

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sundays

10.30am Morning Worship

Tuesdays

9.00am Prayer Meeting
10.00am Little Treasures
5.15pm Kingsquad (Yrs 3-6)

Wednesdays

8.30am - 12.00pm Friendly Bean Café
2.00pm Ladies' Fellowship

Thursdays

8.30am - 12.00pm Friendly Bean Café
7.00pm Housegroup (Church)

Fridays

Alternate Fridays

10.30am Fellowship Group (Church)

Saturdays

3rd in the month

9.00am Who Let the Dads Out?

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May

17 Deacons' Meeting
13 Baptist Assembly (Harrogate)
15-21 Christian Aid Week

June

4 Annual Gift Day (Pentecost Sunday)
21 Deacons' Meeting

July

23 Members' Meeting
29 Deacons' Away Day & Meeting

To know Christ and to make Him known

May 2017



I will make you a light for the nations. You will show people all over the world the way to be saved.

(Starting in Borstal)

Isaiah 49:6b

Welcome to our service. We pray that you will meet with God here. There is a loop system in use, just turn your hearing aid to the 'T' position. Children are welcome to stay in the service or go out to Sunday School, which is held downstairs. You are warmly invited to stay for coffee or tea after the morning service. If we can help you in any way, please don't hesitate to ask – we are here to serve you. Do please sign the visitors' book before you leave.

Prayer



- The General Election. That we look for the policies and parties that really care for the poor, the needy, the refugee and not just self-interest.
- Ongoing war in Syria and the famine in East Africa and all those seeking to support those in need of food and safety.
- For Borstal, that we might reach out to those who are lonely, in need of support and care whoever they are.
- That God will use each of us to reach people we know with the Good news of the Gospel, that our words and actions proclaim God's love and grace to all.
- For those we know who are ill or under stress

From the Manse:

"Not another one

This was the reaction of one Bristol resident to the news that Mrs May had decided to do a U turn and call a snap General Election. For us it is the third as we also had a By-election just before the last General Election.

I know our letter boxes will soon be full of leaflets from most of the main political parties trying to get you to vote for them. So how do we choose?

We need as Christians to ask the difficult questions about those things that affect the poor and needy: NHS, Pensions, Welfare, Mental health provision, Care for the elderly, Refugees.

We do this because these are God's priorities that we see in Luke 4:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

Pray, ask questions of candidates if you get the chance. Don't rely on just the press to tell you the truth, each has their own allegiance and will slant their headlines.

There are two handouts available for you to read: one with this newsheet and one from the Baptist Union in the entrance area....do

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'IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT BREXIT'

By Chris Goswami, Director of Marketing & Communications at Openwave Mobility, who was named 2015 Christian blogger of the year for www.7minutes.net, where this article has appeared.

It never ceases to amaze me just how quickly we forget what really matters. I include myself in this.

We are only a week after Easter Day and already we have put to one side the fact that the empty tomb marked the most astonishing turning point in human history. It's gone from our thoughts. Our agendas change so quickly.

Of course, you might say we haven't forgotten, we are simply led by events in the media. And the media from now till 8 June will only talk about one thing.

Just when you thought it was safe to watch TV again

We've all had our fill of BREXIT, new PMs and the rest of it, haven't we? After a turbulent 2016, most of us were hoping for a politically quiet 2017 with our leaders focused on the mechanics of our EU withdrawal, so we could get on with the rest of life.

Although I didn't vote for the Conservatives or BREXIT, I, like many people on both sides of the fence, found myself reassured with Theresa's May's no-nonsense approach. She had none of the charisma of Cameron, and completely lacked the hype and spin of Blair, both of whom were masterful showmen.

But I thought "that's fine, we need a sensible PM who will just get on with this".

However, it seems "the lady is for turning" and the uncertainties of 2016 are back with us. Many of us were hoping we could start to look beyond BREXIT, but the announcement of a general election is a big step backwards.

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