

Bearsden Baptist Church Newsletter 19th November 2020



Morning service in Church building – 22nd November 10.30 am
Beatitude #2 – Blessed are those who mourn – Matthew 5:4 - John Craib

You will be aware that East Dunbartonshire has been moved to Level 4 restrictions, and therefore the attendance limit **for the next three weeks is now 20 - effective from this Sunday, 22nd November.**

It will once again be necessary to book a place in advance by emailing office@bearsdenbaptistchurch.com or alternatively, by text to 07931 467845, by 5pm on Friday. Spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. The service will still be available as usual on Zoom at 10.30 am

Please note that no more than 6 persons from a maximum of 2 households are allowed to gather to chat in the car park after the service, that adults must be socially-distanced outside while doing so, and must avoid moving from one group to another in the car park.

Could we also ask those attending the Church service to park in the new car park next to the sanctuary, and those attending the Kidzone service to park in Maxholme car park, as they are separate events.

Thank you.



A reminder of the confidential email address dedicated to prayer ministry, which is available to all. Please do not hesitate to use this service, as the team is committed to provide the best support we can at all times. The email address is:- prayerministry@bearsdenbaptistchurch.com

Prayer Space - Sunday 22nd November. Don and Lorna McLean – Don and Lorna have been home from Cape Town for several weeks now and enjoying catching up with their family. We're planning to catch up with them ourselves at Prayer Space from 7-8pm this Sunday. This was to be live, but with the shift to Tier 4 on Friday we have moved the event to Zoom – usual connection details apply. The hour will be guided by their support group and will give an opportunity for a brief update, a reflection on their own faith journey, questions and prayer. Do come and join us then.



Glasgow Overnight Welcome Centre - All the slots for our week of the Overnight Welcome Centre have been taken. A big "thank you" to all of those that have booked an evening to help.



Beautiful handcrafted writing cards for sale.

Here is a link to a Facebook message from the Garden Vision Group:-

<https://www.facebook.com/137190209658531/posts/3980204512023729/?vh=e&d=n>

You've seen the film – now buy the cards!

We hope that you enjoyed the Garden Vision Group's Roman skit on Sunday and are ready to buy a pack (or a few!) of the beautiful writing cards that we have for sale. There are 30 designs on offer, with each pack of five cards available at £5 per pack. All proceeds will go to enhance the Church's lovely gardens. Please contact Alan (07508 049435) if you would like to order cards for delivery to your home, or buy the cards direct at Barista on Wednesday afternoons.



Online Christmas event - 1st December.

You may have seen on the church Facebook page that we are hosting a Christmas event on 1st December. It will be an online event and people will have to register on Eventbrite. The link is below:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-sustainable-christmas-an-evening-with-less-waste-laura-tickets-127889782783>



Christmas Light Show.

The Bumps and Bundles Core group has many plans for Christmas this year, and one of these is to have a 'Light Show' (obviously low-key and not a rival for GlasGlow!) in the garden. This would take the shape of 4 stations, each celebrating the signs and symbols of Christmas in line with the Facebook posts and crafts given out by Bumps and Bundles through Advent. The Light Show stations are to be installed for the weekend before Christmas. i.e. Sat

19th and Sunday 20th December. It will be a wonderful display of the Christmas story for the community to attend.

The next step is to source the outdoor lights. Before we incur unnecessary costs, could we please ask the congregation if they have got any excess battery operated outdoor lights they don't need this year? This is a loan, so all lights will be returned! Please email the office if you are able to help. Thank you, the Bumps and Bundles team.



Prayers for our church family

Please pray for:

- Lewis and Bethany Blakely and Lewis's girlfriend Ana, who are all recovering from the COVID-19 virus. Please pray for strength to get through the isolation period, and for Bethany as she returns to school on 23 November.
- Helen McDonald, whose operation has been postponed again, for the third time since March - please pray for patience and comfort during this ongoing time of limbo and uncertainty, and for the operation to be rescheduled very soon. Please pray for a successful outcome to the surgery & a strong recovery. Please pray for Alex as he continues to support Helen & give thanks for how they've trusted God throughout this difficult time.

If you would appreciate the fellowship's prayers for loved ones experiencing challenging times, please email Alison Christie at alisonchristie56@hotmail.com