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Our New Minister

Very shortly, at the beginning of March, the Rev. Sarah Bingham will be with us as our new full-time minister. She will be inducted as minister on **Saturday 11th March**, and she will lead her first service on **Sunday 12th March**.

At present she is part-time minister at East Worthing Baptist Church where she has been the sole pastor for the last six years. She has led the leadership team, planned and delivered most of the teaching in both sermon and Mid-week Bible study formats, developed community use of the premises and encouraged the congregation to engage more in the community.

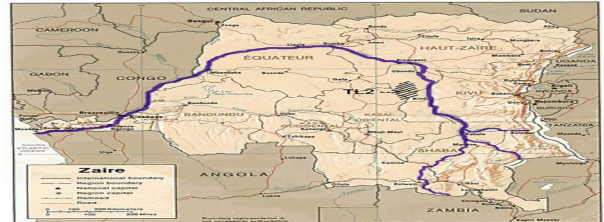
In her non-church days she is a magistrate, an ambulance service chaplain and a volunteer for the Spinnaker trust. Each summer she has served on a Scripture Union holiday team. She has played with the Northbrook Concert Band. She is an avid reader and writes poetry. She has helped to run a creative arts holiday for teenagers, with challenges them to integrate their use of arts into the worship of God. Sarah started her career as a primary teacher and remained in this position for ten years, mainly in east and south-east London, and then worked for seven years with Scripture Union as a London evangelist. Her job with Scripture Union involved working alongside and training people in church, particularly in all age worship and youth and children's work. She says that her three chief gifts are teaching, hospitality and service and enjoys preaching and leading Bible studies. She has a deep love of people and can chat for Britain. She is good at making people feel comfortable and welcome.

She believes the core values of our faith are to love God as fully as we can, to love our neighbours as ourselves and to go and make disciples. The chief principles we apply in order to express our values are to love before we judge, to listen before we talk and to serve before we ask anything of anyone.

She believes our priorities lie in three directions: to worship and be in a right relationship with God: to be living stones being built together by Jesus to support and encourage one another: to be vibrant witnesses to those not yet in church by holding out the word of life to them and being living gospels for them to read.

We look forward to Sarah joining our fellowship, a new start for all of us.

John Jenkinson



"The Congo river and its Tributaries" (in blue) by the Rev. Fred Stainthorpe

Induction Service

Our new Minister the Rev. Sarah Bingham will have her Induction Service as Pastoral Minister of Green Lane Baptist Church on **Saturday 11th March at 3:00pm**. The service will be led by our moderator, the Rev. Adrian Lloyd; the act of induction by our regional minister, the Rev. Adrian Argyle.. Over spill car parking, all day, is provided by Walsall College opposite the church on the junction of Green Lane and Long Acre Street. Light refreshments are provided after the service.

Flowers Rota for March

- Sunday 12 March: Mrs Diso Ram
- Sunday 19 March Mrs & Mr G Marshall
- Sunday 26 March Miss Emma Jordan

Up and coming events

Wednesday 1st March to Thursday April 13th start of LENT, sign up at www.40acts.org.uk

Saturday 25th March - Church Coffee Morning, in support of the church Development Fund

Saturday 25th March - 12midnight

Clocks go Forward one hour at midnight

Sunday 26th March - Mothering Sunday

Saturday 8th April - An Easter Spectacular at Walsall Town Hall, Live music Through The Ages.

Opens 7pm starts 7:30pm - 9:00pm Tickets £8

Sunday 9th April - Palm Sunday

Easter School holidays : Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies. Family Fun Event on Thursday 20th April 2:00pm-4:00pm, booking required, look out for flyers coming soon 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