



Bunyan Meeting

Mill Street

Bedford

Sunday 19th January 2025
The Second Sunday of 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

- 11.00am Morning worship
conducted by our Minister
- 6.30pm Evening worship with Communion
conducted by our Minister

Our services next Sunday

- 9.30am Christ, Croissants & Coffee, All Age worship
- 11.00am Morning worship
conducted by our Minister
- 6.30pm Evening worship
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 Gwen Gribble
in Loving Memory of her brother John

The offering for Sunday 12th January was £1122.98
(£372.98 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

The family and friends of Dorothy Yerrill

The family and friends of Monica Hill

Jo-Ann Gaunt

Ruth Blake

The family and friends of Brian Caves

Sue Hammond

Stephen Sleight's father, Brian

For your prayers

**The special prayer for the Second Sunday
after the Epiphany**

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Baptist Union

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this year focuses on the question posed by Jesus to Martha: ‘Do you believe this?’ (John 11:26). As we affirm our faith together with other Christians this week, pray that a renewed commitment to Christian unity might help to contribute to positive change in our communities. www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer

Congregational Federation

Penge

Please pray for our witness in Penge and a new collaboration with a Baptist Church using our building in the afternoons. We give thanks for some newcomers who have been joining us. Pray for the nursery school, uniformed organisations and the AA who also meet in our building.

MORNING WORSHIP at 11.00am
Hymns from Baptist Praise and Worship

Opening Voluntaries

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 6

Come let us join our cheerful songs

Introduction to Theme

Hymn No. 384

Jesus is Lord!

First Reading

Isaiah 62 v 1 – 5 (page 748)

and Psalm 36 v 5 – 10 (page 563)

Read by Jenny Gunton

Anthem

Second Reading

John 2 v 1 – 11 (page 1064)

Read by Julie Barker

Hymn No. 105

Speak, Lord, in the stillness

Sermon

Hymn No. 548

When we walk with the Lord

Prayers of Intercession

Offering and Dedication

Hymn No. 583

We are called to be God's people

The Blessing

Closing Voluntary

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EVENING WORSHIP at 6.30pm
Hymns from Rejoice and Sing

Opening Voluntaries

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 293

Ye servants of God

Readings

Psalm 40 v 1 – 12 (page 566)

Isaiah 49 v 1 – 7 (page 735)

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn No. 355

Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult

Sermon

Silent Prayer

Offering and Dedication

As the offering is brought forward we stand and sing the doxology no. 21

Hymn No. 434

Jesus invites His saints

Communion

All who love the Lord are welcome to share in the bread and the wine

Hymn No. 573

God is working His purpose out

The Blessing

Closing Voluntary

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Bunyan Meeting News Letter

Thank You

Thank you for the lovely flowers received from church and for all your cards; thank you especially for your prayers at this awful time.



This is all much appreciated. God Bless each of you.

Heather, Rachael, Julian and all the family

There is a donation page set up in Brian's memory. Here is the link:

<https://www.memorygiving.com/briancaves>

Obituaries – some messages received

Brian Caves

Very sad to learn of Brian Cave's passing to glory (with a merry noise, one would hope).



I sang in his choir for 20 years and enjoyed every minute (even when he was cross with us). The world has lost a good man and a wonderful musician in Brian. I have much to thank him for. Best regards.

Michael Austin

Dorothy Yerrill

I just wanted to advise you that sadly I lost my mother, Dorothy Yerrill, on the 26th of December 2024. My mother over the years attended your church regularly and had flowers put in church in April each year for my father Eric's anniversary.

You also delivered a newsletter to her at Waterloo House which she loved, and you kept in touch. She was so grateful for this when she could no longer come to services.

Her funeral is out at Cople on the 24th of January at 2.30pm, as she lived there previously for 76 years. She will be buried with my father. But we just wanted to thank you all for the love and support shown to her over the years, it really meant a lot to her and to us. Kind regards.

Sandra Conte

Dorothy's funeral will be held at Cople Parish Church in Willington Road, Cople MK44 3TH on Friday 24 January at 2.30pm.

Jean Bodger

I was saddened to learn of the death of Jean Bodger. Jean was very good to me several years ago after I had surgery. She collected me once a week and took me shopping in Rushden where she was known by all the shopkeepers!

We were on the fundraising committee together at Mill Street and enjoyed organising various events. Our highlights were a 'Forties Evening' when Janice Griffiths, Jean and I were the Andrews Sisters for the evening and Eunice Litchfield was Weary Win.

We also arranged for Marilyn Baker to come to the church and give a concert. Happy memories!

Jean always had a smile on her face although having suffered lots of heartaches in her life.

Pat Cox

Elstow Bunyan Church

Jean's funeral took place at the Wellingborough Crematorium on the 16th January.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the beautiful flowers (alstroemeria) which we received from the church last week. The flowers were for Epiphany which was appropriate as it was Peter's birthday - but he was in hospital. Thank you to Alison Lipsett for driving out to the Cambridgeshire border to deliver them and not only that, but carrying in the bags with our Waitrose delivery which arrived at the same time!

Another big shout out and thanks for the NHS (Bedford hospital this time). My 999 call just after 11am on Thursday morning got an ambulance here in just over 30mins and the wonderful lady call handler who stayed on the line with me for the last 10mins until the ambulance arrived.

3 burly paramedics did all the tests whilst reassuring me, and soon got Peter into the ambulance. In A&E by 12.45pm, he was fortunate to go straight into a bay so no corridor waiting. By 7pm we were told a bed was available in Richard Wells Ward. He was extremely well cared for, and after the weekend was booked in for a CT scan and a colonoscopy. Over the same weekend I was booked for another Gastroscopy at Addenbrookes!

We are now known as “the Oscopicies”, not the “Protheroe’s”. Peter was home after a week; nothing sinister but another one of those “little problems that come with wear and tear and old age”. He’s feeling a bit weak and wobbly but we are trying to take things a bit more easily than usual.

Thank you for your prayers and messages of concern and support - much appreciated.

Cherry

Subject: Power Extension Cables

Here at Bunyan Meeting, we have an unexpected issue with the use of EXTENSION LEADS. Because of this, we shall stop using any extension leads that are rated:

LESS than 3 KILOWATT (3kW)

These are to include:-

CABLE REELS

SINGLE SOCKET FLY LEADS

MULTI SOCKET TRAILING LEADS

Also, any other cable with a socket on the end of it.

PLEASE Would those who are responsible for areas and departments please ensure that **all leads** are placed in the church office by cease work on Friday 24th January, to be identified and tested on Saturday 25th. This will allow for them to be checked and returned ready for use on Monday 27th January.

Thank you for your help with this matter. *Michael Thomas*



Wise Words from Ken

Never underestimate the power you have to take your life in a new direction.

When worms are scarce hens don't stop scratching.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025

Sunday 19 January	6.00pm	St Andrew's Church
Monday 20 January	6.30pm	Polish Church
Tuesday 21 January	12 noon	St Martin's Church
Wednesday 22 January	1.30pm	Bunyan Meeting
Thursday 23 January	12.45 - 1.15pm	Bedford Quakers
<i>(You are welcome to bring your lunch and share time together afterwards)</i>		
Friday 24 January	1.00pm	Christchurch

Free Bible Reading Notes (UCB)

The new copies are now available in the church foyer; these are for the three months: February, March, April 2025.

2025 Church Directory

There are copies available still at the back of the church.

This week at Bunyan Meeting

MONDAY 20th January

Come & Sing 1.30pm – 3.00pm, Stevington room

TUESDAY 21st January

Website meeting 3.00pm

WEDNESDAY 22nd January

Prayer meeting 1.00pm, Deacons' Vestry

Lunchtime Service (Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)
1.30pm led by the Minister

THURSDAY 23rd January

Worship and Discipleship Group 10.00am – 11.30pm

Knit & Natter 11.00am – 12noon, Coffee Shop

SATURDAY 25th January

New Volunteer recruitment morning starting at 10.30am in the Church Foyer

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-visitk

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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