



OCTOBER 2022 Newsletter

50th Anniversary 1972 - 2022

This month marks 50 years since the new Green Lane Baptist Church was built and consecrated as a place of worship after the closure of the old and crumbling Stafford Street chapel.

The old building stood on the corner of Littleton Street West for 135 years close to the route of the planned ring road. After some council negotiation the congregation decided to move a few hundred yards to the present site off the A34 Green Lane. In a few weeks' time there we will be hosting a simple service of thanksgiving to God for 50 years of ministry from a building which has impacted on many lives in a diverse, multicultural borough. The kingdom work in that time despite ups and downs has been blessed with beloved ministers and supportive saints, who poured untold hours into carrying out duties to serve and lead others to Christ.

We salute them and yet recognise that the congregation is seeking to move forward in uncertain times by God's grace. Seeking to prayerfully discern a new vision for the ministry whilst acknowledging that we face significant challenges, such as, attendance, finance, volunteers and Junior Church.

We can have confidence in that things will work out eventually by sticking close to God, singing his praises in worship and reading our Bibles. Isaiah 43 verse 18-19 says,

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

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50th Anniversary Weekend

There will be a thanksgiving service on Saturday October 22nd at 3pm led by our Regional Minister Adrian Argile.

He will also lead the children's dedication service on Sunday 23rd when we will celebrate with two of our families.

Earlier Time for Family Messy Church

There will be a 'Light' theme activity session on Saturday October 29th at the earlier time of midday (12noon) with crafts and a snack.

It's Shoebox Time! Operation Christmas

This year Samaritan's Purse is sending two-thirds of shoeboxes from the UK to Ukraine or neighbouring countries which are hosting refugees

Thanks for supporting the charity in previous years. Decorate, fill and bring a shoebox by November 6th.

October: Pulpit Schedule

2nd. Maxine Chamberlain (GLBC)
Communion Service

16th. Simon Bhardwaj (Bilston Resource Centre)

23rd. Adrian Argile (HEBA Regional Minister) children's dedication service

Saturday 29th - Daylight Saving Time ends Clocks go back 1 Hour from Midnight (2am)

30th. Adam Bhardwaj (Bilston Resource Centre)