

My Bible-My Story



'When my wife and I got married a friend embroidered verses from Proverbs 3 for us as a gift. All these years later, it still hangs in our hallway. It reads, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

'When I look back now, I can see its relevance for my life. I was brought up in Alexandria in Egypt. I came here to take up a career in psychiatry, but what happened is nothing short of miraculous.

I had a visitors' visa for three months. There were two weeks of the visa period left. But I had burned my bridges at home. I was in a paralysis of depression and couldn't think what I was going to do.

A GP, a lovely man, asked me what was wrong. I told him. He had a friend who was a psychiatrist. Two days later the psychiatrist rang. I went to see him and he was happy to train me. I gave him my passport and went from having to leave the country in two weeks to being employed and staying. I worked from 1983 and retired in 2010.

'When I look back now I can see the hand of God in it.

It has been redemptive.

Every day I am reminded of this because I see the embroidery on our hall wall.'

Stories from ordinary folk related to the Bible Society and printed here for your encouragement.

Whitchurch Baptist Church

Sunday August 28th 2022



Morning service led by Rev Jack Walker.

No 6 in series on Proverbs

'A Dummies guide to living'

'A Dummies Guide to the perfect relationship'

Proverbs 31.

WELCOME!

Minister: Rev Jack Walker.

Secretary: June McCaughren

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Leadership Team: Adam Stacey. John McCaughren. John Hadley.

What's on this week:-

All mid-week meetings cancelled for August. See note regarding proposals for Autumn/Winter sessions.

Sunday September 4th

An End-of-Ministry mini-series on 'Encounters with Jesus'

Jack Walker with Communion

No 1 'Walking on water' Matt 14.

Some useful dates to note:

Sunday Sept 18th Jack/Jills 'official' final Sunday with lunch.

Sunday 25th Harvest Thanksgiving led by Adam Stacey. All Age Service.

Saturday Oct 1st 3pm

Roberts Induction.

Suggested Prayers for this week.

Continue to remember those mentioned in previous weeks issues who have been having treatment.

Pray for Maureen as she adjusts to life back home following her fall and hospital visit.

Margaret is still recovering from surgery. Remember her.

David I has needed a scan recently. Ask for peace and comfort to be his. Gordon has his second cataract op on Wednesday. Pray for a successful outcome and for the subsequent adjustment to future vision.

Jean has been diagnosed via a scan, a small episode on her brain.

Pray for effective treatment.

We all are aware of Jack and Jill's move from Whitchurch and their new address is:

Planned study groups for the Autumn

Due to the OAP age-range attending the Wednesday evening study group meetings during the year, it has been decided that this study group will now be held on a Wednesday morning at 10.30am.

The first of these is on Wednesday Sept 14th at Jayne Burfords' home and led by Jayne.

The next will be Wednesday September 28th at 10.30am with the venue to be announced later.

Plans for other groups will be published as and when details are known.

News of the persecuted church

In Mozambique Islamists attacked a minibus and beheaded two Christian men. A statement released by IS Mozambique said 'By the grace of God Almighty, the soldiers of the Caliphate killed two Christians, beheading them, and shooting them with weapons' Islamists gained control of Cabo Delgado in 2017 and the province has been dubbed 'The land of fear' owing to brutal violence against both Christians and moderate Muslims. In 2021 forces began to drive the Islamist insurgency back, but it appears to be spreading once again.

In Iran five Iranian Christians lost their appeal against sentencing for involvement in 'House Churches'. They had jail sentences and fines imposed against them.

In India, Christians are challenging the anti-conversion law in Karnataka.

Do remember to pray!

Andover Foodbank Needs

Everyone is concerned at the cost of living these days and with the uncertainty of how it will develop, families are rightly beginning to assess their own personal situations and how to deal with them! The Foodbank does an incredible job in helping vulnerable families to provide basic necessities for their families. Just a couple of small items costing very little added to your shopping, and multiplied by our fellowship, will help enormously! So if five families add two tins of, say baked beans, to their shopping, it means Foodbank receive ten tins to distribute to needy folk. Simple really isn't it? but the problem is remembering isn't it? Hence this 'jog your memory' note here!

Needs this weeks include:

Longlife fruit juice

Longlife milk

Tinned potatoes

Rice Pudding

Tinned fish

Tinned meat

Pkts rice

Tinned fruit

Pasta sauce