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Belmont Road Baptist Church, Carey Baptist Church and
The Church of the Resurrection, Grovehill
(Anglican/Free Church)

IT'S NOT EASY BEING GREEN SECRETARY

I think I am quite green, but I could be greener. I know it's important.

I am aware that, due to global warming, huge glaciers in the Antarctic could melt. If they do, sea levels will rise significantly. While I am currently living half-way up a hill, "I'm all right Jack" as the saying goes; but that's no way to be thinking of things. A substantial rise in sea levels will have a devastating effect on poorer countries and coastal communities (not to mention the wildlife). It appears that it is always the poor who suffer most.

The Old Testament prophets had quite a bit to say about how the health of our relationship with God correlates with how we treat the poor and oppressed. And Jesus said he came to bring good news to the poor.

While our contribution to carbon reduction can feel small and insignificant, that's no way to think about things either. The wellbeing of God's creation is our concern because how can we be at peace with God while we are participating in the destruction of his creation? If I truly believe that God is revealed through creation, why am I party to despoiling that revelation?

At home, we try to recycle much of our waste. This includes the normal things like plastic, metals, glass, paper, card and food. We also recycle batteries, printer ink cartridges and, more recently, razor blades. But we could do more.

For many of us, one of our biggest contributions to our carbon footprint is our travel by car. Owning an electric car is an option but the cost, range of car battery and accessibility to a charging point are all major factors to take into consideration when thinking of making the change.

It's not easy being green, it can be costly and complicated.

The first Easter was also costly and complicated.

<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/go-green-er-for-lent/> suggests many ways in which you and I can have a greener Lent. The website sees Lent as an “opportunity to reflect on the practice of fasting and commit to giving up something that brings a real benefit to nature and helps address climate change.”

Taking time to pray and reflect could lead to making changes in our everyday. Suggestions include going plastic and/or waste free, switching off/from digital for a time, buying local or second hand, trying plant-based menus and getting out into nature more.

Not just giving up chocolate, then.

To participate now in God's presence in the world as a follower of his Son is to do what I can to look after and to help save this world. It's not easy being green, but it feels like it's a spiritual imperative.

Tim Keightley



BELMONT ROAD

Preaching Plan for March

All are welcome at the following services with the Sunday Club joining the first 5 to 10 minutes of the service. The service will also be available on Zoom. Coffee, tea, squash and biscuits will be served in the hall. Face coverings are no longer required in the church or hall, but you are very welcome to continue wearing a face covering whenever you would like to.

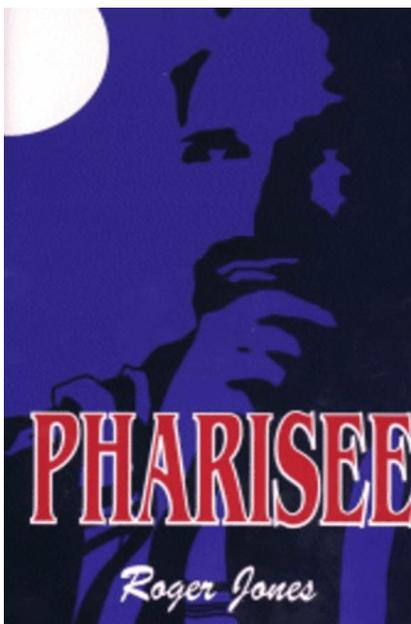
5th March - a Worship Service led by our Minister, Tim Keightley
12th March – an All-age service led by our Minister, Tim Keightley
19th March – an Open Service Worship Service
26th March – a Communion Service led by our Minister Tim Keightley.

Church Away Day

The date and location of the Church away day is now confirmed as Saturday 1st April at Bovingdon Baptist Church.

Some upcoming dates for your diary.

'Pharisee in a Day'



St Luke's Watford, Herts, WD17 3EG Sat 25th March 2023 10:30AM

Just a reminder to book your place soon for Pharisee in a Day and join Joyful Noise for a fun day of choral and instrumental workshops culminating in a fundraising performance for local charity Watford Schools Trust who carry out sterling work in many local schools to give children a clear understanding of the Christian faith with their class-based lessons, workshops and assemblies. This event takes place on **Saturday 25th March 2023 with Workshops from 10:30am and Performance from 4:30pm at St Luke's Church, Langley Way, Watford WD17 3EG.** For full event details and to book online (credit/debit card payments) click here: [Pharisee Info and Booking](#)

[TicketSource](#). Please note all bookings will be confirmed by email from TicketSource. www.ticketsource.co.uk

CAREY

Tribute to Brian Jones

It with sadness that we record the death of **Brian Jones** on 11th February. At the age of 96 he was our oldest church member. He and his wife, Margaret moved to Hemel in 1966 and came into membership at Marlowes Baptist Church, later Carey, in 1977. For his National Service he was in the Air Force towards the end of the war, but stayed in this country. Most of his working life was spent working for Rickett and Coleman, for the latter years as a sales manager. He also worked for several years at Samaritans in Watford.

At Marlowes and then Carey, Brian held many posts. At various times he was a deacon, transport officer, on the Fabric Committee and probably held other posts. He was an artist, and at one time was Chairman of the local Arts Society which met at the Old Town Hall where he held an exhibition once.

He will be remembered with great affection.

Sunday worship

People can once again use their discretion about whether to wear masks during Sunday worship. Please do not come if you are feeling unwell. Please continue to use the hand sanitiser provided. Refreshments are served in the hall after the service and offers of help with the rota to prepare these would still be welcome (contact Judy on 01442 216387)

Monthly prayer sheet for Children, Youth and Families work

Tamzin is producing a monthly prayer sheet for Carey's CYF work. It is available from her or on the memorial table in the church.

Baby and Toddler Group

The Baby and Toddler Group continues on **Fridays from 10.00-11.30am** during term-time Please speak to Tamzin, Colin or Hilary if you would like more information about the group or if you would be interested in helping. Please see the Facebook page for more details about the group <https://m.facebook.com/careybabytoddlergroup>

Prayer meetings

The **Wednesday** evening Prayer Meeting **at 8.00pm** continues on Zoom. Please contact Obed for a Zoom invitation. The Thursday evening meeting continues at **7.30pm at Joan's house**.

Communion Offerings

Our Communion Offering on **Sunday 19th March** will be for the Lord's Supper Fund.

Bible Studies

Monday Morning Group

We are holding a series of Lent meetings on Zoom, led by Colin, Gill and Hilary. We shall be using booklets from 'Embrace the Middle East' for 5 Lent studies, exploring Jesus' message of justice and peace as proclaimed in the gospels. These are starting on **27th February, from 10.30am-12noon and continue on 13th, 20th, 27th March and 6th April.**

The **Thursday Evening Group** will be re-starting in the near future. Keep a look-out in the weekly newsletter for further details.

Zoom coffee mornings

These weekly get-togethers continue on **Wednesdays at 10.30am** for the time being, with Tamzin hosting. (Please let her or Hilary know if you would like an invitation.)

Church AGM and Ordinary Church Meeting

We will be holding our church AGM and March Ordinary Church Meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 15th at the church and on Zoom. The meeting will include the Secretary's report and the election of the Treasurer and Secretary for the coming year. Non-members are welcome to attend and join in the discussion about the work of the church, without voting.

Ladies' Group

The Ladies' Group will be meeting for a Soup and Rolls Lunch on Tuesday 14th March in the Memorial Hall. Please speak to Ann if you expect to be there.

Carey Hymn Café

The Carey Hymn Café will be meeting again on **Tuesday 28th March (NB change from usual week) from 2.30-4.00pm** in the Memorial Hall for

- * tea /coffee and cake
- * fellowship with friends old and new
- * an opportunity to sing favourite traditional hymns

All welcome – bring your friends. Please contact Hilary Donovan (258268) with requests for transport or if you could help with transport or make cakes. Requests for hymns would also be welcome – please speak to Robert or Hilary. (Please note that there is no parking available at the side of the

church on weekday afternoons, but the paved area outside the Memorial Hall can be used as a drop-off point.)

BMS Mission Partners

Please continue to pray for Peter and Louise, our Mission Partners in Bangladesh. We now know that one of them will be visiting Carey on Sunday 25th June.

Contact Hilary if you would like to receive their prayer letters every two months or so. In their most recent letter they ask us to pray for:

- for God's calling of Bangladeshi believers to a missionary life
- for all the trainers, facilities and resources needed for the new mission training centre
- for the many poor and marginalised children who's lives are being formed in these pre-schools
- for the skill and creativity of teachers who work with little resources except themselves
- for the growth, calling and beginning of a movement among young people through the Action Team programme

GROVEHILL

For all Zoom details, please contact Revd. Austin Janes at: revaustin@sky.com

Sundays 11am - Communion Service and Junior Church in Church and on Facebook 'Grovehill Church of the Resurrection - The Church behind the Chippy' page. (Note: These services are no longer available on YouTube.)

1st Sunday of the month 3.30pm Causeway Church (*see below*)

2nd and 4th Sundays of the month 6.00-7.00pm Hard COR Youth Group (10 to 14 year olds) in church

3rd Sunday of the month 6.00-7.00pm Digging Deeper Bible Youth Group in church (10-14 year-olds)

Monday-Friday 9.00am – Morning Prayer on Zoom

Monday-Friday 9.30pm - Night Prayer on Zoom (For zoom details please contact Revd. Austin Janes at: revaustin@sky.com)

1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month Men's Bible Study & Faith Group on Zoom at 7:30pm

1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month Ladies Bible Study on Zoom at 12 noon

Thursdays 1.00pm - Sticky Fingers - Craft, chat, drinks, toys and Toddler Church in the Church Hall (term-time)

2nd and 4th Fridays – 2.00pm ‘Just a thought’ Bible Study Group in Church Hall (contact revaustin@sky.com for more info)

Saturday mornings – ‘Drinks and Dunkables’ - 10.00am to 12noon
Refreshments in the Church Hall.

Causeway Church

Sunday 5th March 3.30pm - Causeway Church in Church. If you know of any young people (16+) or adults with additional needs who might be interested, please let them and their helpers know about this – they will be very welcome.

Beetle Drive

There will be a Beetle Drive in Church on **Saturday 11th March at 7.00pm**
£3 including tea/coffee and cakes.

Saturday 25th March at 6pm

Film Night in Church. Free entry. Refreshments and Raffle.

Film Night

The next Film Night will take place at **6.00pm on Saturday 25th March**.
Free entry – Refreshments and Raffle.

CHURCHES TOGETHER NEWS

Prayer Calendar for March

Sunday 5th Liberty Tea Rooms – a Christian Presence in the heart of our town

Sunday 12th St Stephen’s Church – Chaulden area (Anglican), their leaders and congregation

Sunday 19th Foodbank – for those who help and those being helped

Sunday 26th St Paul’s, Highfield (Anglican), their leaders and congregation

Lent course

The weekly Lent Course, with the theme ‘A Place for us’ and based on West Side Story, will be held on Mondays from **1.30pm to 2.30pm** at various churches, starting on **Monday 27th February** at Carey Baptist Church.

Belonging

6th March - Otherness & Difference – Church of the Resurrection, Grovehill

13th March – The gift of love – St Benedict’s Church, Bennetts End

20th March – The promise – St Barnabas’ Church, Adeyfield

27th March – The tragedy of betrayal – New Life Pentecostal Church

Course booklet optional- some printouts provided. Also available to buy on Kindle. For more info contact chair@cthh.org.uk

ANOTHER LENT COURSE AVAILABLE

'The Chosen' - By special permission from the makers, on **Thursday evenings 7:15pm - 9:00pm**

The Hemel Team Churches and friends will showing the first 5 episodes of Series 1 'The Chosen' following the life of Jesus and his disciples in ways relatable to our lives.

Thursday 2nd March 7:15pm - 9:00pm at Grovehill Church of the Resurrection
Thursday 9th March 7:15pm - 9:00pm at St. Mary's Church

Thursday 16th March 7:15pm - 9:00pm at Grovehill Church of the Resurrection
Thursday 23rd March 7:15pm - 9:00pm at St. Mary's Church

Thursday 30th March 7:15 - 9:00pm at Grovehill Church of the Resurrection

World Day of Prayer

There will be a service to mark the World Day of Prayer at Hemel Hempstead Methodist Church on **Friday 3rd March** at **3.00pm**.

BELMONT AND CAREY YOUTH CAMP 2023

Belmont and Carey Youth Camp next year will be at Beeston Regis in Norfolk from 12th-19th August. Costs: for children aged 8 to 13 – cost £180. For children aged 14 to 18 cost £200.

For booking information please contact Warren (07890 494273 or warrenpyke@hotmail.com). More information can be located on our website www.bcyccamp.com

Warren Pyke

DENS NEWS

Foodbank

Thank you to everyone who has recently supported our Foodbank with generous donations. We are now extremely well stocked, with enough provisions to meet the needs of our community for the coming months.

Therefore, we ask that if you are able to, please make a financial donation to help cover the staff and operational costs of our vital service. If you still

wish to donate food or hygiene items, please ensure they are on the High Needs List below. Thank you.

High Needs List

Food: Cereal bars, Rice, Tinned meat, Sponge puddings, Tinned rice pudding, 200ml juice cartons

Please note that:

- We do not accept furniture
- We currently are not taking any clothes, shoes and accessories

Thank you for your support

Donations can be dropped off at our **Foodbank at Dacre House (see above) – Monday-Friday 10am-1pm.**

Tel: 01442 250969

Email: office@dacorumfoodbank.org.uk

Web: www.dens.org.uk Charity No: 1097185

Spring Quiz

Friday 10th March – 7.00pm at Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School

Assemble your team of masterminds and put your knowledge to the test!

Bookings are now open for teams of 6 to 8 people. The event costs £10 per person and includes light refreshments and nibbles....Does your team have what it takes to be the DENS quiz champions?

See website for more details: www.dens.org.uk

Hemel Hillbuster Sponsored Bike Ride 2023

Gear up for an action-packed day of riding at our legendary cycling event on **Sunday 21st May**, starting and finishing in Gadebridge Park.

association with British Cycling, our choice of 25k, 60k or 100k sportive challenges take you over rolling Chiltern Hills and the stunning countryside of Herts, Beds and Bucks. See website for more details: www.dens.org.uk

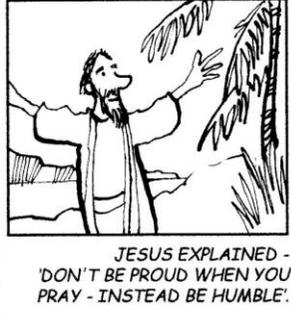
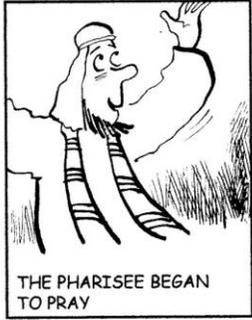
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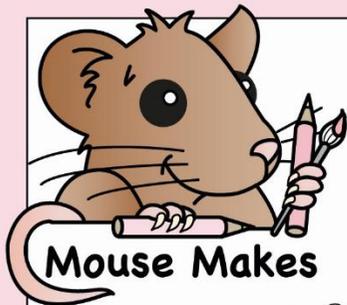
Watch this space. Due to Hilary having been admitted to hospital at the end of February, it may be necessary to suspend the publication of Grapevine for the time being, until the situation is clearer. Discussions are already taking place between Carey and Belmont about the way forward. Thank you for your patience with this matter.

The
Tale of the
**TWO MEN
SAYING
THEIR
PRAYERS**



**THE OTHER WAS A TAX
COLLECTOR. (NOT A POPULAR
MAN IN JESUS' DAY!).**





Mouse Makes

WHO IS MY MOTHER?



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|---------|-----------|
| CAIN | ELIZABETH |
| ISAAC | HANNAH |
| JESUS | RACHEL |
| JACOB | REBEKAH |
| TIMOTHY | EVE |
| JOSEPH | MARY |
| SAMUEL | SARAH |
| JOHN | EUNICE |



Whose prayers for a child were answered by God?

Genesis 17:19

1 Samuel 1:20

Who was Ruth's Mother-in-Law?

Ruth 1:1-5

Eunice was Timothy's mother, but who was her mother?

2 Timothy 1:5

Who saved her baby by putting him in a basket in the river?

Exodus 6:20

Look up the Bible verses then find the answers and the names below in the word search

- REBEKAH
- ELIZABETH
- EUNICE
- RUTH
- MARY
- RACHEL
- LEAH
- ZIPLAH
- MOTHER
- MUM



E E L O I S Z I L A M J H
 U V N Z M A R Y Z U O Z R
 N E A D U R U T H L T I A
 I J O C H A B E D E H L C
 C I M B J H M U M A E P H
 E L I Z A B E T H H R A E
 R E B E K A H A N N A H L

Look up the Bible verses and find out who the Bible mothers are.



M _____ Matt 1:16

O _____ 2 Tim 1:5

T _____ 1 Kings 1:11

H _____ 1 Sam 1:20

E _____ Gen 34:1

R _____ Gen 30:22

How many other words can you make from:

MOTHERING SUNDAY



MARCH DIARY

BELMONT ROAD

(Services on Zoom and in church – see page 2 - All services led by Tim Keightley unless otherwise stated)

Sunday 5 th	10.30am	Worship Service
Sunday 12 th	10.30am	All-age Service
Sunday 19 th	10.30am	Open Service
Sunday 26 th	10.30am	Communion Service

CAREY

(Services in church and on Zoom and edited audio recording on website – all led by Colin Cartwright unless otherwise stated)

Sunday 5 th	10.30am	Morning Service
Tuesday 7 th	8.00pm	Deacons' Meeting
Sunday 12 th	10.30am	All-age Service
Mondays 13 th , 20 th , 27 th	10.30am – 12noon	Bible-Study on Zoom (page 5)
Tuesday 14 th	12noon for 12.30pm	Ladies Group Lunch
Wednesday 15 th	7.30pm	Church AGM II and Ordinary Church Meeting (page 5)
Sunday 19 th	10.30am	Morning Service including Communion
Tuesday 21 st	11.30am	Brian Jones' Thanksgiving Service
Sunday 26 th	10.30am	Morning Service
Tuesday 28 th	2.30pm	Carey Hymn Café (NB change from usual week) (page 5)

GROVEHILL

(Services in church and on Facebook see page 6)

Sundays	11.00am	Communion Service in church and on Facebook
Saturdays	10.00am- 12noon	'Drinks and Dunkables' in Church Hall
Sunday 5 th	3.30pm	Causeway Church (page 6)
Fridays 10 th , 24 th	2.00pm	'Just a Thought' Bible Study Group

Saturday 11 th	7.00pm	Beetle Drive (page 6)
Sundays 12 th , 26 th	6.00-7.00pm	Hard COR Youth Group (10-14 year-olds)
Sunday 19 th	6.00-7.00pm	Digging Deeper Bible Youth Group
Saturday 25 th	6.00pm	Film Night

OTHER EVENTS

Saturday 10 th	7.00pm	DENS Quiz Night (page 9)
Mondays 6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th	1.30-2.30pm	CTHH Lent Course (page 8)

ADVANCE DATES FOR APRIL

CAREY

Tuesday 28 th	2.30pm	Carey Hymn Café (tbc)
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GROVEHILL

Sunday 5 TH	3.30PM	Causeway Church
Saturday 11 th	7.00pm	Beetle Drive

OTHER EVENTS

Friday 3 rd	3.00pm	World Day of Prayer Service, HH Methodist Church, Northridge Way (page 6)
Friday 10 th	7.00pm	DENS Quiz (page 9)

BAPTIST ASSEMBLY – 16th-18th JUNE 2023

For this year's Baptist Assembly we will be returning to Telford and look forward to joining together with you and others from your church. Once again, the Sunday worship service will be livestreamed so that those unable to come to Telford will be able to join in our worship and hear from this year's speaker. A special 'Early Bird' discount giving 25% off the full ticket price is available to all delegates who book before 13th March. Or theme for this year is 'Mission is...' and our Main Speaker this year will be Bishop Mike Royal, General Secretary of Churches Together in England. For further information see website www.baptistassembly.org.uk

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT
27th February – 12th March

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD BAPTIST CHURCHES
SUNDAY SERVICES

(see pages 2-6 & 18-19 for current variations to this pattern)

BELMONT ROAD

(Bennetts End)

www.belmontroadbaptist.co.uk

Morning Worship - 10.30am

Sunday Club (5 - 15 years)

Occasional All Age Family Worship on 2nd Sunday in month

4th Sunday in month includes Communion

CAREY

(Marlowes)

www.careybaptisthemel.org.uk

Morning Worship - 10.30am – Children's Church and Youth Church

2nd Sunday in month All Age Family Worship

3rd Sunday in month includes Communion

GROVEHILL ANGLICAN/FREE CHURCH

(Church of the Resurrection, Henry Wells Square)

www.grovehillchurch.org.uk

Morning Worship - 11.00am - with Junior Church

2nd Sunday in month: All Age Worship

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