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**CHURCH IS NOT  
SOMETHING YOU GO TO,  
IT'S A **FAMILY**  
YOU BELONG TO.**

# Broxburn Baptist Church Newsletter

*- The church on your doorstep for 77 years*

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*'We are ambassadors for Christ'*

## Some thoughts.....

*You'll need to make this issue last 3 weeks – read slowly! For the next couple of weeks we hope to be worshipping at Hawkshead Hill Baptist Church in the Lake District – which is even smaller numerically than our own BBC. It's an old church, much older than Broxburn BC – dates back to the late 1600s. It's quaint, with an outside baptismal tank which looks more like a cattle trough. It is well looked after and the small sanctuary area is light and modern. They sing old and new*



*hymns and songs and use modern technology. We don't really know the folk there and they don't know us. Some are local Cumbrians, others are escapees from less picturesque parts of England. Don't think*



*there are any Scots but then we are in a different country so*

*maybe that's not surprising. The service is quite similar to ours but the layout of the seats doesn't leave you anywhere to hide. They have tea and biscuits after the service – but no banana loaf...might be different this year. I like worshipping at the local church when we're on holiday – it need not be a Baptist church, in fact in Cornwall we once tried the local Baptist church but the worship was a bit more charismatic than I was comfortable with so we went back to the Methodist/United Reformed Church we had normally gone to where we have got to know some of the folk and they recognise us – haven't been since before lockdown, wonder if it's still the same? If you get away this summer, go to the local church. It might not be Baptist, it might not use the same form of worship, it might even be in a foreign language but the God you worship is the same wherever you are. He doesn't just speak English and he can handle the charismatic and the formal worship better than we can. Come back refreshed. If you're not getting away relax knowing that God doesn't take holidays – he's never away! If you want to know more about Hawkshead Hill BC check out their web page at <https://www.hawksheadhillbaptistchurch.org.uk/welcome.htm> Robert 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023*

*Psalm 139:7-8 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?*

*<sup>8</sup> If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.*

### **Baptist Union of Scotland Prayer Calendar 2023**

You can sign up for prayer points via Facebook at <https://scottishbaptist.com/prayer/>

W/c 2nd July	W/c 9th July	W/c 16th July
Hawick Baptist Church	Hillview Community Church,	Irish Baptist Networks
Helensburgh Baptist Church	Aberdeen	Irvine Baptist Church
High Blantyre Baptist Church	Hopeman Baptist Church	Islay Baptist Church
Hillhead Baptist Church,	Inverkeithing Baptist Church	Ivy Young (Ministry
Glasgow	Inverness Baptist Church	Administrator)

## **Church This Month**

<b><u>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></u></b>	<b>11.00am Morning Worship – Robert</b> <b>3.00pm Service at Holmes Gardens</b>
<b><u>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b>11.00am Morning Worship - Donna</b>
<b><u>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b>11.00am Morning Worship – Rev Archie Young</b>
<b><u>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></u></b>	<b>11.00am Morning Worship – Rev Bill Murdoch</b>
<b><u>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b>11.00am Morning Worship – Robert</b>



To join on zoom just click the link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85227893884>

During July there will be an informal ZOOM Prayer which Donna will host. Have your beverage of choice to hand and zoom in at 10.30am using the usual link.....

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81347026860?pwd=Tk1RQm5ldDIRTk5tc0dEOUIZVEtDU T09>

## **Think you know it all? 21**

How well do you know your mythological Greek and Roman gods?

### **GREEK**

### **ROMAN**

King of the Gods?

God of the sea?

God of the underworld?

God of war?

Goddess of love and beauty?

Messenger of the gods?

The answers for 20, 21 and 22 are on the next page – DON'T CHEAT!



## **Think you know it all? 22 – Asian Capital Cities**

Afghanistan -	Bangladesh -	Bhutan -
Cambodia -	China -	India -
Indonesia -	Japan -	Korea (N) -
Korea (S) -	Malaysia -	Mongolia -
Nepal -	Pakistan -	Philippines -
Thailand -	Uzbekistan -	Vietnam -

## **Think you know it all? 23 – Brothers and sisters**

Can you name the brothers and sisters:

The Marx Brothers	The Gibb brothers (Beegees).	The Andrews Sisters
The Beverley Sisters.	The Osmonds	The Jonas Brothers

### Think you know it all? 20 Answers

*Roman numerals – what are the Roman Numerals for the following numbers.*

1	I
5	V
10	X
50	L
100	C
500	D
1000	M

*What's the answer....* MCDLIX – XXIV. = 1459 -24 =1435

### Think you know it all? 21 - Answers

**How well do you know your mythological Greek and Roman gods?**

	GREEK	ROMAN
King of the Gods?	Zeus	Jupiter
God of the sea?	Poseidon	Neptune
God of the underworld?	Hades	Pluto
God of war?	Ares	Mars
Goddess of love and beauty?	Aphrodite	Venus
Messenger of the gods?	Hermes	Mercury

### Think you know it all? 22 Asian Capital Cities - Answers

Afghanistan - Kabul	Bangladesh - Dhaka	Bhutan – Thimphu
Cambodia - Phnom Penh	China - Beijing	India – Delhi
Indonesia - Jakarta	Japan - Tokyo	Korea (N) – P'yongyang
Korea (S) - Seoul	Malaysia -Kuala Lumpur	Mongolia – Ulan Bator
Nepal - Kathmandu	Pakistan - Islamabad	Philippines – Manila
Thailand - Bangkok	Uzbekistan - Tashkent	Vietnam - Hanoi

#### **Duty Rota**

		LEADING	DOOR	VESTRY PRAYER	COMMUNION PRAYER
July	2	Robert	Phyllis	Eddie	Bill
	9	Donna	Linda	Linda	
	16	Archie	Bill	Bill	
	23	Bill Murdoch	Lindsay	Robert	
	30	Robert	Doreen	Jim B.	



## **BMS Prayer Guide 2023**

*The Chadian population continues facing severe economic, social, political, educational, health and human development problems. Please pray that the consistent health work performed by our partners at Guinebor II Hospital in capital N'Djamena and Bardaï hospital will continue harvesting positive results.*



### **SUNDAY 2**

*The recruitment of professional health and administrative staff is key for both Guinebor II and Bardaï hospitals. Please pray that the required staff will be recruited to partner organisations in Chad.*

### **MONDAY 3**

*Good governance and implementation of transparent processes are essential for hospitals. Pray for Guinebor II Hospital's Board of Trustees, for God to continue equipping them with vision and compassion.*

### **TUESDAY 4**

*Praise God for the new building and services offered at the physiotherapy unit at Guinebor II. Pray that the unit will become a place to meet with God, relax and establish friendships.*

### **WEDNESDAY 5**

*Please pray for BMS World Mission workers Mark and Andrea Hotchkin and their work in Bardaï. Pray that God will continue equipping them with resources to train medical staff.*

### **THURSDAY 6**

*The installation of solar panels and access to clean water systems will allow for the sustainable daily running of Bardaï Hospital. Please pray for the provision of the necessary financial resources.*

### **FRIDAY 7**

*Please pray for the physical and spiritual safety of BMS staff and their partners at the hospitals in Chad. Pray that God's presence will be visible to them day by day.*

### **SATURDAY 8**

*Please pray for a general election in Chad. This has been postponed many times due to a climate of instability. Pray that God will use those who know his name to speak out and to bring justice.*

## **Bible Reading ..... this week we begin a series 'Isaiah in 71 days-**

July

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Isaiah 1:1–9
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Isaiah 1:10–20
4 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 1:21–31
5 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 2:1–4
6 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 2:5–21
7 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 2:22–4:1
8 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 4:2–6



## **BMS Prayer Guide 2023**



*Two-and-a-half years since the closure of North Korea's borders, news from the country is still sparse and often negative. There is a possibility that China-Korea borders could open in 2023: we pray that this will herald the opening of people's hearts to the gospel, despite the risk of severe hardship for those who believe.*

### **SUNDAY 9**

*There is little new information about Coronavirus in the country. Please pray for the health of the people, that the virus does not spread, and for nurses and other healthcare workers in North Korea.*

### **MONDAY 10**

*"Your Majesty, you are the king of kings. The God of heaven has given you dominion and power and might and glory" (Daniel 2: 37). Please pray that believers in the North would remember that God is over all rulers.*

### **TUESDAY 11**

*North Korea is prone to typhoons and flooding around this time of year. Please pray for this year's crops to grow well, and that there would be sufficient food for all.*

### **WEDNESDAY 12**

*Please pray for foreign professors who teach remotely at academic institutions in North Korea. Pray for their return to the country as soon as possible.*

### **THURSDAY 13**

*Severe punishment is meted out to North Koreans who watch TV from the South, as it shows how well developed their southern neighbour is. Pray that North Koreans will see ethical programmes that point them to God.*

### **FRIDAY 14**

*An estimated six to seven million North Koreans use mobile phones, for which only state-monitored intranet is permitted. Please pray that God would somehow use this technology for good.*

### **SATURDAY 15**

*Please pray that technological access to the outside world would prompt a change of heart among the people of North Korea. Pray they would "humble themselves and pray and seek [his] face" (2 Chronicles 7: 14).*

## **Bible Reading ..... this week we continue in Isaiah**

9 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 5:1–7
10 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 5:8–30
11 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 6:1–13
12 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 7:1–17
13 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 7:18–8:8
14 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 8:9–22
15 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 9:1–7



## **BMS Prayer Guide 2023**

*In the global population, disability is as common as blue eyes. However, in many contexts in which BMS works, disability is considered a punishment. Disability is accompanied by stigma, and little accommodation is made to support those living with disability or their families. Please pray as BMS World Mission seeks to model a different worldview.*



### **SUNDAY 16**

*Pray for BMS' work globally in the area of the safeguarding of people at risk. Pray especially for Lou Lynch in Bangladesh, who works with an array of partners in the region. Lou helps them think through the policy and practice of protection for those at risk, including those living with disability.*

### **MONDAY 17**

*Pray for BMS-supported workers in northern Uganda who are assisting young people in the Faith, Audiology and Speech Therapy project, aiming to create opportunity and inclusion in a context where disability is frequently misunderstood.*

### **TUESDAY 18**

*Give thanks for Judy Cook's work with children with severe disability at Hope Home in Thailand. Pray for patience, love and grace as she provides care. accidents would be successful.*

### **WEDNESDAY 19**

*Conflict creates brokenness. Pray for BMS-supported work providing mental health services for those living with psychological trauma in Afghanistan.*

### **THURSDAY 20**

*Please pray for Bethan Shrubsole as she finishes work at Guinebor II Hospital in Chad. Bethan has pioneered physiotherapy for children living with severe learning difficulties and an array of disabilities.*

### **FRIDAY 21**

*Pray that the work established by Bethan will change negative social attitudes to people with disabilities throughout Chad, as well as improving healthcare practices for them.*

### **SATURDAY 22**

*Pray for Mark and Andrea Hotchkin in Bardaï in northern Chad. Pray their surgery on those scarred by traumatic violence and accidents would be successful.*

## **Bible Reading ..... this week we continue in Isaiah**

16 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 9:8–10:4
17 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 10:5–34
18 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 11:1–16
19 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 12:1–6
20 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 13:1–22
21 <sup>st</sup>	Isaiah 14:1–32
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Isaiah 15:1–16:14





# Algeria

‘Praying for the Suffering Church’.  
You can find more at  
<https://www.barnabasaid.org/gb/>

**A**longside Algeria’s 98% Muslim majority live an estimated 90,000 Christians, mainly converts from Islam and their children. Many Algerian converts are Berbers, indigenous to North Africa, but an ethnic minority in this Arab-majority country. It is not illegal to convert from Islam, but anyone proselytising Muslims risks a five-year prison sentence.

Islam is the declared state religion but the constitution guarantees freedom “to exercise worship”, if exercised in accordance with the law. However, other laws reduce the effectiveness of this guarantee for non-Muslims. Although, according to a 2006 ordinance, the National Commission for Non-Muslim Worship can grant permits for churches, so far none have been issued, despite repeated requests by churches.

Building safety committees have inspected many church buildings since November 2017. Part of their remit is to determine which churches qualify for permits under the 2006 ordinance. More than 20 churches have been ordered to close since the beginning of 2018, but only three are known to have been granted permission to reopen.

Aouchiche church in the port city of Béjaïa was issued an administrative closure order in April 2022. It was instructed to stop worship meetings, despite the 300-strong congregation being a member of the EPA (Église Protestante d’Algérie), the officially

recognised group of Protestant churches in Algeria. In November 2021, the Algerian government summoned Pastor Salah Chalah, the president of the EPA, to court for practising non-Muslim rites without permission.

In February 2022 local officials started legal proceedings against leaders of another EPA church in Ait Atteli in the province of Tizi Ouzou, with the aim of closing the church. The provincial governor took this action against the pastor and his father, who owns the land where the church building stands. The province of Tizi Ouzou has the highest concentration of Christians in the country.



Algeria’s Christians have faced the closure of 17 churches in the past five years

Cry out to the Lord that the closure of churches on spurious administrative grounds will be halted. Pray that the authorities will issue permits for church buildings and that churches ordered to close will be reopened.



## How to survive almost anything 1.....Answers

## **DON'T EAT THE ONES IN RED**

*'A person who knows bad things are coming their way but continues to ignore that reality is someone not in charge of their life.'*

One of the essentials for surviving is food. Which would you eat and which would you avoid?

Death Cap Mushroom

Destroying Angel Mushroom

Squirrel

Moose

Pufferfish

Bee larvae

Panther Cap Mushroom

Crocodile

Shaggy Ink Cap Mushroom

Honey Fungus

Jellyfish

Worms

Ants

Yam

Coconut

Giant Puffball

Durian

Sugar Cane

Mouse

Toad



**Read about one 'survivor' in Mark chapter 1.**

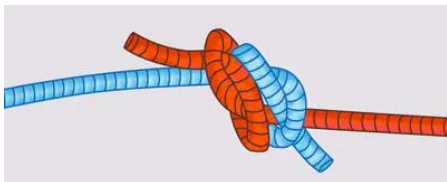
**John the Baptist**

## How to survive almost anything 2

*'A person who knows bad things are coming their way but continues to ignore that reality is someone not in charge of their life.'*

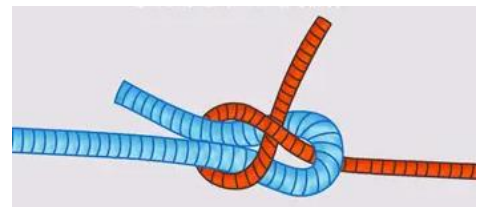
Tying knots is something else you'll need to be able to do if you want to survive.

Can you match the knot to its name



SHEET BEND

CLOVE HITCH

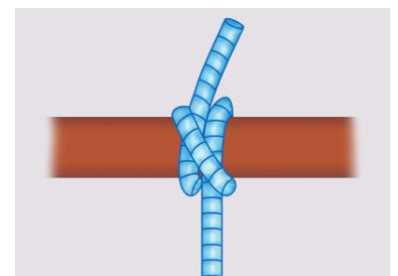


BOWLINE



TWO HALF HITCHES

FISHERMAN'S KNOT



**Read about a knot 'survivor' in Judges chapter 16.**

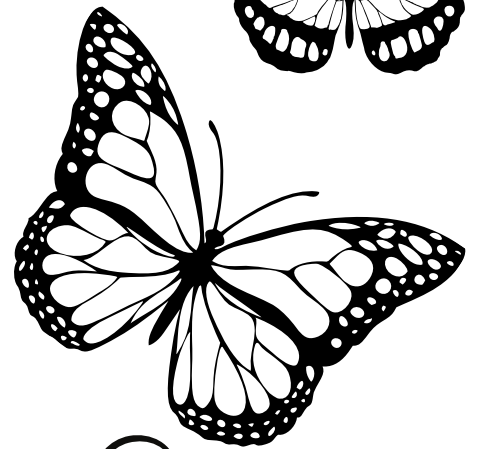
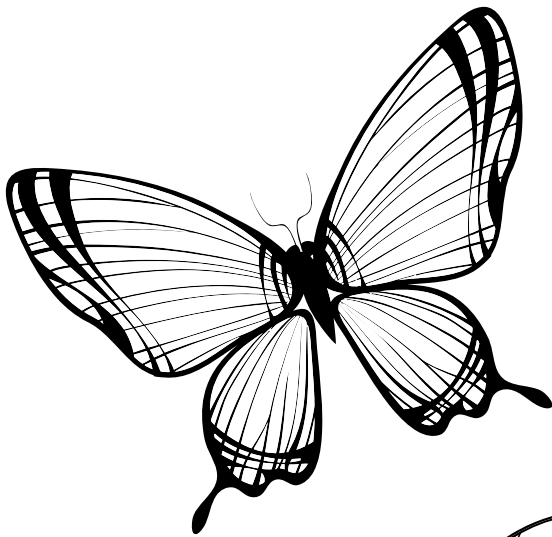
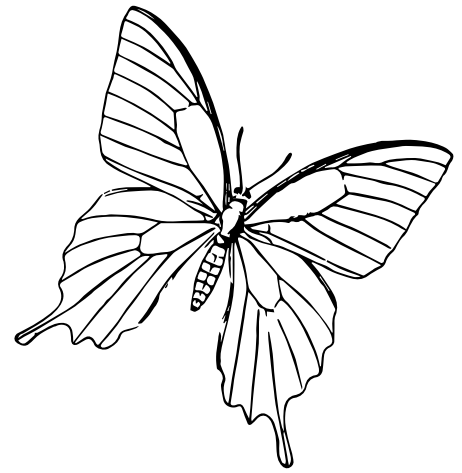
This is the

**DAY**

that the **LORD**

has made.

Psalm 118:24





The  
*joy*

of the LORD  
is my  
*strength.*

Nehemiah 8:10



# The Prayer Wall

Dear Lord, As I sit here and think back I can see the times when I haven't been the person you would want me to be. Forgive me Lord.

I can think about people I've hurt, maybe unintentionally. Give me grace to tell them I'm sorry. There have been times when I've thought the worst of folk and not the best. Help me Lord to look at everyone through your eyes and see them as made in your likeness.

In Jesus' name

Amen

Father, I remember those who are grieving today. Step into their situations and bring comfort and hope. Make yourself known to those who don't know you.

In Jesus' name

Amen

*Lord God, I know I don't know everything and yet I sometimes behave like I do. Help to develop humility in me.*

*Amen*

Lord God, keep me close to you today and always.

Amen

Father, I want to thank you for the way that you work in us to make us the people we should be. Change me so that all might see the fruit of your Spirit growing in my life. May I become more loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, gentle, faithful and self-controlled,

In Jesus' name

Amen

Father – I think of those I know who will be travelling over the holiday season. Grant them safety in travel and refresh them.

Amen

*Lord, sometimes I don't really appreciate all you have done for me. I take for granted things that folk in other parts of the world do not have. Help me to be a thankful, appreciative person and let that thankfulness spill out in generosity to others.*

*Amen*

*Lord, work in our broken world. Bring peace where there is war, love where there is hate, kindness where there is cruelty, plenty where there is want, hope where there is despair, harmony where there is discord, faith where there is nothing.*

*Amen*

*Father, as I look forward to another week help me to live for you, to tell those I meet about your love for them, and honour you in everything I do.*

*In Jesus' name, Amen*

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV*