Crochet lessons
	2:30 pm	Women's Own – AGM
<b>Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Refresh is open to serve you
	2:30 pm	Tea Dance
<b>Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup></b>	10:30 am	Sunday morning worship service
<b>Monday, 10<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Calligraphy
<b>Weds, 12<sup>th</sup></b>	7:30 pm	Meeting in Refresh – everyone welcome
	7:30 pm	Worship Team practice
<b>Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup></b>	2:30 pm	Women's Own – Dennis Roberts
<b>Friday, 14<sup>th</sup></b>	12:00 pm	Good Friday gathering starting at BBC
<b>Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Refresh is open to serve you
<b>Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup></b>	10:30 am	Easter Sunday morning worship service and Communion
<b>Weds, 19<sup>th</sup></b>	7:30 pm	Meeting in Refresh – everyone welcome
<b>Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Evergreen Knitters & crochet lesson
	2:30 pm	Women's Own – Favourite hymns
<b>Friday, 21<sup>st</sup></b>	9:30 am	Tots' Club
<b>Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	10:00 am	Refresh is open to serve you
	2:30 pm	Tea Dance
<b>Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	10:30 am	Sunday morning worship service
<b>Monday, 24<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Calligraphy
<b>Weds, 26<sup>th</sup></b>	7:30 pm	Meeting in Refresh – everyone welcome
<b>Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup></b>	2:30 pm	Women's Own – Avril & Olive
<b>Friday, 28<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 am	Tots' Club
<b>Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup></b>	8:00 am	Worship Team breakfast and practice
	10:00 am	Refresh is open to serve you
<b>Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup></b>	10:30 am	Sunday morning worship service

### Future Events:

BARN DANCE – Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017