

Oakridge Baptist Church - NOTICE SHEET – September/October 2017

Every Sunday 10.30am - Morning Worship with Club "Dig In" Junior Church. After-Church Bible Study following the morning service, as announced. Communion, every 3rd Sunday of the month. Messy Church: 3.00pm - 5.00pm, every 1st Sunday of the month.

Youth, Young People and others who meet regularly as follows:

Mondays (1st Monday of the month): Ladies Fellowship: 3.00 pm - 4.30 pm. Contact Maureen Rose

Tuesdays: Movers and Shakers: 10.30 am - 1.30 pm, every week. Contact Ali Irwin or Suzanne Wight.
Snooker Club 10.00 am - 12.30 pm, every week. Contact Marytn Baker.

Wednesdays: Parent and Toddler Group: 9.30 am - 11.30 am, Term Time only. Contact Suzanne Wight.

Thursdays: Boys' Brigade/Girls' Association: Anchors (term of 5th birthday to end of school year 3), and Juniors (school years 4 - 6): 6.00 pm - 7.30 pm. Company Section (school years 7+): 7.45 pm - 9.15 pm. Term Time only. Contact Calvin Hanks 07852 995910.

Fridays: Pastor's Friday Drop-in: 10.15 am - 11.15 am (unless otherwise announced).

Sundays: The El Bethel Tamil Church meet In the Hall: 8.00 am - 10.00 am

House Groups meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7.00 pm - contact Maureen Rose, and every Thursday at 10.00 am - contact Pat Charlesworth.

SEPTEMBER

- Sat 2nd 10.00 am - Music Practice.
Sun 3rd 10.30 am - Morning Service led by Mark Macaulay.
3.00 pm - 5.00 pm - Messy Church.
Mon 4th 3.00 pm - Ladies Fellowship - see Maureen Rose for details.
7.30 pm - Deacons Meeting.
Sat 9th 9.30 am - 1.00 pm - CBA half day course on "Excellence in Safeguarding" at Southcourt Baptist Church, Aylesbury. Suitable for all involved in Dig In, Messy Church, Toddler Group or Movers and Shakers. Transport available. Cost £5, with a subsidy available if need be.
Sun 10th 10.30 am - Morning Family Interactive Service, Café Style - including a visit from Vickie Morrish, Communications Officer, Wycombe Homeless Connection.
10 30 am - Princes Risborough Baptist - Morning Service with Lynn Green, BU General Secretary.
6.00 pm - Seer Green Baptist Church - "A Christian Perspective on" - speaker Stephen Gaukroger.
Mon 11th 7.45 pm - Men of Oak BBQ, The Wheatsheaf, Chinnor, cost approx. £15 - see John Sinclair for details.
Sun 17th 10.30 am - Morning Communion Service led by Mark Macaulay, including a short presentation "The Way We Were" by Geoff and Freda Hughes to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. Followed by a Church Meeting.
6.00 pm - Seer Green Baptist Church - "A Christian Perspective on" - speaker Stephen Gaukroger.
Mon 18th 7.30 pm - Music Practice.
Sat 23rd 8.15 am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast with Martin Hatfield.
Sun 24th 10.30 am - Harvest Celebration Service led by Mark Macaulay.
5.00 pm - Harvest Tea followed by Songs of Praise, plus the launch of a monthly event of songs and prayers.
6.00 pm - Seer Green Baptist Church - "A Christian Perspective on" - speaker Stephen Gaukroger.

OCTOBER

- Sun 1st 10.30 am - BMS Harvest Appeal Service led by Mark Macaulay.
3.00 pm - 5.00 pm - Messy Church.
6.00 pm - Seer Green Baptist Church - "A Christian Perspective on" - speaker Stephen Gaukroger.
Mon 2nd 3.00 pm - Ladies Fellowship - see Maureen Rose for details.
Sat 7th 10.00 am - Music Practice.
Sun 8th 10.30 am - Morning Family Interactive Service, Café Style, with special guest Angela Bunker.
Mon 9th 7.45 pm - Men of Oak video evening - see Colin Rackstraw for details.
Sat 14th 8.15 am - Prayer Breakfast, for the mission of the church and our mission partners.
Sun 15th 10.30 am - Morning Communion Service led by Mark Macaulay.
Mon 16th 7.30 pm - Music Practice.
(Pastor away 22nd - 29th October inclusive)
Sun 22nd 10.30 am - Morning Service led by Allison Smale from Christ the Servant King Church.
Sun 29th 10.30 am - Morning Service led by Men of Oak.
5.00 pm - Tea, Songs and Prayers.

Please see noticeboards and the overhead projections (Sunday mornings) for updates and details of other events

OAKRIDGE PRAYER POINTERS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

“The future is Orange” was the slogan of a particular mobile phone company which has now been absorbed by telecoms giant “EE” – probably what you say as you grit your teeth at another wrong bill. Jokes aside, Orange’s vision was to be a telecoms giant which dominated the market to the extent that all its competitors were obscured by its brilliance. What has emerged in fact is a giant formed from two smaller competitors and whose systems are still subject to the vagaries of their forebears.

Perhaps the lesson we can learn from this is that no matter how great our aspirations; unless we deal with obvious snags and put them right at the beginning; we just scale up the issues that have always been part and parcel of what we do. For example, the world might be a very different place if Hitler hadn’t ignored Napoleon’s and Charles of Sweden’s experiences of trying to invade Russia in the winter. These mistakes contributed to or initiated defeat on a grander scale. Of course we are more sophisticated now and hopefully we are better informed when we do things. For example, farmers now have access to very sophisticated weather reports which prompts them to choose their timing for harvest at closer to the optimum time to preserve the crop from damage.

Some of us may remember the so-called “millennium bug”. In the days of less sophisticated personal computers, there was a risk of catastrophic failure because two-digit years referenced from 1900 had been used in the operating systems and there was a possibility that 2000 might be rolled back to 1900 with a calamitous loss of critical data. Many were taken for an expensive ride to solve this self-inflicted problem. The fact was that very little happened and minor tweaks were needed to keep dates correct – actually just by increasing capacity to four digits. There was no catastrophic loss of data and we just moved happily into a computer driven future where everything we have and are has become fair game to malicious hackers. Of course the answer again is to pay somebody for the latest generation of a system which has had insufficient time in the public domain to become compromised YET!

Jesus once engaged a crowd, saying “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘It’s going to rain,’ and it does. And when the south wind blows, you say, ‘It’s going to be hot,’ and it is. Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret this present time? (Luke 12:54-56 *NIV*) What Jesus is saying is that the things that we need to be concerned about are staring us in the face. The problem is that we know intuitively what needs doing, but what we desire is an outcome which enables us to avoid doing it.

In your prayers for the autumn, I encourage you to take time to reflect on solutions to some of the world’s intractable problems. At this time of year many aid agencies prepare their Christmas appeals and have already published their harvest appeals. As you encounter the issues raised in the appeals, a small application of wisdom might lead you to conclude that many of the world’s problems could be solved easily by cooperation and understanding coupled with a willingness not to believe the lie that “it is too expensive”. We do many things in particular ways because that is how we received them – like the roast joint whose end must always be cut off before cooking because grandma and mother did it that way. It turns out that great grandma had a small oven and the end of the joint would always have to be cut off to fit it. Pray for wisdom to see things as they really are and then act with precision on the answers, avoiding the obvious pitfalls and may you be encouraged by our text for the period.

Bible Text for SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER 2017

Wisdom is more powerful than weapons, yet one mistake can destroy all the good you have done.

(Ecclesiastes 9:18 (Contemporary English Version))

MOTTO VERSE for 2017 - The Lord is good to those who depend on him, to those who search for him.

(Lamentations 3:25 (New Living Translation))

If you, your family or a friend would like support in prayer via the Oakridge Prayer-Chain please contact Joyce Joules 01494 452703 or 07951 676154. **Church Office** - Tel 01494 537478. Email administrator@oakridgebaptist.org.uk

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Pastor - Rev. Mark Macaulay - 01494 512976 or 07866 740612 - please phone either of these numbers if you would like a home visit.