

Notices (Continued)

As the Welcome Development Team (WDT) gather information to create GBC's new look we would really love all of our members and visitors to answer the question below. Please look out for our 'wall' in church where we invite you to write your word on a brick. (You can write on more than one brick too). Once our wall is filled with lots of descriptive words that describe our church family we will then have the foundations to build an accurate and strong look that will weave its way through the whole church and flow outwards. The wall will be around for a few weeks so everyone will get an opportunity to add their words. We also have mobile bricks for those that can't get to church. Thank you for taking the time to pray and partake and we look forward to seeing the results!

Question for you to ponder and pray on

"An interested outsider asks you to sum up GBC's general "character" in ONE word: which word would you choose as your answer?"

God bless—WDT

Welcome to Grantham Baptist Church



- Seeking to make disciples of Jesus Christ -

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Minister's Message

Making Disciples... Changing Lives! Romans 12v1-2

Thank you so much small group leaders for enthusiastically engaging with the Monday night trainings on Small Group Leadership. From now right through to at least Christmas we will be exploring this training material together right across the GBC church family. I am sure that as a result the mission statement of GBC – 'Making Disciples... Transforming Lives!' – will become more of a reality in our daily lives. This change works from the inside out.

Paul wrote 'be transformed by the renewing of your mind' (Rom 12v2), 'let this mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus' (Phil 2v5), 'be renewed in the spirit of your minds' (Eph 4v23) and 'God did not give us a Spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind' (2 Tim 1v7). There are literally thousands of verses in Scripture about the mind. It is not referring to our I.Q. (pew! alleluia) – no, it is referring to the seat of our personal self-government.

A Church Leader was challenged harshly in a media interview 'you are brainwashing people in your Bible churches!!!', to which he replied skilfully 'Yes, but the stuff we are washing peoples' brains in is a lot better than the stuff you are washing them in'. The mind is a battleground. The first attack of the enemy was on the mind of Eve 'has God said...?'. It has continued ever since that time and as a nation we are increasingly having our brains washed in the wrong stuff.

Phil 4v8 'whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things'. Dear friends, by the grace of God and the work of the Holy Spirit, let us be transformed more and more into the image of Jesus.

Midweek Housegroups

Housegroups meet most weeks on a Tuesday and Wednesday. A **Tuesday** housegroup is held at Spire View in the morning and the Tuesday evening groups are led by Keith & Joy Moyes, Jason & Rachel Sanders and Malcolm & Jenny Hewitson.

The **Wednesday** evening housegroup is led by Brian & Mavis Deptford. If you are interested in joining a housegroup, please contact the housegroup co-ordinator Malcolm Hewitson.

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 **November Newsletter is 19 October** and **Interim Newsletter is 2 November**.

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

If an urgent notice arises please see the Duty Deacon on the Sunday

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 , Joy & Keith Moyes , Gae & Peter Ellis .

Weekly Activities

Monday	7.30pm– 9.00pm Life Group Training (2 Oct only) 7.00pm—9.00pm Foundations (weekly beginning 9 Oct)
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 (5 and 19 October only) 7pm-8pm: The Voice Laundry in the Lower Schoolroom
Friday (All term time only)	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/ Duty Deacon	Leading	Speaking	Topic
1 October Moira Palmer	Dave Lynn	Richard & Rebecca Chadwick	Samuel
8 October Abimbola Durodola	Ken Dyer	Ken Matthews	Samson All age service
15 October Joshua Brooks	Malcolm & Jenny Hewitson	Ken Matthews speaking	Three kings (Saul, David & Solomon)
22 October Chris Dove	Rachel Sanders	David Whitmarsh	Daniel
29 October Annice Whittle	Ken Dyer	Ken Matthews	Isaiah. Separate slot for children

(6.30pm) Evening Timetable

Date/ Duty Deacon	Leading	Speaking	Topic
1 October Angela Sanders	Ken Matthews		Communion
8 October	Elders’ and Deacons’ Meeting. Everyone is warmly invited to join us at 6.30 to pray with us before the meeting		
15 October	Ken Matthews		1 John 4
22 October	Keith Moyes’ Housegroup		Own subject
29 October	Small groups outreach evenings leading to Prayer Week		

Notices

Advance Notice: We are holding our Remembrance Service on Sunday 12 November 2017. There will be an opportunity for names of relatives, comrades or friends to be included in the "Reading of the Names" as an act of remembrance. I already have several names from last year but please let me know of someone you wish to be included. David Holmes.

The Connect Team are hosting the newcomer's welcome monthly meeting after the service on the 8 October. Everyone newish to the church are very welcome to join them in Room 1.

Reminder: The Church Family Meeting is on the 12 October at 7.30pm. The agenda is displayed on the church noticeboard.

The Retreat for ladies is on Saturday 14 October from 2pm until 5pm. Please pray for the event and invite a relative or friend to join you in coming along. You will be pampered and enjoy crafts, cake and much more!

The new Foundations course is starting 9 October 7pm—9pm at the Manse. If you are interested in going and understanding more about what it means to be a follower of Jesus with the GBC family, please get an information letter from Louise Lamb or another member of the office team.

Alison and Ken Dyer welcome young families and singles to the beginning of an exciting time. We are starting the first session of small group (Life Groups) for young families on the 8th October. This will be at their house: 4 Belton Ave, Grantham NG1 9HR – come for lunch at 12.45pm (it will be provided). We will be (including children) building on transforming lives through non formal but shaped sessions through small acts of welcome, word, worship works (witness). This is an opportunity to bring people together and build relationships and we look forward to seeing you if you can make it. Our email is _____ and if you know you can attend it would be helpful but not essential to drop us a line for a rough guide to numbers.

New Ladies Prayer Group: Dorrien is forming a new LYDIA Prayer Group, to meet once a month. For more information see her after the morning service or phone her mobile on _____.

The Week of Prayer commences on Monday 30 October and the programme is as follows:

Monday 30 Oct 9.30am—2pm at Church, drop in prayer sessions

Wednesday 1 Nov 6am-7am at Church

Thursday 2 Nov 9.30am– 2pm at Church, drop in prayer sessions

Saturday 4 Nov 8.30 Meet at The Manse, walking up the Hills and Hollows with prayer, followed by breakfast at The Manse

The church office is now open Thursday mornings from 9am to 1pm in addition to Friday afternoons 12.30pm to 3.30pm.

You may be aware of the increasing political correctness prevalent in our society regarding various issues. Presently a Christian couple, Nigel and Sally Rowe are in the headlines. You may wish to consider supporting them in prayer and perhaps sign a petition. More information and the petition are at www.christianconcern.com.

The next Training in Ministry and Leadership class will be on the 15 October at 12.30pm. Further TMLs will be on 15 October, 12 November, 14 January, 11 February, 18 March and 22 April.

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