

GORLESTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Family News Sheet

13th & 20th May 2012

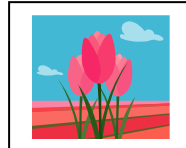
Birthdays

12th Sunny Jackson
16th Alan Baldwin



Flowers

20th Maddy
27th Rosie



May I remind you.....

It is our custom as a church not to take up an offering on Sundays except when celebrating Communion, when we give to a specific work or organisation to further their mission.

There is a box at the rear of the church for your regular tithes and offerings. May I remind church members of their responsibility in this area as stated in the church rules: 'To set aside and give a sum of money every Lord's day (or monthly if appropriate) for the work of God's Kingdom at home and overseas.'

Paul

Our Communion Offering on the 20th will be given to help Christians in need of support in Mali.

Prayer for Revival - Gt Yarmouth

Monday 14th May @7.30pm

Park Baptist Church, Crown Road, Gt Yarmouth.

For listening to past sermons or for news and links to other organisations of interest, please log on to our website at www.gorlestonbaptist.org.uk

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Welcome to Worship

Paul will be preaching **Belief & Behaviour (22)**
'Mr & Mrs' (Ephesians 5:22-33)

Today **pmPM@6**

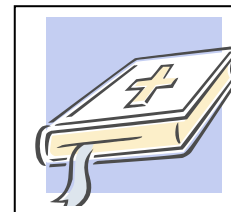
Next Sunday - There will be no Sunday Prayer Meeting on 20th May. Mark Stibbe will be at St Andrew's as part of 'The Father's Heart' weekend conference. Please consider going along. Mark is an excellent Bible teacher & his messages are often with a very powerful prophetic edge. The meeting starts at 6:30pm & costs £5 (on the door). We are not often privileged to have such a gifted man in the town - you will not be disappointed if you are able to attend. Hope to see you there.

CHURCH MEETING **& AGM**

Thursday 24th May @ 7.30 pm

When trouble hits your life, reach for the 'people of war'. 'The people of war' are really the people of the Word. They know how to take the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God and go after the enemy. They march into the enemy's camp and take back everything he has stolen. Like a battering ram they break through the gates of hell and procure the promises that belong to you and me, because JESUS has already defeated the foe by His death on the cross. Victory is already ours to begin with.

MEMORY VERSE



For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are —yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:15-16

Baptist Union Assembly 2012

This year's Assembly at Westminster Central Hall had the theme was "Beyond 400": Celebrating 400 years of witness in this country, and looking to the future.

On Friday evening Chris Duffett was inducted as the new President for 2012-2013. He is probably one of the youngest Presidents we have had. He, with his wife and young family bring freshness into the life of the Union. Chris spoke on "The big-hearted God" and related, with humour, some of his experiences as a Street Evangelist. They live in St Neots, where he has initiated several outreach projects. He finished his talk by reminding us of Ephesians 3:20.

On the Saturday there were 13 seminars to choose from at different venues. I chose "Dissenting Descendants" simply because it was being held in the Westminster Central Hall and I knew how to get there (not exactly a spiritual reason!)

The seminar was split into three:

Whitley Lecture – This looked at how British Baptists changed religious liberty in Europe and the Middle East 1840 – 1940. It wasn't, to me, the most stimulating of lectures but a lot of research had gone into it and there were some interesting facts.

Citizens UK (London) – the lead organiser Neil Jameson spoke about the remarkable work of Citizens UK which organises institutions including churches, to campaign for those without power. Currently they are campaigning to:

- initiate more CitySafe Zones ;
- to attend rallies and events on June 9th to mark the beginning of 100 days of peace;
- to campaign tirelessly for every working Londoner to be paid at least the minimum London Living Wage.

On 25th April they held a Mayoral Accountability Assembly and copies of the booklet were given out.

Church from Scratch – Ivan King spoke about a church in Southend , formed 10 years ago, which does not have a building or hold services. They are a Home Mission church with 60% -70% of the church being on benefits. They call themselves relational rather than institutional. We heard some case histories of people whose lives have been changed.. They are in areas where there is drug and alcohol addiction. They definitely do things differently and for them, it works but it may not work in other areas. Check out what they are doing on www.churchfromscratch.org.

Baptist Union Assembly 2012 cont.

The Saturday evening celebration included the recognition of Ministers transferred to the fully accredited list (56 in all) It was a special occasion for me to see a friend (a Baptist Minister in South Croydon) receive his recognition certificate. We also had the valediction of mission workers, 23 in total many of them young couples and families.

Tony Campolo gave an address "Beyond the Basics". He doesn't seem to have changed since I saw him about 25 years ago and is still telling jokes which encourage us to laugh at ourselves.. He spoke about women in ministry, and homosexuals in the church, urging us to love those on the outside of society. We were urged to:

Give sacrificially

Be a voice for those with no voice

Be disciples

I was unable to stay for the Sunday events which included the business meeting and looking at the future of the Baptist Union with the financial constraints they have.

What did I bring back with me? I think perhaps seeing the young couples and families who were being obedient to the call to serve overseas – all of whom looked so enthusiastic about what they were being called to do.

Angela Waterson

Maddy would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support. Please continue to pray for her continuing recovery.

Please pray for Christians in Mali especially those in the area known to Chris and Ronnie.

Pray for the state of our nation at this difficult time.

Give thanks to God for everything He offers us through the Holy Spirit – our strength, our comfort and our guide.

**GOD HAS MADE US ALL WITH UNIQUE
PERSONALITIES.**