



Bunyan Meeting

Mill Street

Bedford

Sunday 9th February 2025
The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



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, Croissants & Coffee, All Age worship, Basement
- 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 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 by June Weekes
in memory of John and Bessie Weekes

The offering for Sunday 2nd February was £1232.87
(£482.87 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

The family and friends of Queenie Murdie

Sue Hammond

Stephen Sleight's father, Brian

Ruth Blake and her family

For your prayers

The special prayer for the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

O Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and household continually in thy true religion; that they who do lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by thy mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Baptist Union

This year is an important one for racial justice on these shores as it marks the 30th anniversary of Racial Justice Sunday which is being marked today. The theme this year has the title 'Coat of Many Colours', reflecting the increasing diversity that exists in the churches in Britain and Ireland. www.ctbi.org.uk

Congregational Federation

South Chingford

1. Please pray for us as we seek to develop new ways of reaching out to our community in this season and as we build on existing opportunities.
2. Some of our key leaders and volunteers have recently moved away, leaving gaps that will be hard to fill. Please pray for the right people to be identified to fill these roles.
3. The pastoral needs within the fellowship at this time are many and varied – everyone is going through something! Please pray for the whole church fellowship, and for the pastor, elders and small group leaders as they provide care.

MORNING WORSHIP at 11.00am

Hymns from Rejoice and Sing

Opening Voluntaries

Welcome and Notices

Introit (or Call to Worship if no introit)

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 83

Eternal Light!

Introduction to Theme

Hymn No. 665

Round the Lord in glory seated

First Reading

Isaiah 6 v 1 – 8 (page 690)

Read by Andrew Duthie

Anthem

Second Reading

Luke 5 v 1 – 11 (page 1032)

Read by Joy Duthie

Hymn No. 355

Jesus calls us!

Sermon

Hymn

- 1 Have you heard the voice of Jesus
Softly pleading with your heart?
Have you felt His presence glorious,
As He calls your soul apart,
With a love so true and loyal,
Love divine that ever flows
From a Saviour, righteous, royal,
And a cross that mercy shows?
- 2 Have you heard the voice of mercy
Granting peace and pardon pure?
Have you felt the balm of Calvary
Binding all your wounds secure?
Was there ever such salvation?

Was there ever care like this?
See the Saviour's grief and passion,
Grace and mercy's gentle kiss.

3 Have you heard the Saviour calling
All to leave and follow Him?
Have you felt His Person drawing
With compulsion lives to win?
Hearken to His invitation,
To the music of God's grace;
Let the peace of God's salvation
Fill your soul, and love embrace.

W Vernon Higham (born 1926)

Prayers of Intercession

Offering and Dedication

Hymn No. 38

Thou whose almighty word

The Blessing

Closing Voluntary

EVENING WORSHIP at 6.30pm
Hymns from Rejoice and Sing

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship

Hymn No. 125

Ye holy angels bright

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

First Reading

I Corinthians 15 v 1 – 11 (page 1155)

Hymn No. 242

Ye humble souls that seek the Lord

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2 v 1 – 13 (page 1195)

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn No. 588

Blest be the everlasting God

Sermon

Silent Prayer

Offering and Dedication

Hymn No. 278

I know that my Redeemer lives

The Blessing

Closing Voluntary

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Bunyan Meeting News Letter

Bunyan Coffee Shop

EVERY TUESDAY 10.30 - 12.00

Board Games/Mindful Colouring/Jigsaws
Book Swap/Wordsearch/Crosswords



Just turn up EVERYONE WELCOME

Enjoy a cuppa and a chat!



Tea/Coffee and Biscuits £1.00

Open Tuesday to Saturday 10am - 1pm

Bunyan Meeting Mill Street

For many of us, the first couple of months into a new year can seem to feel a bit 'flat', and the cold, dull weather doesn't help!

So, why not come and join us on a Tuesday morning and see our **re-vamped** Activities Table in the Coffee Shop.

We still have an excellent selection of board games to choose from, (many thanks to Sue Hammond for the new Scrabble Board and book), but also jigsaws, mindful colouring/art trolley, word search and crosswords.

There is also a book trolley where you can swap any books/magazines you have finished with, for something new!

Best of all, there are always two lovely volunteers on duty to welcome you, have a chat, serve coffee and cake (other snacks are available), and generally help you enjoy a **Different** kind of Tuesday! Hope to see you soon

Julie

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THANK YOU

Thank you to all who joined with us to celebrate the life of Brian, his Christian witness and his Music Ministry at Bunyan Meeting. We are grateful to all who took part in the service; Chris, our Minister, the organist, Gary Sieling, Andrew who conducted the choir and all who sang in the choir. We understand that 200 also shared in the service on YouTube.

Thank you for your prayers; please continue to pray for us.

Heather, Rachael, Julian and all the family

Dear Church Family

Thank you for the words of sympathy, the cards and of course your prayers. Thank you too for the flowers and to Jenny Gunton for her wording during the prayers last Sunday.

Liz & Ruth Blake and the rest of the Family

Obituary

We are sorry to learn that Queenie Murdie died on Monday 3rd February. Queenie had been a member at Bunyan Meeting since 1991. We send our love and sympathy to Queenie's family and assure them of our prayers.

More Wise Words from Ken

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.

Neither man nor turtle goes far unless he is willing to stick his neck out.

Flower Arranging Group

This is a reminder to all Flower Arranging Group Members that we are **NOT** meeting in February.

So, our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 12 March** at 7.30pm in the Hall. Depending on where you park, please enter either via the door on St Cuthbert's roundabout or the door in the top right hand corner of the Church garden. I haven't finalised the programme yet, but I will let you all know well in advance of this meeting, what we are doing.

Gilly Millbery

Rota for Providing Flowers in the Church - 2025

I have sent out the dates for those providing flowers in Church each Sunday. Where possible I have emailed the details, so if you have an email address you don't look at very often, please check it to see if your details have been sent to you in this way. Otherwise you should have received a letter from me.

At the moment I have three Sundays where no-one is providing the flowers, although I have interest in one of the Sundays. If you would like to provide flowers for a Sunday, please have a word with me (tel 01234 210787).

Gilly Millbery

Thank you for your continued support. The items we need haven't changed much as these are the items we are putting in all the parcels:

Tinned meat/tuna	UHT Milk
Tinned fruit/veg	Long life fruit juice
Coffee	Tinned puddings
Jam	Laundry tablets
Cooking sauces	Carrier bags

Andrea

Bedford Foodbank Office 01234 268569
8/9 Murdock Road
Manton Industrial Estate
Bedford MK41 7PE

This week at Bunyan Meeting

MONDAY 10th February

Come & Sing 1.30pm – 3.00pm, Stevington Room

WEDNESDAY 12th February

Deacons' Meeting 10.00am

Prayer meeting 1.00pm, Deacons' Vestry

Lunchtime Service 1.30pm led by Rev'd Dr Ian Densham

Museum Committee 5.15pm

THURSDAY 13th February.

Knit & Natter 11.00am – 12noon, Coffee Shop

COFFEE SHOP

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

JOHN BUNYAN MUSEUM

The Museum is open Saturdays only from 11th January until Tuesday 18th February 2025, when it will open full time again.

Normal 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 is now CLOSED for the winter

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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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