

Notices

Sue Morgan wishes to thank everyone who donated money towards the church **flowers for Christmas**. We would like to thank Sue and her team for their superb arrangements.

The **British Sign Language Finger Spelling Group** meets on Fridays term-time at 10am until 10.30am led by Pippa Clutton. Everyone is welcome especially beginners.

Please note that Abimbola Durodola's new address is 18 Cressbrook Road, Grantham, Lincs, NG31 7RY. Her telephone number remains the same.

Welcome to Grantham Baptist Church



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Minister's Message:

As we enter the New Year 2018 we will be studying John's letter of Revelation together. I am sure some of us are entering the year with some apprehension and concern about where it is all going to end? What sort of World will our children and grandchildren find themselves living in? We live, and have lived, in a period of rapid change – technological developments have reached some of the most remote peoples on earth! It is unbelievable that in my time overseas I have gone from receiving personal messages via a fax machine at a public post office in remote Africa, to speaking daily, and live, on messenger or skype to people in a desert. The World has also become a more dangerous place to travel and live than at other times with the multiplication of terrorist groups. In the last century these have become World wide experiences, not just localised as they have been in history. Just think for a moment about the process of boarding a long haul flight! The Arab Spring of the Middle East, the State of Israel, the rise of the UN, the amalgamation of nation blocs, the population explosion, the globalisation of culture, increasing decadence and immorality, the massive emergence of cults and sects, the rise of antichrist religions, the liberalisation of the church, the persecution of believers, the disintegration of families and peoples, and so on and so on, - what does it all mean in relation to the 'End Times'? What should we do - and be - as God's people at this time in our generation? These are the very questions that Revelation addresses. If you take a sneaky preview of the last chapters of Revelation you will be encouraged... we are on the winning side!

Midweek Life Groups

Life Groups meet most weeks on a Tuesday and Wednesday. 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, Jason & Rachel Sanders and Malcolm & Jenny Hewitson. The **Wednesday** evening Life Groups are overseen by David West, Brian & Mavis Deptford and Marcus Pettman. 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 **February Newsletter is 19th January** and **Interim Newsletter is 2 February**.

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	
Tuesday	10am - 12pm: Oasis for Women in the Lower Schoolroom (term-time only) 6pm-7pm: The Passage in the Lower Schoolroom 8pm-9.30pm: Wellsprings Course, upstairs (9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th)
Wednesday	10am-11.30am: Toddler Time in the Lower Schoolroom (term-time only)
Thursday	2pm: Thursday Friendship Group in the Lower Schoolroom (18th 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 - Good News Club (age 7-11) in the Lower Schoolroom 8pm –9.30pm– Branches (Youth Alpha)
Saturday	8.30am: Ladies’ Prayer Breakfast in the Lower Schoolroom on the first Saturday of the month 8.30am: Men’s Prayer Breakfast in the Lower Schoolroom on the third Saturday of the month

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.

(10 am) Morning Preaching Timetable

Date	Leading	Speaking	Topic
Duty Deacon			
7 January Annice Whittle	Adrian and Claire Harvey	Ken Matthews	Baptismal Service
14 January Abimbola Durodola	David Whitmarsh (All age service)	Ken Matthews	Vision Service and introduction to
21 January Joshua Brooks	Ken Matthews	William Matthews	Revelation 1:1-8 Communion
28 January Moirra Palmer	Adrian Harvey	David West	Revelation 1:9-20 Vision of Christ
4 February Moirra Palmer	Rachel Sanders	Ken Matthews	Rev. 2—Overview of the 7 Churches

(6.30pm) Evening Timetable

Date	Leading	Speaking	Topic
Duty Deacon			
7 January Louise Lamb	Aaron Thompson		Communion
14 January	Elders’ and Deacons’ meeting, with open prayers before starting at 6.30pm, all welcome		
21 January	No evening service at GBC. Churches Together Service at 6pm at St. Sebastian’s Church, Great Gonerby.		
28 January Angela Sanders	Malcolm Hewitson	Richard Chadwick	1 Peter 1:1-12
4 February Louise Lamb	Ken Matthews		1 Peter 1:13-25 Communion

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There is training for all **Life Group Leaders and other group leaders** on Monday the 15th and 22nd January at the church commencing at 7.30pm. Ken will be unveiling the new material for the New Year. It will also be a time of fellowship and praying for one another.

There is a **Church Family Meeting** on Thursday the 18th January at 7.30pm. An agenda is on the noticeboard in the lower schoolroom.

There will be a **Men's Ministry** meeting at church on Saturday the 27th January in Room 1 from 2pm to 4pm. It will be an introductory session and it is the intention to meet monthly thereafter. The focus will be on the identity and person of a man under God. All men are welcome! Please see Aaron Thompson or Richard Chadwick for further information.

There will be **prayer meetings** on Tuesday 9th January at Spire View at 10am and Wednesday 10th January at 7.30pm in church.

We are excited to announce that on Friday 2nd February David Shenton will be performing his Christian play, "**From Blaby to Bethlehem**" which is about his life journey with Jesus, here at GBC starting at 7.30pm. Entry is free and there will be a retiring collection, proceeds of which will go to David Shenton to help him fund putting his new play on at the Theatre.

Would anybody like to help with **Holiday Club** from 12th-15th February 2018 at the Church of the Ascension? It is for children age 4-11 from all over Grantham from 10:00 - 12:00 each morning, and they always need new helpers! If you are interested please contact Liz Boland, telephone 07903200204 or email lizboland@yahoo.co.uk.

Thank you to everyone for saving the **milk bottle tops**. Please could you continue doing this? I just wanted to let you know that the money made through these is no longer going to the Air Ambulance, but to the John Fielding Special School in Boston. It is for 2-9 year olds with severe learning difficulties. Any money raised will go towards a sensory room for them. So thank you once again, from Rosemary Goor.

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