

Bunyan Meeting Mill Street Bedford

Sunday 13th April 2025 The Sixth Sunday in Lent Palm Sunday



Welcome to worship at Bunyan Meeting

Bunyan Meeting is an Independent Church founded in 1650 and is affiliated to The Congregational Federation and The Baptist Union.

Following the services tea and coffee will be served in the church foyer.

Children are welcome to use the activities provided in the children's corner and church foyer during morning worship.

If this is your first visit to Bunyan Meeting, please introduce yourself to one of our stewards.

Our services today

9.30am Christ, Coffee and Croissants, All Age worship

11.00am Morning worship

conducted by our Minister

6.30pm Evening worship

conducted by our Minister

Our services next Sunday - Easter Sunday

11.00am Morning worship

conducted by our Minister

6.30pm Evening worship with Communion

conducted by our Minister

Our services are livestreamed. If you do not wish to appear on the livestream you can evade the reach of the camera by sitting at the sides or in the back two rows of the central seating of the ground floor of the church or in the central back gallery.

You can also join us live at our services on our **YouTube Channel**. Just go to:



https://www.bunyanmeeting.co.uk/live

Please keep silence before our service when the Bible is brought into church and use this time for reflection and private prayer

Our church flowers today



are given for Palm Sunday

The offering for Sunday 6th April was £1265.62 (£515.62 was given in Church and an average of £750 in direct giving).

We pray for members and friends of the church, remembering especially:

Samantha Nightingale

Jo-Ann Gaunt

Audrey Mehew

Katherine Mohrasri, Finn, Peter and Matthew

June Barton

Jean Goldsmith

For your prayers

The special prayer for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Baptist Union

Baptist Colleges prepare women and men for pastoral and missional leadership: they train the next generation of accredited Baptist ministers and pioneers; they enable those wishing to specialise in chaplaincy, evangelism, counselling, pastoral supervision and children's, youth and families; they provide a broad range of courses to enhance the skills of local church leaders; and they facilitate theological learning at every level from beginners' studies to doctorates. Please pray for the staff and students at our Baptist Colleges. www.baptist.org.uk/colleges

Congregational Federation

Cranbrook

Brethren, continue to pray for the church and its work in Cranbrook. We continue to pass through the seasons before us, each period not without its due struggle and blessing. The winter is almost passed, and Spring is on its way, and we are hopefully expectant for the fruitfulness that comes by the Lord's Spirit. Every Blessing, Wes MORNING WORSHIP at 11.00am Hymns from Rejoice and Sing

Opening Voluntaries

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 208
All glory, laud, and honour

Introduction to Theme

Hymn No. 230 The glory of our King

First Reading
Psalm I 18 v I - 2 & 19 - 29 (page 616)
Read by Julie Barker

Anthem

Second Reading Luke 19 v 28 - 48 (page 1054) Read by Veronica Gerig Hymn No. 209 Ride on! ride on in majesty!

Sermon

Hymn No. 571 Christ is the King!

Prayers of Intercession

Offering and Dedication

Hymn No. 114
Let all the world in every corner sing

The Blessing

Closing Voluntary

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EVENING WORSHIP at 6.30pm Hymns from Rejoice and Sing

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship

Hymn No. 563

How pleased and blest was I

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

First Reading
Psalm 122 v I – 9 (page 622)

Hymn No. 727
I joy'd when to the house of God

Second Reading

Matthew 21 v 12 – 22 (page 989)

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn No. 211 Draw nigh to thy Jerusalem

Sermon

Silent Prayer

Offering and Dedication

Hymn No. 640 Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise

The Blessing

Closing Voluntary

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Bunyan Meeting News Letter

Flowers for Easter

We shall be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday 19 April from 9.30am onwards. It would be helpful for me to know as soon as possible who is able to help with this please. If anyone would like to give a donation towards the cost of the Easter flowers please give it to Evan or Janice or send it to me.

Gilly Millbery

Services in Holy Week

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion 7.00pm Good Friday Service 10.30am Easter Sunday Services 11.00am and 6.30pm

EASTER HOLIDAY FUN FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Our **Museum** will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt over the Easter period and Crafty Thursday on the 17th April.



Church Easter Holiday Activities



We were delighted to welcome several children and parents who joined us on Tuesday 8th April. We continue next Tuesday and look forward to having more children to share in the activities.

The BMS Birthday Scheme

If you wish to support the important work of BMS World Mission, please contact Sue Hammond for details of their Birthday Scheme. It's a great way to celebrate a birthday as well as helping a great cause.

*'Happy Birthday'*Wendy Richardson

22nd April

Sue Hammond

This week at Bunyan Meeting

TUESDAY 15th April

Easter Craft Activity 11.00am - 1.00pm, Church

Website meeting 3.00pm, Harrowden room

WEDNESDAY 16th April

Deacons' Meeting 10.00am - 4.00pm, Harrowden room

Prayer Meeting 1.00pm, Deacons' Vestry

Wednesday lunchtime service 1.30pm, led by Rev'd Chris Damp

THURSDAY 17th April

Worship & Discipleship Meeting, 10.00am

Knit & Natter 11.00am – 12noon, Harrowden room (note change of room)

Crafty Thursday 11.00am - 3.00pm, Hall

Funeral for Saksitt Mohrasri 12.30pm, Church

Service for Maundy Thursday 7.00pm

FRIDAY 18th April

Good Friday Worship 10.30am

SATURDAY 19th April

Flower Group decorating Church from 9.30am

COFFEE SHOP

Open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10.00am – 1.00pm (2.00pm on Wednesdays)

JOHN BUNYAN MUSEUM

Museum's opening times:

Tuesday to Saturday 11am to 4pm (last entry 3.45pm). www.bunyanmeeting.co.uk/planning-your-visit

BASEMENT AT BUNYAN

The Basement Gallery

Next Exhibition:

Giacomo and Cameron, Tuesday May 19th – 24th 2025

Opening times: as Museum

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News Letter deadline

Please send items to the Editor, Jocelyn Harper,

email: jos.harpy@ntlworld.com Tel: 406969 by 6pm on Tuesday for inclusion in the

Sunday newsletter. Thank you

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