

Welcome!



Grantham
Baptist Church
Making Disciples...Transforming Lives

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Minister's Message

A Suggestion for New Year's Resolution

Build Family. I have some news for you - John Dyson was not a super saint or super spiritual. That is a title he would never have coveted. He was earthy, and so was his sense of humour (I see you all smiling!). However, he did have many other wonderful godly attributes which resulted in him leaving a huge legacy in many lives. As I reflected on these attributes I am sure his primary legacy to us was that he built family. Not just his immediate family - they often had to share him with the wider family of human beings. He committed himself to building God's family the church both locally, across the town and in international climes. He was like a father to many, an advisor, even a corrector of our ways! Psalm 68 tells us 'God puts the lonely in families' and again 'God is a defender of widows'. The Lord often used John (of course Hilary is an equal partner in this business), to care for discarded people. The Christmas Day meal for The Passage is building the family in the broadest sense. I would personally encourage you in 2019 build the family. You might say that your family is broken. But Paul tells us in Romans 4v16ff that Abraham became our father through believing in Christ, and as such the promise to Abraham that 'all families of the earth will be blessed through you' became our promise! Build what remains in faith, and God's promise of family blessing is truly yours. In 2019 commit yourself to Building Family - your earthly family, the church family, the lost, the broken, the families of nations - and God's promise is yours! God bless you and yours.

(10 am) Morning Preaching Timetable

Date Duty Deacon	Leading	Speaking	Topic
6 th January Angela Sanders	Ken Matthews	Ken Dyer	Communion and Vision Service. Acts 13
13 th January Abimbola Durodola	Ken Matthews	Mari Ovsepyan	Acts 15 Establishing God's Truth
20 th January Annice Whittle	Aaron Thompson	Ken Matthews	Acts 16 Hearing God's Call Farewell to D & A Whitmarsh
27 th January Mike Leeson*	Alison Dyer	David West	Acts 17v10-15 Weighing God's Message
3 rd February Angela Sanders	Ken Dyer	Aaron Thompson	Acts 19 Extending God's Kingdom

(6.30pm) Evening Timetable

Date Duty Deacon	Leading	Speaking	Topic
6 th January	No evening service - Elders meet 6.30pm		
13 th January	Gerald Dyer Farewell at 4pm		
20 th January	Service at 6pm at Grantham Christian Fellowship, Belton Avenue for Week of Prayer of Christian Unity		
27 th January Louise Lamb	Malcolm and Jenny Hewitson (Communion)		Answers in Genesis Introduction
3 rd February Chris Dove	Alison Dyer		Communion

Notices

There will be a **day of teaching on marriage**, for all couples on the Saturday the 5th January by Dr Dave and Erica Matthews from 10am to 4pm venue to be confirmed. Dave and Erica have run many of these training days before and with a Christian and medical perspective many people have found these helpful. There will be childcare facilities available. If you would like to attend, please fill in a sheet in the foyer or email the office.

There will be a **Prayer Breakfast**, open to the congregations of the churches in the Catalyst Group, every month on the second Wednesday of the month here at GBC, commencing at 6am on Wednesday the 9th January. All are welcome.

The next **Church Family Meeting** is on Thursday 10th January at 7.30pm.

Mari Ovsepyan will be preaching in the morning of Sunday 13th January and will stay on after the service to do a further hour's teaching from 12pm to 1pm. All welcome.

Gerald Dyer is leaving **Grantham** on Wednesday the 16th January to live in Rugby to be nearer Helen, his daughter and her family. There will be a farewell tea and nibbles at GBC, for people to say their good-byes and wish him well, on Sunday 13th January at 4pm. Please bring
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savoury nibbles, drinks and cake provided.

Please note: We apologise, but the date for the **training for Life Group Leaders** has been changed, it will now be on Monday 7th January at 7.30pm at GBC and not Sunday 13th January. It is also open to members of Life Groups too. Ken will be launching the new teaching programme.

There will be a light refreshments buffet style at church to bid farewell to Alison and David Whitmarsh on Sunday 20th January after the morning service. They are relocating to Northern Ireland to be nearer their parents.

We are pleased to announce that the **borrowing terms on the bookstall have been extended**, you are now able to borrow books for three weeks free of charge. There is a fine of 10p per day thereafter.

Would all those who would like to **receive the Newsletter by email** let the office know by emailing g.b.c_ad@outlook.com. Many thanks.

Family News:

We praise and thank God for the safe arrival of Joel Reuben Thompson, born on 17th December, weighing in at a healthy 8lb 15oz, a brother to Zachariah and Amos. The family are all doing well!



Weekly Activities

Monday	
Tuesday	10am - 12pm: Oasis for Women in the Lower Schoolroom (term-time only) 6pm-7.30pm: The Passage in the Lower Schoolroom
Wednesday	10am-12pm Knitting Group (9 th January only)
Thursday	10am Lydia Prayer Group (17 th January only) 2pm: Thursday Friendship Group (10 th & 24 th January only) 7pm-8.30pm: The Voice Laundry
Friday (All term time only except BSLL)	10.00am-10.45am British Sign Language Lessons 4.00pm-5.30pm- Illumin8 (for school years 7-9) 8pm -9.30pm- Branches (Youth)
Saturday	2pm The Call-Men's Ministry Meeting (26 th January only)

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.

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. 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 01476 573050. You can also give notices by hand during the Office opening hours. The deadline for submissions for the *January Newsletter* is *22nd December*.

The Office is open on Mondays and Thursdays 9am-1pm, Wednesdays 10am-midday 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 Ministry 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 **Prayer Chain co-coordinators**: Margaret & David Bend (01476 410741), Joy & Keith Moyes (01476 570281), Gae & Peter Ellis (01400 283523).

