# Forest Gate Baptist Church

# Forest Gate, Blackpool

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# 'Taking Jesus to the People, Bringing the People to Jesus.'

# April Noticesheet 2017

# **Sunday Services**

26 <sup>th</sup> March	Morning Worship at 10.45 a.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Communion
	Led by Margaret Swires
9 <sup>th</sup> April	Palm Sunday
	Led by Margaret Swires
	Short Prayer Meeting in Prayer
	Corner after service
14 <sup>th</sup> April	Good Friday
	Led by Margaret Swires
	Coffee and Hot Cross Buns
	after the service
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday
	Family Worship with
	Communion
	Led by Margaret Swires
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	TBA
30 <sup>th</sup> April	TBA

#### Visitors' Book

If you are visiting us could you please sign the Visitors' Book downstairs. Tea and coffee are served downstairs in the hall after the morning service.

Just a reminder that ANYONE is invited to join the deacons for prayer before each service in the room by the lift.

The following are the proposed activities for April. Any changes or additions will be on the screen in church each week so please keep up to date by making a note of any changes.

### **Prayer Meetings**

The Prayer Meetings will take place after the service on the second Sunday of each month and takes place on Sunday 9th April for a short time after the service in the prayer corner.

### Lent Prayer and Bible Study

There will be meetings each Monday for six weeks through Lent for Prayer and Bible Study starting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 2 p.m. until Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April. Please join us as we prepare for Easter. All are welcome.

## Messy Church

The next Messy Church will be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April from 2 – 4 p.m. Helpers are meeting at 12 noon to help set up. The Messy Church will have an Easter theme.

# Tuesday Luncheon Club

Our next Tuesday Luncheon Club will be on Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup> from 11.30a.m. All are welcome why not come and give it a try.

# A.B.C. Toddler Group

Our Toddler Group will close for Easter holidays on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April and re-open on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

#### **Easter Services**

On Good Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> April there will be Friday Worship at 10.45 a.m. followed by hot cross buns and coffee.

## Gift Day

Our recent Gift Day raised £1,500 and we thank everyone for their gifts.

#### Thanks

Liz would like to thank everyone of the church family for all the cards, flowers, prayers and loving support shown to her, Alan and Anne-Louise when Liz's Mum passed away.

### Fylde Baptist United Evening Service.

The next United Evening Service will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> April at St. Anne's Baptist Church (on St. Andrew's Road South) at 6.30 p.m. The preacher will be Rev. Tony Crawford (Leyland) who is network minister for North West Lancashire. He is looking forward to this opportunity for further fellowship with Baptists along the Fylde Coast. The service will be led by Jeremy McCandless who is currently pastor at St. Annes.

### **Prayers**

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Joan Johnson is home from Clifton Hospital and doing well.

Jean Haworth has been in hospital with pneumonia and is feeling better.

Kath Pemberton is still in hospital and is keeping bright and positive,

Sylvia Kirton's daughter is currently waiting to have an operation.

Please keep Tracey, Caleb, Josh, Reuben and Joe in your prayers.

### Special Birthday Congratulations

We send our best wishes to Olive who is celebrating a very special birthday on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Enjoy the day.

# Birthday Greetings.

Congratulations to the following people who celebrate their birthday during April:

Olive Brookes (5<sup>th</sup>), Eileen Howell (5<sup>th</sup>), Caleb Bond (21<sup>st</sup>), Liz Westhead (22<sup>nd</sup>), Anne-Louise Westhead (23<sup>rd</sup>), Gillian Gascoigne (26<sup>th</sup>), Lynn Ogden (28<sup>th</sup>), Janet Morley (28<sup>th</sup>).

### For your prayers:

Week beginning  $2^{nd}$  April – those whose surname begin with R – Edna Rawding, John Revens, Beulah Rowland Week beginning  $9^{th}$  April – those whose surname begin with S – Janet Shore, Ian, Lindsay, Ben and Amelia Smith, Andrew and Gemma Summers.

Week beginning  $16^{th}$  April – those whose surname begin with T – June and Tom Truelove

Week beginning  $23^{\text{rd}}$  April – those whose surname begin with V-Kath Vacquer

Week beginning  $30^{th}$  April – those whose surname begin with W – Alan, Liz and Anne-Louise Westhead, Audrey Whittaker

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# In the Garden of Gethsemane

Before the dawn of Easter
There came Gethsemane...
Before the Resurrection
There were hours of agony...
For there can be no crown of stars
Without a cross to bear,
And there is no salvation
Without FAITH and LOVE and PRAYER
That dark night in Gethsemane –
"THY WILL, NOT MINE, BE DONE"

Helen Steiner Rice