

The Month at Oakwood

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February 2024



Diary

- Sunday 4th** **10:30am** Morning Service
led by Richard Brookes & Keith Bentley
- Tuesday 6th** **10:00am** Parents and Toddlers
- Wednesday 7th** **7:30pm** Bible Study in the church lounge
led by Mandy James
- Thursday 8th** **7:30pm** Deacons Meeting
- Sunday 11th** **10:30am** Morning Service
led by Judith Gallimore & Richard
Brookes
- Sunday 18th** **10:30am** Morning Service including Communion
led by Mandy James & Keith Bentley
- Tuesday 20th** **10:00am** Parents and Toddlers
- Wednesday
21st** **7:30pm** Bible Study in the church lounge
led by Mandy James
- Sunday 25th** **10:30am** Morning Service
led by Mandy James
- Tuesday 27th** **10:00am** Parents and Toddlers

It would be great to see you in person but if you are not able to come, you can watch the livestream or a recording on our YouTube channel.

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REMEMBER OUR
Missionaries



Missionary News

Stephen & Nikki Childs

We are extremely grateful to God for the progress being made by Eoin, who was discharged from Temple Street Hospital on 5th January. This was a month after he arrived there, and in that time his

and balance have greatly improved. He has been back to school, caught up with friends, and been bowling. There will be various follow up visits to Dublin as well as help locally in Mayo. As an operation is not possible we pray that there will not be any further bleeds. We all claim the verse that '*God is our refuge and strength*' (Psalm 46 v1-2). Stephen & Nikki's faith has stood strong in this difficult time. We also thank God for the support they have had from the church, friends and family.

Stephen & Désirée German

They are both continuing in their roles with Tearfund and PALM respectively. We support them in prayer as they get to grips with their 2024 travel plans. Désirée has some visits deferred from 2023 to fit in, though the tension in the Middle East will affect some of their plans. Marlies is now working on translating the 5th course of orality material which is also checked over by her sister in German. Please pray for this vital work, that it will be a blessing to various language groups.

Andrew & Janet Persson

They are hoping to move into their bungalow towards the end of February but have no actual date as yet. There are still a few queries to which their solicitor is waiting for answers. We pray that these will quickly be resolved, so that removals can be organised along with various jobs in the new property.

Geoffrey & Rosemary Hunt

Please continue to uphold Rosemary in prayer. I circulated a summary of what she has to deal with in terms of her changes to day-to-day living. Not only coping with Geoffrey's needs but also the loss of a daughter, something that no parent would expect to go through.

Thank you all for your faithful support.

Yours in Him, *Christopher*

But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.

Psalm 13 v5

Fellowship News

A huge thank you to Mike for all his hard work decorating the main church. He has done brilliantly and we look forward to being back in there from 4th February.

Ann would like to thank you all for your kindness and prayers over what has been a very difficult time. Her review with the consultant went really well and the test results were very encouraging. More decisions will need to be made but as you can imagine she is very relieved. Praise the Lord for answered prayer. We continue to remember her and others who would value prayer: Audrey, Colette, Judith, Karen, Mike, Pastor C, Peggy, Richard & Selina. There may be others who come to mind. God knows their needs and provides in ways beyond our understanding.

Please pray for our Ministry team: Keith, Judith, Mandy, & Richard as they bring God's message to us. We thank God for them and all those involved in our Sunday Morning Worship.

Wednesday Bible Study

7th & 21st February– 7:30pm in the church lounge

We will taking a final look at Paul's life, ministry and mission on the 7th before starting a new series entitled '*The how's, why's and what's of guidance*' Come along to find out more!

Church Annual General Meeting Sunday 24th March 2024

There will be a '**Bring & Share**' lunch after the morning service which will then lead into the AGM. If you are a church member please make every effort to be there. If you're not a member you are very welcome to stay.

The meeting will also include the election of deacons, secretary and treasurer. Please speak to Richard or Mandy if you feel God is calling you to stand for any of these roles or talk to one of the deacons (Caroline, Karen, Marlies & Norma) if you would like to know more about being a deacon. New candidates must be in membership for a year and be nominated and seconded by 2 church members. Nomination forms are available from Caroline. **Completed nomination forms must be returned by Friday 23rd February.**

Parents & Toddlers

Praise God for the good numbers going along to Parents & Toddlers since it started back in January. We are grateful to Stan for leading and for all those who help. We continue to pray for this group as they meet on Tuesday mornings.



Birthdays this month

Wishing you a very 'Happy Birthday' from everyone at Oakwood.

1 st	Rod Lisk	14 th	Steve Clarke
2 nd	Carolyn Kindberg	19 th	Carmen Lisk
13 th	Peggy Edmonds	27 th	Phil Beckingham



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Parents & Toddlers	Tuesdays Mornings 10:00 – 11:30 (Term time only) Contact: Stan Fenn Tel: 07914 834491
Hall Bookings	Email: info@oakwoodbaptistchurch.org.uk Please note no Sunday bookings taken

Our thanks 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 18th February**.