

Bearsden Baptist Church Newsletter - 17th March 2023

BBC Morning service - 19th March 2023 - 10.30 am

Fight your battles on your knees

We look forward to welcoming you to our morning worship service, and hope you will be blessed by your time with us. We'd love it if you joined us for a chat over a tea or coffee after the service. Refreshments will be served from the hatch in the foyer. Please remember that this morning's service will be live-streamed. It is also essential that we should start promptly at 10.30 a.m. for those watching elsewhere, so we would like to ask everyone to strive to be seated by 10.30.

YouTube Service Videos

Many of us are able to gather for the 10.30am service in the Church building but the service also continues to be streamed live on YouTube and can also be watched again shortly after the service finishes. Search YouTube for "Bearsden Baptist Church" and subscribe to our channel to receive alerts when services start. Keep up with the sermon series while you are away, watch again for house group discussions, and share with friends and neighbours.

THIS WEEK @ BBC

Sunday 19th March 2023 - 10.30 am

Duty Deacon - Kirsty Buchan

Stewards - David MacDonald, Rachel McKie, Don McKie

Crèche - Janet Campbell, Kirsty Carduff

Tea/Coffee - Moira Shaw, John Bennet

Prayer Ministry - Jean Sweeny, Graeme Yeoman

Monday, 20th March - 9.30 am - Bumps and Bundles

Tuesday, 21st March - 12.30 pm - Lunchbreak

Wednesday, 22nd March - 2 pm - Well-come Café

NEXT WEEK @ BBC

Sunday 26th March 2023 - 10.30 am

Duty Deacon - Allison Ferguson

Stewards - Liz McLeod, Margaret Morrison, Leslie Morrison

Crèche - Ruth Benson, Carina Craib

Tea/Coffee - Rhona Stevens, Paul Stevens

Prayer Ministry - Elaine Bonham, David Bonham

Monday, 27th March - 9.30 am - Bumps and Bundles

Wednesday, 29th March - 2 pm - Well-come Café

Youth News

Friday 17th March – Youth Alpha session #6 for P7-S6s, 6-7pm (followed by dinner) at Killermont Parish

- Drop in games night for P7-S6s, 7:30-9pm at Killermont

Sunday 19th – Catalyst group for P7-S4s during the morning service

Monday 20th – Monday night bible study for S3-S6s, 7:30-9:30pm at Jonny's flat above Killermont

Friday 24th – Youth Alpha session #7 for P7-S6s, 6-7pm (followed by dinner) at BBC

- Drop in games night for P7-S6s, 7:30-9pm at BBC

Sunday 26th – All age service at BBC, so no Catalyst group

Thank you to everyone who was praying for the Scripture Union weekend away this past weekend. We had a great time up at Lendrick Muir with 100 campers and a fantastic team of leaders and cooks. We were looking at the life of Peter, particularly his calling, his confession of Christ and his denial/reinstatement. We used the question Jesus asks of 'Who do you say I am?' to challenge the young folks to think about what they would say to that question and over the course of the weekend 30 of the young people gave their lives to Jesus in response. It really was an incredible moment and such an encouragement to see these young people responding to the call of the gospel in their lives. Please keep them in your prayers as they go home and hopefully get connected with churches, youth groups etc. and continue on a journey of faith and discipleship.

Church meeting 29th March

A reminder that our next Church Meeting takes place on Wednesday 29th March. We would love as many people as possible to attend. Please remember that you don't need to be a member to attend, it just means you can't cast a vote. The meeting will also be on the church's Zoom account. The connection details are: -

Zoom connection 3870488154 Password 700304

Baptism

Easter time is drawing closer, always a very special time in the Christian calendar and in Bearsden Baptist Church.

The Palm Sunday Service this year is planned to also be a Baptismal Service, which is great news. There may be others in and around the fellowship who may be considering taking that step or indeed just wishing to discuss the subject further. If so, could you please make it known to John Craib.

WARM SPACE CAFE

The Warm Space Cafe has stopped due to lack of demand. Several other Warm Spaces over East Dunbartonshire have not been well attended. This may be for a few reasons:-

- people are too proud to admit they cannot afford to heat their homes
- the wording is not right - maybe Winter Community Cafe would have been more inviting
- people thought it was for those out with the congregation who were invited
- it should have been clear it was open to anybody regardless of heating issues

However, there were several 'moments' and 'meaningful connections' with those who did attend and God knows who they are. There was also opportunity to pray for people.

Thank you to the leaders for being open to reach out to our community.

Michelle

Baptist Union – Increase Prayer Intensive - On the Wednesday evening (March 22nd) there will be an online National Prayer Gathering at 8pm to which everyone from our churches is invited. There is a different zoom link for this – the details are below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89796858438?pwd=TU95SHdUd0RwK1IJV2dwenRWcDEzQT09>

Meeting ID: 897 9685 8438 / Passcode: 272362

We would love you to join on Zoom for any, or all, of these times of prayer as we trust that God will honour his word in 2 Chron 7:14 "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land".

Primary Care Chaplaincy

Primary Care Chaplaincy Scotland (PCCS) works in GP surgeries offering spiritual care to patients and staff. We are looking for new chaplains to volunteer in the East Dunbartonshire/north Glasgow area in this important role.

Do you have your own faith and a combination of counselling skills, life experience, strong communication and listening abilities, a willingness to support others, and a desire to learn?

There is flexibility over the time commitment involved.

We provide training and ongoing supervision to support this work.

Those applying will need to fill out application and PVG forms and provide 2 references. Interviews will be held; conducted by PCCS staff and trustees.

If you are interested, we can send you more information and an application pack.

Please email Sarah Giffen, Principal Chaplain with PCCS at chaplaincyappointments@outlook.com for further details.

ChurchSuite

Have you signed up for ChurchSuite, our communication platform? The mobile app gives you secure access to our address book (where you can update your own details), events calendar, small groups, rotas, and links to the church website and Facebook page. Register for ChurchSuite here

<https://bearsdenbaptistchurch.churchsuite.com/embed/addressbook/form>.

It's a two-step process, and includes a link to download the mobile app once your registration has been processed.