



Oakridge Baptist Church

NOTICE SHEET – May/June 2018

Sunday Worship 10.30am with Club “Dig In” Junior Church. Communion, every 3rd Sunday of the month.

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

Sundays: The El Bethel Tamil Church meet in the Hall: 8am - 10am

Messy Church: 3pm - 5pm, every 1st Sunday of the month.

Tuesdays: Movers and Shakers: 10.30am - 1.30pm, every week - contact Ali Irwin or Suzanne Wight.

Snooker Club 10am - 12.30pm, every week - contact Marytn Baker.

Wednesdays: Parent and Toddler Group: 9.30am - 11.30am, 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): 6pm - 7.30pm. Company Section (school years 7+): 7.45pm - 9.15pm. Term time only. Contact Calvin Hanks 07852 995910.

House Groups: meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7pm - contact Maureen Rose, every Tuesday at 7.30 pm - contact Mark Macaulay, and every Thursday at 10am - contact Pat Charlesworth.

MAY

Sun 6th 10.30 am - Morning Service led by Mark Macaulay.
3.00 pm - 5.00 pm - Messy Church.

Sat 12th Baptist Assembly, Peterborough.
Boys’ Brigade area games afternoon, followed by Junior Section staying overnight at Oakridge.

Sun 13th 10.30 am - Morning Parade Service, with Boys’ Brigade and Girls’ Association, followed from 12.00 noon to 1.00 pm by a Church Meeting.
6.00 pm - Bucks Forum Evening Service at Speen Baptist Church, speaker Stephen Walker Williams of Gold Hill Baptist Church.

Mon 14th 7.00 pm - Men of Oak BBQ “Chez Carrington”. Food provided, bring your own drink. For catering purposes, please see Philip Rackstraw if you intend going.

Sat 19th 8.00 am for 8.15 am - Men’s Fellowship Breakfast with Peter Montague - see Ali Irwin for details.

Sun 20th Love Wycombe Pentecost event on The Rye - Oakridge joining with other churches in the town to celebrate Pentecost. **No service at Oakridge.**

Sun 27th 10.30 am - Morning Communion Service led by Maureen Rose.
5.30 pm - Tea, Songs and Prayers.

JUNE

Sun 3rd 10.30 am - Morning Service led by Mark Macaulay.
3.00 pm - 5.00 pm - Messy Church.

Sat 9th 10.00 am - Oakridge Charity Bowls Day at Bassetsbury Manor - see John Sinclair for details.

Sun 10th 10.30 am - Family Service, café style. Peter and Martina Morriss visiting.

Mon 11th Men of Oak Narrow Boat day out, cost £25. See Mark Macaulay for details.

Fri 15th to Sun 17th Oakridge camping weekend, Wallingford.

Sat 16th CBA Assembly - Mark Macaulay attending.

Sun 17th 10.30 am - Fathers’ Day Morning Communion Service, led by Allison Smale.

Fri 22nd to Sun 24th Boys’ Brigade and Girls’ Association camp weekend.

Sun 24th 10.30 am - Morning Service led by Mark Macaulay, followed by Church Anniversary Event.
4.30 pm - Tea and Service at Union Baptist Church, with Phil and Rosemary Halliday from BMS World Mission (replaces Tea, Songs and Prayers)

Sat 30th 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm - Fun and fellowship afternoon organised by Boys’ Brigade and Girls’ Association - a fund raising event towards the cost of repairs to the mini-bus. Please save the date.

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

OAKRIDGE PRAYER POINTERS for MAY and JUNE 2018

Easter culminates in the resurrection of Jesus in a perfect body which bears the marks (rather than scars) of the crucifixion as a way to authenticate that the person who appears and disappears at will and proclaims peace in the midst of fear is indeed Jesus, who promised to rise on the third day. For forty days these strange appearances continued and then at a gathering on a hill, Jesus was suddenly taken up into the air, was hidden by a cloud and hasn't been seen since. Angels appeared at that time and promised that Jesus would one day return as he left, appearing among the clouds descending from heaven on the last day of human history. I guess the key question to ask is why the resurrected Jesus left. Steve Mathewson of The Gospel Coalition shares five points on why the ascension is significant and it is worth sharing and discussing them here in the season of Resurrection, Ascension and Pentecost.

1. It establishes Jesus as the reigning king over all powers in all ages.

Jesus is restored to his rightful place as ruler and judge over all creation. Jesus is restored to the right hand of God, recovering his place in the Trinity. Jesus is then able to release the third member of the Trinity to enable us to carry on his work of redemption.

2. It gives us access to God's throne of mercy and grace.

Jesus said he was going to prepare a place for his followers so that they/we could be where he is. Jesus is the "Way" to God and that is our message as his followers.

3. It provides an Advocate on earth whose presence is limitless.

Jesus said that unless he went away, he could not send the Holy Spirit to us. On earth, because of his humanity, Jesus was in one place at one time. However, the Holy Spirit is not limited by time or space and is the living presence of God who is present everywhere. It is the Holy Spirit within us who enables us to carry out God's work wherever we are and not just in the limited locations in which Jesus operated on earth.

4. It gives us the spoils of Christ's victory – gifted leaders and spiritual gifts.

Before he left, Jesus said to his disciples that they should not worry about what they were going to say or do when called to account for their faith. He explained that the Holy Spirit would enable them to say what they needed to say and do what they needed to do whenever it mattered. The gifts of the Spirit are there to equip God's people for works of service. We just need to recognise that as a fact and that God will deliver as promised whenever we make ourselves available for his purposes.

5. It keeps us longing for his return.

Many of us want to hide in churches and wait for the return of Jesus to liberate us from the darkness of this world. However, we are called to finish what Jesus started. He opened the way to salvation and then tasked us to show his way to the world until he returns. Each generation means new people to show what Jesus did. Those who do not give themselves to showing the way risk being accused of being lazy servants when he does come back. Let's try to be good and faithful servants instead.

In this season I encourage you to think about who Jesus might want you to show his way to. Pray, then act and rely on the Holy Spirit to get you through the process and to be ready for the next person who crosses your path. Let the scripture encourage you.

Bible Text for MAY and JUNE 2018

My dear friends, stand firm and don't be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord. You know that everything you do for him is worthwhile.
(1 Corinthians 15:58 (Contemporary English Version))

MOTTO VERSE for 2018

Together, we are His house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.
(Ephesians 2:20 (New Living Translation))

If you, your family or a friend would like support in prayer via the Oakridge Prayer-Chain please contact:

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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)