



# Bunyan Meeting

## Mill Street

## Bedford

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity



# 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**

- 11.00am Morning worship  
conducted by Mr Thomas Dodd
- 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 by Brian and Heather Caves

**The offering** for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September was £1242.45 (£492.45 was given in Church and an average of £750 in direct giving).

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

Liz Densham

Samantha Nightingale

Jo Gaunt

Ruth Blake

Julie Barker

Gwen Gribble

Brian and Heather Caves

Andy McGall (Jean's nephew)

Pearl Thomas

Suzanne Nockels and family

# For your prayers

## **The special prayer for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Baptist Union**

A prayer for Education Sunday: Loving God, As we celebrate the gift of education, we remember those who find it difficult to learn. We bring to you children and young people in places where education is disrupted because of war and conflict. We pray for those who are excluded from education because they can't afford it, or because of their gender. Help us to put our faith into action and to work for peace and equality in your world. Amen. [www.cte.org.uk/educationsunday2024](http://www.cte.org.uk/educationsunday2024)

## **Congregational Federation**

Bunyan Meeting, Bedford

We give thanks for the increasing numbers at our services, and for new people who have recently started to worship with us. We give thanks for various children's activities over the summer and the opportunity to build new relationships with families.

We pray that we might be faithful to Christ as we seek to reach out into our community with the gospel through our various outreach endeavours

## **Update on Isaac Nockels**

It was heart breaking last week to hear the news of Isaac Nockels.

Thank you for all the messages of condolence and prayer support which Suzanne and all her family have very much appreciated.

Suzanne has now been in touch with the arrangements.

There will be a family only committal service on Friday 20th September at Grenoside Crematorium. However, there will be a memorial gathering at King Edwards Upper School in Sheffield on Saturday 21st September at 11am. This is the main funeral event. It will be led by Rev Fran Kissack (one of Suzanne's URC colleagues in Chaplaincy) and will include a number of tributes. It is open to all to attend.

There will be an opportunity for charitable donations and more details will follow. Please continue to keep Suzanne, Keith and Joe and Isaac's grandparents all members of CF churches in your prayers.

*Yvonne Campbell, General Secretary, Congregational Federation*

MORNING WORSHIP at 11.00am  
Hymns from Baptist Praise and Worship

Opening Voluntaries

Welcome and Notices

Introit

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 45

*God is love*

Introduction to Theme

Hymn No. 280

*Be still and know that I am God*

First Reading

Isaiah 35 v 1 – 10 (page 719)

Read by Alison Shaw

Anthem

Second Reading

Mark 7 v 24 – 37 (page 1010)

Read by Geoff Shaw

Hymn No. 558

*Lord, I was blind*

Sermon

Hymn No. 576

*Lord, you have given yourself*

Prayers of Intercession

Offering and Dedication

Hymn No. 59

*O for a thousand tongues to sing*

The Blessing

Closing Voluntary

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EVENING WORSHIP at 6.30pm  
Hymns from Baptist Praise and Worship

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship

Hymn No. 569

*Fill now my life, O Lord my God*

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

First Reading

Colossians 1 v 24 – Ch 2 v 5 (page 1183)

Hymn No. 336

*Have faith in God, my heart*

Second Reading

Luke 11 v 14 – 28 (page 1043)

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn No. 282

*Breathe on me, breath of God*

Sermon

Silent Prayer

Offering and Dedication

Hymn No. 548

*When we walk with the Lord*

The Blessing

Closing Voluntary

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# Bunyan Meeting News Letter

## WELKOM

At our morning worship today we welcome a Group led by Pastor Henk Liefing. Pastor Liefing belongs to the Netherlands Reformed Church, which is the largest church community in The Netherlands. The Group is following in the footsteps of John Bunyan. Whilst they are with us Pastor Liefing wishes to say a few words and the Group would like to sing something for us.

## NOAH'S ARK

As a result of our 'August Activities', across the 4 Tuesdays in August we welcomed 64 people into our church: 35 children and 29 adults. What fun they had!

With huge thanks to Alison Shaw who, with a little help from Mr Noah (Geoff) got us all, children, parents, grandparents and the team of helpers, to sing and act our way through Noah's story.

But before they could do that, every child had to make an animal mask to wear as they boarded the ark. We had giraffes, elephants, tigers, spiders and lots of other animals. Children took on the parts of ravens and doves and "flew" around the church until they eventually found dry land.

Meanwhile they played-out the storm on our musical instruments. Once home and dry, Alison distributed rainbow bracelets to everyone. And then back to the crafts to: make animal book marks, fuzzy fridge magnets, 3D wooden animals to colour or dotty animal pictures. All under the careful attention of the team of "crafters": Sheila Mousley, Jenny Gunton, Morag Tomkins, Ann Price, Veronica & Chris Gerig, Margaret Marshall and Ann Davis (we missed you Pearl) and our "resident photographer" Ruth Blake.

Teamwork made the dream work. Many thanks to everyone for a great four weeks. What a team! The children also had to find the animals in the museum (we now have some new rats in the prison cell!) and there was a giraffe hiding in the basement gallery.

Thanks too to Julie Smith, who, with help from Doreen and Mary (of Coffee Shop fame) provided everyone who wanted it, a free lunch each day.



One lovely comment posted on Facebook: *“Hi, we came to this morning’s craft session. I just wanted to say a huge thank you; it was so welcoming and lovely! My two were both a little quiet at first but had a brilliant time! Thanks again, Sarah, Thomas and Millie. x”* Posted with a picture of the 3D animal Millie had coloured in. A nice example of outreach as almost without exception, none of our visitors had been in to the church before or even knew we existed. What fun we all had.

Thanks to Jo for setting up each week and clearing up after us!

*Cherry*

## **Bunyan Flower Arranging Group**

Just a reminder that our next meeting is on **Wednesday 11 September** with a practical session entitled *A Special Holiday Memento*. Incorporate a special memento of a holiday into a flower arrangement. We'll be meeting at 7.30pm in the Hall. All are welcome.

*Gilly Millbery*

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you very much for the lovely flowers delivered on Sunday for our Wedding Anniversary on September 16th.

*Pat and Brian Stevens*

The beautiful flowers I received were such a wonderful and unexpected surprise. Thank you for being so thoughtful and making my day extra special. I am starting to feel a bit better and hopefully it won't be long before I am back with you all.

God Bless

*Giuseppe Noto*

## **Bedford Foodbank**

Thank you for your continued support. We have already fed 1700 people this month and handed out over 14 tonnes of stock. This our list for September:

*Long Life Fruit Juice*

*Jars of Coffee*

*Jars of Curry Sauce*

*100g Bars of Chocolate*

*Tinned Tuna*

*Deodorant*

*Long Life Milk*

*Shampoo*

*Long Life Sponge Puddings*

*Tin Openers*

*Tinned Meat*

Bedford Foodbank

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8/9 Murdock Road, Manton Industrial Estate, Bedford, MK41 7PE

## **More Wise Words from Ken**

If you want to know what a man is like, take a look at how he treats his inferiors, not his equals.

If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.

## **Don't forget!**

Today at 3.00pm is the **Bedford Town Centre Churches Summer Get Together** at St Martin's Vicarage, 76 Clapham Road. Bring whatever you like to eat (Drinks will be provided).

Basement - our exhibition this week

# ART EXHIBITION

10th-14th  
Sept 2024  
11AM - 4PM



## A SPLASH OF COLOUR

An exhibition of drawings and  
paintings by Ronald.M.McKay

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# This week at Bunyan Meeting

**WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> September**

Deacons' Meeting 10.00am

Wednesday Workshops 10 - 12noon and 1 - 3.00pm

Prayer Meeting 1.00pm, Deacons' Vestry

Lunchtime Service 1.30pm led by Janet Wootton

Flower Arranging Group 7.30pm, Hall

**THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> September**

Knit & Natter 11.00am – 12noon, Coffee Shop

**SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> September**

Bible Study 10.00am – 11.30am Deacons' Vestry

## COFFEE SHOP

Open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.00am – 1.00pm  
(2.00pm on Wednesdays and 3pm on Saturdays)

## JOHN BUNYAN MUSEUM

The Museum is open

**Normal Museum's opening times:**

Tuesday to Saturday 11am to 4pm (last entry 3.45pm).

[www.bunyanmeeting.co.uk/planning-your-visit](http://www.bunyanmeeting.co.uk/planning-your-visit)

## BASEMENT AT BUNYAN

**A Splash of Colour** – an exhibiton of drawings and paintings by  
Ronald M. McKay

***Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September***

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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