



Sarah Bingham

Well friends, it is a delight to finally be here, though as some of you know, currently I am in one place and my possessions in another! I am looking forward to moving into the manse sometime soon, and being able to offer generous hospitality. Even when moving goes smoothly, it is still a busy time; not just with sorting (give away, charity shop, dump or keep) but the physical packing and cleaning before departure and the reverse at the other end. However, there are other side effects of moving too – remembering to change address on your driving license (big fine, if you don't do it quickly and the police stop you for another offence!), proving residence for new library tickets and other things, telling the bank and people who send you newsletters, as well as personal friends, what the new address is. Someone I need to be in touch with is Stewardship, who take care of my gift aided giving. Much as I love East Worthing, my giving should be focussed here now.

At the deacon's' meeting on Friday, I had to admit to ignorance of the BMS Birthday scheme, which appears in the accounts! The Baptist Missionary Society runs a scheme whereby if you register with them, they send you a birthday card and invite you to express appreciation and thanks by sending a donation! A number of people here use that scheme to prompt giving and fundraising opportunities. Other parts of the accounts were already known to me. This church is a Home Mission (HM) donor church; that in East Worthing an HM recipient church. Half of my .5 stipend there came from a Home Mission Grant. HM is a means for financially stronger churches to bless financially weaker churches and enable ministry that otherwise would not take place.

We're heading for a new financial year and as someone with an increased level of income now I'm full rather than part time, I need to review how much I'm giving and to whom. Perhaps you would like to take this opportunity to do something similar? Remember, Jesus warned us our hearts would be where our treasure is (Matt 6:21), so let's invest it wisely!

By **The Rev. Sarah Bingham**

Flowers Rota for April

Sunday 2 April Mrs Maureen Scott
Sunday 9 April Isabel
Sunday 16 April Mrs Ann Jordan
Sunday 23 April Mrs Sheila Wilson

Easter Holy Week events

Friday 7th April at 7:00pm

Church members meeting

Saturday 8th April - An Easter Spectacular at the Walsall Town Hall, Live music Through The Ages. Opens 7pm starts 7:30pm - 9:00pm Tickets £8

Sunday 9th April - Palm Sunday

Thursday 13th April Maundy Thursday

Friday 14th April – Good Friday

Walking the way of the Cross 10:30am through Walsall town centre

Movie Church 2:00pm Film The Son of God

Good Friday Joint evening service 7:00pm here at Green Lane with, Delves Baptist church and The Crescent Church

HE IS RISEN !!

Sunday 16th April Easter Sunday

8:30am Prayer Breakfast

10:30am Easter morning all age Service

Easter School holidays :

Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies. Family Fun Event on Thursday 20th April 2:00pm-4:00pm, booking required, look out for flyers for more details!! Light lunch and refreshments will be provided. The afternoon will include food tasting session, creating your own Alien, Health and Well - Being advice, games and much more...

See Kayon Blake for more information

Twelve.12 are back, this time at Delves Baptist Church Bell Lane Walsall, WS5 4PU

Saturday 22nd April 9:30am-4:30pm **FREE!!**

If your interested in attended this session, please see Jess for more details

Mend-It table top sale

Returns on Saturday 29th April 10am -1pm see Kayon Blake for booking a table stall.