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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 79 years

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*The Coffee&Chat last week raised £210 for Macmillan Cancer Support.
Thank you for all your help!*

Anniversary:

Tomorrow we celebrate the 79th anniversary of this church with Andy Scarcliffe. The service will be followed by a soup and sandwich (and pie) lunch.

Advance Notice:

Shoe box Sunday will be on 16th November
If you would like to fill a shoe box or have items, you would like to donate please see Lyn

·This Week's - Hebrew Name of God·

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EL ROI - GOD SEES ME

El Roi

Some thoughts.....

*Birthdays are special times and when you're young it seems to be ages between one birthday and the next but, of course, as we get older that time gap seems to shrink and we think – 'It can't have been a year can it?' Well this weekend we celebrate 79 years of Broxburn Baptist Church witnessing to the community in which God has placed us. Quite a number still in membership can recall many of these years but there are none of the original members who signed the statement of intent left. But those of us who **are** here are the inheritors of the legacy left by those gone before.*



On the front cover of this and many previous newsletters is the thought that 'Church is not something you go to, it's a family you belong to' and that is true of this church. The family comprises folk who are here every Sunday, folk who are a bit more irregular, those who call Family Fellowship their church, the mums and grannies (and dads) who bring their kids to The Lighthouse, the kids themselves and their older siblings who come to Level Up, the visitors who pop in when they're in the area, the folk who contact the church looking for help with food or finance, those who come to Coffee&Chat, the ladies who meet monthly, the folks who come and lead our services and there may be some I've missed out. But not all members of the family are Christians by conviction. Some don't believe in God, others are of different faiths – or none. Some come for friendship and others because they feel they should and there are other reasons – and that's OK because we want them to hear about God's love and feel the warmth of being part of a Christian community and we want them to see Jesus and come to know for themselves the feeling of sins forgiven and a future assured. Also, not all the Christians who are part of the family are church members. As a Baptist church we believe that the Bible teaches that those who become Christians should witness to the change in their lives by being baptised as a believer. As we celebrate tomorrow as a family where are you? Maybe this weekend could be the time when you take that first step of faith and give your life to Jesus – or maybe this is the time you commit to membership by asking about baptism. Happy anniversary!

Robert

4th October 2025

**Baptist Union of
Scotland Prayer Calendar
2025**

W/c 5th October

Cumbernauld Baptist Church
Cupar Baptist Church
Dalbeattie Baptist Church

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Matthew 28:19

5-11 October

Bangladesh

Life in Bangladesh has stabilised after last year's uprising, but the country is still in an interim phase. Amidst uncertainty about the future, the Church remains faithful to its calling.



Praise God that Christians in Bangladesh can depend on the Lord in times of uncertainty.



- ☐ **SUNDAY 5** Pray for political co-operation so that Bangladesh can hold free and fair elections. Pray for transitions of power towards a just and peaceful future for all people groups in Bangladesh.

- ☐ **MONDAY 6** Many Christian women are experiencing discrimination. Pray that women will experience freedom and healing through new trauma and empowerment workshops run by BMS World Mission's partner the Bangladesh Baptist Church Sangha (BBCS).

- ☐ **TUESDAY 7** Pray for trainees at BBCS' mission training centre who are planting churches in new fields. Pray that groups of new believers will be established and protected in each place.

- ☐ **WEDNESDAY 8** Pray for wisdom for BMS workers Louise and Peter Lynch as they support BBCS to find the best way to train evangelists, pastors and church leaders.

- ☐ **THURSDAY 9** Pray that John Karmakar, BBCS General Secretary, will have protection and wisdom as he leads during this time of national uncertainty. Pray that Molina Karmakar, Director of BBCS' SHED board, will find solutions to the resourcing challenges they face.

- ☐ **FRIDAY 10** Pray for the faculty at the Christian College of Theology Bangladesh. Pray for Pastor Jyoti as she returns from overseas study and pray for wisdom for the college Principal, Wailes Rangsa.

- ☐ **SATURDAY 11** Pray that all the resources necessary to support newly-trained mission workers and pastors will be provided, and that BBCS will have capacity to sustain this vital training.

A Thought from Charlie

“Those who belong to Christ have nailed their natural evil desires to His Cross and crucified them there.”

(Galatians 5:24) TLB

The strength for our conquering and our victory is drawn continually from Christ. The Bible does not teach that sin is completely eradicated from the Christian in this life. **But it does teach that sin shall no longer rule over you.**

The strength and power of sin have been broken. The Christian now has resources available to live above and beyond the things of this world. The Bible teaches that whosoever is born of God does not need to practise sin. It is like the little girl who said that when the devil came knocking with the temptation, she just sent Jesus to the door.

How we need to pray -

“Lord, I need your power continually. You know how many times I am tempted every day of my life! I trust you only for moment by moment strengthening my faith. Amen”.

Take time today to give thanks to God for the many blessings we receive daily!

Bible Reading – ‘The whole Bible in 2 years’

5th Mark 15:24-47; 16:1-20; Luke 1:1-5

6th Luke 1:6-59

7th Luke 1:60-80; 2:1-34

8th Luke 2:35-52; 3:1-29

9th Luke 3:30-38; 4:1-40

10th Luke 4:41-44; 5:1-39

11th Luke 6:1-45

“If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world.” – C.S. Lewis

He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain that which he cannot lose.”
– Jim Elliot

Church Stuff

Sunday 5th

11.00am 79th Anniversary Worship and Communion

– Rev Andy Scarcliffe

The service will be followed by a soup and sandwich lunch

3.00pm Service at Broxburn Care Home

Monday

7.00pm Bible Study

Thursday

10.30am Zoom Prayer

Friday

10.00am The Lighthouse

6.00pm Level Up



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Month	Date	Speaker	Door	Vestry Prayer	Reading	Communion
October	5	Andy	Eddie	Eddie	Lindsay	Eddie
	12	Donna	Janet	Janet	Jen	
	19	Charlie	Phyllis	Mary	Mary	
	26	Bill	Phyllis	Lyn	Lyn	

The Names of God – continuing the series from Charlie

El Roi

The God who watches over us.

The title El Roi reminds us of the God who numbers every hair on our heads and who knows the circumstances of our lives past, present and future.

David in Psalm 139 speaks of a God who knows everything about him, saying:

"You have examined me, and you know me. You alone know when I sit down and when I get up. You read my thoughts from far away. You watch me when I travel and when I rest. You are familiar with All my ways. Even before there is a single word on my tongue YOU know it"

Our God – the all-knowing God, all-seeing God, who keeps an eye on us and watches over us by night and day. If you have ever been tempted to believe that no-one understands you or that no-one cares about you, El Roi does!!! Praise God!

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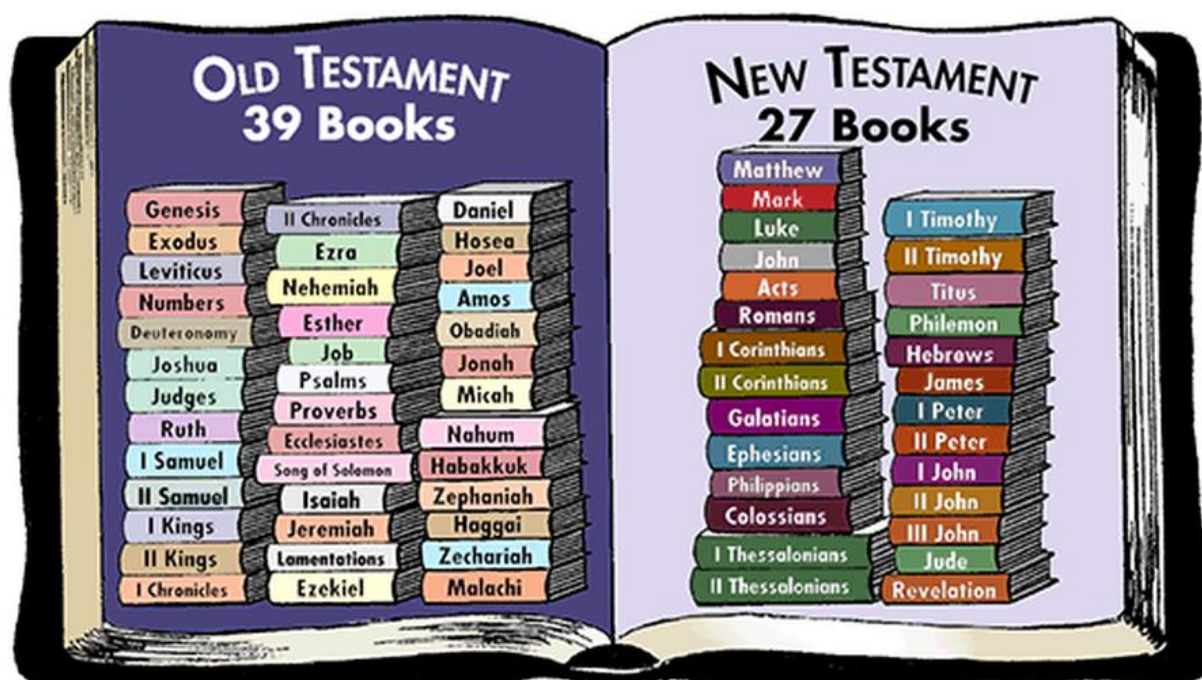
Acrostics which might help with your Bible study:

A.C.T.S.

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| A | - | ADORE |
| C | - | CONFESS |
| T | - | THANKSGIVING |
| S | - | SUPPLICATION and SUBMISSION |

*Use this to guide your prayer times.
You start by adoring God, then
confessing any wrongs, thanksgiving,
and end with supplication and
submission of your needs to God's
sovereign will.*

From 'Servants University' <https://www.servantsuniversity.com/bible-acrostics/>



Bible quiz with verses to look up

Here are some Bible quiz questions with the corresponding verses to look up. Enjoy.
If you're not sure where to find the book in your Bible check out the list on the bottom of the previous page.

Old Testament questions

1. The creation

- **Question:** What happened on the sixth day of creation?
- **Look up:** Genesis 1:24–31
- **Answer:**

2. Abraham and Isaac

- **Question:** How old was Abraham when his son Isaac was born?
- **Look up:** Genesis 21:5
- **Answer:**

3. Moses and the burning bush

- **Question:** When God first appeared to Moses, what did He tell him to do because the ground he was standing on was holy?
- **Look up:** Exodus 3:5
- **Answer:**

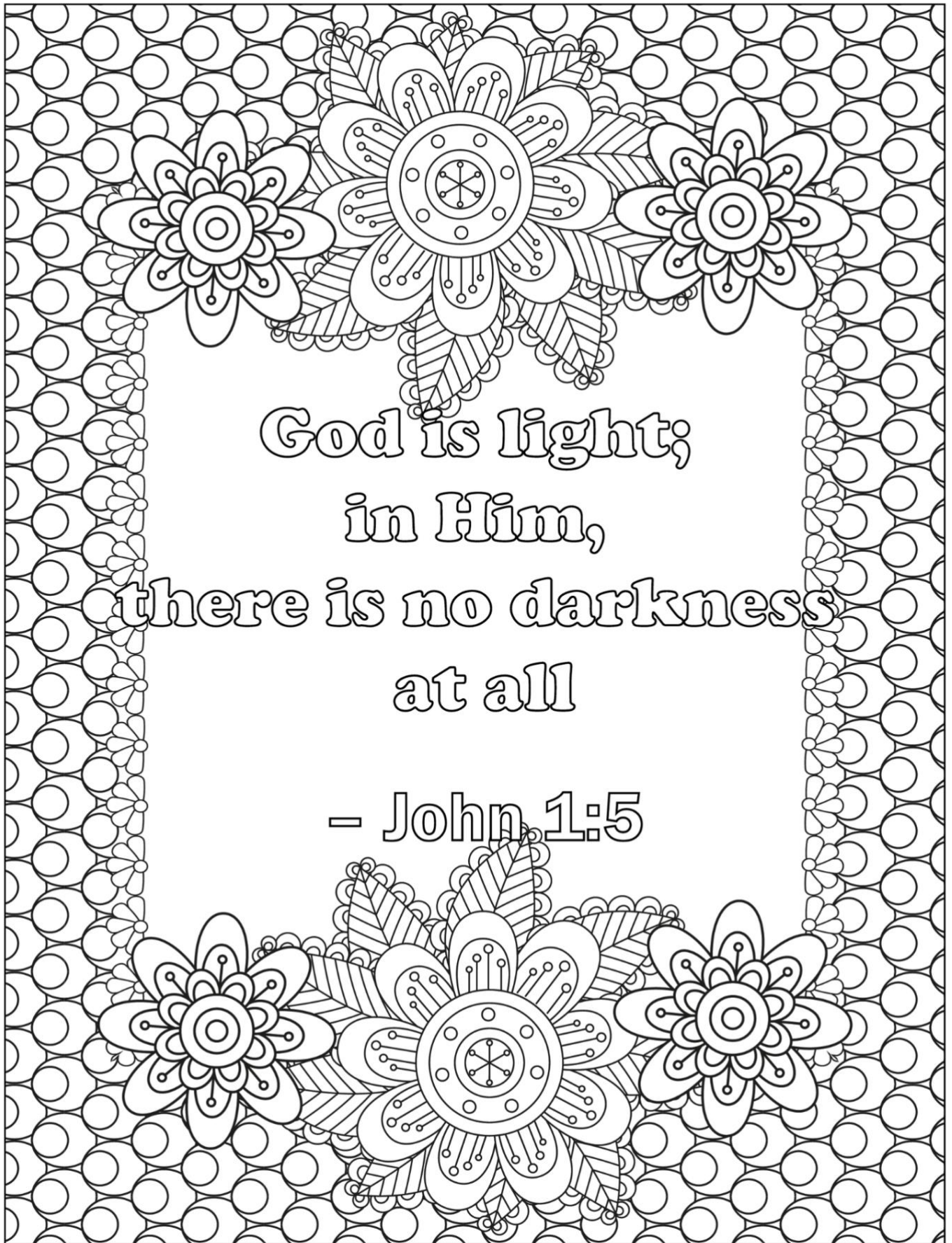
4. David and Goliath

- **Question:** When Goliath was mocking the Israelite army, what did David refuse to wear for his fight?
- **Look up:** 1 Samuel 17:38–39
- **Answer**

5. Daniel in the lion's den

- **Question:** After being thrown into the lion's den, what did Daniel tell the king was the reason for his safety?
- **Look up:** Daniel 6:22
- **Answer**

Answers and some New Testament questions next week!!



And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light
Genesis 1:3

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, life isn't always easy and I'm not always good at dealing with difficult situations and people. Give me the mind-set and skills I need to get through, knowing that you are in 'the fire' with me.

Amen

- Pray for the church family you are a member of.
- Make sure you play your full part in it.
- Be a radiator and not a drain.
- Look for the best in the members of your church family - and tell them you appreciate them.
- If you've got a problem with doing any of the previous 3 things, ask God to help you.

This week think about and pray for:

- The residents and staff of Holmes Gardens sheltered housing complex
- The work of 'Good News for Everyone' (formerly The Gideons in the UK.)
- Andy Scarcliffe as he preaches for us tomorrow
- Those you are worrying about
- The things that stop you sleeping at night

Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

¹ Thessalonians 5:11

Lord, help me to comfort those who need it and to do whatever I can to build others up and not tear them down.

Amen

Lord, when I have a choice to make guide my decision making so that I might choose wisely.

Amen

The sun comes up, it's a new day
dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies
before me
Let me be singing when the evening
comes
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

https://youtu.be/DXDGE_IRI0E

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