

# **The Blaby Baptist Messenger**



**February / March  
2018**



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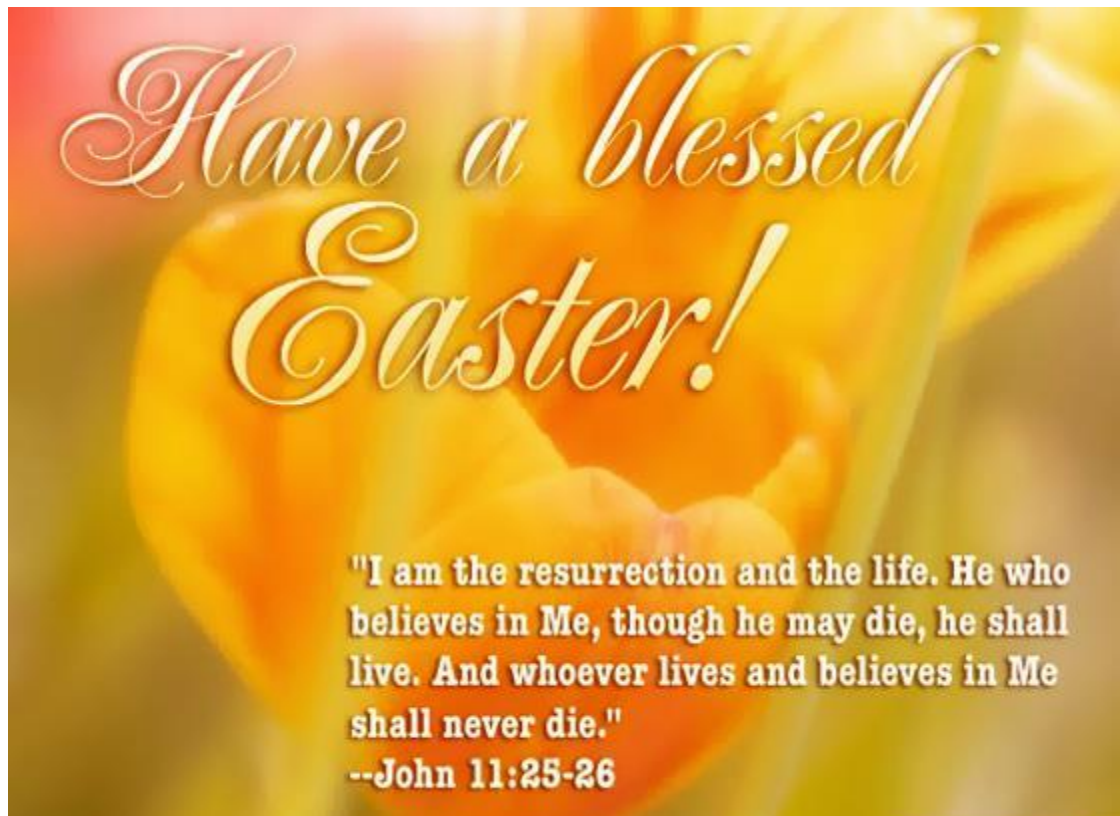
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Greetings from Pastor Pauline



*Lord God, You loved this world so much, that you gave your one and only Son, that we might be called your children too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, every day. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon Your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world. All for your glory do we pray, Lord. Amen.*



*From the  
Pastor*



# Personal

Let me begin the first personal column of 2018 by wishing you all a Happy New Year, (although rather belated).

Once again Hilda had been in hospital just after Christmas but I am pleased to say she is now back home and feeling much better.

Tony has had some more problems with his eyes. Unfortunately his last procedure didn't take so he has had to have it done again. Please keep him in your prayers that this time his eyesight will be greatly improved.

Ann's partner John has also been in hospital but is now home. Ann's daughter has also had an operation and she too is home improving.

Kathleen and John have not been too well either but are soldiering on.

Your prayers are needed for Jan and Roy, Nev and Marilyn. Pray for Alan and his family, all of whom have had this flu bug which is going around.

Please pray for all our church family and friends who need your prayers

God Bless you all.

Wynn



# ***New Members***



**God Bless Patrick and Cynthia as they join our church family and bring their gifts to Bless us richly.**





Come and join us for

**It is a time for the whole family to be involved in:**

## March 4th

## Games

## Songs

## April 1st

## Crafts

## Stories

## Activities

## Food

**we will be delighted to welcome you on the 1st Sunday of every month at 4pm.**





2 Timothy 1:6

*For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.*

# You Say... God Says...

## You Say

## God Says

## Bible Verses

I can't figure it out.

I will direct your steps.

Proverbs 3:5-6

I'm too tired.

I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28-30

It's impossible.

All things are possible.

Luke 18:27

Nobody loves me.

I love you.

John 3:16

I can't forgive myself.

I forgive you.

Romans 8:1

It's not worth it.

It will be worth it.

Romans 8:28

I'm not smart enough.

I will give you wisdom.

I Corinthians 1:30

I'm not able.

I am able.

II Corinthians 9:8

I can't go on.

My grace is sufficient.

II Corinthians 12:9

I can't do it.

You can do all things.

Philippians 4:13

I can't manage.

I will supply all your needs.

Philippians 4:19

I'm afraid.

I have not given you fear.

II Timothy 1:7

I feel all alone.

I will never leave you.

Hebrews 13:5



## **Reclaiming religious freedom in the UK**

*(Edited from Barnabas Fund website article)*

**This year Barnabas Fund will be launching a new campaign to reclaim the heritage of freedom of religion in the UK and elsewhere which previous generations of Christians endured hardship, persecution and even death to achieve.**

Barnabas Fund is seeking a new Act of Parliament in the UK to guarantee seven fundamental aspects of freedom of religion which have developed in the UK by various mechanisms over the last five centuries but are now under threat. A law to protect and guarantee them is urgently needed.

Tracing the heritage of religious liberty takes us back to Magna Carta in 1215 which affirmed that “the English Church shall be free” and was gradually worked out over the centuries into seven specific aspects of freedom of religion.

- **Freedom to read the Bible in public - 1537 and to interpret the Bible without government interference -1559.**
- **Freedom of worship – 1689.**
- **Freedom to choose, or change your faith or belief – 1689.**
- **Freedom to preach and try to convince others of the truth of your beliefs – 1812.**
- **Freedom to build churches/other places of worship -1812.**
- **Freedom from being required to affirm a particular worldview or set of beliefs in order to hold a public sector job, stand for election, work in professions such as teaching and law, or study at university (achieved by the repeal of various Test Acts 1719 - 1888).**



Most of these were achieved by the repeal of various restrictions on freedom of religion, rather than a positive law affirming freedom of religion. They are therefore vulnerable to being eroded by those who are either intent on imposing a particular ideological agenda, or by politicians who are simply ignorant of the enormous importance that previous generations played in developing freedom of religion and spreading it to other parts of the world.

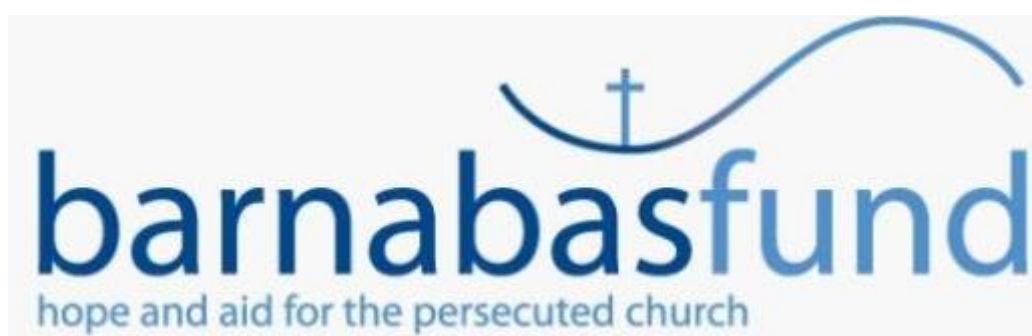
We are thankful to God for His guidance, blessing, provision and protection of the UK over centuries. In times of great sin and impending judgement, through the prayers of His people and the work of His saints like Wesley, Whitefield and others, judgement was averted. God in His mercy intervened.

We believe that, as a nation, the UK has again left the pathways of God, forsaken His laws and are faced with the possibility of the lampstand being removed from our country *Revelation 2:5*. With this will probably come the loss of our fundamental religious freedoms. Yet, we believe it is not too late. We believe that we are still, as a nation, in the hands of our sovereign Lord, that it is He who will determine our destiny.

Meanwhile we, as His people, must, like Nehemiah of old, pray, build and be equipped and ready to respond to every kind of attack (*Nehemiah 4*) and must also heed *2 Chronicles 7:14*.

To read the full article, follow the link

<https://www.barnabasfund.org/en/news/reclaiming-religious-freedom-in-the-uk>







**SUNDAY EVENING**

**WORSHIP MEETINGS**

**Dates are confirmed for our  
evening meetings in 2018,  
which will be held at 6pm:-**

**25 February**

**25 March (Palm Sunday)**

**29 April**

**20 May (Pentecost)**

**24 June**

**29 July**

**19 August**

**30 September**

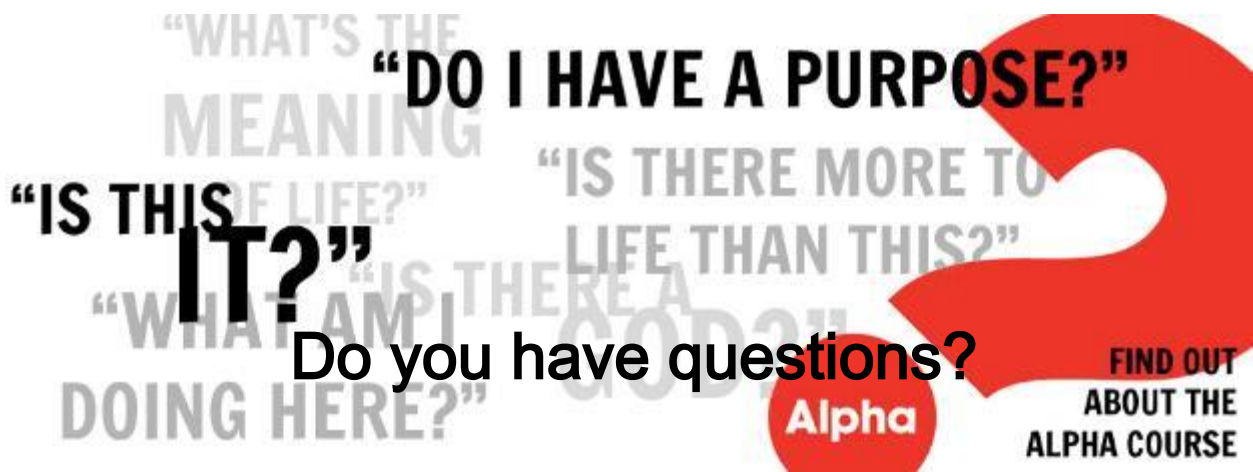
**28 October**

**25 November**

**No meeting in December**

***Praise Him!***





**What is the meaning of life?**

**Why do bad things happen to good people?**

**Why is there suffering?**

**Who is God?**

**Come along to the Alpha Course and find the answers you are looking for. If you would like to be part of an exciting journey?**

**Talk to June Hughes 07895 02830**





February

8<sup>th</sup> Marilyn Green  
26<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Orton

March

5<sup>th</sup> Derek Randall  
16<sup>th</sup> Bette Bolton  
22<sup>nd</sup> Sandra Tugby



Get involved in this worthy cause. Talk to Ann James for  
more information.



# Home Group

Discipleship, worship, prayer,

Bible study and social

Usually meet Wednesday  
evenings, various venues

7:30pm

Contact Kathryn:

07954784994



# Blaby Baptist Church

77<sup>th</sup> year

Women's Own  
The first Wednesday of the month  
2:30 - 4:00pm

February 7<sup>th</sup>

AGM

March 7<sup>th</sup>

Beetle Drive



Bring a friend - she will be glad you did



# Friendship Group

Meets every Wednesday evening

## February

7<sup>th</sup> Pancake making  
14<sup>th</sup> Games Evening  
21<sup>st</sup> St Wistan with connection to  
Wistow Tumaini Jipya  
28<sup>th</sup> New Hope

## March

7<sup>th</sup> Meal Out  
14<sup>th</sup> Lent  
21<sup>st</sup> Landscape History  
28<sup>th</sup> Easter





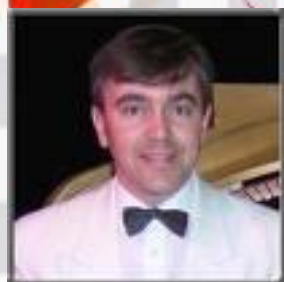


**Monday Evenings  
6:00pm**

**For more information  
Speak to Bette Bolton  
277 5391**







***A DIGITAL ORGAN CONCERT  
BY NICHOLAS MARTIN***

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**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**At 7:00pm**

**Blaby Baptist Church, Northfield  
Road Blaby, Leicester, LE8 4GU**

**Tickets: £7 / Concessions: £5**

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**Tea, coffee, soft drinks  
& biscuits at interval**

**Raffle**



# QUIZ TIME!

*TWO QUIZ DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:-*



*MONDAY*

*23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL*



*MONDAY*

*10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER*

Both quizzes start promptly at 7pm

Teams of x4

Tickets £5, inclusive of refreshments

Contact:

NEV TAYLOR

07825 179417





# NEWSPAPER APPEAL

Leicestershire Animal Hospital are desperate for newspapers for use in lining the cages of injured animals, mainly hedgehogs.

Please save your newspapers only (not magazines) and let Shirley or Pauline have them. We will be collecting them on an ongoing basis, so whether you have only a couple or bags full, please let us have them when you can.

The hospital will be so grateful.

Thank you.

Shirley & Pauline





# Offertory

**Offertory figures (note these includes envelopes, open plate and direct bank giving)**

<b>November</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>£697.5</b>	<b>£88.32</b>	<b>£913.32</b>
	<b>12th</b>	<b>£177.5</b>	<b>£124.76</b>	<b>£429.76</b>
	<b>19th</b>	<b>£217.5</b>	<b>£89.55</b>	<b>£434.55</b>
	<b>25th</b>	<b>£177.5</b>	<b>£109.91</b>	<b>£414.91</b>
				<b>Average</b>
				<b>£548.135</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>£580.00</b>	<b>£99.50</b>	<b>£781.50</b>
	<b>10th</b>	<b>£140.00</b>	<b>£58.75</b>	<b>£300.75</b>
	<b>17th</b>	<b>£227.50</b>	<b>£42.83</b>	<b>£472.33</b>
	<b>23rd</b>	<b>£205.00</b>	<b>£138.00</b>	<b>£445.00</b>
				<b>Average</b>
				<b>£499.895</b>

**Note 31st goes into 2018**

**Les**





## Thoughts from the Reluctant Editor

I hope everybody had a blessed Christmas and a special time with family and friends. Christmas can be a hard time for people, you're made to believe that this is the happiest time of the year, but is it? Trials and difficulties come even at Christmas. What Christmas does promise is hope and security in the saviour who was born to die and live again.

Lent is upon us when we prepare to commemorate the sacrifice Jesus made to bridge the separation between us and God.

Let us remember as we go through not only the trials of this life but the joys as well, we have someone who loves us more than we can know, who is there to share all our lives.

Always put your trust in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in your pain and your joy and know that you are loved greatly.

Karen



# **Blaby Baptist Church Calendar**

<b>February</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Messy Church 4pm</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pauline assembly at Stokes</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bible study 7pm</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Communion</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bible study 7pm</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Brownies Thinking Day 6pm</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>22-26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pauline away</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Evening praise</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Church Anniversary Mark Aldridge to preach</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Messy Church</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pauline assembly a Stokes school</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mothering Sunday</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bible study 7pm</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Communion and Church AGM</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lent lunch 12pm</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Palm Sunday Evening praise 6pm</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Maundy Thursday service 7pm</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Holiday club 10-12pm</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Messy Church fun 10am – 12pm</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Good Friday service 7pm</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
<b>May 26<sup>st</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup> Pauline on holiday in the New Forest</b>		





# **Church Services**

**Sunday Service: 10:45 am**

**Communion: The third Sunday of every month.**

## **Groups**

**Wednesday:**

**Playtime: 10am-11:30 an informal drop-in session for babies and toddlers. £1 per session.**

**Contact Pauline 0116 2477450**

**Friendship Group: 7:30pm-9pm every Wednesday.**

**Contact Pauline 0116 2477450**

**Women's Own: 2:30-4pm every first Wednesday.**

**Contact Pauline 0116 2477450**

**Friday:**


**Rhythm Time: morning classes (babies and toddlers)**

**Contact Chris 0116 2773239**

**Rainbows/ Brownies/ Guides/ Rangers**

**Contact Beryl 07891689841**





*Today I will...*

- ❖ *give thanks for all that comes my way.*
- ❖ *walk and talk through the Holy Spirit within me.*
- ❖ *see God's presence in every element of creation.*
- ❖ *remember that every person I encounter was created by God.*
- ❖ *remember that I am here to serve others.*

*Because... that is what my Savior has first done for me.*