

Belvedere  
BAPTIST CHURCH



# Newsletter

OCTOBER 2017



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

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## SUNDAY MORNING TEACHING PROGRAMME



### October: Sunday worship in church

Worship and praise is a crucial part of our times together on a Sunday morning. We want to inspire our faith through God's word to see what God is doing in these times.

**1<sup>st</sup>** - Exciting stories abound in the bible of people either encountering God through times of worship and praise or seeing God move on their behalf in these times. What does this mean for us during our Sunday services?

**8<sup>th</sup>** - In Revelation we get a glimpse of the worship of God in heaven. How can we experience such wonders and in our times together on Sunday mornings?

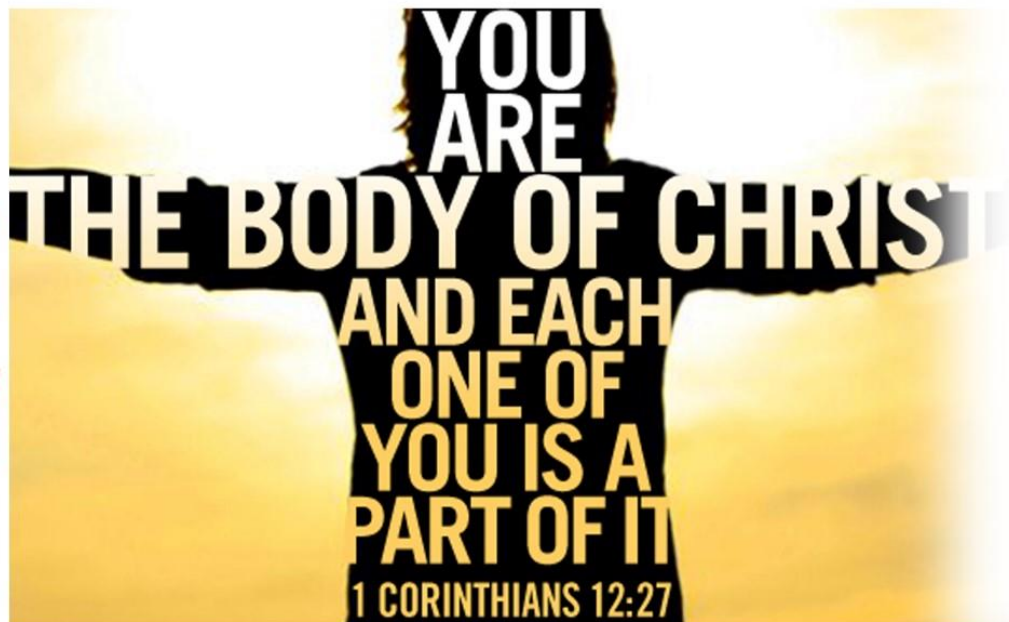
**15<sup>th</sup>** - Rev Bob Goode was the minister in this church back in the early '00's. He is currently the minister of Birchington Baptist Church in Thanet, Kent. It is our privilege to welcome him back as a special treat!

**22<sup>nd</sup>** - When we come together in a worship service, how does the Holy Spirit work amongst us? Only through the minister, or through everyone? And if it's everyone, how do we work together and avoid chaos?!

**29<sup>th</sup>** - What does it mean to worship 'in the Spirit' compared to just singing songs, and what does it mean to worship 'in the truth'. Isn't that just putting Bible verses in song lyrics?

**November Newsletter Deadline:** Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October

A course on  
membership  
@  
CCC



**THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 8PM, THE MANSE (21, Eardley Rd)**

For the first of three evenings with David and Sam and other church leaders – we look forward to getting to know you!

### **Projector and Sound Desk**

The worship team play an important part in our services, and there are other roles besides singing or playing an instrument. Managing the sound desk and projector is also a vital role.

We arrive at church at 9 am - 9.15 am on Sunday to set the equipment up, do the sound balancing and prepare the list of worship songs for the projector.

The projector is relatively straightforward for anyone with decent IT knowledge. With a little training, it'll become second nature.

The sound desk can look frighteningly complicated, but it isn't as bad as it seems. Breaking it down in simple terms, each input (instrument, microphone, pc feed, etc) has its own column of controls to alter the volume, treble, bass etc.

If you would like to train to help out with these crucial jobs, then please contact Paul Fryer - [paulf1988@gmail.com](mailto:paulf1988@gmail.com) / 07708 923 347

Hi Everyone,

Thank you so much for all your support in prayer and practical giving for the **Food Bank at Erith** over these last months. It is very encouraging and valuable to people of the community to know not only that the Food Bank is there, but also that there are other people within the Borough who are supporting them through prayer and giving.

It has been highlighted that the Food Banks in general over the Borough are really urgently in need of the following items:

Noodles, squash, long life milk and fruit juice, jam, coffee, rice pudding, custard, sponge puddings, pasta sauce and tinned tomatoes, sweet treats for children, tinned fruit and veg, rice and tinned spaghetti.

If you feel you are able to donate any of the items above I should be grateful if you would bring them to church on a Sunday morning. There is a box at the back of the church for all donations.

If you would like to know more about the Food Bank, or feel that you would like to volunteer, I would be really happy to have a chat with you.

Thank you again for all your help.

*Lynda Bryant*



## **WORSHIP TEAM REHEARSALS – OPEN TO ALL**

The worship team rehearsals on Wednesdays and Saturdays (see back page for dates) are open to any member of the church fellowship who wants to come and worship or 'soak' with us.



When

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 19th 2017**  
**8pm - 10pm**

Where

**Refresh Community Café**  
**Belvedere Baptist Church**  
**50 Nuxley Road, Belvedere, KENT**  
**DA17 5JG**

**AUDREY LUMSDEN PRESENTS** an  
evening of great Jazz  
swing/standards • plus popular  
ballads • original songs and a  
guest or two.

Purchase tickets in advance from Audrey or David  
Lumsden on any Sunday from, 12:15pm -12:45pm at  
Belvedere Baptist Church, 50 Nuxley Road  
or call Audrey or David on 07941 951 424

**HOSPITALITY**

Light snacks and soft cold drinks, tea and  
coffee are all included in the ticket price

Don't miss the

**MEMBERS'**  
**MEETING/AGM**

On

**Wednesday,**  
**18<sup>th</sup> October**



## Top 3 questions about giving



The following 3 questions are the most commonly asked when the subject of financial giving in church is raised:

1. Tithing is not mentioned in the New Testament so surely it's not relevant for today?
2. Who should I give my gift to: Church, charity or both?
3. I don't have much money so I give my time and skills, is that ok?

### Answer:

1. The word 'tithing' IS mentioned in the New Testament, by Jesus (Matthew 23:23-24), as something people should continue to do *as well as* show mercy, which they were lacking in. Paul, the apostle, encouraged his churches to live by the principle of tithing and put aside a set amount of money at the start of the week (1 Corinthians 16:2) ready for him to collect it. This shows us that Christ fulfilled the ceremonial parts of the law, and now through our faith empowers us by His Spirit to keep the civic and the moral parts of the law – so the principal of tithing continues into the New Testament. The principal can be adhered to for an even greater reason too – Abraham, before the law was given, gave a tenth of his income to the Lord in the form of Melchizedek, the king of Salem. He did this by faith! Tithing, therefore, has a higher reason than just a legal one, but it has a 'regal' one – it is how we give to the King of Kings...by faith.

We hope this helps answer your queries on this and helps you live out your Christian life according to the Word of God. Blessings!

Question 2 will be looked at next month. Stay tuned...!

For a deeper study on this answer check out Rev. David Hazeldine's sermon titled 'The Faithfulness of Financial Giving', 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017, on the church website ([www.belvederebaptist.org](http://www.belvederebaptist.org)) under the 'sermons' tab.

*For your info: As a church we tithe a tenth of all our income to missions and our minister tithes his income too. His income is limited by agreement with the diaconate and is not affected by any increase in attendance or congregational offerings.*

## OCTOBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup></b>	10:30 am	Sunday morning worship service and Communion
<b>Weds, 4<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Flower arranging with Rita
	7:30 pm	House groups
<b>Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Crochet lessons with Kathy Gower
	2:30 pm	Women's Own – Lilian Piddington
<b>Friday, 6<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 am	Tots' Club
<b>Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Refresh is open to serve you
	10:00 am	Ladies' Discipleship Group
<b>Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup></b>	10:30 am	Sunday morning worship service
<b>Monday, 9<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Calligraphy
<b>Weds, 11<sup>th</sup></b>	7:30 pm	House groups
	7:30 pm	Worship Team practice
<b>Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup></b>	2:30 pm	Women's Own – Music afternoon
<b>Friday, 13<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 am	Tots' Club
<b>Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Refresh is open to serve you
	2:30 pm	Tea Dance
<b>Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup></b>	10:30 am	Sunday morning worship service
<b>Weds, 18<sup>th</sup></b>	7:30 pm	Members' meeting - AGM
<b>Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Evergreen Knitters & Crochet lessons
	2:30 pm	Women's Own – Maureen Varrell
	8:00 pm	Jazz evening
<b>Friday, 20<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 am	Tots' Club
<b>Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup></b>	10:00 am	Refresh is open to serve you
<b>Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	10:30 am	Sunday morning worship service
<b>Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	10:00 am	Calligraphy
<b>Weds, 25<sup>th</sup></b>	7:30 pm	House groups
<b>Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup></b>	2:30 pm	Women's Own – Kathy Gower
<b>Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup></b>	8:00 am	Worship Team Breakfast and practice
	10:00 am	Refresh is open to serve you
	2:30 pm	Tea Dance
<b>Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup></b>	10:30 am	Sunday morning worship service

### Future Events:

JAZZ EVENING – Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017 from 8 pm – 10 pm

**BARN DANCE – Cancelled**