



Bunyan Meeting

News Letter/23

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2020



Dear friends

This Sunday, 20th September, is our Harvest Festival and the church building will be re-opening for worship. As it is the third Sunday in the month our **CC&C All Age Service will be held at 10.00am in the church garden** and then at **11.00am we be holding our morning service in the church**. Both of our services will be shorter than usual, but it will be wonderful to meet again at Mill Street.



If you would like to attend, please endeavour to contact the church office by email or telephone before 1.00pm on Friday so we can arrange the seating in church appropriately.

Many of you have attended the rehearsals we have held and will know what to expect when you arrive at church. The church doors will open at 10.30 ready for the service at 11.00am. You will be asked to wait in an appropriately spaced queue outside the church until directed to enter the building. Upon entering the building you must wear a face covering (unless exempt from this requirement), sanitise your hands and you will then be directed to your seat by a Steward. The service will last about 35 minutes and service material will be displayed on a screen at the front of the church. We will be able to hear the organ and listen to the hymns but we are not allowed to sing. At the end of the service you must remain in your seat until a Steward directs you to leave and we have to ask that you leave the church grounds promptly without gathering in groups to chat.



From now onwards we intend to hold a weekly Sunday service at 11.00am but if there is a dramatic increase in virus infections as we go in to winter, we may have to consider suspending face to face services once again.

Church services will be very different from what we are used to, but we must obey the guidance we have been given as we endeavour to keep everybody safe.

Please do not feel that you have to attend services at Mill Street if you would rather remain at home because of current circumstances. The services will continue to be distributed by email and our "Bunyan Posties" as usual and so you will still be able to share in worship as you have over recent months.

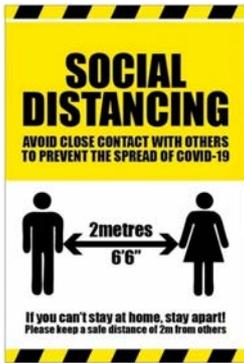
Please keep sending your articles for our News Letter direct to me at chrisdamp@mac.com or by post to the church office for my attention.

Your friend and Minister

Chris

"Surely the Lord is in this place... how awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven!"

Genesis 28 v 17



Guidance for worshippers attending services at Bunyan Meeting

- Please follow the Government guidance on physical distancing (at present 2metres/6 feet), especially at the beginning and end of the service.
- There will be a one-way system in church. Please use this system at all times. Signs will be in place and Stewards will guide you.
- Please let the Church Office know by phone or email that you wish to attend the Sunday service by 1.00pm on the Thursday prior to the Sunday (Tel: 213722).
- There will be a limit of 35 people downstairs (and 40 upstairs), so book in good time to ensure you have a seat.
- Please do not attend services if you have any symptoms of the Virus.
- Please follow Government guidance on self-isolation after symptoms and /or positive test/contact tracing/returning from foreign travel.
- Please bring a face covering with you. This must be worn inside the building.
- Church doors will be opened from 10.30am
- A list of persons attending worship will be kept (in line with GDPR principles) for 21 days as requested by the public health tracing service.
- Please wait in an appropriately distanced queue outside the church. The Minister will be outside the church to welcome you and will tick your name off the list of attendees. There may be a short wait so please bring an umbrella with you if it looks like rain.
- Please use the hand sanitiser as you enter the church. A Steward will then direct you to your seat. Chairs must not be moved and personal belongings must be kept with you at all times.
- Toilets will be open and if you need to use the toilets, please indicate to a Steward and await your turn if there is a queue.
- No hymn books, Bibles or service material will be provided, so please bring your own Bible if desired. Some of the service will be projected on to a screen. The service will be approximately 35 minutes long.
- For those who cannot attend Bunyan Meeting, service material will still be printed out for those without the internet and services will eventually be live streamed for those on the internet.
- There will be no singing allowed in the church but we will be able to listen to the organ.
- No eating and drinking in church will be allowed and please take all rubbish home with you.
- Once seated please do not leave your seat till the end of the service. At the end of the service a Steward will indicate that you can leave your seat.
- If there is a fire please follow the instructions of the Minister and Stewards.
- After the service please leave the Church promptly and use hand sanitiser as you go out.
- If desired, please leave your offering in the white collection box at the entrance or exit of the Church.

- Please be especially mindful of physical distancing after the service and use the space as you leave your seat. Try to avoid “bunching”.
- Please leave the church site promptly and avoid gathering for conversations in the church grounds or on the street - remember the Government’s rule of six.
- If there is an illness please remain seated and follow the instructions of the Minister and First Aider.

Lydia Saul writes about the Poppy Project for Remembrance Day



I am writing this short letter of invitation for any keen crafts people to join **The Higgins Knitting and Crochet group** with the potential to do a display at The Higgins for Remembrance Day by knitting or crocheting poppies to decorate The Higgins front window/ foyer. This date isn’t too far away – so we are asking that the poppies be dropped off at the museum by 26th October so that we will have time to put them together and install them before Remembrance Sunday. Please bring in a plastic bag to the front desk so that they can be quarantined for a period and please only come in if you are feeling well of course! Attached are 2 patterns for poppies from online sources - there are lots to choose from.

We’re happy to accept red poppies, but also white poppies and purple poppies. Here is a bit about white poppies which symbolize peace:

<https://www.ppu.org.uk/remembrance-white-poppies>

And some information about purple poppies which are for the remembrance of the many animals killed during war. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Purple_poppy

We are trying to spread the word to other knitting groups. If you know people that might be interested to join-in please do invite them to get involved.

This is a You Tube link to a crochet poppy that knitting group member Chris has been making. <https://youtu.be/LbFWVO89rEY>

It will be really nice to be working on something that we can deliver ‘in real life’, as well as something that will have a lot of meaning for a lot of people.

If you’d like to get involved, please do start making poppies and be sure to let me know how you’re getting on, on email or on the Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/502708587285643>



Pattern notes (written in UK terms)

This pattern gives you the basic principles for the wattle stitch, designed to help you create your own projects.

Video tutorial - click here: [Crochet - Poppy tutorial](#)

Yarn used: Stylecraft Special DK in Lipstick, Black and Meadow

Hook used: 3.5mm (but larger or smaller can be used)

Pattern written in UK terms

Chain Space (ch-sp)

Slip Stitch (ss): Insert hook into space, yarn over and pull through stitch and loop on hook

Chain (ch): Yarn over, pull through one loop on hook.

Double Crochet(s): dc(s): Insert hook into stitch, yarn over, pull up a loop, you will have two loops on the hook. Yarn over, pull through remaining two loops.

Treble crochet (tr):Yarn over, insert hook into stitch, yarn over, pull up a loop, you will have three loops on the hook. Yarn over, pull through two loops, yarn over, pull through remaining two loops.

Half Treble Crochet(s): htr(s): Yarn over, insert into stitch, yarn over, pull up a loop, you will have three loops on the hook. Yarn over, pull through remaining three loops.

Double Treble(s): dtr(s): Yarn over hook twice, insert hook into stitch, yarn over, pull up a loop, you will have four loops on the hook. Yarn over, pull through two loops, you will have three loops on the hook. Yarn over, pull through two loops, yarn over, pull through remaining two loops.

Pattern – To make the poppy

Foundation chain: ch4 and connect

Round 1: ch1, 10dc, connect

Round 2: ch2, 2,tr, 2tr, 3dtr, 2tr, ch2, ss, ch2, 3tr, 2tr, 3dtr, 3tr, ch2, connect and tie off

Pattern – To make the centre of the poppy

10dc into a magic circle and connect OR you could use a black button

Pattern – To make the leaf

Foundation: ch10

First side: 3tr in third ch from the hook, tr, tr, tr, htr, htr, dc, ss, ch 2

Second side: ss (in same space as previous ss), dc, htr, htr, tr, tr, tr, 3tr, connect to top of first tr.

To continue on and add a stem: ch4, dc into 3rd chain from hook, dc into next ch, connect to base of leaf.

You can email Gemma Hutton who runs the group on gemma.Hutton@bedford.gov.uk if you need more information.

Lydia Saul

Silly Gramps



As most of you know, Tuesday is one of our grandparenting days - well, on this past Tuesday we had Jessica for the day, but I had to take Brenda to hospital to have a 24 hour heart monitor fitted.

Rather than pay the hospital parking charge, I parked in the Rope Walk retail park, and by the time I got there Jessica had fallen asleep in her seat in the back of the car. After a while she woke up, then said “my tummy hurts”, fearing the worse I found a sandwich bag & moved into the back seat. Thankfully she was ok. Brenda phoned after her appointment, then I realised my BIG mistake.

Child locks on the rear doors, together with the windows locked. Oops.

I waved at some passing shoppers & pointed to the car doors, thankfully they realised what had happened and with a smile and a chuckle, they let me out.

Brenda thought it extremely funny.

Stuart’s reply was “Oh dear!”

Amanda found it hilarious.

Brian Cornish

Link to Hope Shoe Boxes

We will not be collecting and sending Shoeboxes this year but there are several ways in which you can support this work.

You will find all the information on the website: linktohope.co.uk

If you need more help please ring me – Bedford 406969

Jocelyn

Tear Fund Quiz

This year's Quiz will be held 'on-line' on **Saturday 14th November**.

I will give you more details when I receive more information.

Details will be in the News Letter and on the church Website.

Last year's Quiz was a great success so let's see if we can get more people involved this time. Please save the date!

Jocelyn

David Walker writes of his 'Walking 100 miles in a week' challenge:

My sister, Lib, and I had planned to take part in the Thames Path Challenge - a 100km sponsored walk from Putney to Henley - on Saturday/Sunday 12/13 September.

Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus restrictions, this walk was cancelled.

As we had both intended to support charities with the Thames Path Challenge, we decided instead, to devise a series of local sponsored walks from our village of Redbourn - with the intention of walking 100 miles during the course of the days between Saturday 5 and Saturday 12 September.

Lib was raising money in support of Prostate Cancer UK; and I walked in support of the MS Society.

The Multiple Sclerosis Society (MS Society) is the UK's largest charity for people affected by multiple sclerosis (MS).

The organisation funds research, campaigns for social and political changes and provides services that help people with multiple sclerosis and their families. It also compiles the only report of its kind on prevalence and living situations for people with MS across the UK.

I'm delighted to report that my sister, Lib, and I completed our target of 'walking 100 miles in a week', at 2.00pm on Saturday 12 September.

On the way to
Wheathampstead &
Ayot St Lawrence



We had a very enjoyable week, striking out from our village to the south-west – through Hemel Hempstead, Chipperfield, Kings Langley and Bedmond (26 miles); south-east – to Heartwood Forest and Sandridge (12 miles); north-west – through Markyate, Kensworth to Dunstable Downs and Whippsnade (19 miles); east – taking in Wheathamstead and Ayot St Lawrence (20 miles); and south – along the River Ver to St Albans (10 miles). These, and two other shorter walks (totalling 13 miles), all started and finished in Redbourn.



Slight case of 'photo exaggeration' on this hill

There were footpaths that climbed hills, followed rivers, and crossed fields; we had warm days and windy days, and even sunny days. We were confused by conflicting directions on the Hertfordshire Way ... and we had a close encounter of the equine kind in Kensworth!

As well as feeling a great sense of well-being and freedom, we were gratified by the support that we received, in aiding the charities that we were walking to help.

A huge 'thank you' to all Bunyan Meeting' members who supported this challenge.

To date the money raised for the MS Society is nearly £700.00 ... and the Just Giving page is still open: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/David-Walker145>

David

Tempsford - Horsepower

A storey about Tempsford airfield in WW2 - by **Ken Wells**

Once the secret agents who had been flown out of Tempsford and dropped in German occupied Europe had completed their mission, it was the practice to send out a light aircraft called the Lysander to pick them up and bring them back to Tempsford for a rest, that is of course providing they had not been captured by the Germans.



The Lysander could land and take off in a very small field. On one occasion, all the Lysanders were out of commission so instead, a Lockheed Hudson bomber (*left*) was despatched. This landed safely and located the local Resistance Group with our agent, bearing in mind these landings had a very tight window for fear of being captured by the Germans. The agent climbed aboard but the Hudson refused to budge as its wheels had sunk in the ground, at once the Resistance men raced to the nearby farm and borrowed 4

cart horses and harnessed them to the front of the Hudson and they hauled it out on to firm ground enabling the Hudson to take off and return to Tempsford.

All credit to those Resistance men in dealing with this knife edge situation.

Ken Thomas writes:

Autumn Leaves



Sitting on the bench, beside the river, that commemorates my wife, I felt something gently touch me on the head. I retrieved a yellowing leaf, now in its final moments of life where once, as with billions of others, it supported and fed its fruit, at the same time creating a canopy of green to shelter us from the sun.

To stroll amongst the yellow, red and brown carpet of discarded leaves whilst the trees; the aristocrats of the plant world gently go to sleep for another season, can bring back joyous feelings of one's youth.

There is beauty in all seasons; the white carpet of snow with the joggers footprints, to the swell of yellow and purple crocus as the sun starts to warm and reawakens all those that have been in slumber, to the fullness and colour of summer. But I always consider autumn the most radiant because of its strong colours. Where we talk of forty shades of green in the summer months, in autumn we

speak of forty shades of red, yellow and gold with a selection of evergreens that like to stay awake.

We all have our views on who created such loveliness but we know it wasn't man. If we can give that some thought we can ask ourselves why we would want to destroy it.

Keep safe,

Ken

BMS Harvest Appeal

The Baptist Missionary Society Harvest Appeal this year is for work in Chad. There is a DVD about this appeal available to borrow from Margaret Ormerod and this video can also be viewed at:

<https://www.bmsworldmission.org/appeal/operation-chad/>

Details of how to donate can be found online or can be made by sending a cheque to Margaret.



Daily Hope - 0800 804 8044

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

For Your Prayers

Please remember **Ruth Blake, Jean Bodger, Wendy Carter, Janet Barratt, Raj Sandhu** and family and especially **Raj's father**.



GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

Words to explain the thoughts, feelings and emotions of our children and young people at Bunyan Meeting as they returned to school in the last two weeks; some for the first time, some to new schools and colleges and others to the same school but not in the way they were used to six months ago.

Please keep them, their families and their teachers in your prayers.

EXCITED	Enjoying Friends again	Like being in a dream	
SCARY	Loving it	OPTIMISTIC	
Bubbles	Teachers	Trepidation	
CAUTIOUS	Missing my sister	Disappointment	
KEEN	Unreliable school busses		
Getting air high fives	HAPPY	FUN	
Ready	Eager	Organised	Reflective
	Hopeful	Composed	Tiring
A lockdown excursion	One-way systems		
Comfortable	Apprehensive	Nature Learning	
Expectant	Weird	Too early	
	Normal	Everything is easier	
Lots of handwashing	Learning letters and numbers		
	New or no uniforms		

[And a teacher's perspective: Despair Disorientation Disappointment Deluge
Discombobulated Bewildering Tedious Irritating Strange Weird. – No comment!]

With thanks to: Poppy, & Freddie, Anoushka & Natalya, Alistair & Mari, Oliver, Katya & Isaac, and William & Poppy, for their contributions.

Can you find the four "magic" words?

Cherry Protheroe



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