

MAY 2022 Newsletter

HOW TO BUILD BACK BETTER STARTED

The pandemic has affected many people world wide. Thousands have died and many still feel it's after effects. It has disrupted our lives in many ways, yet despite it's darkness, we always had some Faith. The NHS in all it's ways worked tirelessly hard during and after it. The scientists produced vaccines and we saw many people going out of their way to help & support others, offering us some ray of Hope and a glimmer of Light.

Jesus first disciples had no such comfort on Good Friday, their Hopes were dashed completely. Their leader was dead, his promised Kingdom had not materialised they were in danger and their prospects were Nil.

Yet they came through better than before, not through their own efforts but through a mighty act of God. He conquered mans last enemy death by raising Jesus to life where to die again.

He is the template for us both as individuals and as a church like others we have been affected by Covid. We wonder what the future holds, our natural abilities will not suffice but we need not despair. "Jesus is Alive", He is Alive in all believers just as the first disciples overcame that seemingly Insuperable obstacle if we place ourselves unreservedly into his hands saying, "Thy will, not ours be done" he will show us how we can build better.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Fred S

May Fayre

We are planning to hold a May Fayre on **Saturday, 21st. May, from 11-a.m. to 1pm**

At the time of writing we anticipate some of the usual stalls comprising: gifts, toys, spring related items, refreshments, etc.

For this venture to be successful **we need your support** by donating items for the stalls and bringing your friends and relatives to attend the event on the day. If you would like to assist on one of the stalls please let me know.

Please advertise the Fayre by telling your friends and acquaintances and if you are able to display a poster at home or in a shop window, etc. we would be very grateful

John J

SATURDAY 21st MAY 11am to 1pm



Sunday preaching schedule list for May

Sunday 1st May:

Maxine Chamberlain (GLBC)

Sunday 8th May:

Adam Bhardwaj (Bilston resource Centre)

Sunday 15th May:

Ben Butterfield (St. Matthew's Church, Walsall)

Sunday 22nd May:

Simon Bhardwaj (Bilston resource Centre)

Sunday 29th May: TBC



Ascension Day



Green Lane
BAPTIST CHURCH

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Queen's Platinum Jubilee Community Event

To mark the Queen's *Platinum Jubilee* next month there will be a Community Fun Day featuring activities in partnership with our neighbours Burrowes Street Tenant Management Organisation on Saturday June 4th.

We'll be hosting the bouncy castle, serving cream teas, putting on music and dominoes alongside a prayer room and handing out our 'bags of hope'. Please sign up to volunteer. See the noticeboard or message GLBC via WhatsApp or Facebook.

Wedding

Congratulations to former Bible Class member Tara O and Michael on their joyful wedding in London on Easter Monday.

Our Link Baptist Missionaries in Peru

The Mahon family are serving in Peru. Based in Iquitos, they are working alongside the Loreto Association of Baptist Churches as they look to implement a sustainability plan over the coming years. They are involved in teaching and curriculum development at the Nauta Integral Mission Training Centre, and also support the running of the centre. Dave and Michele are both Baptist ministers, and have visited us in Walsall with their young children. Remember them in prayer.

Their update can be found on the noticeboard and online:

<https://www.bmsworldmission.org/people/dave-and-michele-mahon/>

Copies of the latest BMS Engage magazine are now available with updates of the BMS response to Ukraine.

GLBC has sent a contribution.

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Baptist Assembly May14-15

This year's Baptist convention will be in Bournemouth and will be recorded for BBC Songs of Praise.

Place of Welcome Afternoon Tea

Afternoon Tea and company is served in the hall on Thursday afternoons from 2pm-4pm. If you're feeling lonely and fancy a chat over a pot of tea, or simply wanting to say "hello" our doors are open and everyone is welcome to pop in.

GLBC is part of the Place of Welcome network set up to reduce isolation and loneliness in communities which is similar to the ethos of Mend-IT community project which ran here for over 10 years.

So come on in and join us. Organisers - Sheila & Barbara

Afternoon Tea

