

CROSSTALK

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*News and Views from
Kidderminster Baptist Church*

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*To celebrate our 200 year
anniversary
Kidderminster Baptist Church
invites YOU to come along to a*



STREET PARTY!

*Saturday 30th August
11am-2pm*

@ the Baptist Church, Franche Road

*Come along and join us for a FREE barbecue,
bouncy castle, entertainment, refreshments and
lots more...*

*Also featuring a free TotsRock session
for all those aged between 0-99!!*



Time for a rest anyone?

It's that time of year when many people look forward to taking a break from the routine of life, whether that be a weeks break in the UK, a holiday abroad, or simply some time at home, we all look forward to time to rest. The looming summer school holidays mark the beginning of many of us taking a couple of weeks out – we can only hope that the weather does us all a favour this year. Whether we actually get the planned rest though, is another matter.



Work, household routines, managing families, looking after ourselves, and dealing with life's difficulties – they all take their toll on our physical and emotional strength. It's no wonder so many of us look to the summer holidays as a chance to recharge the batteries, but quite often it just isn't enough – how many times have you come back from holiday needing another one?

There was a beer commercial a number of years ago that claimed that it's beer 'refreshed the parts that others could not'. I wonder as you read this now, whether deep down, you need refreshing in ways that a holiday cannot, whether life has taken it's toll on your physical and emotional strength and the need for real refreshing seems like a distant hope that isn't worth considering.

Solutions for tiredness

It was Jesus that said these great words – “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest.” (Matthew 11:28 - Message Bible)

As you consider how you take your rest this summer, may I recommend to you the real rest offered here by God. Sometimes it's easy to dismiss it because of its association with negative views of religion. But Jesus offers something uniquely personal; his invitation is intimate and offered individually to you and, taken seriously, will change your life.

You are welcome to join us at any of our services or events throughout the summer and autumn. Why not make this a time to try a different approach to getting your well earned rest and recuperation?

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer,

Simon

A Hope and a Future

The Norbreck Castle Hotel sits on the seafront of one of Britain's most well known coastal resorts – Blackpool. The Gudger family (Simon, Lou, Ben and Luke) arrived at the Baptist Assembly 2008 which was being held at the hotel on a sunny Friday afternoon at the beginning of May.



Entitled 'A hope and a future', this year's Assembly focused on what it is like to live life in an uncertain world. Elaine Storkey the President of Tearfund was one of the main speakers together with Jonathan Edwards, the General Secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Alistair Brown, the Head of BMS World Mission.

Each day held a varied programme of events from bible studies to seminars of your own choice, deliberation sessions and worship events.

There was a great children's club called B:ace which kept Ben and Luke happy and with our free time we took a trip on the seafront Tram into Blackpool, a visit to a local family fun day, spent time in the hotel swimming pool and burnt off lots of energy walking along the promenade during sunset.

Altogether we had a fantastic weekend, getting to know lots of great people, meeting friends of old and making new ones. We were challenged and inspired by the way God spoke to us both on a church and personal level.

The Baptist Assembly is open to all, not just church Ministers, so why not take the opportunity to go next year?

Louise & Simon Gudger



Kidderminster Baptist Church invites all
local families to our

CHILDREN'S SERVICE

On Sunday 13th July 2008
@11am

Come along and help us celebrate the fantastic
gift of our children. Featuring children from
TotsRock toddler group and other local
community groups

Suitable for all ages, refreshments served afterwards



Encouragement from Colossae

If God is real and we really can have a relationship with him today in which he communicates to us and has an impact upon us, then this surely must result in a change of thinking in how we live in our everyday lives. This was exactly the message that St. Paul wrote in a letter to a church in Colossae (in present day Turkey).

Over the summer months, our morning services will be going through Paul's letter to the Colossians and finding out how this relates to our society today. We will see just how similar our world is now to that of the leading trade city of Colossae, and how Paul's writings then can still have an impact today.

Come and join us for our summer services and see how this God of relationships can still have a major impact even in our world today.

Gifts of the Spirit

We read in the Bible that Jesus promised that people will be able to continue doing the healings and miracles that he was able to do whilst he was on earth. Along with many other gifts, we read that that the Holy Spirit was sent so that this could happen and the people within the church could be encouraged and united in their faith.

For 8 weeks, our Friday night housegroup has been studying and practicing some of these 'gifts of the Spirit', and from giving and being merciful, to speaking out what we think God might be saying through prophecy and praying for healing, our group have been growing in our understanding of how God actually communicates through us and with us in order to impact not only our own lives but those around us.

Introducing a brand new series of events for men...

Event # 1

Date: Saturday July 19th

Time: 10.00am-2.30pm

**Location: Severn Valley Railway
- Kidderminster**



Contact: Pete Edwards 01562 630875

All men are welcome to join us for a trip on the SVR and lunch in Bridgnorth.

Sunflowers

Over the past 8 weeks the children from Sunday club at the church have been looking at what it means to grow as Christians. They have been using the example of sunflowers to look at the things we need to grow and help us become strong as Christian people.



On Sunday 1st June, the sunflowers that the children had been growing were finally planted out at the front of the church. You can see them facing Franche Road. Although only small at the moment they can potentially grow to a whopping 10ft. We hope you will gain as much pleasure from their sizeable beauty as we will. Sunday club is suitable for children of all ages.



If you are interested in sending your young ones to Sunday Club please contact Chris Lane on 01299 401740 or email treasurer@kidderminsterbaptistchurch.com. Alternatively you can just turn up to church at 11am on any Sunday morning. Sessions are usually finished by 12.15pm and all leaders hold a current CRB certificate.

Happy 200th Birthday!

Sunday May 18th saw Kidderminster Baptist Church celebrate its 200th anniversary. Over 80 people attended the special service including local dignitaries Dr Richard Taylor, our local MP, and Ann Hingley, the local councillor. In addition to the current congregation we were also able to welcome friends of past and present as well as representatives of the local community groups that use the premises on a regular basis.



The Rev Jonathan Edwards - General Secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain - was the guest speaker and gave a great encouraging message entitled 'See I am doing a new thing'. He told of how God continually uses his creative side to work things out in our lives and how we should respond to this by leaving behind the past, as great as it might have been, and focussing on our futures.

The service was followed by a 'posh buffet' which gave people the chance to mingle and catch up with each other.

However, things are not over yet! As part of our celebrations, the church has been throwing parties for all the regular community groups using the premises.

TotsRock

Tuesday 13th April saw TotsRock, the musical toddler group, hold its party as part of the 200 yr celebrations. A 15ft bouncy castle was inflated inside the church itself and whilst children bounced away happily, parents and carers were able to tuck into jam doughnuts



Jack and Jill Playgroup

Jack and Jill playgroup held their 'do' on Friday 16th May. Never one to be outdone, Jack and Jill had not one but two bouncy castles one for inside and one for out! Unfortunately due to appalling weather, they both had to go in the church hall. However, this didn't spoil the mood, around 40 children were able to play with other toys too and eat some great party food.

Slimming World

Slimming World were treated to a barbecue style meal cooked by members of the church on Monday 26th May. Around 40 people joined together to enjoy some fantastic delights, all fitting in with their diet plans of course!



Brownies

The Brownies held a beetle drive as part of the church's anniversary celebrations which also helped to raise funds for charity. Parents and church members were invited to join the girls on 11th June for an evening's entertainment of six games of 'beetle' and cake. The girls and leaders were fantastic and very welcoming to all who were there and helped to make the evening a thoroughly enjoyable time.

Kidderminster Camcorder Club

During the special anniversary service on 18th May, members from the Camcorder club kindly videoed the service with a view to creating a special anniversary DVD detailing some of the history of the church as well as showing the church as it is today.

Have a look at our website
www.kidderminsterbaptist.com

You will find loads more pictures of the 200th anniversary
And you can download the special history booklet of the
church in Kidderminster!

Police Surgeries

If you would like to speak to a member of your local policing team regarding any police issues that affect you personally then you can do so by attending the Police Surgeries held at the Police Office, Franche Primary School.

The surgeries will be held the first Thursday of every month as follows

Thursday 3rd July 9.00-11.00am
Thursday 7th August 9.00-11.00am
Thursday 2nd October 9.00-11.00am

Your local policing team is

PC Paul Noke – Local Policing Officer
CSO Nicky Merson

You can contact your local policing team on

08457 444 888 ext 3976

Or by emailing

habberlyblakebrookandfranche.lpt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Apology accepted!

A delegation of British Baptists has gone to Jamaica to apologise to Jamaican Baptists for the transatlantic slave trade.

The decision to go was made following last year's Baptist World Alliance's annual gathering, at which American and Dutch Baptist leaders apologized for the trade, but not the British Baptists.

Last November's session of the Baptist Union of Great Britain (BUGB) then decided to apologise "to God and to our brothers and sisters for all that has created and still perpetuates the hurt which originated from the horror of slavery." It was, says the Rev Jonathan Edwards, General Secretary of BUGB, "an historic moment."

He went on: "Taking the apology to Jamaica in person seemed to many people a vital step on the journey."

Karl Johnson, General Secretary of the Jamaican Baptist Union, said that BUGB's apology and visit "will underscore our sense of oneness and common journey."

What's on in July and August?



July

- Mon 7th Deacons meeting, 7.30pm
- Sat 12th HEBA Prayer Day
Kidderminster Baptist Church,
10.00am -12.00pm
- Mon 14th Monday Afternoon Fellowship, 2.30pm
Member's choices
- Fri 18th Joint House Group Barbecue, 7.00pm
- Sat 19th Men's Event, Severn Valley Railway
10.00am - 2.30pm
- Thurs 24th Church meeting, 7.30pm
- Mon 28th Monday Afternoon Fellowship, 2.30pm
Tea & Fellowship @ 33 Broomfield Close

August

- Mon 11th Monday Afternoon Fellowship, 2.30pm
Tea & Fellowship with Irene & Ken Jackson
- Sat 30th 200 year Anniversary Street Party
@ Kidderminster Baptist Church
11.00am - 2.00pm

Pray with us through July and August

July

- 6th** We pray for the morning of prayer next Saturday at our church and at 3 other churches in Worcestershire. Pray that it will be well attended as we bring to God the issues on our hearts.
- 13th** We pray and give thanks for our children. We give thanks for the joy that they bring, and pray for their futures.
- 20th** We pray for the forthcoming school holidays. We pray not only for the children, but also for the staff in our schools, colleges and pre-schools that they will all manage to get some rest and relaxation in the summer months.
- 27th** We pray for people who are working overseas trying to bring help in countries that are desperately crying out. We pray that they will be kept safe and at peace.

August

- 3rd** We pray for the elderly and housebound in our community. We thank God for them and pray that they will enjoy these summer months.
- 10th** We pray for the new building and work commencing at 134 Franche Road. We thank God for the previous work done there over the last 30 years, and for that which is to come in the future.
- 17th** We pray for our Summer Fun Day on 31st August. We pray that the weather will be good and that people will come and enjoy a good time together.
- 24th** We pray for the work of Send-a-Cow enabling poor farmers in Africa to become self-reliant. We thank God for their work and pray that it will continue to be the blessing that it has been to so many people already.
- 31st** We pray for the service to welcome Simon Harry as new minister at Bewdley Baptist next Saturday. We thank God for the work of this church and pray that Simon's leadership will help the church grow in it's work in the community and it's walk with God.

Come and join us for our services in July and August

Morning @ 11am

Evening @ 6pm

July

6th

Simon Gudger
Colossians 1:1-14

Crosstalk Distribution

13th

Simon Gudger
Children's service

Roger Wood
Acts 16:11-15

20th

Simon Gudger
Communion
Colossians 1:15-23

Brenda Wood
Acts 16:16-40

27th

Simon Gudger
Colossians 1:24-2:5

Ray Lewis
Acts 17:1-9

August

3rd

Sheila Gardiner
Colossians 2:6-23

Simon Gudger
Communion
Acts 17:10-15

10th

Simon Gudger
Colossians 3:1-17

Bernice Darlington
Acts 17:16-34

17th

Simon Gudger
Communion
Colossians 3:18-4:1

Chris Lane
Acts 18:1-17

24th

Mary Yates
Send a Cow

Brenda Wood
Acts 18:18-22

31st

Simon Gudger
Colossians 4:2-6

Roger Wood
Acts 18:9-10

Community Groups @ Kidderminster Baptist Church

Monday

Jack and Jill Pre-School
9.00am-12.00pm

Jo Hill 01562 754833
Chris May 01562 632867

Slimming World
6.30-8.00pm & 8.00-9.30pm

Russell 01562 746265

Tuesday

Jack and Jill Pre-School

Kidderminster Camcorder Club Mr R Jordon 01562 631475
7.30-9.00pm

Aerobics Mrs M Lemiech 01562 752830
7.45-8.45pm 07855 996437

Wednesday

Jack and Jill Pre-School

Studio 4 Dance 01299 400027
8.00pm-9.00pm 07968 21660

Thursday

Jack and Jill Pre-School

Brownies Louise Morris 01562 863158
6.15-7.30pm

Kidderminster Audio-visual Mr W Every 01562 822728
Group
(2nd Thurs each month)
7.30-9.00pm

Friday

Jack and Jill Pre-School



Weekly Church Programme

Why not come along and join us on;

Sunday:

11am Morning worship & Sunday Club
*Family worship suitable for all ages,
Activities & supervision for children and youth
Communion 3rd Sunday morning of the month*

6pm Evening Worship
Communion 1st Sunday evening of the month

Monday:

2.30pm Afternoon Fellowship (Fortnightly)

Tuesday:

10.30am TotsRock

Friday:

8pm Weekly Housegroup

Birthdays

We wish the following people in our fellowship a very happy birthday:

July

10th Christine Barcouni
16th Muriel Wanklin
31st Jasmine Gordon

August

11th Bernice Darlington
28th Simon Gudger

Anniversaries

Many congratulations to those who are celebrating their wedding anniversaries

August

12th Alan and Susan Lane
17th Roger and Brenda Wood



Useful Contacts

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Church text for 2008

“Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls”

Jeremiah 6:16