

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

**If God, why evil** (*continued...*)

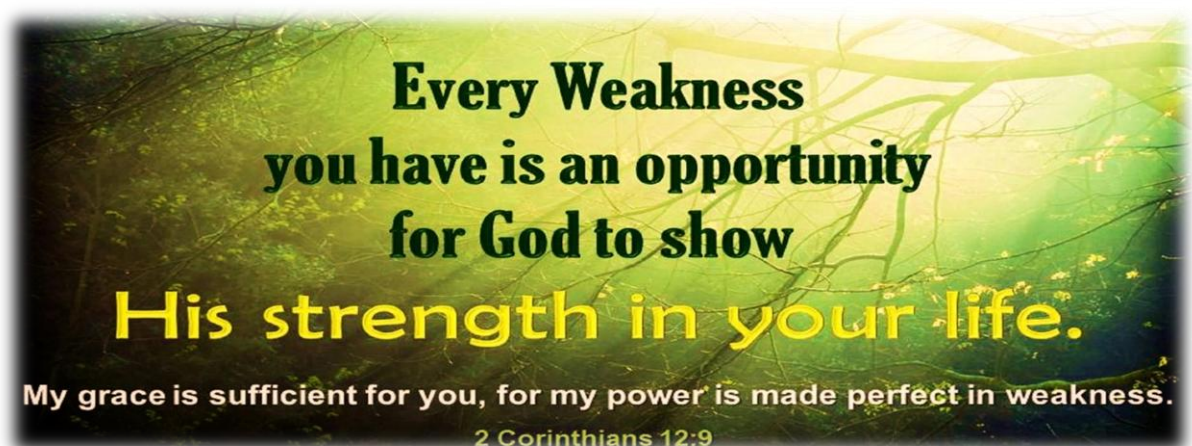
**4<sup>th</sup> - Pentecost & The Gift of Tongues:** Acts 2, 1 Corinthians 14  
We'll just be taking a break this week to celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the early church. What is this strange gift prophesied in the Old Testament? Why is it so common in the NT and what good is it for today? There will be a ministry prayer time at the close of the service for those who would like to receive the gift of tongues.

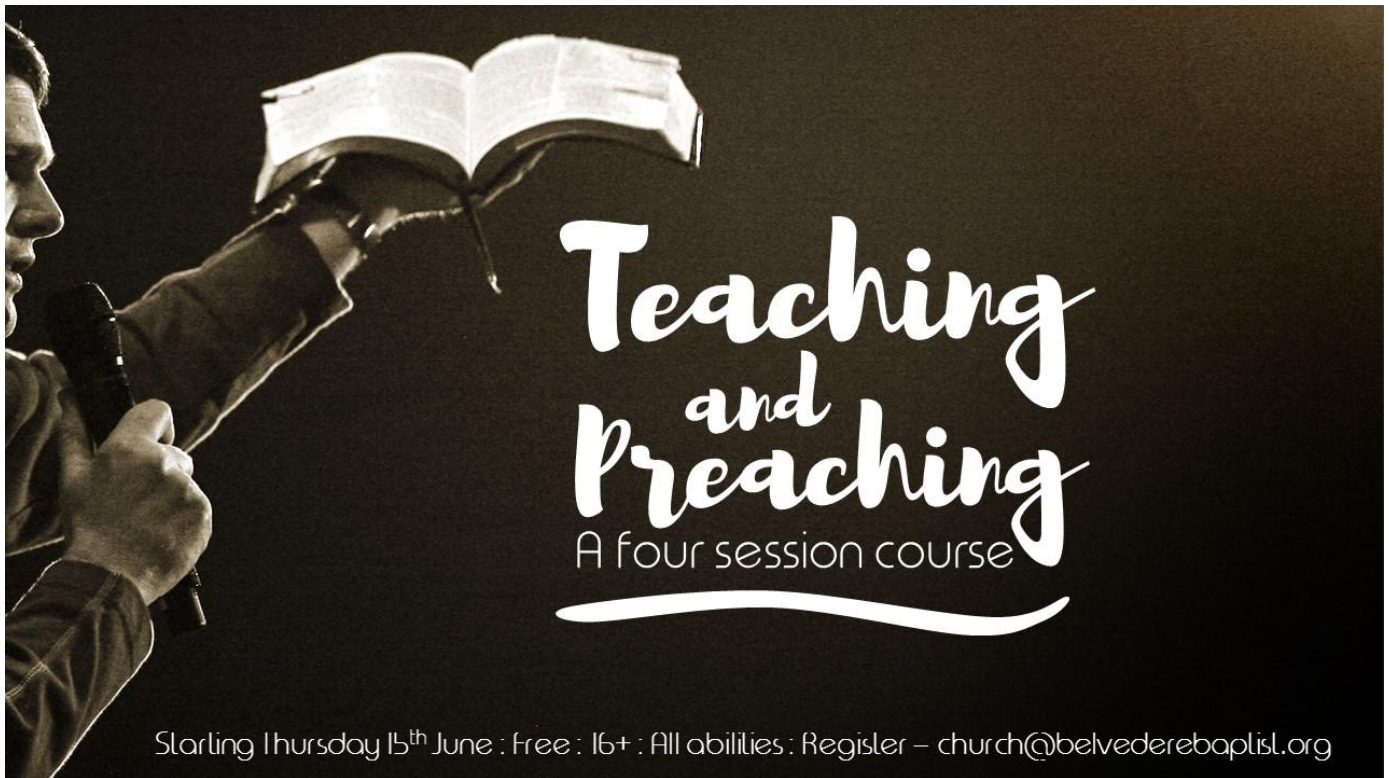
**11<sup>th</sup> - How can God be in control when there is so much evil?**  
If I've got real freewill, then how can God truly be in control? If He knew there was going to be so much suffering, didn't He have enough power to stop it? Oh dear...Atheist 3, Christian 0.

**18<sup>th</sup> - Everything happens for a reason, right?** Romans Ch 9 & 11  
But what is that reason??!! How can a Christian be so arrogant to say that they know the answer? What can possibly be a good enough reason for evil to exist?! Oh dear...Atheist 4, Christian 0.  
We'll also be celebrating Father's Day as well (*any excuse for a celebration!!*), and communion

**25<sup>th</sup> - Guest speaker: Vaughan Allen**  
After a few tough months of the deepest question about life, we thought we'd have a guest speaker! Vaughan is a long-time friend of David's from his teenage years and he will bring a message from his heart for us. In the afternoon, Vaughan will be spending time with our leaders at the 'Huddle' meeting.

**July Newsletter Deadline:** Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> June





Do you have thoughts from your personal Bible study that you often feel passionate about and would like to share with a wider audience? Have you ever shared a message in church but haven't done so in recent years yet still have the desire to? Perhaps you've heard someone preach and thought "I'd like to try that!" Well, now you can...

A 4-session training course (including personal mentoring and supportive feedback) is going to be run by Rev. David Hazeldine for aspiring preachers and teachers. It is open to all levels and abilities: whether you've ever preached before or not, or whether you've shared in church settings a few times before. It will cover material such as initial Bible study, choosing your main point, structure, style, use of illustrations, personal reflection skills and more. It will all be designed to give you confidence and to draw out your unique gifting and calling. As part of the training there will, of course, be opportunity to preach a short message to those on the course and also a chance to share a 10 minute message in church should you feel able.

This course is free and is open to anyone aged 16+ and will begin on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June (location to be advised), and for the next three Thursdays. Registration only. Please contact Charlotte in the church office on: 01322 446688 or email [church@belvederebaptist.org](mailto:church@belvederebaptist.org) to register

## Howard Morgan's Funeral

The funeral will take place on Friday 2nd June 2017.

12.15 - Service at Eltham Crematorium - West Chapel, Crown Woods Way, London SE9 2AZ

13.00 - Crematorium service finishes

13.15 to 13.45 - make way to Belvedere Baptist Church, 50 Nuxley Road, Belvedere, Kent DA17 5JG

14.00 - Service of Thanksgiving begins

14.30-14.45 - Service to finish

15.00 - make way to the wake being held at The Royal Standard pub in Nuxley Village, 39 Nuxley Road, Belvedere, Kent DA17 5JN

Mum, Angie and I are aware that there will be some people that wish to attend each part of the day and we would like to make sure that ALL are welcome to do this should they wish. At the same time, we are also aware that some may only be able to attend certain elements of the day and therefore please inform them that they can come along to whichever aspect of the day they can / wish to.

There will be flowers in the hearse from immediate family but instead of further flowers we are suggesting donations to a charity very close to Dad's heart, St.Dunstan's, Blind Veterans UK. Details of this will follow nearer the time.

If you need anything else then please let me know.

Thanks

Mark

## Reminder - Quiz Night on Saturday 3rd June

Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) is an independent charity, which provides free 'home away from home' accommodation for families with children in hospital across the UK.



As you know, we are helping to support the RMHC. Our next event is a Quiz Night on Saturday 3rd June at Refresh. Doors will open at 7:30pm and the quiz will start promptly at 8pm. Tickets are £5 per person and will be available on the door with a maximum of 8 people per team. All proceeds will be donated directly to the RMHC in Camberwell.

If you have any questions, please speak to *Matt or Steph Harris*.

### Audience of One

"Miraculous transformation in the world takes place through miraculously transformed people." This was the opening declaration of the sermon "Victory in Prayer" by Steph Harris given a few weeks ago. That statement alone says a lot to me; and it all boils down to an "Audience of One." What do I mean by an Audience of One? Well, no matter how many people in the room, each one of us as individuals has the audience of One with God; and I love that.

Scripture verses like **Hebrews 13: 3-4** "*Remember those in prison **as if you were there yourself**. Remember also those being mistreated **as if you felt their pain in your own bodies**.*" and **Psalm 55: 1-2** "*Listen to my prayer O God. Do not ignore my cry for help! Please listen and answer me for I am overwhelmed by my troubles*" continue to inspire and encourage me to pray even more. Why? Because these are heart-felt prayers!

The audience of One is knowing God never takes His heart or eyes off of us. He never leaves us or abandons us and He says, **nothing will ever** separate us from His loving care, no matter how far we've strayed, or spiritually dry we can become, we still maintain that audience of One with God. How truly awesome is that!

Which leads into the following, that is just a reminder really, about prayer being available every day of the week at BBC. **Mon – Fri 9-10 am; Sat 10.30 – 12 noon; Sun 9.30 -12.45**. Elders, leaders and Charlotte are prayed for every day. Allocated to the different days are the different departments of the church; what is important currently on the news is also prayed into.

We begin prayer with listening to worship music for about 10-15 minutes, included in worship is personal repentance (quietly) or otherwise; and thanking God for who He is and what He's done for us as individuals and as a corporate family.

Depending on how many people there are, worship songs are played/sung as we pray through the different subjects of that particular morning (see chart).

Monday:	Youth & Sunday School. Children's ministry. Creche & CRiBS. Calligraphy. Marcel, cleaner & library. Dominika, arts & library.
Tuesday:	CAP Job Club. CAP clients. Gwen Gowers. Counselling sessions. Pastoral team. Food Bank. Mediation Services. IJM. Hope UK.
Wednesday:	Bible study groups. Worship team. Marolin, newsletter. Women's discipleship. Sound engineers. Rita, flowers. Building team.
Thursday:	Women's Own. Stewards on a Sunday & refreshments team. Evergreen knitters/crochet classes. Slimming World.
Friday:	Evergreen. Tots club. Smiley Ark? Homeless Team.
Saturday:	HOTS and any events that may be taking place.
Sunday:	Anything!

What "bite size" event from the chart (other than what you are already involved in and pray for) could you commit to praying for on a weekly basis? There are many doors of opportunity to pray, even when we're busy! You could be still in bed because your mattress will be lonely without you, or enjoying a nice cup of tea or coffee somewhere. Maybe you're in a waiting room, or in a queue, on a bus/train; dare I say it, even sitting on the loo, in the bath/shower!! If you think you could pray for a weekly "bite size" event, could you let me know and you'll also be prayed for that morning as well.

Prayer requests, especially if they're personal and private, are kept private! Texts accompanied (sometimes) with Scripture are sent on the day to the requester (from myself) when an important event is happening for them; this has brought assurance and reassurance, hope and encouragement to the requester when they've received the texts.

Blessings always,

*Kathy*



# ADVANCE NOTICE

As I am sure you will know, Lark in the Park is a community event provided by churches in Sidcup, which takes place during the summer holidays and provides kids' clubs, youth activities, fun days, a creative zone, over 60s venue, community action projects, evening events and much more. No matter who you are, Lark in the Park has something for you!

This year it is running from Saturday 22nd July – Sunday 6th August and everything is FREE! So do put these dates in your diary so that you, your friends and neighbours or the children do not miss this opportunity to enjoy yourselves this summer and get involved with all that Lark in the Park has to offer.

*Freda* – Outreach Team



## Safe use of the internet

Do you know how to stay safe on the internet? You can get information on anything, watch movies, play games, keep in touch with friends.....but we also need to keep away from some websites that are unhelpful, or even harmful.

The UK Safer Internet Centre has lots of information to help us stay safe. <http://www.saferinternetday.org.uk>.

If you follow this link and then go to 'Advice Centre', you will find advice about smartphones, gaming devices, tablets and other internet-connected devices. There are clear explanations about setting up filters on your home internet to help prevent unhelpful content being accessed on devices in your home.

So let's enjoy the internet with peace of mind knowing that we have played our part to stay safe.

*Julie Robson*

## JUNE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup></b>	10:00 am	Crochet lessons
	2:30 pm	Women's Own – Members' afternoon
<b>Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup></b>		No Tots' club (half term)
<b>Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	10:00 am	Refresh is open to serve you
	10:00 am	Ladies Discipleship Group
	7:30 pm	Quiz Night in aid of RMHC
<b>Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup></b>	10:30 am	Sunday morning worship service and Communion
<b>Monday, 5<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Calligraphy
<b>Weds, 7<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Flower arranging with Rita
	7:30 pm	House groups
<b>Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup></b>	2:30 pm	Women's Own – Brian Mansfield
<b>Friday, 9<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 am	Tots' club
<b>Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Refresh is open to serve you
	2:30 pm	Tea Dance
<b>Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup></b>	10:30 am	Sunday morning worship service
<b>Weds, 14<sup>th</sup></b>	7:30 pm	House groups
	7:30 pm	Worship Team practice
<b>Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Evergreen Knitters & Crochet lessons
	2:30 pm	Women's Own – Kathy Gower
<b>Friday, 16<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 am	Tots' club
<b>Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Refresh is open to serve you
<b>Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup></b>	10:30 am	Sunday morning worship service
<b>Monday, 19<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Calligraphy
<b>Weds, 21<sup>st</sup></b>	7:30 pm	House groups
<b>Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	2:30 pm	Women's Own – Beryl and Doug
<b>Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	9:30 am	Tots' Club
<b>Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup></b>	8:00 am	Worship Team breakfast/practice
	10:00 am	Refresh is open to serve you
	2:30 pm	Tea Dance
<b>Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup></b>	10:30 am	Sunday morning worship service
		Followed by Leaders' Huddle at manse
<b>Weds, 28<sup>th</sup></b>	7:30 pm	Housegroups
<b>Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup></b>	2:30 pm	Women's Own – Afternoon Tea
<b>Friday, 30<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 am	Tots' Club

### Future Events:

BARN DANCE – **Note change of date:** Saturday, 11th November 2017 from 7 pm - 10 pm