

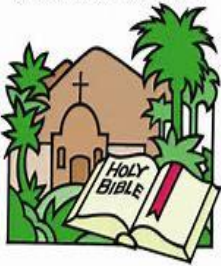
The Month at Oakwood

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November 2023

- Wednesday 1st** **7:30pm** Bible Study
- Saturday 4th** **6:00pm** **Firework Event**
- Sunday 5th** **10:30am** Morning Worship
led by Keith Bentley
- Tuesday 7th** **10:00am** Parents & Toddlers
- Thursday 9th** **7:30pm** Deacons Meeting
- Saturday 11th** **7:00pm** – **The Big Quiz** – see inside for more details
- Sunday 12th** **10:30am** **Church Anniversary including Remembrance - Followed by lunch**
led by Mandy James with guest preacher Joycelyn Dehaney
- Tuesday 14th** **10:00am** Parents & Toddlers
- Wednesday 15th** **7:30pm** Bible Study
- Sunday 19th** **10:30am** Morning Worship including communion
led by Richard Brookes
- Tuesday 21st** **10:00am** Parents & Toddlers
- Sunday 26th** **10:30am** Morning Worship
led by Richard Brookes and Keith Bentley
- Tuesday 28th** **10:00am** Parents & Toddlers

REMEMBER OUR
Missionaries



Missionary News

We were recently able to send some money to **Rosemary Hunt** to help the Hanga translators in their work in Ghana. She has been able to use these donations to provide a new motorbike and to finance literacy days in two villages. Their current motorbikes are old and unreliable, so a replacement will help them reliably get to the rural villages. It would be so encouraging if we could provide towards another one.

If you feel God asking you to support this project please let Richard or myself know. The literacy days are to celebrate the students who have learned to read and write Hanga. They will receive certificates for this, and hopefully this will encourage others to learn their written language.

Stephen German's trip to Malawi 14th – 22nd October went ahead as planned, but **Désirée's** team meetings and the subsequent gathering of church leaders in the Middle East were both postponed due to the escalating fighting and tensions among many nations in the area. We continue to pray for this tragedy and the waste of human life. We also remember Désirée as she visits her parents in November. May she be a blessing and an encouragement to them in the care home where they live.

Stephen & Nikki Childs' church in Castlebar still needs some funds to complete the transformation of their building in to the church and all its facilities. Again, if you have been prompted to give towards this project please let us know.

Andrew & Janet Persson are hoping to move into a bungalow in the area they currently live, just outside Oxford. They would be grateful for our prayers as they embark on this new phase of life. They have never actually bought a house before, except for one which arrived in Domeri on the back of a lorry. They would like a smaller garden than at present, and no upstairs to the bungalow. Many of you know how stressful this process can be so please pray that they will have God's strength & peace throughout. Their friend and former colleague Sapana has had heart issues with blocked arteries, so prayer for his recovery would be really appreciated.

Yours in Him

Christopher

Church Anniversary Weekend

Saturday 11th November at 7:00pm Tearfund's The Big Quiz

Come and join the fun, put your knowledge to the test and support Tearfund in their mission to help end extreme poverty. We are delighted to have Judith as our Quiz master for this fundraising event, ably assisted by Mike and Richard.



You can come on your own or bring a team of up to 8 people. The cost is £15 including a Fish/sausage/chicken & Chip supper - or £7 without food. It also includes a £5 donation to Tearfund, who produce all the questions & answers. Bring your own soft drinks and nibbles. Tea & Coffee will be provided after supper. Booking forms will be available at the back of the church. Please reserve your place by Sunday 5th November.

Please contact Christopher if you would like more information or book your place.

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Sunday 12th November Anniversary Service

We are delighted to have Joycelyn Dehaney as our guest speaker for our 88th Church Anniversary Service. Joycelyn is a deacon at Edmonton Baptist Church and we look forward to her ministry. Mandy will be leading the service.

There will be lunch afterwards, and everyone is welcome to stay. For catering purposes please add your name to the list at the back of the church if you would like to join us.

Fellowship News

We remember those in the fellowship with health concerns. It was wonderful to hear that Ann is now home from hospital and we thank God for answering our prayers. Her treatment continues and she will have follow-up appointments but is so pleased to be home. Please pray for her and others who would value prayer: Judith, Karen, Keith, Margaret and Peggy. We bring them before God asking for healing, strength and peace.

Bible Study – Wednesdays 1st & 15th

We are looking at the story of Elijah the prophet which starts in 1 Kings chapter 17. So far we have learnt how faithful and obedient he was to God who provided for him in so many miraculous ways. The story so far.....Elijah spoke up to king Ahab, was fed by ravens and as a result of his cries to God a child was brought back to life again. He challenged Ahab to turn from following Baal to the one true God and again God did not let him down.

Come and join us on Wednesday evenings as Mandy helps us explore more about Elijah.

Parents & Toddlers

Thank you to Stan for continuing to lead the P&T group, to Mike for getting all the toys out and Christopher, Julia and Margaret for all their help. Please pray for this group and the opportunities there are for witnessing to the parents, grandparents and childminders.

Health & Safety

Our Health & Safety team met again on a walk through the church listing various issues to be addressed. Our thanks to Christopher, Mike, Phil & Richard with advice from Keith for ensuring the building is safe and meets the required regulations.

There will be ongoing maintenance work over the coming months including updating the Accessibility Toilet, improving the outside lighting and fitting smoke & heat alarms so please bear with us if things seem a bit 'out of the ordinary' while the work is undertaken.

Please note that to comply with H&S regulations all accidents, however minor must be recorded. There are Accident Report books by each of the First Aid boxes located between the vestries and in the kitchen



Sunday Morning Prayer Meeting

If you would like to join the group who gather for prayer in the Ministers Vestry at 10:15 each Sunday morning you would be welcome.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service October 8th

Our thanks to Gertrude and Lucretia for decorating the church so beautifully and also to Keith for a wonderful display in the foyer. Margaret had baked a lovely harvest loaf too. Thank you for your generous contributions to our Harvest this year.



Donations included:
117 tins, 12 cartons,
16 jars, 8 boxes,
29 packets, 2 bottles,
a selection of 8 toiletries
plus a carrier bag full of
bags!
Mike has delivered
these to Enfield Food
Bank who very much
appreciated it and will
be distributing them
locally.



There was also an opportunity to give financial support to those affected by the earthquake in Morocco and to Christians suffering persecution in Pakistan. £180 was given which has been divided between the two appeals



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Hall Bookings	Email: info@oakwoodbaptistchurch.org.uk Please note no Sunday bookings taken

Thank you to Mike for printing and distributing this monthly newsletter.
If you have some news you would like to share with the fellowship,
please pass it to Caroline by **Sunday 19th November**.

*Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in Zion:
proclaim among the nations what He has done*

Psalm 9 v11