

Notices

The **March of Witness** will take place on Friday 30th March, meeting at the Market Cross at 10.30am for a short service. Then at 10.45am setting off for the march towards St. Peter's Hill arriving for a service where Ken Matthews will be speaking. Josh Brooks and Louie Harvey will be providing the music, so our church is heavily involved. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Malcolm and Jenny Hewitson's **Life Group** is now meeting at 7pm on a Monday evening at 142 Harrowby Road.

The **Connect Group** meet on a Friday morning at 10am to 12pm and are willing to help to 'connect' people in the fellowship. Please feel free to drop in and see them.

Welcome to Grantham Baptist Church



- Making Disciples...Transforming Lives -

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Minister's Message:

Sue and I have been working through the book of Romans in our morning hours. We cannot escape the repeated call to **declare** the good news of Jesus. Romans 1v16 says 'I am not ashamed of the gospel (the good news about Jesus), for it is the power of God for salvation for everyone that believes'. Quite rightly there has been an emphasis of late on demonstrating the gospel by our lives – dubbed a 'conduct driven gospel' – all well and good. But we still need to speak! Words are needed. We also need a 'content driven gospel' where the message of Christ is proclaimed on our frontlines in the power of the Spirit. 'How will they call on Him... how will they believe without hearing? – how beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news' (Romans 10). Jesus was '**declared** to be the Son of God in power through the Holy Spirit by His resurrection from the dead'. The global prayer guide 'Operation World' states that the UK church has 'lost confidence in the power of the spoken gospel'! Yet it is this very gospel that invites God's power to transform lives. God invites us to 'get up close and personal' through believing in the risen Saviour Jesus Christ. Mary Magdalene's encounter with the risen Jesus in John 20 illustrates this perfectly. He wants to change us from the inside out as we invite Him into our lives. Romans 15v19 tells us that where the gospel is proclaimed we can expect 'mighty signs and wonders'... miracles in fact! Truth sets people free, and Jesus is the truth. The UK has enjoyed several centuries of huge revivals. Under the Wesleys and early Methodism it is estimated that a fifth of the population of Britain came to know Christ personally. Ordinary people were transformed by the extra ordinary power of the gospel message. We learned last Sunday about the gospel explosion that took place from Acts 10 starting at Cornelius' house. Peter preached the gospel focusing on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, and the Holy Spirit was poured out in power. Are we passionate for God to work powerfully in our nation again? Friends let a new gospel confidence come to us, as we focus again on the death and resurrection of Jesus. Let signs follow our declaration of the gospel.

Have a blessed Easter, Ken

Midweek Life Groups

Life Groups meet most weeks. Malcolm and Jenny Hewitson's Life Group meets on a **Monday** evening. A **Tuesday** Life Group is held at Spire View in the morning led by Margaret Finch, and the Tuesday evening groups are led by Keith & Joy Moyes and Jason & Rachel Sanders. The **Wednesday** evening Life Groups are overseen by David West, Brian & Mavis Deptford and David & Alison Whitmarsh. If you are interested in joining a group, please contact the Life Group co-ordinator Malcolm Hewitson (01476 565205). There is also a young couples and singles Life Group, for further details contact Ken and Alison Dyer (01476 418490).

If you would like an item to appear in the monthly news sheet please send it to the Church Office Team at g.b.c_ad@outlook.com, drop it in the office post box in the foyer or phone 07774691118. You can also give notices by hand during the Office Opening Hours. The deadline for submissions for the **May Newsletter is 23rd April** and **Interim Newsletter is 9th April**.

The Office is open on Mondays and Thursdays 9am-1pm and Fridays 12.30pm-3.30pm in Room 1. The Office team is Louise Lamb, Mike Leeson, Karen Marlor, Annice Whittle and Angela Sanders. Ken Matthews is usually around to see people.

If you need prayer on a Sunday morning, then a member of the Prayer Team will be happy to pray with you. Please find them to the front right of the church under the prayer banner. Should an urgent prayer request arise midweek, then please contact one of our co-coordinators: Margaret & David Bend (01476 410741), Joy & Keith Moyes (01476 570281), Gae & Peter Ellis (01400 283523).

Weekly Activities

Monday	Foundations (starting 9th April)
Tuesday	10am - 12pm: Oasis for Women in the Lower Schoolroom (term-time only) 6pm-7pm: The Passage in the Lower Schoolroom
Wednesday	10am-11.30am: Toddler Time in the Lower Schoolroom (term-time only)
Thursday	2pm: Thursday Friendship Group in the Lower Schoolroom (12th and 26th only) 7pm-8pm: The Voice Laundry in the Lower Schoolroom
Friday (All term time only)	10am-10.30am British Sign Language Lessons* 4.00pm-5.30pm- Illumin8 (for school years 6-9) 6.30pm- 7.45pm - Ignite (Good News Club), (age 7-11) in the Lower Schoolroom 8pm –9.30pm– Branches (Youth)
Saturday	Ladies' Prayer Breakfast 7th April Men's Prayer Breakfast 21st April The Call– Men's Ministry Meeting on the fourth Saturday in the month at 2pm

If you have missed a sermon or would like to hear one again you can listen to sermons via our website, www.granthambaptistchurch.co.uk, alternatively please talk to our sound team who are happy to help.

*BSL are taking a break and lessons will resume in the summer

(10 am) Morning Preaching Timetable

Date	Leading	Speaking	Topic
Duty Deacon			
1st April Chris Dove	Ken Dyer (Communion)	Ken Matthews (Miriam's dedication)	1 Cor 15 Resurrection
8th April Annice Whittle	Rachel Sanders	Ken Matthews	Rev. 8:6-11:15 The 7 Trumpets
15th April Angela Sanders	Josh Brooks	Ian Worrall	Own subject
22nd April Andy Wooldridge*	Ken Matthews	Mary Pearce and Ken Matthews	Rev. 14:1-16:21 Sealing & wrath
29th April Moira Palmer	Rosie Dyer	David West	Rev. 17—19:10

(6.30pm) Evening Timetable

Date	Leading	Speaking	Topic
Duty Deacon			
1st April	No evening service		
8th April Louise Lamb	Bob Tricker (Communion)	Aaron Thompson	1 Peter 4
15th April	6pm—6.45pm Open prayers, all welcome. Followed by Elders' and Deacons' meeting		
22nd April Annice Whittle	Keith Moyes	To be confirmed	
29th April Louise Lamb	Evening of prayer lead by Peter and Gae Ellis		

* Denotes steward

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We are extremely pleased to announce that it will be **Miriam Hannah Martha Brooks' dedication** on April 1st. Congratulations to Josh, Rachel, Esther, Ruth and Miriam! We pray you will have a blessed time sharing the day with friends and family.



The Thanksgiving Service for the life of Mary Holmes is on Monday 9th April at 12.30pm at our church.

Gae Ellis and David West are serving the teas and coffees on Sunday April 8th, and they would like to take the opportunity to raise money for the Grantham Schools' outreach which supports Liz Boland who goes into the primary schools.

The new Foundations Course is due to start on 9th April and it is on a Monday evening from 7pm to 9pm at the manse. If you are interested in joining the course to learn more about following Jesus in the GBC family, please let a member of the Church Office Team know.

There will be a Leader's Fellowship meeting for all Life Group Leaders in church on Tuesday 10th April at 7pm.

The **Church AGM** is on Thursday the 19th April at 7.30pm.

We are pleased to announce that Mary Pearce will be with us on Sunday 22nd April. She will be updating us in the morning service and taking the Training in Ministry and Leadership Course at 1pm in the afternoon. This session will be open to anyone who would like to attend and hear what Mary has to share with us.

We are excited to announce that we are having a "**Exploring your Gifts and Ministries**" training day on Sunday 24th June at 12.15pm, following the morning service. There will be opportunities to discover your giftings and how to use them to honour God. There will be a break for lunch at 1pm (please bring your own packed lunch) and we will finish by 3pm. Please put the date in your diaries!

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