

Uckfield Baptist Church

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

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

10th January 2021

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.



A winter's walk

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 9.45am. Please, if possible, watch it at 10.30 am, when we would normally be meeting together. Barbara will be speaking to us on the theme '**A conversation**' ([John 4.1-26](#))

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 on Wednesday 20th January at 10.00 am. You will be sent the link by email.

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.

Don't forget you can use the **Church Address Book** to pray for members each day. Just start with the name after yours in the list.



**A very happy birthday this week to Brian M, (Tuesday),
Margaret (Friday) and Maureen (Saturday)**

Choose Life by Simon Guillebaud

This daily devotional from Simon Guillebaud of Great lakes Outreach has been described as a 'spiritual enema'!

'It is a collection of 365 daily readings, inviting you to a year of good choices. If you embrace the challenge fully, it may be the most memorable year of your life'.

There are two ways to join. You can buy the book for £12 and have access to weekly videos OR join The Big Church 365 Read Club for only £24 (equivalent of £2 a month) and you will be

- Be supporting the work of GLO to the tune of £12
- Be sent a copy of 'Choose Life'
- Receive a free copy of my book, 'Sacrifice'
- Receive 10% discount on all purchases from www.standrewsbookshop.co.uk and other offers

Have the opportunity to join a Choose Life trip to visit Burundi - either as an individual or as a group (dates and costs to be confirmed).

Click on this link for more information and to buy the book or subscribe.

<https://thebigchurchread.co.uk/the-big-church-365-read/>

321 Course

Lawrence Mudford from Kings and myself are leading an online '321 Course' over three consecutive Tuesday evenings in January, starting on the 12th Jan at 7.30pm on Zoom, for about 90 minutes each time.

This course is for people who have little or no knowledge of the Christian faith and would like to understand it a little bit more. Whether you are a Christian or not this could be a very significant way to discover what Christianity is really all about.

For further details please contact me or take a look at the Special events page on our website, Steve Jenkins.

MAF

Missionary Aviation Fellowship is one of the missions we are supporting this year. Based in MAF programmes across Africa and South East Asia, their UK overseas staff need your prayers.

You can find all their requests on the website and can sign up to receive their prayer letters direct to your inbox.

Visit www.maf-uk.org/staffprayer

Six word memoirs

The challenge given to you last week was to write a six-word memoir depicting 'One or more good thing that happened in 2020'. Thank you, your responses are very encouraging.

- To live just for the day (Anne)
- Don't doubt your capacity to cope (Liz)
- Seaford jigsaw view with family completed (Henry)
- Locals helped with our grocery shopping (Henry)
- Church prayers answered for Covid neighbour (Henry)
- Saw nutty squirrel escape cat again (Henry)
- Fab Community, AMAZING volunteers, families fed. (Lorraine for Uckfield Foodbank)
- Strengthened friendships, zoomy Zooms, sanity maintained! (Lorraine)
- Uplifted, new friendships, joy, amazing teaching (Janet)
- Neighbours in person, not passing cars (Tony)
- Care and generosity from considerate neighbours (Tony)
- Christian hope highlighted by Covid gloom (Tony)
- Jesus triumphs over death, including Covid (Tony)
- Grateful hearts for three new grandchildren (Trish)
- Revelation and Jesus have been Saviours (Sue)
- Great online services- a lifeline-thankyou (Jill)
- What would we do without Zoom? (Jill)

From the Baptist Union at the start of this New Year:

In a year when we have had to let go of so many aspects of our shared life together, one thing hasn't changed and that's who we are in Christ. Whatever happens in 2021, God is with us and we are in God.

This short video is available to download from www.baptist.org.uk/newyear21

Simon and Wendy Hall

The latest newsletter from Simon and Wendy Hall, one of our BMS Worldmission Partnership families, is now available for you to read. If you haven't received it by email, you can access it on this link.

<https://www.bmsworldmission.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/1220-Hall.pdf>

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love.
In Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

(From the Church of England)