

# **The Blaby Baptist Messenger**



**October / November  
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## Greetings from Pastor Pauline

Dear Friends

September still feels like the beginning of a new year even though I am no longer teaching and there is no "new school year." But whatever the time of year it is always good to review where we are as a church, where we are going and how we plan to get there. Our recent church meeting looked at the strategies for achieving our aims and these are being published in this magazine for all of you to read.

In our church, we now have a wider community of people who have a great variety of talents and skills. Some of these people already lead areas and groups within the church; others will grow into leadership roles. In this way, we will have a continuing stream of expertise to lead the church into the future.

Jesus initially had twelve people in his team to partner with him in his mission to save the world. He did not work alone. That principle applies to us today. The church needs every single person to build God's kingdom here. And it is "every little helps." It does not matter what you offer or how much. What is important is that you get involved. And the most important ways are to pray and to encourage.

Praying for you all as you help to grow God's kingdom.

God bless

Pauline



# **Aims and strategies for the development of Blaby Baptist Church 2017-2020**

## *Spiritual development*

To develop a closer relationship with God through preaching, prayer, worship and scripture.

To have preaching that challenges us to be kingdom people, with individual and spiritual growth.

To develop understanding and practise of the gifts of the Holy Spirit to empower the church to grow and operate in the ways of Christ.

To develop a prayer life that is listening and mission focussed

## *Worship*

To continue to develop a pattern worship for this congregation that draws people into the presence of God, offering Him praise and worship, honour and glory and enabling them to encounter Him in power. This will mean the continued development of the evening service with its more “charismatic” style and the commencement of Messy Church.

## *Discipleship*

To grow in the knowledge and understanding of scripture to enable and encourage a more Christ-like way of living.

To provide opportunities e.g. /Alpha, home groups for people to explore the meaning of discipleship and sacrificial living

## *Mission*

To provide opportunities for people to come to know Jesus Christ for themselves

To be intentional about developing relationships that enable conversations about faith.

## *Finance*

To ensure that our income/expenditure is well-managed to focus on the mission of the church.

### *Administration/Communication*

To continue to develop systems that enable the smooth and efficient running of the church.

To have means of communication that keep the church informed of developments and events

To communicate the mission of the church and its events to the wider community

### *Pastoral care*

To develop a team to undertake:

home visits on a regular basis

bereavement visiting

sick and hospital visiting

### *Fellowship/Social*

To provide a place where people to come together to get to know one another: a place where fellowship and friendship can be encouraged. This may be through groups and events.

### *Building/Operations*

To further develop the building to make it fit for purpose.

To continue to have housekeeping systems which support the smooth running of the church.



Here we are again and already we have autumn closing in, where has the summer gone? What we had of it. Whatever the weather though we still remember our members and friends who need our prayers.

We have two people, Tony and Vic who have had eye operations recently. Tony's did not go too well at first but now is improving. Vic also had a few problems at first but he is also on the mend; please keep them in your prayers.

Please pray for Sylvia and Ivor, Jan and Roy and Elaine, Elizabeth Orton and Roy Hummel.

Hilda is quite poorly at the moment and we pray that she feels Gods arms holding her at this time.

We also want to remember Pauline's mum, who has had a cataract operation and we pray that all is well.

Anne had a stay in hospital just a week before her daughter's wedding! God was good and all went well and was able to attend and enjoy the wedding and is back to full fitness.

To close, two pieces of good news, Pat has been given the all clear from the hospital, thanks be to God for his healing and Kylie has given birth to a healthy baby boy.

May God be with you all.

Wynne

Come and join us for



**October 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

**November 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Games**

**Songs**

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Crafts**

**Stories**

**Activities**

**Food**

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



# Holiday Club Memories



**As you can see holiday club was a time of fun and learning bible stories.**







## **DAILY THOUGHTS**

I have just completed a one-year “Our Daily Bread” daily devotional journal. Each day had a closing “thought for the day”. Here are some of my favourite ones, please take a moment to think on them, hope they speak to you too.

- The Bible is the Bread of Life, and it never becomes stale.
- A Christ-like life is a message of hope to a searching world.
- The best way to know God’s will is to say “I will” to God.
- Our greatest strength is often shown in our ability to stand still and trust God.
- At the heart of all conflict is a selfish heart.
- A complaining Christian is a contradiction in terms.
- It is better to bite your tongue than to let it bite someone else.
- If you doubt that Jesus cares, remember His tears.
- There are no unimportant members of the body of Christ. Everyone is valuable to God.
- When you feel hopeless, look to the God of hope.
- We have nothing to fear, because God is in control.
- Our sin is great, God’s grace is greater.
- For time and eternity, Jesus is all we need.
- One look to Calvary can dispel your doubts.

Shirley x

## Samedra – divorced and outcast for being a Christian



Girls in Samedra's country are usually married between the ages of 13 and 17. There is great pressure to marry and little opportunity for Christian women like Samedra to meet godly Christian men. When Samedra was 23, she decided to accept a local man's proposal and she was sure it was a good decision. "I married Rashid because he seemed to me a good man. Initially we were very happy until he began to ask more questions about my faith. I did not hide the fact that I am a Christian and told him that God touched my life one day."

After this, things changed. Although Samedra's faith had not bothered Rashid previously, his parents began to influence his ideas about her, over time. Eventually, after the young couple had moved closer to his family, Rashid himself started pressuring his wife to return to Islam again. He beat her several times, even when she was five months pregnant. Samedra remained strong in her decision to follow Christ.

"I told him I would remain faithful to Christ," Samedra recounts. "I can't imagine my life without Jesus anymore."

After Samedra gave birth to their daughter, her husband delivered an ultimatum—"Reject Christ or face divorce and lose your child." Still Samedra refused to deny Jesus.

Sadly, Rashid made good on his threat and kicked Samedra out of the house. She and her baby were forced to flee to her mother's home in the city.

To make matters worse, in the next couple of months, Samedra's ex-husband will attempt to take her baby. This is customary in their culture where men are usually given custody after a divorce. Unfortunately, Samedra has no practical means of legal defence—only prayers that God will defend her.

When an Open Doors team visits Samedra and asks how they can support her, she says only this, “Most of all I need to be strong in my faith, I don't want to lose it, to lose the relationship with Christ, but sometimes it is too hard. I need to have contact with other believers.”

Samedra's home with her mother, younger sister and small baby is a narrow room of the old hostel, without water or gas, in the capital city of her country. The authorities refused to give them a new flat with good conditions because they are Christians. A couple of weeks ago her mother had a stroke. She is recovering, but is still too weak and cannot walk normally.

It is very hard for Samedra, her mother and sister to stand in faith. There is no official church in the city, so they can only communicate with believers when the Open Doors team visits.  
*Taken from “Open Doors” August 31, 2017*



**OpenDoors**

Serving persecuted **Christians** worldwide



**Harvest**

**Morning Service**

**10:45pm**

**James McKenzie to preach**

**Lunch**

**The Lime Tree**

**12:45pm**



# Remembrance Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017

## at 10.45am

**1914 – 1918**

C.H. FORD BARROWCLIFF  
FRANK BILLINGTON  
WALTER CANNING  
ALEXANDER H. CLARKE  
HUBBERT CLARK  
ALFRED CLARKSON  
ARTHUR CLEMERSON  
JOHN W DALBY  
ARTHUR DAY  
W.BERTIE DUNN  
JOHN S. FRANKLIN  
THOMAS FRANKLIN  
JOHN I. FREER  
CHARLES T. GARDINER  
J. LESLIE GOODE  
WILLIAM HERBERT  
ARTHUR J. HERRICK  
ALFRED J. HOPKINS  
BERTIE HORTON  
JOHN HUNT  
W. HENRY HUNT  
J. WILLIAM HIFFE  
CECIL JESSON  
CYRIL J. JOICE  
HAROLD S. LARRAD  
ARCHIBALD L. LEE  
ALEXANDER G. MILLS  
WALTER ROPER  
EDWIN ROSS  
ARTHUR RUDKIN

**1914-1918**

WILLIAM RUSSELL  
KENNETH T. SCOTT  
BRUNETTA SMITH  
CECIL SMITH  
CHARLES F. SMITH  
ARTHUR SNOW  
ALFRED J. SPENCER  
WILLIAM TARRY  
WILLIAM THOMPSON  
GEORGE T. TILLEY  
WILLIAM C. W. VAN  
ALFRED WALE  
JOHN A. WARNER  
GERVIS WELLS  
MAURICE WELLS  
THOMAS A. WELLS

**1939-1945**

HARRY BURTON  
HAROLD R.T. GREASLEY  
RICHARD C. JEFFS  
WILLIAM LINES  
JAMES W. MEREDITH  
ARTHUR E. RUSSELL  
JOHN E.C. SMITH  
ROBERT H. TAYLOR  
WALTER S. TOON  
LESLIE J. WOOD

**Service of  
Remembrance  
2016**



**Churches Together in Blaby**  
Invite you to join us at the  
War Memorial Lutterworth Road  
Blaby

We thank all those who attended today and invite  
you back to The Royal British Legion Blaby.

Churches Together and Blaby Parish Council invite the community to join together in this Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial located at the top of Park Road, Blaby. The service will start at 10.45am and will be preceded by a parade from the Civic Centre and be followed by refreshments at The Royal British Legion to which all are invited.

Seating provided for those who need it and large print programs available.

Let us continue to remember those who gave their lives so that we might live in peace and harmony in this Country today.

Julie Newitt – Chair of organising committee.



# Evening Praise Services

6:00 – 7:00pm

October - 29<sup>th</sup>

November - 26<sup>th</sup>

December - No Service

Everyone is welcome to the evening services.

and Worship + a short message.



## **BBC Men's Group**

### **The Boat Trip aka Messing About on the River (well, the canal anyway!) 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**The day started well, a bit overcast but that didn't deter us hardy boat people!**

**The first decision to be made was which boat to choose. There was one called Kingfisher and one called Dragonfly. A brave soul stepped forward (Nukunu). "Let's have Dragonfly" he cried. So without further ado we all boarded our boats and off we went, Dragonfly in the lead. It soon became clear to our dismay, that Dragonfly was the slowest of the two boats and what was going to be a sedate trip on the canal now turned into a race with cries from Submarine Commander Lanning, Blackbeard Taylor and Captain Ken on Kingfisher for us to get out of the way and let them past. We had to submit and let them go full steam ahead as they were by far the faster boat!**

**Whether because of fear or the excitement, cabin dog Marmite needed a comfort break so Dragonfly, under the skilled hands of Admiral Hughes, pulled into the bank. It was only when we tried to pull away that we realised that we were stuck in the mud as the water level was very low. After a lot of pushing and shoving (and prayer) we were eventually on our way again.**

**Meanwhile the crew of Kingfisher were playing dodgems with some boats that were moored at the side of the canal (by accident of course). No river police were involved thankfully!**

**We all eventually reached our outward destination safely and disembarked at Foxton Locks here we had an excellent time eating, drinking and socialising.**

**When it was time to wend our way back, the crew of Dragonfly suggested to the figurehead of Kingfisher (Pastor Pauline), that we should swap boats for the return journey. "Over my dead body" came the cry. Oooh the temptation!!**

**All went pretty smoothly on the way back but after going through the swing bridge, Dragonfly was in the lead and this time we were in no mood to let them pass, so, under the command of Admiral Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> in command Patrick and deckhand Dobson a zigzag**

**motion was put into force making overtaking impossible! We arrived safely back at Market Harborough basin with Dragonfly having won the race on the return stretch!**

**Anyway, a great day was had by all and thanks to everyone who made it such a success and watch this space for a church outing next year!!**

**Deckhand Dobson**





# Alpha for Men

**Do you have questions?**

**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? Alpha for Men, talk to June Hughes for more information.**

**June Hughes 0780 9502830**





**BIRTHDAY  
SCHEME**



*Do something wonderful on your birthday.  
Share the gift of life.*



October

17<sup>th</sup> Eileen Dalton

24<sup>th</sup> Roy Hummel

29<sup>th</sup> Di Hillier

November

11<sup>th</sup> Nev Taylor

12<sup>th</sup> Vic Tugby

21<sup>st</sup> Ann Randall



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



# Blaby Baptist Church

77<sup>th</sup> year

Women's Own

October 4<sup>th</sup>

The Raptor Foundation

2:30pm

November 1<sup>st</sup>

Lunch



Bring a friend - she will be glad you did

# Friendship Group

Meets every Wednesday evening

October 4<sup>th</sup> Theatre visit 6:30pm

October 11<sup>th</sup> Table tennis/Rummy 7:30pm

October 18<sup>th</sup> History of driving test - Heritage 7:45pm

October 25<sup>th</sup> Meal out

November 1<sup>st</sup> Favourite Poem or short story 7:30pm

November 8<sup>th</sup> Chinese Take Away 6:30pm

November 15<sup>th</sup> Medevil Myths - Heritage 7:45pm

November 22<sup>nd</sup> How well do you know Britian? Quiz 7:30pm

November 29<sup>th</sup> The Man Jesus - Film





**Monday Evenings  
6:00pm**

**Come along and learn to create  
works of art with flowers**

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



# **Offertory**

## **Offering totals for July and August**

<b>July 2nd</b>	<b>£665.32</b>
<b>July 9th</b>	<b>£669.95</b>
<b>July 16th</b>	<b>£278.62</b>
<b>July 23rd</b>	<b>£320.04</b>
<b>July 30th</b>	<b>£1090.30</b>

**Average    £604.85**

<b>August 6th</b>	<b>£353.94</b>
<b>August 13th</b>	<b>£494.60</b>
<b>August 20th</b>	<b>£433.15</b>
<b>August 27th</b>	<b>£702.26</b>

**Average    £495.99**

**Kitchen report:- Have a look down the side of the Church**





**Most seniors never get enough exercise. In his wisdom God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys and other things thus doing more walking. And God looked down and saw that it was good. Then God saw there was another need. In his wisdom he made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things requiring them to bend, reach and stretch. And God looked down and saw that it was good.**

**Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise. God looked down and saw that it was good.**

**So if you find as you age, you are getting up and down more, remember it's God's will. It is all in best interest even though you mutter under your breath.**





# Men's Fellowship

October 9<sup>th</sup>

What's on for 2018?



## Thoughts from the Reluctant Editor

Two months have passed so quickly, summer has now given way to autumn, holidays have given way to work, crops have been gathered and we prepare for the winter months ahead. It is funny we all know that this is the cycle and yet surprised that with each passing year the cycle seems to go faster. When I was a kid the summer seemed to go on forever and now you don't want to blink. And yet I feel very Blessed that God has given me each cycle, I have always been safe, warm, clothed, fed, I have a loving family, a loving church family and I live in peace.

Unfortunately this is not the case for everyone here in this country and around the world. We have seen the devastating effects of hurricanes, earthquakes, fire, political unrest and war in the last couple of months. This could be very depressing until you look closer and see God working in every situation, people stretching out their hands to help their neighbour, people bringing comfort to those in the most desperate situations, love expressed through a simple shoebox.

God has blessed us all incredibly and I pray we give blessings away generously and enrich the lives around us.

Karen

# **Blaby Baptist Church Calendar**

<b>October 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Messy Church 4:00pm – 5pm</b>
<b>October 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Women's Own. The Raptor Foundation 2:30 pm</b>
<b>October 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Deacons Meeting 7pm</b>
<b>October 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Harvest: James McKenzie to preach</b> <b>Lunch at the Lime Tree 12:45pm</b>
<b>October 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bible Study Florence McKenzie 7pm</b>
<b>October 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Brownies' Harvest Service 6pm</b>
<b>October 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Revd Dianne Tidball (BU President) to preach</b>
<b>October 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bible Study 7pm</b>
<b>October 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Evening service 6pm</b>
<b>November 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Women's Own – Lunch</b>
<b>November 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Deacons Meeting 7pm</b>
<b>November 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>
<b>November 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bible Study 7pm</b>
<b>November 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Church Meeting</b>
<b>November 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Blaby Pre-School Nativity</b>
<b>November 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Evening Service 6pm</b>
<b>November 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bible Study 7pm</b>
<b>December 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Deacons meeting 7pm</b>
<b>December 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Brownies Christingle 6pm</b>
<b>December 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Enderby Wind Band concert</b>
<b>December 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Carol Service</b>
<b>December 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Family Christmas Service 10:45am</b>
<b>December 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Day Service 10am</b>



# **Church Services**

**Sunday Service: 10:45 am**

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

## **Groups**

### **Monday**

**Men's Fellowship: 7:30pm every second Monday of the month.**

**Contact Steve 0116 2990266**

### **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**

As much as you want  
to plan your life, it has  
a way of surprising you  
with unexpected  
things that will make you  
happier than you  
originally planned.

That's what you call  
**GOD'S WILL.**