



OCTOBER 2021 Newsletter

Baptist Union of Great Britain

The Baptist Union of Great Britain has a long-standing relationship with the Jamaican Baptist Union. In recent times, a joint venture has been an annual Sam Sharpe Lecture. This year it is being given by Amanda Khosi Makwashi, CEO of Christian Aid at 7pm on October 21st. Again, you can register to watch using this link:

https://www.baptist.org.uk/PaymentGroup/Registration.aspx?group_id=365705

Whilst events revolving around the theme 'Black Lives Matter' have mainly passed from the news cycle, the daily injustice in treatment and structural benefits to some communities over others remain. As followers who hope to be in this great throng described in Revelation, "After this I looked, and there was an enormous crowd—no one could count all the people! They were from every race, tribe, nation, and language, and they stood in front of the throne and of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palm branches in their hands" we should be working towards equality and justice now, as the Kingdom of Heaven breaks into this world. This is not something we can shrug off or say does not concern us.

I also want to publicly thank here St. Peter's CofE Church, Crescent Baptist Church, HEBA and The Allchurches Trust, who have all given towards our boiler appeal. With our own fundraising, we are almost there! Big thanks too, to WASUP and partners, for work on the grounds around the building.

Sarah

Boiler Fund Appeal

'A Night of Film and Theatre'

Concert on Friday 22nd October, at Green Lane Baptist Church, doors open at 7pm for 7:30pm start

Great Barr Brass and Green Lane Baptist raising funds for the boiler appeal and to buy new music. Tickets £2 for enquires call: 07848 844376

if anyone has suitable prizes to donate, please bring them to the church on Sundays.

Sarah.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal



We'll be blessing children across the globe by supporting a shoebox appeal once more. Boxes may be available on a first come first served basis.

Details will follow in the service notices.
Debbie

BMS world mission

BMS world mission sent us some copies of their magazine "Engage" They are in a pile in the vestibule at church. Please take a copy as you enter or leave the building. They are well worth reading
Fred



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October is a strange month. Whilst we often have a second flourish of summery weather in September, as I experienced while I was away in Worcester, October is when we really feel Autumn has arrived properly.



The nights are more obviously drawing in, as we have passed the equinox. The air is chillier and the wind fresher. We may be thinking about putting the heating on (or wearing another jumper). Harvest is generally over, for fear of stormy weather making the crop too wet to store safely.

In the church year, October for we non-conformists has few things to mark or celebrate. Until the very last day, the only festivals are for saints who we do not commonly remember! One event, however, that we may wish to mark or engage with is a service at Birmingham City Football Ground on October 17th at 3pm. It is a special, city wide service for Racial Reconciliation, Repentance and Restoration.

Individuals can **sign up to attend using this link:**

https://www.time4change.uk/event-details/racial-reconciliation-service/form?utm_campaign=ab94d8eb-2757-42de-8f04-e0935d81d5a9&utm_medium=mail&utm_source=so&cid=84681447-36a7-415a-80e4-194aed2230ad

AUTUMN FAYRE

Our thanks to all those who helped with setting up and manning the stalls (toys, gifts, linen, refreshments and name the rabbit) when we raised a total of £336 for the Boiler Fund. Our thanks are also due to Robert S and his helpers for providing and setting up outside the building. the gazebos so that we could have the refreshments We had a good number of people from the local neighbourhood turn up and support us. Best of all, the weather was sunny throughout and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Church Development Fund Raising Committee
John

Church Boiler Fund

It's amazing what team work, sacrificial giving, fasting and intentional prayer can do. Thanks to these ingredients we are almost across the finish line with our boiler fundraising efforts! With the help of your very generous fellowship donations, a gift of £150 from Crescent Baptist; grants of £2,500 from the All Churches Trust; and £1,000 from our Heart of England Baptist Association (HEBA); John and Jessica Kirby's Ben Nevis sponsored climb which currently stands at £605 and includes a £100 donation from St Peter's Stafford Street; and our Autumn Fair which raised £336 - means up to last month's AGM we have raised £11,516.80 of our £17,000 Boiler Appeal target.

However, while we are grateful to God and to all our wonderful supporters, it is vital that it is kept in focus that GLBC is still facing stiff financial challenges which were highlighted at the AGM. Details are available from the deacons. GLBC is still facing stiff financial challenges to overcome and which were highlighted at the AGM. Details are available from the deacons.

Richard T

Jessica and John Kirby, would like to thank everyone who sponsored them in their climb at Ben Nevis, It took 10 hours to climb with breath taking views
Thank you all!