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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 78 years

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'We are ambassadors for Christ'

Some thoughts.....

I was struggling to think what to share with you this week. I had been going to think about Mission – we were talking about that at The Romans Course on Sunday night and we identified areas where the power of the gospel is needed in our local community, things that are causing pain and distress – drugs, poverty, bullying, mental health, loneliness – but that didn't flow. Then Jen suggested 'snowdrops' – we were down visiting in Peebles one day and had lunch and a wee walk at Dawyck Botanic Garden (the visitor centre and café have been done up and looking good) and the snowdrops were magnificent



but that didn't go anywhere either. Well it was Thursday morning by this time and time for zoom prayer – well you'll remember that because you all zoom in don't you? – so I thought - lets go for thinking about the importance to the serious Christian of meeting with fellow believers for prayer – but that didn't seem right either. So I'm going to talk about visiting the dump after prayer time this morning. We had to book for the dump (sorry recycling centre) – and take 2 pieces of evidence of proof of identity would you believe! But despite the hoops to be jumped through nowadays we all need to visit the dump – we've got stuff that we've accumulated in the loft or garage over the years - perfectly good but getting in the way of better things; we've got junk that's really no good for anything and taking up valuable space; we might even be clearing out the freezer and discovered things that were fine when we put them in but are now pretty grotty and have no place with the good stuff; there are things just getting in the way, making it difficult to do what we should be doing. Sounds like life – even life as a Christian – we sometimes need to pause and get rid of the stuff which is getting in the way of being effective Christians. It might be stuff that's good but taking up space in our lives but it might be grotty and needs to go. Visit the dump!

Robert

10th February 2024

Baptist Union of Scotland Prayer Calendar 2024

Here are the subjects for prayer this week..

W/c 12th February

Buckhaven Baptist Church
Buckie Baptist Church
Burra Baptist Church
Bute Baptist Church



You can sign up for prayer points via Facebook at

<https://scottishbaptist.com/prayer/>

1 John 1:9 ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Lent Bible Studies and Holy Week Services

Lent Bible Study on 'Finding Jesus in the Psalms – a Lenten Journey' by Barb Roose will be led by Rev. Hanneke for six weeks before Easter. The sessions will be on Tuesdays from 10.30-11.30am in Broxburn Parish Church Small Hall starting on Tuesday 13 February, and then on 20 and 27 February, and 5, 12 and 19 March. The sessions will also be repeated on Wednesday evenings from 7-8pm in The Open Door, Uphall on the following dates: 14, 21, 28 February and 6, 12 and 20 March.

The Session themes are:

Session 1 – Why do we need to find Jesus in the Psalms? Psalm 2 and Romans 8

Session 2 – Finding Jesus with Us in Our Hard Places – Psalm 16

Session 3 – Finding Jesus as our Shepherd – Psalm 23 and John 10:1-18

Session 4 – Finding Jesus as our Hope – Psalm 110, Psalm 100 and Hebrews 7

Session 5 – Finding Jesus as our Strength – Psalm 69, Matthew 26 and John 18

Session 6 – Finding Jesus as our Saviour – Psalm 22, Matthew 27 and John 20

Copies of the book can be ordered online at: <https://www.revived.com/products/finding-jesus-in-the-psalms>

or here: <https://www.eden.co.uk/christian-books/easter-and-lent-books/lent-books-for-individuals/finding-jesus-in-the-psalms/>

Broxburn and Uphall Council of Churches.

Holy Week Services all at 7pm.

Monday 25th March
Praise and Prayer.

Uphall South
Church.

Thursday 28th March
Communion.

Broxburn
Baptist Church.

Friday 29th March
Good Friday

Strathbrock
St Nicholas Church

BMS Prayer Guide 2024



Isaiah's vision of the future new earth is described in terms of land and justice. Homes can be built without fear of eviction, crops planted without fear of exploitation. We know that God's creation is fully able to meet humanity's material needs now, but this requires good stewardship of resources and justice for good stewards.

SUNDAY 11

As Christians, we celebrate a Saviour who is the perfect embodiment of God's love and justice through grace. God's grace also flows through creation, where the sun rises and rain falls on all people without favouritism. Praise God for his generosity!

MONDAY 12

Biglife MENA is a disciple-making ministry operating in some of the world's least evangelised areas. Flooding, attributed to global warming, has impeded this work in Mauritania in previous years, with fears that this will become more common. Pray for effective mobility solutions.

TUESDAY 13

BMS' UK Creation Stewardship Champions recently performed A Rocha's Eco Church survey on the BMS office, achieving a Silver Award. Pray with us that more UK Baptist churches would become Eco Church champions.

WEDNESDAY 14

Fairtrade Fortnight is moving from February to September. We encourage you to start praying about your church's participation now. How can you promote justice for some of the world's poorest producers?

THURSDAY 15

Give thanks for our Sri Lankan partner LEADS, who were finally able to install solar power on their new children's home.

FRIDAY 16

Chad, Afghanistan, Uganda: countries among the most vulnerable and least responsible for global warming – where BMS also serves. Pray that we would be able to help strengthen community resilience.

SATURDAY 17

Remember Creation Stewardship Co-ordinator Laura-Lee Lovering in Peru. Pray for positive responses as she teaches at the regional

Bible Reading – the whole Bible in 2 years. How did you get on last week? Only 103 weeks to go, stick with it!

- 11th Genesis 24:35-67; Genesis 25:1-11
- 12th Genesis 25:12-34; Genesis 26:1-24
- 13th Genesis 26:25-35; Genesis 27:1-33
- 14th Genesis 27:34-46; Genesis 28:1-22; Genesis 29:1-3
- 15th Genesis 29:4-35; Genesis 30:1-15
- 16th Genesis 30:16-43; Genesis 31:1-13
- 17th Genesis 31:14-52



A Thought from Charlie

*“I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead.”
(Ephesians 1:18-20)*

God has incomparable great power in store for those who believe, The same power He exerted when He raised Christ from the dead. In other words, the sky is the limit when it comes to the display of God's mighty strength in your life.

*The usual word for God's power in the Greek New Testament is the word **Dunamis**, from which we get our word dynamite. But, we also get the word Dynamo from Dunamis. A Dynamo is just as strong as dynamite, and maybe more so. But the power of a Dynamo isn't obvious. Its power is quiet, controlled, and steady, and not like the explosive bang you get from sticks of dynamite. This is the kind of inward power that is displayed by God in the lives of saintly Christians.*

It takes God's power to be a faithful spouse, a conscientious parent, or a responsible office worker. If you are struggling, remember that His power is for you and it is incomparably great. If the Father could raise His Son from the dead, he can raise you above your circumstances.

Think about that today!

Duty Rota Preaching Door Vestry Prayer Communion Prayer

February	11	Robert	Phyllis	Eddie	
	18	Donna	Linda	Linda	
	25	Archie	Bill	Bill	
March	3	Donna	Mark	Robert	Jen
	10	Archie	Lindsay	Robert	
	17	Donna	Doreen	Jim B.	



Church This Week

Sunday 11th February

11.00am Worship Service – Robert

To join on zoom just click the link below.

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

5.30pm Family Fellowship

Thursday

10.30 Zoom Prayer Time

Friday

9.00-12.00 The Lighthouse

'How to Survive Almost Anything 4.' (continued from last week)

We're looking at the three-part introduction to 'How to survive almost anything.' And have reached the third part '**How to use this book.**' The writer says that 'This book is easily navigable as it's split into easy-to-access sections...

The Bible is a much larger volume than this book and navigating it a bit more difficult. But to help us, it is split into sections – two larger sections – The Old Testament and The New Testament and these two main sections divided into smaller sections - 39 in the OT and 27 in the NT. These 'books' are further split into chapters and verses. These divisions all make it easier to access the Bible but how do we use the Bible? Here is one church's idea...

- When things look "blue," read Isaiah, chapter 40
- When tempted to do wrong, read Psalm 139.
- If you are facing a crisis, read Psalm 46.
- When you are discouraged, think over Psalm 23.
- If you are "bored," read Psalms 103 and 104, or Job, chapters 38-40.
- When you are lonely or fearful, read over Psalm 27.
- When you are anxious for dear ones, read Psalm 107.
- When you plan your budget, read St. Luke's Gospel, chapter 19.
- If you are sick or in pain, read Psalm 91.
- When you are very weary, seek St. Matthew 11:28-30, Romans 8:31-39.
- When everything seems to be going from bad to worse, try II Timothy 3.
- The best investment is described in St. Matthew's Gospel, chapter 6.
- When your friends seem to go back on you, hold fast to I Corinthians 13.
- For an inward peace, consider the 14th chapter of St. John's Gospel.
- Have you been placed in a position of great responsibility? Read Joshua, chapter 1.
- If you have been bereaved, there is a message for you in I Corinthians 15, and Revelation 21.
- If you have experienced severe losses, read the last paragraphs of chapter 8 of Romans.
- When you have sinned, read I John 1, St. John 3:1-22, Isaiah 53, and make Psalm 51 your prayer.
- If you have a fear of death, read St. John's Gospel, chapters 11, 17, and 20; II Corinthians, chapters 4, 5; Romans, chapter 8; Revelation, chapters 7, 21, and 22



Preachers

February

11th Robert

5.30pm Family Fellowship

18th Donna

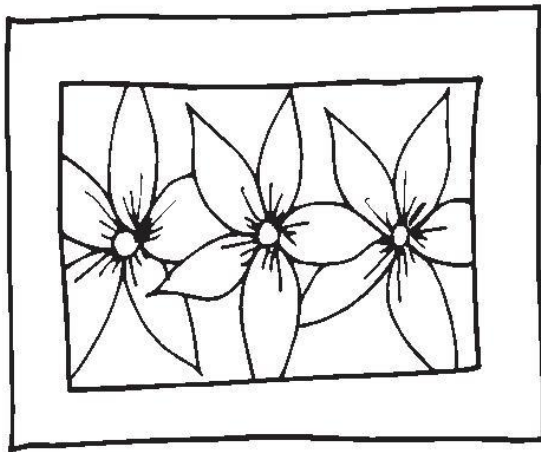
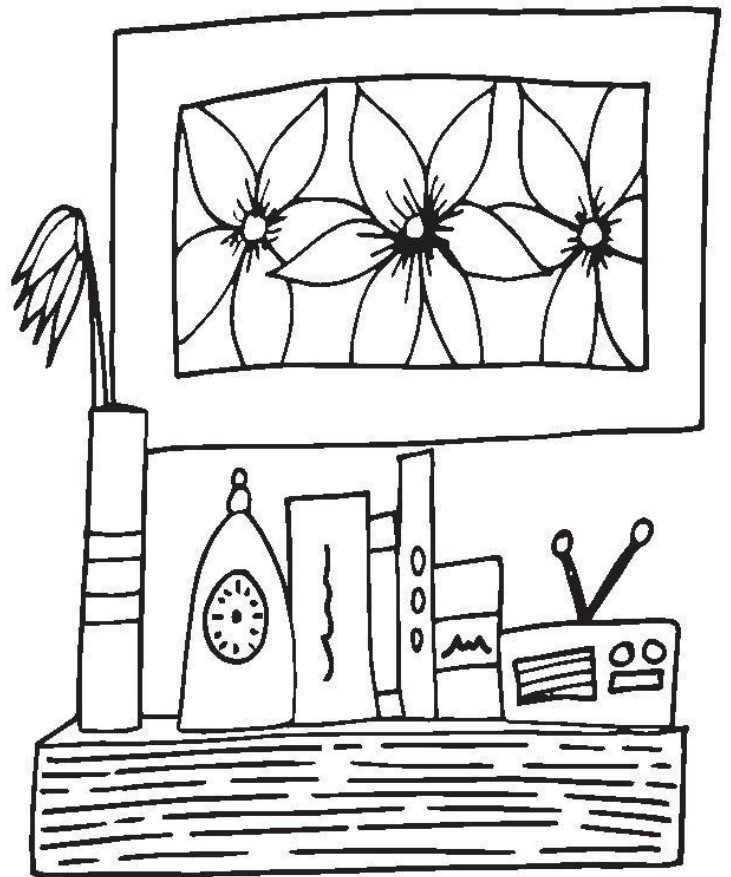
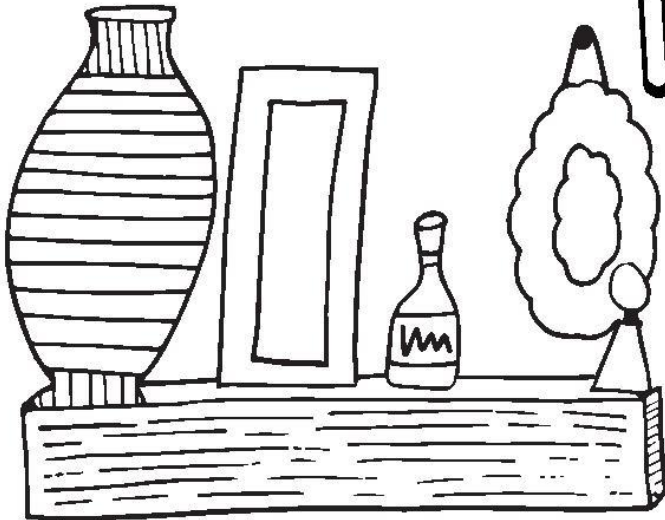
25th Archie

March

3rd Donna



I AM KNOWN



ARE NOT TWO SPARROWS SOLD FOR A PENNY? YET NOT ONE OF THEM WILL FALL OUTSIDE YOUR FATHER'S CARE. AND EVEN THE VERY HAIRS OF YOUR HEAD ARE ALL NUMBERED. SO DON'T BE AFRAID; YOU ARE WORTH MORE THAN MANY SPARROWS.

MATTHEW 28:20

The Prayer Wall

Dear Lord,

As I look back over the past week I can see times when I have been true to what I believe and other times when I haven't been the person I should be. As I think over these times please forgive me and give me the strength not to make the same mistakes again.

In Jesus' name

Father, there are things in my life which are taking up space that could be put to better use. Please help me to clear them out that I might serve you better.

Amen

Lord, sometimes I feel so weak and inadequate. Remind me Lord that you love me with all my inadequacy and will give me the strength I need to do what you want me to do and the words to say what you want me to say

Amen

Lord – I just want to say thank you for who you are and what you've done for me. Keep me thankful, keep me trusting,

Amen

Lord, as I remember the health problems the King is experiencing just now it makes me realise that he is just a mortal being as we all are, prone to illness and making mistakes. Lay your healing hand on him and give him the wisdom he needs to serve this country and the commonwealth.

Amen

Lord, I pray for my brothers and sisters who worship in the other churches in our community. Bless them and encourage them as they seek to be salt and light where you've placed them. Lord we would ask you to 'transform, revive and heal society.'

Amen

Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. **(Ps. 32:2)**

Father, make me that sort of person.

Amen

God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;

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*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oPW9xYEyiiO>

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