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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.....

One of our favourite places to spend some time is Cornwall but not the noisy busy parts like Newquay – I was never designed to be a surfer – OK I hear you say maybe I do have the toned physique -but I'm not keen on water and that's a problem for a surfer. No – we like the quieter parts, the coastal walks, the NT gardens. Spring is probably our favourite season because that's when most of the gardens are at their best. There is one particular garden we try to get to – even into the summer its beautiful – and that is Caerhays Castle Gardens. The spring display of camelias, rhododendrons, magnolias, azaleas etc



is a joy to behold. Over the years I've tried to grow camelias but with little success until this year. The problem is the growing conditions. The climate of Cornwall is ideal for healthy growth whereas I'm trying to grow them in a cold, wet environment with a wind that whistles across the park behind the house and shrivels even the hardiest of camelias, However I may have found the ideal spot as this year my sole remaining camelia has been covered in blooms. Now it may just be a fluke but we'll see what happens next year.

Plants need to have the proper climate in which to thrive and that's true about each one of us as well. None of us – particularly children - will thrive without a climate of love, support, acceptance, which guides us in the right direction but allows us the freedom to get things wrong, make mistakes, and develop as the unique individuals God created us to be. That's true in church as in every other part of life. The problem is that, in church, we are sometimes not good at providing the nourishing climate that we all – especially young Christians – need to grow and develop into the unique servants of God. Those of us who are more mature are sometimes not willing to let others make their mistakes – mistakes which are part of the learning and developing process. Are you a nourisher or a discourager?

Robert

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Proverbs 28:13 Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Baptist Union of Scotland Prayer Calendar 2024

Here are the subjects for prayer this week..

WW/c 22nd April

Dingwall Baptist Church
Drumchapel Baptist Church
Dumbarton Baptist Church



You can sign up for prayer points via Facebook at

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



BMS Prayer Guide 2024



Underpinning much of BMS World Mission's work is the faithful dedication of hundreds of volunteers, who generously give up their time and expertise to further the spread of the gospel. As you pray for our volunteers this week, perhaps consider if there are other ways in which you could volunteer your time and skills to further God's kingdom.

SUNDAY 21

We thank God for those who have given up their time, talents and finances to work alongside our partners in a short-term role. We are grateful for the expertise and capacity they bring to BMS and our partners.

MONDAY 22

The BMS Birthday Scheme is a fantastic programme that encourages people to donate money to support world mission on their birthday. Pray that the hundreds of volunteer Birthday Scheme Co-ordinators who run it would be encouraged in their work.

TUESDAY 23

Today we pray with gratitude for all the volunteers at churches up and down the country who host BMS mission workers in their churches on their home assignments. From hosting a dinner, offering a bed or plugging in the laptop, your work makes it all possible.

WEDNESDAY 24

Thank God for the faithful service of volunteer church planters and evangelists working with our partners in India. Pray for their protection, and that hearts would be open to hearing and accepting the gospel.

THURSDAY 25

Pray for BMS Representatives and Church Partner contacts who promote world mission in UK Baptist churches. Pray that more people would be inspired and equipped to support mission.

FRIDAY 26

We have a number of short-term volunteer roles being advertised. Please pray for the right people to come forward to serve interculturally in this way.

SATURDAY 27

Pray for Ugandan Christian lawyers who volunteer their time pro bono to support the work of the Ugandan Christian Lawyers' Fraternity. Pray that through their ministry, more people would gain access to justice.

Bible Reading – the whole Bible in 2 years – by the end of the week you will have done 84 days!! How are you doing?.

21 st	Leviticus 26:36-46; Leviticus 27:1-27
22 nd	Leviticus 27:28-34; Numbers 1:1-44
23 rd	Numbers 1:45-54; Numbers 2:1-34; Numbers 3:1-12
24 th	Numbers 3:13-51; Numbers 4:1-10
25 th	Numbers 4:11-49; Numbers 5:1-7
26 th	Numbers 5:8-31; Numbers 6:1-12
27 th	Numbers 6:13-27; Numbers 7:1-31



A Thought from Charlie

“It was written long ago that the Messiah must suffer and die and rise again from the dead on the third day.” (Luke 24:46)

What was the power and influence that changed the cross from an instrument of torture into the most glorious and beloved of all symbols?

The Romans had crucified thousands of people before and after Calvary. If Jesus had not risen from the dead, no right-minded person would have glorified anything so hideous and repulsive as a cross stained with the blood of Jesus.

By the miracle of His rising from the grave, Jesus placed the seal of assurance upon the forgiveness of our sins. A dead Christ could never have been our Saviour. An unopened grave would never have opened heaven.

By bursting the chains of the tomb, Jesus proved Himself to all ages to be the Conqueror of sin, death and Hell. The sacrifice on Calvary had fulfilled its purpose. The ransom price paid for our sins Had been accepted.

Hallelujah what a Saviour.

“Each time I see the empty cross, let me be reminded of your suffering and your victory, Lord Jesus. Amen”

Church Stuff

Sunday 21st

11.00am Morning Worship

To join on zoom just click the link below.

[Click to join](#)

Thursday

10.30am Coffee & Chat @ BBC

Friday

9.00am The Lighthouse

6.00-8.00 Level Up

Sunday 28th

11.00am Morning Worship – Rev Andy Scarcliffe

Duty Rota

Preaching

Door

Vestry Prayer

Communion Prayer

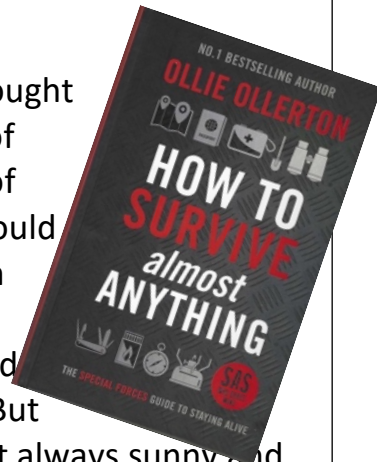
	21	Donna	Linda	Linda	
	28	Andy	Bill	Bill	
May	5	Donna	Mark	Robert	Bill
	12	Andy	Lindsay	Robert	
	18	Andy	Doreen	Jim B.	
	25	Archie	Mark	Donna	



'How to Survive Almost Anything 13.'

We're on to Part 2 of the book headed 'Essentials' and last time we thought about 'Thinking Ahead'. Today we're looking at one of the four pillars of wilderness survival – 'Shelter'. The author allocates 10 pages to types of shelter and where to build it and the first point he makes is that we should use what is naturally available. We all need shelter whether it's a warm cosy house for more permanent shelter, an arbour in the garden for sunny days or a large rock to hide behind when out walking the hills and wind is getting up. Physical shelter is necessary for survival physically. But equally well we need spiritual shelter. Life, even for the Christian, is not always sunny and cosy. Sometimes it can get rough and we need to have a place where we can go to avoid suffering from spiritual exposure (not sure there is such a thing but you get the drift!). Somewhere we can regroup, pull ourselves together, remember who we are and get ready for the next leg of the journey. Check out Psalm 46 or 91!!

'Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.'
Psalm 91:1



After making a whopping \$50 million donation to a gun control initiative, and because of his work against obesity and smoking, former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg was quoted as saying: "I am telling you, if there is a God, when I get to heaven I'm not stopping to be interviewed. I am heading straight in...I have earned my place in heaven. It's not even close."

How does that sound to you? Presumptuous? Arrogant? The very idea that Mr. Bloomberg could think he could "buy" his way into heaven must be offensive to God. How less offensive is it when we believe and act like we can earn our way into heaven by:

- Going to church three times a week.
- Reading our Bibles daily.
- Giving generously each first day of the week.
- Helping the poor.
- Being a good father/ mother/husband/wife/son/daughter.

The above list could go on and on. Do we, along with Mr. Bloomberg need to be reminded that after all we could possibly do, we are still unprofitable servants (Luke 17:10)? Do we also need to be reminded that our righteousness, the best we can offer, is as filthy rags to God (Isaiah 64:6)?

You see, heaven isn't a matter of attainment, it's a matter of atonement. If we're in heaven someday, it won't be because we earned it. It won't be because we wowed God with our own morality and righteousness. And it won't be because God's indebted to us. On the contrary, it will be because we're indebted to him!

Quick and Easy Bible Trivia (Was going to put in a crossword but Jen suggested it's not easy completing a crossword on the computer!!)

1. Question: How many days did God take to create the world?

2. Question: What was God's sign to Noah that he would never destroy the earth again?

3. Question: What did God use to speak to Moses in the desert?

4. Question: Who was the king of Israel anointed by Samuel after Saul?

5. Question: Where did God give Moses the Ten Commandments?

6. Question: Who was Jesus's mother?

7. Question: Who baptized Jesus?

8. Question: Before Jesus started preaching, what was his job?

9. Question: How many disciples did Jesus choose?

10. Question: What did Jesus do at the Last Supper to his disciples?

11. Question: Name the disciple who betrayed Jesus.

12. Question: Which disciple denied Jesus three times?

13. Question: How many books have the name John in them?

14. Question: What is the 4th commandment?

15. Question: What is the last book in the Bible?

16. Question: Which book did Jesus directly write?


17. Question: How many slingshot attempts did it take David to hit Goliath?

18. Question: How many brothers did Joseph have?

19. Question: How many lepers did Jesus heal?

20. Question: How many books are in the Bible?

20. Answer: 66.
19. Answer: 10.
18. Answer: 11.
17. Answer: One. 18.
16. Answer: None.
Revelation.
15. Answer:
holy.
by keeping it
the Sabbath day
14. Answer: Observe
13. Answer: Four.
12. Answer: Peter.
Iscariot.
11. Answer: Judas
their feet.
10. Answer: Washed
9. Answer: 12.
Carpenter.
8. Answer:
Baptist.
7. Answer: John the
6. Answer: Mary.
Sinal.
5. Answer: Mt.
4. Answer: David.
burning bush.
3. Answer: A
rainbow.
2. Answer: A
1. Answer: 6.



Be still and know
that
I am God

Psalm 46:10

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

Lord, we have many immigrants living in our country. I remember your words to your people. *'When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt; I am the LORD your God.* May we as Christians live up to that commandment so that you may be glorified.

Amen

Lord, I thank you for the privilege of being able to pray for others.

I remember particularly those who are struggling with health issues (*name them*) and ask that your healing hand might be on them.

I grieve with those who are grieving and pray that the reality of your nearness might comfort them.

Amen

Lord, I think of the on-going situation in the Middle East in particular the attack by Iran on Israel. In this time of tension may cool heads and people of peace on both sides win the day.

Amen

Lord, thank you for friends and friendship. Be close to those who are experiencing feelings of loneliness.

Amen

Lord, I remember the young folk I know who are sitting exams in the next few weeks. Remove their anxiety and allow them to show what they have learned.

Amen.

*God reigns over the nations;
God is seated on his holy throne.*

Psalm 47:1

Lord, thank you that despite the evil in this world you are on the throne and will have the victory.

Amen

Boldly I approach Your throne
Blameless now I'm running home
By Your blood I come
Welcomed as Your own
Into the arms of majesty

<https://youtu.be/4QDnVD7gu5Y>

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