

Blisworth
BAPTIST CHURCH
TO KNOW HIM AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

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A Message from Lee, our Pastor:

What a busy few months it has been, can you believe it's March! With us moving our services into the Leisure Hall, can you believe how God still moves in there? I am pleased you said 'yes' because this is what happens in our daily lives. God is in us, and works through us wherever we are. Our Vision Day was a great success, and I thank all of you who attended. I am looking forward to sharing with you in the coming weeks, the discernment of God's Word to us on how and where we move forward.

Looking ahead, and as Easter approaches, it brings with it a sense of renewal and reflection on the expectancy of life. Good Friday is a significant day and serves as a solemn reminder of sacrifice and love, marking the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. This day invites us to contemplate themes of redemption and hope, illustrating that even in the darkest moments, there is the promise of resurrection and new beginnings. The anticipation of Easter, celebrated with joy and fellowship, encourages us to embrace the future with optimism. I know many of us are struggling with family and friends with illness, and we have been praying for our community, but at this time we are reminded to cherish our loved ones and the life we have.

As we gather with family and friends, we can take pride in our shared beliefs and the community spirit that enriches our lives, making Good Friday not just a day of mourning, but the building blocks to joy and renewed faith.

Blessings to you and your family, Lee

Our Forthcoming Sunday Services (10.30 am)



Date	Leading	Worship	Speaking	
2nd Mar	Lee Hillyard	Lee Hillyard	Ted Ashworth	Communion
9th Mar	Ray Payne	Keith Barker	Mike Lyons	
16th Mar	Mike White	Lee Hillyard	Lee Hillyard	
23rd Mar	Brian Ash	Videos (Mike)	Tony Maycock	
30th Mar	Diane Atkinson	Keith Barker	Ruth Brown	Mother's Day
6th Apr	Anne Puffett	Lee Hillyard	Ray Payne	Communion
13th Apr	Mike White	Keith Barker	Keith Barker	Palm Sunday
20th Apr	Lee Hillyard	Lee Hillyard	Lee Hillyard	Easter Sunday
27th Apr	Tony Maycock	Lee Hillyard	Mike White	



Tues 4th Mar/Tues 1st Apr Zoom Prayer Evenings (7.30 pm)



The Zoom link, Meeting ID and Password is:

PLEASE CONTACT US FOR DETAILS

We will come together for a time of fellowship and prayer on the first Tuesday of the month: Tuesday 4th March and Tuesday 1st April at 7.30pm.

Home Groups



Home Groups are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month (Thursdays of that week for Blisworth). The next meetings are:

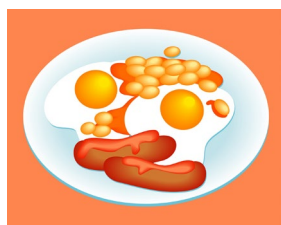
Towcester Home Group: Meetings are postponed at present.

Northampton Home Group: Tues. 11th & 25th Mar. / Tues. 8th Apr. (7.30pm at Ray & Julie's home) (N.B. 23rd April is the AGM/Church Meeting. The Group will decide re using another Tuesday evening, or not.)(The 11th March meeting will be at Tony & Alyth's home.)

Blisworth Home Group: Thurs. 13th & 27th Mar / Thurs. 10th & 24th Apr. (2.30pm at the Church Coffee House)

Church Matters

Community Breakfast (Sat. 29th Mar) & Men's Breakfast (Sat. 26th Apr.)



The next Breakfast will be served on Saturday 29th March at 8.30 am. This will be a Community Breakfast to which both gentlemen and ladies are invited. (The next Men's Breakfast will be served on Saturday 26th April.)

A reminder/invitation will be sent out nearer the time, and we ask everyone to please "book their seat" in advance – an email, with a link to do this, will be sent to everyone about a week beforehand. This will help with both catering and seating arrangements. Thank you.

Nominations for Elder, Deacons, Secretary and Treasurer

The term of office for Ruth, Tony, Mike, Ray and Anne ends at the forthcoming A.G.M. in April (if they are happy to do so, then they could be re-nominated for these positions and therefore could be re-elected). (N.B. Mike White has indicated that he doesn't wish to seek re-election as a Deacon.). **The deadline for nominations is the 21st March.** Elections will take place at the A.G.M.

Anyone who is nominated must have given their permission for their name to be put forward. The nomination must be supported by the signatures of two Church Members. (Nomination forms can be accessed via Ray, the Secretary.)

A.G.M. & Church Meeting (Tuesday 22nd April)



The **A.G.M.** and the next **Church Meeting** are planned for **Tuesday 22nd April 2025 (7.30pm)** in the Coffee House. This will be a Hybrid Meeting, meaning that people will also be able to “attend” via Zoom.

Cakes for the Community Cafe

If you feel able to bake a cake once per month, or every couple of months, for Community Cafe, then this would be very much appreciated. Please speak with Maggie and Keith, so that we don't have lots of cakes all being baked for the same Tuesday!! Thank you.

“Adopt a Grave”

The Parish Council are aiming to tidy up the Closed Parish Graveyard, and are inviting people to “adopt a grave”. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk, Angela Billing.

And Finally ...

Message from Lin

As we journey through March and April there are so many special Christian events to celebrate (such as Lent, Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday) and Lin has provided us with several related songs and video links (thanks, Lin):

To The Desert follow me https://youtu.be/f_ioWU9Nz3w
A medal for mothers <https://youtu.be/-mK1FT0OuPk?t=1>
Gethsemane <https://youtu.be/SnPANvcX6B0>
Risen <https://youtu.be/oovvXv87cBM?t=1>
I can see (the Emmaus Road) <https://youtu.be/cOHrapKFmIU?t=12>

May you all have a Happy and Blessed Easter.

Ray (Church Secretary)