

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



## September: Being with Jesus through prayer

This month we are building up to our 24/1 day of prayer which is from 12pm, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> to 12pm, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> of September. Jesus challenged his disciples, at a very stressful time in their lives, to pray for one hour with him: We are going to rise to that challenge! At the start of a new term, after our holidays and as the busyness of life kicks in...we are going to put Him right in the centre of it all. The theme for this 24hr period of time will be '*One like a son of man*' – the description the prophets gave when they encountered the person of Jesus in prayer. We want to simply spend time with God and put down our prayer lists, approach Him with no requests, and draw near to Him by sitting at His feet to hear what He might have to say as we look intently up into His face. Sign up for a one-hour session, or as long as you want, or even stay the whole time!

**3<sup>rd</sup> - Psalm 91:** There are so many things we don't need to pray for! In this passage we're shown the blessings that come out of 'dwelling' with God.

**10th - 2 Corinthians 13vs14:** What does the phrase 'the fellowship of the Holy Spirit' mean, and how does it relate to our prayer lives? For starters, fellowship is not about requesting things...

**17th - Luke 11vs1-13:** God is generous...very generous! Jesus' mission was to reveal the Father to the world, and in doing so He knew it would help us persist in prayer.

**24th** Today is the culmination of our 24/1 prayer day. Our Sunday service will be the last 2hrs of the 24hr period...hours 23 and 24! We'll be doing more prayer than normal in this service! There will also be special prayer sessions for the children and youth in their usual group times.

**October Newsletter Deadline: Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> September**

## **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



## **FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHURCH SERVICES**

*If you would like to donate a flower arrangement in honour of a special occasion, please see Rita Durrant who would be grateful for any contributions.*

## DISHWASHER FREE TO GOOD HOME

The Hazeldines have a 'free to collect' dishwasher that has been standing in our garage for a year. It is church property and a while back at a deacons' meeting we agreed to get rid of it. As I have never seen it in use (we took it out on our move day last year) and it has not been used for the two years before that when Frank left - I can't really say it works well. For this reason it is 'free to collector'.

Dimensions are: 60cm wide x 82cm high x 57cm deep. It is an integral dishwasher so the front panel can be changed to fit someone's existing kitchen unit style.

*David Hazeldine*



### **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.

**You are Invited to An Exhibition**  
(Including Demonstrations)

of



Calligraphy

Flower Arranging

Evergreen Care

Knitting & Crochet Group



**on Saturday**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> September**

**from 10.00 am – 2.00 pm**

**at Belvedere Baptist Church**  
**50 Nuxley Road, Belvedere**

*Entrance is Free*  
*Everybody Welcome*



## CAP News

Our **Christians Against Poverty** work continues to grow through the Debt Centre – new clients being seen every month and 4 going debt free in the past year; Job Club – starting again after a summer break; and CAP Money – now being directly offered to Debt Centre clients to help with their budgeting as they work their way out of debt. We are always looking for ways to connect with other organisations and projects that serve the local community and have valuable links with the Food Banks in the local area.

Earlier this year a really exciting opportunity came to us through Job Club to work in HMP Thameside with Clean Sheet, an organisation that goes into prisons and does a one-session course called 'Ways to Work'. This is for prisoners who will soon be released and helps them to seek employment.

The sessions have an informal, discussion based approach aimed at building their confidence and motivation to get a job. At the end of the session they can do an assessment paper which, when processed, will give them access to the Clean Sheet members' directory of employers who are all actively seeking to employ ex-offenders. There are nearly 100 employers in the directory and it includes several well known national companies.

We visit Thameside monthly and have done 3 sessions so far, each one different and so rewarding. We come away thrilled at the responses we've had from the guys who attended, seeing them open up and grow in confidence, becoming more positive about their job prospects.

We've got more CAP connections in the pipeline, so watch this space! And if anyone would like to know more about CAP work at BBC, or would like to get involved just speak to Kath Andrews, Charlotte Kenton or Nadine White. We would especially love more people to be praying for the CAP work! If you would like to be updated on our CAP prayer needs ask Kathy Gower about getting connected.

*Kath Andrews*



## Financial Giving at Belvedere Baptist Church

Baptist churches like ours are self-financing. They receive no funding from the government or from a head office. For us, that means our staff, projects, equipment and buildings are currently paid for and updated by gifts from members and attenders. Thank you to all who currently support the church financially, it is very much appreciated.

If you are a first time visitor, please don't give. But if you are a returning visitor, regular attender or church member, please consider how you will financially contribute to the ministry of the church. The best way is to commit to regular giving though, of course, you can make one-off gifts. Regular giving helps us and you in two ways: Firstly, it helps us budget for the year ahead knowing what we expect to come in; Secondly, it helps you decide clearly (with your spouse...if you're married!) what you intend to give ahead of time, so you don't forget or feel pressurised at the last minute.

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You can make your giving go further if you're a tax payer by filling in the 'Gift Aid' forms on the back table (ask a steward for help). Gift Aid increases the value of your gift by 25% (!! ) because we can reclaim the basic rate of tax on your gift at no extra cost to you – this makes a massive difference to our income and we would encourage every person who contributes to do this, if possible.

At the moment you can give your gift either through the gift boxes at the front or back of the church worship hall, or direct to our church bank account (again, forms on the back table).

At our quarterly church family meetings for members we explain, discuss and pray about how this money is best to be spent.

Hope that helps and thanks again – and may you know the blessing of giving (Acts 20:35).



## SEPTEMBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	10:00 am	Refresh is open to serve you
	10:00 am	Ladies Discipleship Group
<b>Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	10:30 am	Sunday morning worship service and Communion
<b>Weds, 6<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Flower arranging with Rita
	7:30 pm	House groups
<b>Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Crochet lessons with Kathy Gower
	2:30 pm	Women's Own – Dennis Roberts
<b>Friday, 8<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 am	Tots' club
<b>Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Refresh is open to serve you
	2:30 pm	Tea Dance
<b>Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup></b>	10:30 am	Sunday morning worship service
<b>Monday, 11<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Calligraphy
<b>Weds, 13<sup>th</sup></b>	7:30 pm	House groups
	7:30 pm	Worship Team practice
<b>Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup></b>	2:30 pm	Women's Own – David Hazeldine
<b>Friday, 15<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 am	Tots' club
<b>Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Refresh is open to serve you
<b>Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup></b>	10:30 am	Sunday morning worship service
<b>Weds, 20<sup>th</sup></b>	7:30 pm	House groups
<b>Thursday, 21<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Evergreen Knitters & Crochet lessons
	2:30 pm	Women's Own – To be announced
<b>Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	9:30 am	Tots' Club
<b>Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	10:00 am	Refresh is open to serve you
	10:00 am	Exhibition – see page 5
	12:00 pm	24/1 Prayer begins
	2:30 pm	Tea Dance
<b>Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup></b>	10:30 am	Sunday morning worship service
<b>Monday, 25<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Calligraphy
<b>Weds, 27<sup>th</sup></b>	7:30 pm	House groups
<b>Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup></b>	2:30 pm	Women's Own – Andrew White
<b>Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup></b>	8:00 am	Worship Team Breakfast and practice
	10:00 am	Refresh is open to serve you

### Future Events:

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

BARN DANCE – Saturday, 11th November 2017 from 7 pm - 10 pm