

The Month at Oakwood

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September 2024

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| Sunday 1st | 10:30am Morning Worship
led by Mandy James |
| Tuesday 3rd | 10:00am Parents and Toddlers |
| Wednesday 4th | 7:30pm Bible Study |
| Sunday 8th | 10:30am Morning Worship
led by Judith Gallimore & Yomi Daniels |
| Tuesday 10th | 10:00am Parents and Toddlers |
| Thursday 12th | 7:30pm Deacons Meeting |
| Saturday 14th | 7:00pm Alba Sinfonia Concert (details inside) |
| Sunday 15th | 10:30am Morning Worship including Communion
led by Mandy James & Richard Brookes |
| Tuesday 17th | 10:00am Parents and Toddlers |
| Wednesday 18th | 7:30pm Bible Study |
| Sunday 22nd | 10:30am Morning Worship
led by Richard Brookes & Judith Gallimore |
| Tuesday 24th | 10:00am Parents and Toddlers |
| Saturday 28th | 3:00pm <i>Mystery of the Missing Manuscript</i>
(see inside for details) |
| Sunday 29th | 10:30am Morning Worship
led by Richard Brookes |

The Mystery of the Missing Manuscript

Saturday 28th September 3pm – 6pm



A fun afternoon and a great opportunity to put your 'little grey cells' to the test.

Watch the mystery unfold with the help of our own actors (some may seem quite familiar to you).

Not wanting to give too much away but

to whet your appetite.....

In the Manor House in the sleepy village of Willow Wanderley the famous writer Eugenia Page has just finished the draft of her latest book. Rumour has it that this book will be the pinnacle of her distinguished career. Locking it carefully away in the safe in her office she travels to join her husband in Norfolk leaving her secretary and nephew in the house which is something of a social hub for villagers who come and go as they like.

On 18th August 1953 the secretary discovers the safe open and the manuscript gone and the remains of some burned papers were in the grate. Has the manuscript been stolen or burned – if so why and by whom?

WPC Holmes (played by Leah Thomas) is on the case and has called on her friend Watson, who happens to be the local GP, for assistance.



There are 7 'witnesses' all of whom Holmes has recorded interviews with. She is convinced each of them is keeping a secret and needs your help. Don't worry – you will be working in teams!

After watching the interviews and examining the various clues on the **incident board** there will be a short break with refreshments provided.

It will be a perfect opportunity for discussion in your teams. You can choose only 3 'witnesses' to see their next interview for the second half so choose wisely.

All the 'witnesses' will be there – will they give themselves away? Which one is guilty and why?

Can you unravel the mystery.....

A very special thank you to our mystery writer Christine Brookes



Geoffrey & Rosemary Hunt

As some of you have already heard Geoffrey has now moved into a local care home following some issues at home and a lack of mobility. This was necessary as the facilities at home were not suitable, as he cannot manage the stairs. He has moved into Ridley Manor care home which is near their

house and therefore helpful for those visiting him. He does not yet know that this is permanent. After 2 weeks in hospital, he thinks he has just moved elsewhere to help him get well enough to go home. His current response is positive. Please pray he will settle there and make friends so that eventually he will accept it as home. Rosemary has had lunch there and reckons the chef's cooking is far superior to hers!

Please remember Rosemary particularly plus the 2 children Owen and Rowena as they get used to this new situation. It will be especially difficult for Rosemary to adjust to the fact that after more than 58 years together he is never coming home.

We also remember **Alan Mitchell** who is coming to terms with the loss of his dear wife Elaine. She passed away just after their 65th Wedding Anniversary in May. She was 91 years old and had been suffering with dementia for a number of years. She had been in a lovely care home near to where Alan lives. She will be greatly missed by her 5 children, 25 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. Elaine served as a missionary in mainly Japan for many years and it was at their first orientation course that she and Alan met for the first time.

Stephen & Nikki Childs

We now have much more positive news from Stephen & Nikki in Castlebar, Ireland. Stephen is recovering well and has started to take a much more active part in church life again, and we pray that as he gets more involved he will keep God at the centre of his work and learn when not to take on anymore activities. We pray too for those who have moved on to other churches, that they will receive God's blessing. Eoin is still recovering but is definitely back to running around and enjoying life more. There is much more detail in their latest prayer letter so please let me know if you would like a copy. Whilst the new church building is effectively completed it still awaits being signed off by the local authority, and we trust that they will not have to wait too much longer.

Andrew & Janet Persson

A couple of weeks ago I was able to visit Andrew & Janet in their new bungalow in Kidlington. We had a lovely catch up, and they sent their greetings to all who remember them. Andrew still volunteers a day a week at the library and they continue to be busy at church and supporting those who are continuing the Old Testament translation into Jur Modo
Every blessing,

Christopher

Mission Secretary

Fellowship News

We remember those who would value prayer and especially think of Ann, Audrey, Colette, Irene, Jacqueline, Maurice, Norma, Pastor C, Peggy and Zadie. Our loving Father know their individual needs.

He hears our prayers and provides in ways far beyond our understanding. We are grateful for our Ministry Team and have been blessed by their leading. Please pray for Richard on 8th September as he will be preaching at Waltham Cross Baptist Church. Pray too for Mandy who has preaching commitments on 8th and 22nd September. We look forward to Yomi preaching on 8th. He studied at Spurgeon's with Judith and has been joining us on Sundays.

Parents and Toddlers

The group officially start back on Tuesday 3rd September. Please pray for Stan, Julia and Christopher as they build up friendships in the group and for all those who come along. We praise God for the numbers who came on the two

Tuesdays during the summer break and pray that He will continue to bless the group as they meet each week.



Maintenance

The hall floor is now 'treated' and back in use again. Thank you Richard for your hard work over the summer break. The Maintenance team are now looking at quotes for the repairs to the corner of the hall. It is hoped this can be done during Half Term.

Following **Fire Regulations**, the internal doors should remain closed.

There are signs on the doors to this effect. Please ensure these are not left propped open.

Sunday 6th October International Sunday & Harvest Celebrations

We are joining all our different cultures in a service of Worship which will be led by Mandy, followed by a Bring & Share lunch. What national food delights can you bring for everyone to enjoy?

For our Harvest we are asking for donations of non-perishable foods which will be given to Enfield Food Bank to distribute to those in need in the local community

EFB have urgently requested the following items but any non-perishable food or care items you are able to donate will be very much appreciated.



- * CARRIER BAGS *
- Pasta sauce
- Long life juice/ squash
- Tea/ Coffee/ Hot chocolate
- Tinned meat (pork and chicken) and Fish
- Tinned fruit and vegetables
- Tinned soup
- Tinned vegetarian meals
- Sweet and savoury snacks
- Jam/ spreads
- Baby items: Nappies (4&6), milk, food
- Toiletries (shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toilet roll, washing powder)



**Sunday Morning Prayer Meeting
10:15am in the Vestry**

**Everyone is welcome for a
short time of prayer before we
start Worship**

Alba Sinfonia

Derek Holland conductor
Lucy Cumming leader

Saturday 14th September 2024

**Oakwood Baptist Church
Merrivale London N14 4TE**

A Programme of Light Music Classics

To include

Leroy Anderson The Typewriter soloist Kim Sargeant

**Ronald Binge Saxophone concerto soloist Adele
Gordon**

**And works by Eric Coates, Edward White, Clive
Richardson, Haydn Wood, Montague Philips, Ernest
Tomlinson, Peter Wilson, Robert Farnon, Phyllis Tate
and Trevor Duncan (Dr Finlay's Casebook)**

**And songs by Sullivan, Edward German and Lionel
Monckton with Elizabeth Venner (soprano)**

Free Admission

Donations welcome in aid of Enfield Food Bank

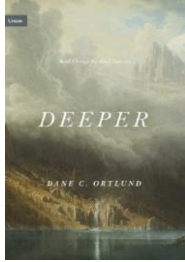
www.albasinfonia.com

Asaph Christian Trust – new courses

Dedicated to assist churches in outreach and discipleship

Tuesday Evenings Discipleship Course

DEEPER – by Dane Ortlund



Starts Tuesday 24th September 8pm for 10 Weeks

In his most recent book, pastor and author Dane Ortlund takes us into the deep structures of the Bible's teaching on how we grow in grace—most fundamentally, by enjoying all that is already ours in Christ.

Ortlund brings us into the fullness of Christ, the emptiness of self-reliance, and our need for union and communion with God. This book makes the case that our sanctification does

not happen by doing more or becoming better, but by going deeper into gospel truths that washed over us when we were first united to Christ.

Each of its chapters encourages us to fix our gaze on Jesus in the battle against sin, casting ourselves upon his grace.

Resources Needed

Deeper: Hard Back Book from Amazon

Deeper: Study Guide from Amazon

Deeper: Book and Study Guide from Eden Books

Thursday Evenings – Foundations for the Faith Course



LIFE EXPLORED – by Rico Tice and friends.

Starts Thursday 3rd October 8pm for 7 Weeks

The Life Explored course helps you uncover what you are really living for, but shows how, in Christ, God can meet your deepest desire for happiness.

In this course. You'll find provocative discussion starters, insightful Bible studies and guidance. It will help answer some

of life's tough questions.

There are seven interactive sessions, each one including some stunning visual content.

Resources Needed

A Bible and The Life Explored Course Handbook [Only £3.00]

Life Explored – Course Handbook from Amazon

Life Explored – Course Handbook from Eden Books

For more details about either of these courses or to book places please visit

<https://asaphchristiantrust.org>



Birthdays this month

A very 'Happy Birthday' from everyone at Oakwood.

7 th	Roy Smith
12 th	Jacqueline Bartle
15 th	Rev Mandy James
24 th	Roger Young

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Hall Bookings	Email: bookings@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 22nd September.**