



Oakridge Baptist Church

NOTICE SHEET – September/October 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: The Peace Tabernacle Church meet in the Sanctuary from 1.00pm.

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.

Saturdays: Messy Church: 3pm - 5pm, every 3rd Saturday of the month.

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.

SEPTEMBER

Sun 2nd 10.30 am - Morning Service led by Maureen Rose, speaker Aubrey Dunford (Union Baptist).

Wed 5th 7.30 pm - Deacons Meeting.

Sat 8th/Sun 9th Boys’ Brigade and Girls’ Association Canoeing weekend.

Sun 9th 10.30 am - Morning Service led by Mark Macaulay.

Mon 10th 7.45 pm - Men of Oak Games Evening.

Sat 15th 8.15 am - Men’s Fellowship Breakfast, speaker Andrew Wingfield.

3.00 pm - 5.00 pm - Messy Church. (NOTE - now 3rd Saturday of the month).

Sun 16th 10.30 am - Morning Communion Service led by Mark Macaulay, followed by a Church Meeting, 12.00 - 1.00 pm.

Sun 23rd 10.30 am - Harvest Festival Service led by Mark Macaulay.

5.00 pm - Harvest Tea and Songs of Praise Celebration (replaces Tea, Songs and Praise).

Fri 28th 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm - Quiz Evening. Teams of up to six people, entry £7.00 per person - tickets available from Sharon Colclough and Rod Coombs.

Sun 30th 10.30 am - BMS Harvest Appeal Service led by Mark Macaulay.

OCTOBER

Sun 7th 10.30 am - Morning Service led by Mark Macaulay.

Mon 8th 7.45 pm - Men of Oak, led by Eddie Charlesworth.

Fri 12th-Sun 14th BB/GA Autumn Camp at Shortenills.

Sat 13th 8.15 am - Church Prayer Breakfast.

Sun 14th 10.30 am - Morning Service led by Men of Oak.

Sat 20th 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm - Messy Church.

(Mark Macaulay away Sat 20th - Sun 28th inc).

Sun 21st 10.30 am - Morning Communion Service led by Gregory Hargrove.

Sun 28th 10.30 am - Morning Service led by Alison Irwin.

5.00 pm - Tea, Songs and Praise.

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

OAKRIDGE PRAYER POINTERS for SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER 2018

As the weather cools following a hotter than average summer, our attention is drawn to the new season. Schools return for the autumn term and the routine of the church calendar returns with harvest festival as a celebration of creation and provision. But through these simple services and events, we are exposed to the fact that all is not right in the world. Instead of harvest festival being just a celebration of plenty for everybody, we also realise that our display of bounty in front of the church is really just a tiny reflection of the need in our town and it has negligible impact on the needs of the world at large.

When we recognise the extent of the needs, we can be guilty of undermining small acts of good because they only have a small impact. Now what we do for One Can Trust through harvest festival is good and beneficial for people with genuine needs even if we can only help a few by what we contribute. We therefore need to appreciate that even tiny acts of kindness to our fellow human beings count for something greater in God's economy.

Too often we can be overwhelmed by what seems to be outside our ability to address. The scale and complexity of circumstances make us run for cover rather than making us assess just what we might be able to do. A typical English response to a crisis is to make a cup of tea. Somehow that seems to help most situations. It's not that tea has any magic powers to diminish a crisis, but the act of stopping to do something simple enables us to pause sufficiently to recognise that we are not paralysed by circumstances, but can still do little things that help in small ways.

Remember that Jesus said that if we have faith as small as a mustard seed, we can move mountains (Matthew 17:20). I am sure that he was not concerned about making the earth flat and smooth, but rather about emphasising that if we truly believe that we can overcome overwhelming circumstances by doing what little we can while relying on God, then indeed we shall ultimately prevail in the thing that first daunted us. The flip side is that we can be guilty of using the scale of the circumstances as an excuse to do nothing, including making the proverbial cup of tea, while telling ourselves that God couldn't possibly be asking us to get involved. But this kind of excuse flies in the face of God who has promised never to test us beyond our endurance (1 Corinthians 10:13).

In your prayers for this season therefore I encourage you to develop a "can do" attitude. As you look at your personal circumstances and the circumstances of your corner of the world, pray that God would show you what you can do despite the circumstances. Let the bible text for this period encourage you to make that prayerful cup of tea, because God knows you can in his strength.

Bible Text for SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER 2018

God said to Paul, "My grace is enough for you. When you are weak, my power is made perfect in you." So I am very happy to brag about my weaknesses. Then Christ's power can live in me. For this reason I am happy when I have weaknesses, insults, hard times, sufferings, and all kinds of troubles for Christ. Because when I am weak, then I am truly strong.

(2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (New Century 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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(please phone either of these numbers if you would like a home visit)