

Notes

Welcome to Grantham Baptist Church



- Making Disciples...Transforming Lives -

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Minister's Message:

Musical Revelation

We have done the easy bit of Revelation (Chapters 1-5), and now we enter the challenging and mind boggling bits! To understand what is to come we need to remind ourselves about the primary purpose of the book i.e. willingness to suffer for/with Christ is the path to ultimate victory! It is first and foremost to help us through the wilderness of this earth to the promised new heaven and earth. As someone said, 'when Jesus hung on that cross He was directing the course of history'. There is a Lamb (literally in the Greek 'a small lamb') looking as if it had been slain at the centre of heaven's focus... and as long as we keep it at the centre of our focus we will be able to follow Jesus through this life, and death, on earth. Jesus Christ is the main character by far inferred, encircled or named in almost every verse in the first 5 chapters – the whole book in fact is full of Christ directing the course of history. I counted 26 worship occasions in the book. Jesus is our Sovereign Saviour, Deliverer and Servant King. Imagine the book from 6 onwards as a series of wonderful but dangerous crescendos, repeating again and again with glimpses of eternal perspectives in between. Imagine the 7 seals, 7 trumpets, 7 bowls of Gods wrath compiling each of those scenes in heaven and on earth. Look forward to chapters 19-22 as the glorious finale with every instrument in full swing and the hosts of heaven and earth that love the Lamb bursting with praise, light from the throne of God and joy. That is how chapter 19 begins, then the wedding feast of the Lamb, the arrival of the King of kings and the Lord of lords, the final defeat of Satan and his hoards, the resurrection, the new Jerusalem, the River of Life, the new heavens and earth... The drum beat throughout rising in volume 'Come, Come, Come until the final roar (the Spirit and the Bride say) "Come!". Amen, Come Lord Jesus!

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 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 **March Newsletter is 17 February** and **Interim Newsletter is 3 March**.

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
Wednesday	10am-11.30am: Toddler Time in the Lower Schoolroom (term-time only)
Thursday	2pm: Thursday Friendship Group in the Lower Schoolroom (1st and 15th 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 Alpha)
Saturday	March 3rd there will be a joint Ladies' and Men's Prayer Breakfast at "The Lodge" 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.

(10 am) Morning Preaching Timetable

Date	Leading	Speaking	Topic
Duty Deacon			
4th March	Ken Dyer	Ken Matthews	Revelation 6:1-8:5
Joshua Brooks			The seven Seals
11th March	Ken Matthews		Revelation 8:1-5
Abimbola Durodola	All-age Service		Prayer
18th March	Ken Matthews	Hartmut Kopsch	Own subject
Aaron Thompson	(Communion)		
25th March	Abimbola Durodola	David West	Revelation 12 and 13
Moiria Palmer			
1st April	Ken Dyer	Ken Matthews	1 Corinthians 15
Chris Dove	(Communion)		Resurrection

(6.30pm) Evening Timetable

Date	Leading	Speaking	Topic
Duty Deacon			
4th March	Dave Lynn	Mark McCormick	Own topic
Annice Whittle	(Communion)		
11th March	6pm—6.45pm prayer time, all welcome. Elders' and Deacons' Meeting 7pm-8pm.		
18th March	Ken Matthews		1 Peter 2:13-25
Joshua Brooks			
25th March	No evening Service. Life Groups outreach evening		
29th March (7.30pm)	Dave Lynn (Maundy Thursday)	Ken Matthews	1 Peter 5
1st April	No evening Service		

Notices

Please note that the **Training in Ministry and Leadership** on Sunday the 18th March with Hartmut Kopsch is open to everyone who is interested in hearing from Hartmut. It takes place after the morning service until around 3.30pm to 4pm, with a break for lunch. You may wish to bring your own packed lunch to supplement the light refreshments supplied by us.

A reminder that we would like all **nominations for deacons** to be in with the Church Secretary, Annice Whittle, by 22nd March, please. The two deacons who have completed their three year term are Aaron Thompson and Josh Brooks. Both have agreed to stand for re-election . If you wish to nominate a person to serve as a deacon, they must be a full member of the church and agree to being nominated, have a nominator and seconder. Please obtain a nomination form from the Church Secretary, Annice Whittle.

Please note that **The Call**—the men's ministry meeting will be on in room 1 on Saturday 24th March at 2pm. It will take place on the fourth Saturday in the month each month thereafter.

The **date for the Church Family AGM** has changed and it will now take place on Thursday the 19th April at 7.30pm.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

As you may or may not be aware there are new laws coming into force in May called GDPR, which will affect us as a church, concerning the information we hold about you. We will be issuing forms to update the Church Directory in the next week or so along with the necessary forms to keep us compliant with the GDPR. We would really appreciate it if you could complete and return the forms to Mike Leeson or any Office Team member promptly to enable us to get our records in line with the new laws. We thank you in anticipation of your assistance.

Please note that Lesley Lynn has a new mobile telephone number which is 07933 915436. Please update your directories accordingly.

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.