

Uckfield Baptist Church

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

21st April 2024



This morning's message continues the series from 1 Samuel. "Israel asks for a king" from 1 Samuel 8.

The Sunday messages are recorded, and uploaded to our YouTube channel - Uckfield Baptist Church UK.

Coffee and tea will be served after the service.

Church Diary for the next few weeks

Apr 17 th	Drumming group
Apr 24 th , 25 th	Home Group week
Apr 28 th	Sunday worship with James Bushnell of Yalding Baptist Church.
May 1 st	Drumming group
May 2 nd	Trustees' meeting
May 6 th	Spring Festival on Luxford Field (we will have a stall at this event), 10 am to 4 pm
May 7 th	Prayer Hour
May 15 th , 16 th	Home Group week
May 15 th	Drumming group
May 29 th , 30 th	Home Group week

Address Book 2024

The updated version of the Church Address book is now ready. There will be one printed copy per household available on Sunday. If you would like a digital pdf version, please let Jill know. Extra printed copies may be available in coming weeks. Once again we are very grateful to Victoria for producing the new version.

N.B. Because of Data Protection rules, please shred your old copy of the address book. If you cannot do this at home, please return it to Jill.

Ladies' Group – this week

Our next meeting is an outing to the Arlington Bluebell Woods (<https://www.bluebellwalk.co.uk/>) on Tuesday 23rd April, meeting at the entrance at 2 pm. The cost for adults is £8 per person. Please arrange your own lifts. Refreshments are served in the Bluebell Barn and on that day will be provided by the 'Children with Cancer Fund'.



Many happy returns to Sue C-B on the 25th.

Home groups

Home Groups meet this week on Wednesday morning and evening, and on Thursday afternoon and evening. Please ask if you would like more information about these.



Spring Festival – May 6th 10 am to 4pm

We are running a stall again at this event and will need volunteers to run the 'Don't buzz the wire' game that worked so successfully a couple of year ago. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the hall on Sunday (or contact Steve).

A Morning Prayer by Nick Fawcett

(<https://nickfawcett.uk/2021/07/01/committing-the-new-day/>)

Make me to hear about your awesome love and kindness each morning, for in you I trust.
Psalm 143:8a

*Again, Lord God, I commit this day to you.
Help me to make time for you through it,
hear you through it,
learn of you through it,
serve you through it,
honour you through it,
obey you through it,
stay true to you through it,
trust you through it,
love you through it,
know you through it,
witness to you through it,
respond to you through it,
delight in you through it,
love for you through it.
Teach me to see today as your gift,
special like every other:
an opportunity to put faith into action,
to practise what I preach,
to grow in faith and understanding,
and, above all,
to receive and celebrate the blessings you offer:
life in all its fullness.
You have given me this day, Lord:
help me to return it to you with interest,
in glad and grateful praise.
Amen.*

Steve's activities this week



For your prayers:

Monday, Day off

Tuesday am, Report writing

Tuesday pm, Pastoral visits/calls

Wednesday am, Homegroup

Wednesday pm, Trustees' meeting planning

Thursday am, Pastoral visits/calls

Thursday pm, Admin/emails

Friday am, Admin/emails

Friday pm, Pastoral visits/calls

Saturday, Sunday preparation

Sunday am, Yalding Baptist Church

Notice of a date change

The Annual General Meeting will now take place on Tuesday June 18th at 7.30pm in the Source. This will allow adequate time for the accounts to be examined and annual reports to be written. Members should have received an email from Jill about this.

How to pray for Gaza

Tearfund have produced a prayer guide which you can access via this link:

<https://www.tearfund.org/stories/2023/10/how-to-pray-for-gaza-and-israel>

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