

Diary of Events

	AM	PM
1	Breakfast Church (9:00) All-Age Easter Celebration - Romanian Fellowship (16:00)	
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3	Foodbank (10:00-12:00)	
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5	Foodbank (10:00-12:00)	
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8	BFC All-Age Service (9:00), Seminar (10:25)	
9	Church Spring Cleaning from 9:00am	
10	Foodbank (10:00-12:00)	
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12	Foodbank (10:00-12:00)	
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14		Alpha Course Away Day (10:00 - 16:00)
15	BFC All-Age Service (9:00), Seminar (10:25)	
16	Little Tykes Toddlers (10:00-12:00)	
17	Foodbank (10:00-12:00)	Alpha Course (19:00)
18		Girls' Brigade (17:15), CAP Course (19:30)
19	Foodbank (10:00-12:00)	
20	Little Oaks Toddlers (9:30-11:00)	Boys' Brigade (18:00)
21	(Private Hall Booking)	
22	Breakfast Church (9:00), Seminar (10:25)	
23	Little Tykes Toddlers (10:00-12:00)	
24	Foodbank (10:00-12:00)	Alpha Course (19:00)
25		Girls' Brigade (17:15), CAP Course (19:30)
26	Foodbank (10:00-12:00)	Townswomen's Guild (13:45)
27	Little Oaks Toddlers (9:30-11:00)	Boys' Brigade (18:00)
28	(Private Hall Booking)	(Private Hall Booking)
29	Breakfast Church (9:00), Seminar (10:25)	
30	Little Tykes Toddlers (10:00-12:00)	

ABC

Addlestone
BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWS & INFORMATION April 2018



Good News! – when was the last time you heard some really good news? Perhaps news of an impending family wedding or a couple's joy at finding out they're pregnant. What did you do with that piece of news? Did you keep it to yourself, or did you think, 'I can't wait to tell ... when they get home from work'. Good news is meant to be shared and there is tremendous joy in both the receiving and sharing of good news. So what about sharing the gospel - the good news of Jesus Christ? It's a tricky one really. How many pieces of good news start off with 'hey, guess what... someone has died for

you!' How do we share the good news that Jesus loves us so much he willingly went to the cross to show us? And what does the good news of Jesus actually look like in practical terms for people living in Addlestone in 2018? These are the challenges we face as we seek to fulfil our part of the great commission to go into all the world and preach the good news of Jesus. During the coming weeks in our Breakfast Church services we'll be exploring what the good news of Jesus is and how we can share it passionately, boldly and sensitively with the people around us.

MISSION FOCUS



Arab World Ministries (AWM) is a ministry of Pioneers.

Our particular vision is to glorify God by initiating church-planting movements among Muslim peoples of the Arab world.

Arab World Ministries (AWM) springs from a rich mission history rooted back in the 1880s.

The ministry originally brought together North Africa Mission, Algiers Mission Band, Southern Morocco Mission, and Dades Valley Fellowship.

The name Arab World Ministries was adopted in 1987 to reflect the

passion of this growing mission family for reaching Muslims of the Arab world – wherever they may be found – with the good news of Jesus Christ.



After prayerful discernment, the mission joined the dynamic Pioneers movement in order to make an even bigger impact for God's Kingdom among unreached people groups in the Arab world and beyond.

The Heart of Pioneers

Each mission organisation has a unique personality, which is shaped by the vision and values of its leaders and members. In Pioneers, our Core Values are critically important. They shed light on our God-given vision and define how we go about fulfilling that vision. They give an important insight into the "heart and soul" of who we are, what we do, and how we do it. Core values do not say everything that is important about Pioneers, but they do highlight our most cherished priorities.



Passion For God

Our passion is to glorify God throughout the nations of the world, through obedience to the Bible and by living and proclaiming the message of salvation through Jesus Christ. It is an act of worship to actively participate in some way in the Great Commission.



Unreached People Groups

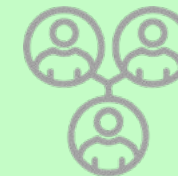
Our primary goal is to impact people groups that have had the least opportunity to hear the message of Christ – areas, cultures and people groups

where the gospel has yet to be effectively proclaimed.



Church Planting Movements

To us, church planting is not simply grass roots evangelism. It means long term commitment to the process of empowering and equipping local believers to become disciple makers. We seek to participate in church-planting movements through a huge range of diverse and creative activities.



We Work in Teams

Our entire ethos and structure rests on the strength, growth, creativity, diversity and cohesiveness of our teams. Our teams are free to mobilise new workers, set strategic goals and determine their own terms of service, support levels, location and strategy.



Servant Leadership

We have a largely decentralised leadership structure with an interactive approach to decision making. This greatly

enhances dialogue, participation and ownership of the decision making process. This core value is also known as participatory servant leadership across the Pioneers mission family.



An Ethos of Grace

We are committed to nurturing an atmosphere of mutual acceptance, open communication and trust. To that end, people are given the freedom to experiment with new ideas and implement creative methods and even if they fail, they can try again. This “ethos of grace” touches all that we do, say and seek to accomplish.



Local Church Partnerships

The local church is central to God’s

mission thrust. We seek to establish partnerships with sending churches and, where possible, with local Christians in indigenous churches and with other mission organisations.



Creativity and Innovation

We encourage men and women to use whatever means will be

effective in communicating the gospel. Creative ideas, innovative strategies and unique concepts are being employed everyday by Pioneers teams around the world.

Contrary to mainstream news, there is hope for the Arab world. The Lord is sending people and raising up indigenous believers in countries where followers of Jesus are very much in the minority, and where millions have not heard the gospel.

Saleh*, in Egypt, has been studying the Bible with one of our workers for three months. Coming to Christ has dramatically turned his life around.

Believe me, I
was in a ‘coma’
– in the
darkness – but
the Lord Jesus
brought me
light because
He sent you to
me.



Prayer Is The Cornerstone

PRAYER is the cornerstone of all we do. As children of God we have been given the authority of Christ to pray in power and see His Kingdom come in the Arab world. We love to partner with the Lord in prayer, and rejoice as we witness answers and testimonies from our ministry teams. We firmly believe that nothing will be accomplished in the Arab world without prayer and complete dependence upon God. We are committed to praying until the work is done. We could not do all that we do without the faithful support of our wonderful prayer supporters. We produce materials to help resource these prayer warriors

Prayerline

This fortnightly prayer email concentrates on urgent prayer

needs as they arise. If you’d like to receive these emails please visit our website: awm-pioneers.org

Prayerlink

This quarterly prayer diary focuses on praying strategically for the vision and key prayer needs of our teams ministering in the Arab world and among Arabic-speaking communities. Again, please visit our website to sign up. If you would like to join our prayer team in PRAYING UP A STORM across the Arab world email mariep@awm-pioneers.org for more information.

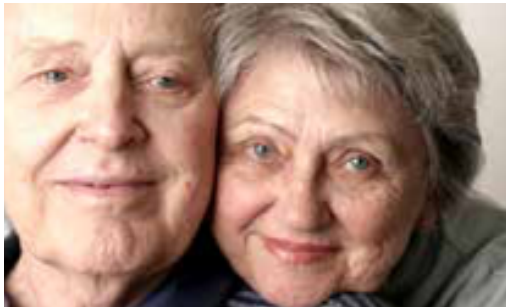
Praying For The Nations

Want to capture God’s heart for the nations but don’t know where to start? Praying for the Nations introductory country profiles and simple prayer points will help you and your prayer group. Available via our website.



In a new feature in our Monthly magazine we're going to be exploring what it is to be a Baptist church - our history, our core values and our wider baptist family! In this first edition we'll be giving an general introduction to what it is to be a Baptist Church.

(The following information was produced by the Baptist Union of Great Britain)



Baptist Churches: An Introduction

Congratulations! You have made contact with a Baptist church. This will be one of at least 2500 Baptist churches in the British Isles and tens of thousands across the globe. You may be asking, how is a Baptist church different from any other church? This leaflet answers that question by giving a short introduction to what a typical Baptist church might look like, do and believe.

But first,

Every Baptist congregation is different. Baptist churches meet in different kinds of buildings, adopt various styles of worship and may even have differing convictions on some matters. Exactly the same is true of other denominations, of course. It is also true that most of what Baptists believe places them in mainstream Christianity whereby, they share a common faith with other Christian denominations. In a Baptist church there may be some things that are immediately obvious to any visitor. For instance,

- Baptist worship is relatively simple without a large amount of material read from a prayer book;
- A strong emphasis is placed on preaching and this is likely to take up a fair part of any service;
- Ministers may be wearing special robes but are more likely to be dressed like anybody else;
- Church life can be quite busy. Baptists enjoy being together and try to live as an open and welcoming community;

- When they celebrate communion, the bread and wine (usually non-alcoholic) are normally passed around the congregation rather than received at the front of the church;
- When baptisms take place, this is by full immersion, and those being baptised are old enough to have made their own decision. This is where the name 'Baptist' comes from;
- When new born children are welcomed into the church community, this is through a short service called 'infant presentation', or sometimes 'dedication', in which the child is blessed and the parents and the congregation make promises. But they are not baptised.

These ways of doing things reflect some basic beliefs about what is important in being a Christian with Baptist beliefs.



Basic Beliefs

Baptism is a good place to start when talking about basic Christian beliefs. Baptists do not practise infant baptism but what is called 'believers' baptism'. This is because being a Christian involves making a choice to follow Jesus



Christ, and nobody else can make this decision for us. It is a personal decision and infants are too young to make it. To be sincere, faith has to be free, and not compelled. Believers' baptism symbolises this free decision.

Following on from this, Baptists believe in the 'free church' principle, that is, that

each congregation is free to make its own decisions under God. This means that Baptist churches are characterised by the very significant involvement of their members in making decisions about the life of the church. This is a process that others would describe as 'democracy'. Baptists prefer to think of it as 'discerning the mind of Christ'. They have also always been committed to the need for religious liberty and a free society in which to live.

A Baptist DNA

Baptist churches believe in

- The lordship of Christ that sets us free to be our true selves;
- The authority of the bible, because in the bible we learn about Christ;
- Believers' baptism, because it expresses a truly personal faith;
- A free or believers' church, because it is a genuine expression of Christian community and consists of people who have made a 'covenant' commitment to each other;
- The priesthood of all believers, because it affirms the place of all Christians in the worship and service of God;
- Church membership and Church Members' Meetings, because in this way we can all take responsibility for the life of the church;
- Interdependence, because we need each other and each church needs other churches;
- Sharing the faith, because we are people of conviction and want others to become part of us;
- Religious freedom, because only free faith is true faith and all should have the freedom to come to their own convictions.

Together these beliefs create a distinctive identity for a Baptist church.

Leadership in the church³



All leaders in a Baptist congregation are there because they have been elected by the members of the church. Ministers are those who have been specially called to their work and extensively trained for it. They are commissioned by being ordained but can only serve any particular congregation because they have been called to do so by the church members. They are teachers of the Christian faith,

pastors of the church and share the faith in the community wherever they can. Together with local leaders who are deacons and (sometimes) elders, they serve the church by leading it in its mission.⁴ All of these people seek to be available to help others inside and outside the church.

A Very Brief History

Christians with Baptist-like beliefs first emerged on the radical end of the Protestant Reformation in Switzerland and Germany in about 1525. They underwent a great deal of persecution. The first English-speaking Baptist church was founded in 1609, among English exiles in Amsterdam, by a former clergyman, John Smyth. The first Baptist congregation on English soil was founded in 1612 in Spitalfields, London by Thomas Helwys. Helwys published, at about the same time, the first appeal in the English language for full religious liberty, for which he was imprisoned. Baptists are now found in most countries of the world with the largest concentration being in the United States of America. Dr Martin Luther King Jr, former President Jimmy Carter and former Vice-President Al Gore (all of them Nobel Prize Winners) are known for their Baptist convictions. Dr Billy Graham, the well-known evangelist, is a Baptist minister. See http://www.baptist.org.uk/baptist_life/baptist_history.html for a time line summary of Baptist history.

Being connected



Across the world there are an estimated 110 million Baptists, making this the second largest Protestant Christian denomination in the world. In addition there are many others who share Baptist convictions in other denominations. The largest Baptist grouping in the UK is the Baptist Union of Great Britain

(BUGB), but there are also the Baptist Union of Scotland, the Baptist Union of Wales, the Association of Irish Baptist Churches and some other groups. Baptist churches that are members of BUGB usually belong to a Regional Association of churches. Several million people across Europe belong to the European Baptist Federation and many millions globally belong to the Baptist World Alliance. Beyond their own community, Baptists see themselves as very much part of the whole Christian church throughout the world and have many ways of showing their commitment to the universal family of Christians.



Finally,

In short, to be a Baptist Christian, is to belong to a movement with an honourable history, clear core convictions, a commitment to community and an evangelical, Christian faith that is profoundly committed to freedom. It is a movement with Christ at the centre, with mainstream Christian beliefs but with a radical edge to its commitment. These all constitute good reasons for being part of a Baptist church. Baptists also have a good future to look forward to. By the grace of God, this movement is continuing to thrive and exercise significant influence right across the globe.



For more information, and for details of local Baptist congregations, go to the Baptist Union of Great Britain's website at www.baptist.org.uk where you also will find details of further publications including Baptist Basics. Other websites that will provide more information about the wider Baptist family are:

Baptist Union of Scotland: www.scottishbaptist.org.uk

Baptist Union of Wales: www.buw.org.uk

Association of Irish Baptist Churches: www.baptistireland.org

European Baptist Federation: www.ebf.org

Baptist World Alliance: www.bwanet.org

For more information see:

- ¹ Baptist Basics: Believers' Baptism
- ² Baptist Basics: The Church Members' Meeting
- ³ Baptist Basics: Leadership in the Local Church
- ⁴ Baptist Basics: Mission and Evangelism

KIDS CHURCH

living, learning and loving Jesus

A fun-packed group for
2s-10s on Sundays
starting at 9:30
approx.

For more information
please see the separate
flyer.



Starting Wednesday 18th April



What is the CAP Money Course?

The CAP Money Course is a revolutionary, free money management course that teaches people budgeting skills and a simple, cash-based system that really works. This course will help anyone to gain more control over their finances so they can save, give and prevent debt.

Who is the course for?

No matter what your financial situation is, the CAP Money Course can benefit you. The tools that are taught on the CAP Money Course are vital life skills, so whether you are financially well-off or not, self-employed, on benefits or in debt - **this course is for you!**

As well as the core principles covered in the CAP Money Course, there is also extra material provided to help support: those on a low income, couples, families, those who are self-employed, those preparing for retirement.

When and where?

The course is run over three Wednesday evenings (18th, 25th April and 2nd May) starting at 7:30pm. And we'll be meeting at Addlestone Baptist Church.

Registering for the course?

If you would like further information about the course please speak to Ben Fortescue as soon as possible.

Please note, while the course is completely free it's important that you pre-register. This can be done by either speaking to Ben or visiting the CAP website: capuk.org and entering your postcode to find our course.

South Runnymede Churches

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hours of fun, fellowship and
teaching for all the family

Friday 22nd - Saturday 23rd June 2018



Event Programme

Friday 22nd June

15:00 - Arrive and pitch tents
18:00 - Evening meal*
19:30 - 21:30 - Evening celebration

Saturday 23rd June

7:30 - Breakfast*
9:30 - 11:00 Seminar
11:00 - Break
11:30 - 12:45 Seminar
13:00 - Lunch (BBQ Feast or BYO Picnic - tbc)
14:00 - 17:00 Afternoon activities
5:00 - Evening Meal*
18:15 - 20:00 - Evening celebration
20:00 - Pack-down and depart

Prices

£15 per adult
£25 for one adult and one child
£40 for a family (two adults + children)

**Breakfast and evening meals included*

To book your place please visit:
kingschurchaddlestone.org.uk/being-big-church/

If you have any questions regarding the event
please speak to your church leader.

BOOK NOW TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE!

at kingschurchaddlestone.org.uk/being-big-church/

See separate flyer for more details

Foodbank really needs the following:
**Tinned ham, tinned hotdogs,
tinned meatballs, tinned rice pudding,
sponge puddings, shampoo, conditioner,
anti-bacterial surface cleaner,
washing up liquid, kitchen roll,
toothbrushes and loo rolls**

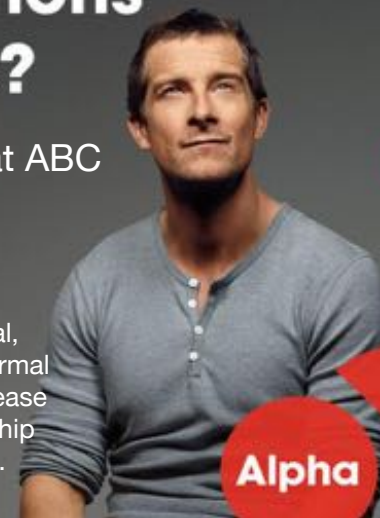


Got questions about life?

The Alpha Course at ABC

Tuesdays @ 7:00pm
(starting 16th January)

The evenings include a meal,
video presentation and informal
chat. If you're interested please
speak to one of the leadership
team, or call 01932 820709.



Alpha

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