

Uckfield Baptist Church

UBC: Celebrates, Communicates and Cares, in the love of Christ.

'Where streams of living water will flow' – John 7.38

13th September 2020

We hope that as a church family we can maintain contact with each other through social media, phone calls, messages etc. Please take time each day to ask God whom he would like you to call that day.



North Yorkshire moors, Sept 2015

Sunday worship:

This Sunday we meet again for worship via YouTube video. Steve will send you the link or you can find the video on our YouTube channel 'Uckfield Baptist Church UK'. It will be available from 10 am. Please, if possible, watch it at 10.30 am, when we would normally be meeting together. The theme this week is 'More parables of Jesus' from Matthew 13.

Today's service will include communion. Please have a small piece of bread ready and some wine, juice or water, so that you can take part.

If you possibly can, do join us for our Zoom Coffee morning and breakout groups following the service at 11.30 am. Just click on the link you will be sent by email. Please ask if you have any questions or any problems.

Opportunities for prayer

Prayer Hour: The next Zoom prayer meeting will be this Wednesday 16th September at 10 am. Steve will send you the link for this meeting.

Prayer Chain: Don't forget that UBC has a prayer chain which is available for anyone to use if you would like prayer for a particular situation, and please take the opportunities there are now to meet in small groups outside to share and pray together.

Church Address Book: Don't forget that you can use the Address Book as a reminder to pray for others in the church (and phone them up). Just start with the person after your own entry.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM part 2 will take place on Tuesday 22nd September at 7.30 pm using Zoom.

We have received the following nominations for the diaconate:

Robin Jones, Lorraine Kirkwood, Anne Grimwood, Bryan Green.

Please pray about these over the next couple of weeks.

The AGM, will have one item on the agenda – the election of deacons – but it will be followed by an ordinary church meeting. Members will receive the agenda by email.

No matter which promise of God we need, it is important that we not only believe, but accept the promise – not because His promises will somehow be broken forever if we fail to properly believe or receive them, but because God does nothing against our will.

Simply put, to activate God's promises, we need to accept them and give them a place to reside. (Rabbi Curt Landry)

Dorohoi

We are now collecting items for RoAF/GLIA now as the UK warehouse is shortly to reopen.

We need to be much more organised in the way we receive stuff due to our limited space and knowing there is quite a lot coming our way ! (For which we thank you)

So with that in mind, if you have anything for Dorohoi, PLEASE RING us to arrange a day and time to deliver as it is quite possible we may not be able to take it all in the first go. Our number is in the church directory.

We look forward to hearing from some of you and thank you for your continued support during lockdown.

Gwen and Brian

Ladies' Group – Zoom

The next date for the Ladies' Group is now 23rd September at 7.30 pm.
We hope you can join us.

'Boxers and Socks' Collection 2020

22nd September to 25th October

There is a request from Steve Brunton from Off the Fence Trust for much needed 'Boxer Pants and Socks'. For everyone wishing to participate, there are options as to how to do so.

- Buy socks and pants – these can be delivered to The Manse and left in the porch.
- Buy socks and pants – contact Anne Grimwood who will arrange collection from your home.
- Give a monetary donation – This can be done by:-
BACs on-line transfer to

Uckfield Baptist Church
Nat West Bank. Uckfield Branch.
Sort Code: - 60-22-05.
A/c Number: - 57151482

Please put 'Boxers & Socks' as the reference.

- Cheque made payable to Uckfield Baptist Church + with a note please, stating this is for the 'Boxers and Socks' collection
- Cash – again with a note stating it is for the 'Boxers and Socks' collection.

Both cheques and cash please to be delivered/sent to the home of Brian Miles.

Thank you so much.

Harvest (27th September) and Uckfield Foodbank

Yet another change for 2020. We are not able to hold our Harvest service in the manner we are used to, but we are flexible and can adapt to enable us to still make contributions.

Normally we would gather tins and packets of dried food to be given to Uckfield Foodbank and we would still like to try to do this. There are various ways in which you can still make a difference in our local community:

1. Buy items if you shop in Tesco or Waitrose and place them in the donations baskets in both these stores.
2. Order additional items when completing your online shop and contact the Foodbank on 745489 to arrange collection.
3. Donate a sum of money equivalent to the goods you would like to buy and contact the Foodbank as above to arrange collection or for bank transfer details.

Currently the Foodbank needs most items but would ask you to avoid pasta, baked beans and long life milk as they have an excess of these items. Feel free to contact Lorraine directly if you would like further information. Lorraine will be speaking about the work of the Foodbank during the online Harvest service.



The online Assembly for the Baptist Union of Great Britain will take place on **16 September** 2020 at 7pm.

If you'd like to watch the event, it will be [streamed on this YouTube page](#).

Steve and Jill will be participating as voting delegates.

Extracts from an email sent from Wendy and Simon Hall BMS WorldMission church partner links

Wendy and Simon Hall have been living in the USA since the beginning of lockdown with Wendy's parents. Wendy was pregnant with their second baby and it was felt that this was the right place for Wendy to be for her care and delivery. Baby James was born on 21st July 2020.

The following are extracts from an email sent by Simon on 06 September in response to an email I sent on behalf of UBC members.

Dear Anne,

Thank you for your kind words and lovely gift. James is wearing the body suit right now as I write this. So sorry, we didn't thank you for this earlier. We really appreciate it and feel the love. We are all happy and healthy, and James is an easy baby.

Yes, Covid in the States is frustrating. There is a large contingent who believe it is not real, or not something to care about, which is partly why things continue to spread out of control.

We are still planning to get back to Nepal, but currently we are waiting for James' birth certificate so we can start the passport application. Also the airport in KTM is only open for repatriation flights of Nepali migrant workers at the moment.

We too continue to do church online, Facebook as opposed to Zoom. It has its perks, but like everyone we miss seeing people in person.

We were due to visit Uckfield on Sept. 15, but unfortunately we won't be able to do this in person. Would you like us to participate in some other manner?

Thanks and God bless, Simon and Wendy