



November 2022 Newsletter

What is OA mission about?

Sixty years ago, children in Baptist Sunday schools were asked to collect packets of vegetable seeds and send them to BMS Headquarters in London. They were sent to help a pioneer agricultural missionary in India this was the start of something big. The Baptist Men's Movement became involved and named it Operation Agri. Today it has become an independent organisation and spread its wings far and wide.

In the early years, a college lecturer named Jack Norwood whom I knew, went out to Ntongo in Congo and built solar-powered incubators for day-old chicks. John Mellor ran an agricultural project there for many years. Other colleagues in India taught better methods of agriculture and animal breeding. David Stockley, the pioneer, and John Smith in India, Alan Casebow, Ian Pitkethly in Congo and others joined their ranks and extended their work. OA began to see need in other countries such as Brazil, Albania Pakistan and Bangladesh it spread its work to include many other aspects of development besides agriculture. Churches in Britain learned about their activities and began to support them particularly through their Harvest offerings.. We at Green Lane have done so for many years and now we have the opportunity to contribute to it again.

This year OA is asking us to help women in Mozambique to develop a project named "Vital Vegetables". In England we have a wide range of vegetables. Dieticians tell us that they are essential for healthy living. In many countries people's choices are very limited consequently their health suffers. Children in particular do not get the help they need to grow fit and well. OA is mobilizing women to form groups who will develop new methods of growing new vegetables in a way which not only improves their and their children's health but also provides them with a means of income to put their children into schools.

OA is a small charity compared with Oxfam or Christian Aid yet it goes a long way. Village people can manage small-scale projects they feel ownership of them. They fit in with their way of life; they can organize them and suggest improvements. Moreover, when their neighbours see the benefit of their actions they want to imitate them. The ripple effect spreads far and wide and it is all done in the name of Jesus.

So as we wander round the well-stocked row of vegetables in our local superstore, let us show our thankfulness by supporting OA generously. It brings life to those in need. And so, just like the Hokey-Cokey song, that's what it's all about!

Rev Fred



[November Pulpit Schedule](#)

6th. November: Rev. Mike Buck (our Moderator)
Communion Service

13th. November: Adam Bhardwaj
(from the Bilston Resource Centre)
Remembrance Sunday Service

20th. November: Simon Bhardwaj
(from the Bilston Resource Centre)

27th. November: Jackie Humphries
(from the Tipton Christian Church)



Baptist Women's Conference 2022

Ladies we have an opportunity to watch the Heart of England Baptist Women's Conference together in church on Saturday November 12th 2022 from 10am-3.30pm on a big screen with workshops, speaker Rev Leone Martin from Cannon St and we'll serve jacket potatoes for lunch.

New this year for the conference are Workshops:

Wellbeing

How to share your faith

Art and Craft

Creative writing Poetry & Psalms

November Mid Week Events



Sundays 6.30pm - Bible Study both in person or using WhatsApp alternate weeks.

Current programme is Everyday Supernatural

Mondays 8.30pm - Prayer Meeting using WhatsApp call. Ask for your mobile number to be added to the group if you wish to join.

Wednesdays – Walsall Green Lane Food Cycle in the Hall from 7pm

(Operated by Independent Charity)



Thursdays—12:45pm Bible Study Reading Group featuring; Psalm, gospel theme prayer

Thursdays—2pm—4pm Afternoon Tea
A place of welcome social gathering discussion with handcrafts / sewing



HEBA
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2022

Join us for a day of encouraging one another through fellowship and creativity.

And new this year, you have a choice of doing 2 out of 4 workshops on offer!

WORKSHOPS

- Wellbeing -
- Art & Craft -
- How To Share Your Faith -
- Creative Writing: Poetry & Psalms -

Register online as an individual or watch as a group at church.

However you decide to join us, we're looking forward to being together as a family of HEBA ladies.

STRENGTH For The Journey...

SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER
10:00 AM - 3:30 PM ON ZOOM

SPEAKER: REV. LEONÉ MARTIN

FREE!