



# Keeping Connected at Dedworth Green Baptist Church

*Building friendship... building faith*

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**'...if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.'**

*1 John 1:7*

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## Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### **From the Manse...**

#### ***... was lost and is found***

Dear friends,

The other day Pauline lost her key to our front door, and she turned the house upside down looking for it. It wasn't in any of the obvious places (handbags, shelf in the hall etc.) so she looked everywhere else (kitchen cupboards, fridge, washing machine...) to no avail. We tried the church building late in the evening, but there was not a key in sight. Finally, with every possibility exhausted except that it had got lost when we were out for a walk, we resigned ourselves to its loss, along with the attached Tesco club card. Our only hope was that if anyone did find it, they would at least shop at Tesco and use our card to earn points for our account. Just before bed, Pauline went into the kitchen, and noticed that the small stack of flyers on the work surface which she had moved to one side during the search had slipped slightly... and there was the key just visible under the top sheet. Crisis over!

It's true that small dramas so often turn into crises, especially when our frustration boils over into real anger or despair. Thankfully, no-one got hurt in

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this particular case as Matthew kept his head down and didn't say anything unhelpful! But for Pauline it was a real worry, and she gave grateful thanks to God when the key was safely back where it should be. But whether it's a lost item, an unhelpful conversation, or the prospect of a local lockdown, everything and anything can bring us to the point where we no longer have peace of mind. This is especially true at the moment, and until we bring ourselves to set aside our pride or fear, and tell each other how the issue is burdening us, we cannot rest. Once we have shared it with someone who understands, we can often put it aside and find life manageable again. And if the problem is subsequently solved, we can all share in the pleasure and relief.

Jesus understood this when he told his followers stories about a lost sheep and a lost coin, because he knew that what we value has deep significance for us, so that something apparently unimportant is still worth seeking and finding when it is lost. These were actually valuable items, but the owners still possessed many more of the same, so that an extensive search for the lost ones might have seemed more trouble than it was worth. Yet they searched with all their might and when they found what they were looking for they shared their joy with their neighbours and celebrated together. But Jesus also tells a third story, which explores the pain of a father whose most beloved son intentionally loses himself, so he can do nothing more except watch and pray that his boy will come to his senses and come home. Israelite fathers were not supposed to care about disrespectful children who had left them without a backward glance, so this story was shocking in its implication that to God we are of such immeasurable value that He seeks us with all His heart, and watches out for us until we turn back to Him and are found. When we do He celebrates, and all heaven with Him.

God knows and cares when we lose our peace of mind, as it is always precious to Him. Whatever the cause, let's not be afraid to share our small dramas as well as our great crises with Him, and with each other, mindful that His heart and love are with us when we do. And when the crisis is past, and that which was lost is found, so that our peace is restored and life can begin again, let's celebrate together.

With our love and prayers,

**Matthew and Pauline**

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## This Week at DGBC – and beyond

### Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> September

10.30am **Morning Worship at DGBC** - Led by Matthew & Pauline Scott.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we can only accommodate 30 people therefore it will be necessary to book ahead. **Please contact Sandy Reynolds at [secretary@dgbc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@dgbc.org.uk) or telephone 01753 865719 to book your place.**

10.30am DGBC Morning Worship online followed by Virtual Sunday School.

11.45am Coffee & Catchup via Zoom\*

### Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September

9.00-10.00am Our Church building will be open for private prayer.

7.45pm Pat & Dudley's Zoom Group\*

2.30pm Jenny's Zoom Group\*

### Wednesday 23rd September

7.00pm Baptist Union Online Prayer Broadcast

7.45pm Carol's Zoom Group\*

### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September

1.30-2.30pm Windsor Foodshare

4.00pm Deacons' Meeting via Zoom\*

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September

9.00-9.30am Pause for Prayer via Zoom\*

*If you require links to any Zoom meeting, please contact Matthew Scott*

Keep up to date at

[www.dgbc.org.uk](http://www.dgbc.org.uk)

on Facebook or on Twitter



<https://www.facebook.com/DGBCWindsorUK>



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Join our General Secretary Lynn Green and guest(s) at 7.00pm on Wednesday.

[www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/338268/Prayer\\_broadcasts.aspx](http://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/338268/Prayer_broadcasts.aspx)

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20<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
Morning Worship with DGBC

*This service will be accessible on the church website from Sunday morning, when it can be viewed by clicking on the relevant link in the 'Matthew's Messages' page*

*<http://www.dgbc.org.uk/minister-matthew-scott/matthews-messages/>*

*Failing that, it will also be available on our YouTube channel by clicking the following link: -*

*[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kdugliaCXUk&list=PLUj2AD1jgsE4TqlprCd8ats1REsokxTZm)*

*[v=kdugliaCXUk&list=PLUj2AD1jgsE4TqlprCd8ats1REsokxTZm](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kdugliaCXUk&list=PLUj2AD1jgsE4TqlprCd8ats1REsokxTZm)*

*All videos should run in succession without any further action on your part.*

*(You may nevertheless need to skip the occasional advert,  
or adjust your volume for some videos)*

**Song** Wonderful grace

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

**Song** – (i) All my days (Beautiful Saviour)

**Prayers of Praise \***

Living God,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
for you have made us and given us life,  
you have redeemed us and set us free.

Loving God,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
for you have found us and made us your own,  
named us and called us 'Beloved'.

Accompanying God,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
for you have promised to be with us always  
and nothing can separate us from your love.

**God, our God,  
we love you and adore you. Amen**

*\* Gathering for Worship, p.306*

**Reading** – Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-13

**Song** – What a friend we have in Jesus

**Message** – *Matthew & Pauline*

**Spoken Word Video** – Eden – Dai Woolridge

**Communion** – *Part 1*

**Song** – When I survey

**Communion** – *Part 2*

**Closing greetings**

**Closing Song** – Nailed to the cross

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***For personal reflection and / or virtual Home Group discussion during the week: -***

- Read Genesis 2:15-17 and Genesis 3:1-13, in the context of the whole creation accounts in Genesis 1 - 3
  - ◇ Compare the freedoms that God gave humanity, with the restrictions that he imposed. Which are greater?
  - ◇ What is it about the ‘knowledge of good and evil’ that might be a problem for us?
  - ◇ Why did God put it within our reach, whilst at the same time warning us not to touch it?
- Read the end of the Bible in Revelation 21 and 22: -
  - ◇ What are the similarities and differences between this and the Genesis description of life in Eden?
- Reflect on some of your favourite accounts of Jesus’ earthly life as recorded in the Gospels: -
  - ◇ In what ways does he restore an unhindered relationship between us and God... then... and now?
- Reflect on your own life: -
  - ◇ How has Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, restored your relationship with God?
  - ◇ Why not write down some of the story of God’s goodness and love for you, or share it with a friend?
- Are there any parts of your life that you are still trying to hide from God?
  - ◇ Why not invite him into that area of life, to put it right and to deepen your relationship with him. Ask for the Holy Spirit’s help to walk more closely with Jesus.

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**PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK...**

- ◆ For the family of Rosemarie Sibley whose funeral takes place on Wednesday.
- ◆ For the Wilson family as Peter’s funeral takes place on Friday.
- ◆ For those around the country who are having to cope with local lockdowns. Pray for a reduction in the rate of spread of Covid-19.
- ◆ Continue to pray that God will overcome Covid-19. It is the power of God that makes what seems impossible possible. Nothing is impossible with God (Luke 1:37)



## Wednesday 30th September 2020 Virtual Church Members Meeting and Annual General Meeting

Dear friends, due to COVID-19 guidelines, it is unlikely that we will be able to successfully hold quorate 'in person' church members meetings in the near future. In light of updated advice from the Baptist Union, we therefore plan to hold the above virtual meeting, over Zoom, for the purpose of reaching decisions on essential agenda items, with a view to formally ratifying those decisions at the earliest possible quorate 'in person' meeting.

The agenda and relevant documents will be circulated, via email (hard-copy for those not on email), to church members, the weekend prior to the meeting and we ask that you review the documents in advance of the meeting in order to keep the time spent online to a minimum.

The meeting will start promptly at **7.30pm** and will last for half an hour. At 8:00pm we invite all members of our congregation to join us to discuss and pray about any issues around our ongoing church life and ministry at this difficult time. We will aim to finish at 8.30pm.

More information on how to access the meeting will be sent to you nearer the time.

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.  
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."  
*Martin Luther King Jr.*



### Christmas Shoebox Appeal

It's the time of year when our Christmas Shoeboxes need to be packed up and sent off. Currently, we are short of the following items

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| Pens            | Pencils  | Coloured Pencils  |
| Toothbrushes    | Flannels | Hairbrushes, etc. |
| Hairbands, etc. | Balls    | Toy cars          |

Please contact Janet Dent [janetdent@talktalk.net](mailto:janetdent@talktalk.net) if you can provide any of the above items. She is willing to come and collect.

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## The Rule of Six

Following the recent Covid-19 restriction on meeting in groups of more than six, Darren Blaney, minister of Herne Bay Baptist Church has written an article in the Baptist Times about some other rules of six. The following is the final part of that article:

### A Guide for Prayer and Faith

One final application of a Rule of Six comes from my friend and Baptist church planter, Steve Hill. Many years ago, he and a few colleagues came up with a 1-3-6 Plan, based on 1 Cor 3v6. "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow." Here is how it worked.

- God alone gives the increase, but we have a role to play in planting and watering.
- So each Christian picks 6 non-Christian friends or family members, and commits to praying for them for a year. (This can be praying for all six every day, or more likely, a different person on each day of the week, with a day left spare for catching-up if a day is missed,)
- As part of the praying, one asks God for an opportunity to witness to each of the six friends during the coming year and also the opportunity to invite each of them to a service or outreach event.
- The idea is then to trust God that at least three of them will attend, and at least one of them will come to faith. Hence 1-3-6.
- If each and every Christian did this, the church would see significant growth (Another take on '1... 3... 6')

At a time when many leaders are wondering how to do evangelism in our zoom-focused, covid-19 limited world, perhaps we should take advantage of the opportunity provided by fewer meetings, and instead use the time to focus on preparing and training Christians for witness. If everyone of our members in everyone of our churches started doing this Rule of Six during this period, what might the results be over the next 18 months?

Full article at [www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/587851/The\\_Rule\\_of.aspx](http://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/587851/The_Rule_of.aspx)



On 31 August **Griffithstown Baptist Church** in South Wales was able to do an outdoor baptism while staying within government guidelines for Covid.

Ruth came to faith through Christianity Explored and she was baptised in the local river by minister the Revd Jon Dickerson and Minister in Training Tania Vaughan. It was a wonderful public witness which attracted a few young onlookers who asked questions. The video of the baptism is [here](#).



Foodshare currently have a shortage of the following items:

**Tinned Meat, Fish & Vegetables**  
**Soup Rice Instant Mash**  
**Cooking Sauces Herbs/Spices**  
**Tinned Desserts Jam**  
**Breakfast Cereals UHT Milk**  
**Fruit Juice/Squash Tea Bags/ Instant Coffee**

*Food contributions can be left at Waitrose & Tesco. There will also be a box outside the front door of DGBC, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10.00am-12 noon.*

*If you are self isolating and so cannot physically provide food items a financial donation can be given via [www.windsorfoodshare.org.uk/food-donations/](http://www.windsorfoodshare.org.uk/food-donations/)*

*All contributions, food or financial, will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.*

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Items for the weekly Welcome sheet (deadline 11.00am Thursday) to  
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