

WITARD ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday 24 March 2024: Palm Sunday

Greetings! This morning's service will be led by **Kevin Stone. Ivan Pegg** will be leading the intercessory prayers and **Nicky Daggers** will be reading the bible passage. **Pastor Steve** will be bringing the Lord's Word to us today from Luke 22: 63 to Luke 23:25.



Morning Worship is being **live-streamed** each Sunday at 10.30 am, it will be available on our YouTube channel and can also be accessed any time after. Our **Prayer Ministry Team** will be available for anyone who would like prayer following this service. **Offerings:** We invite you to place your tithe and offerings in the box at the entrance to the Worship Centre. Thank you for your gift to the Lord's work here at WRBC.

Please join us for **tea and coffee in the reception area** after the service. Please join us for our **Prayer Meeting** tonight on zoom at 6.30 pm.



THIS WEEK:

Foodbank: Monday 2pm - 3.30pm in the Church Hall Trustees Meeting: Monday 7pm - 9pm in the reception area Zoe Ladies Group: Tuesday 9.30am - 12.30pm in the Conference Room Baby Steps: Tuesday 9.30am - 11am in the Church Hall Little Steps: Wednesday 2 sessions: 9.15am - 10.15am and 10.30am - 11.30am in the Church Hall Community Café: Thursday 10am - 2pm In the Church Hall Community Café: Not Open - Good Friday

SPECIAL NOTICES:

Sunday Evening Services at WRBC: We just wanted to let you know that from the beginning of April, the Sunday evening services will be: 1st Sunday: Praise & Worship (in the Worship Centre); 2nd Sunday: Prayer via zoom; 3rd Sunday: Gathered prayers (in the Worship Centre); 4th Sunday and 5th Sunday (June, September and December): Prayer via zoom. Please put the dates into your diaries!

WRBC Caretaker Role: If you are interested and would like to know more about what the role entails, please speak to Mike or the office. Mike will be stepping down at the end of this month. Thank you.



Thank to everyone who has been donating egg boxes. Please continue to bring your empty boxes in but only the small containers for six eggs. The Foodbank is currently short on long life milk, tinned meat, sponge puddings and razors. Thank you.





Welcome Lunch 28 April 2024: If you would like to find out more about WRBC and about membership, then join us after the Service on Sunday 28 April. We will be having a light lunch and look forward to welcoming you to the Church. Please let the office know if you would like to come, so we can cater for numbers. A sign-up sheet can be found in the foyer.



Baptist Union Consultation:

Over the past year the Baptist family has consulted via a survey with all churches in the Baptist Union and accredited ministers regarding proposed changes to the

Ministerial Recognition Rules which discerns and supports anyone with a sense of call to Baptist ministry. A total of 93% of accredited ministers responded and 943 churches out of a possible 1,824 responded (a 52% response rate), with 4 Colleges and 11 Associations also responding. After much prayer, the Baptist Council has concluded that our Ministerial Recognition Rules concerning marriage and ministry will remain unchanged. Therefore, an accredited minister should not themselves be in a same-sex marriage. This has been an extremely challenging and stressful time for all. Please can we urge you to *"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bonds of peace"* Eph 4:2-3 . If you wish to access any further information about the survey and respond please go on line at the Baptist Times from Monday - https://www.baptisttimes.co.uk/



Why encouragement is so important (taken from Network Norfolk).

Ruth Lilley explains why words of encouragement play such a vital role in all our lives.

I have discovered that children respond much more readily when they are receiving praise and encouragement. Therefore, I wonder if adults also show the same response? I think they probably do!

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV).

The Bible tells us to encourage one another and build each other up. I know how important, how valuable it is to do this as I see this each day at school. Yet, how often do I make it a priority to use words that affirm and encourage in all parts of my life? I know I should say, 'not often enough.'

People are transformed by hearing words that build up and inspire. Hearts are given hope, minds become more purposeful. Yet I know I sometimes make the choice to use words that knock down and deflate.

With each sun comes a new day, and the opportunity to do something good. Jesus was kind and affirming with His words and actions, and with the strength and power of the Holy Spirit, I can encourage and build up. It takes very little effort to praise another person, and I know the benefits far outweigh the effort. Knowing that person will grow and thrive because I have made the choice to put them first and find the goodness in their actions and words should motivate me.

So, as I take the next step, today and tomorrow, I will make the choice to notice - to encourage and build up the people who are journeying along with me.

	Sunday, 24 March 2024 Palm Sunday	Sunday, 31 March 2024 Easter Sunday
Leader	Kevin Stone	Pastor Steve
Preacher	Pastor Steve	Pastor Steve
Intercessor	Ivan Pegg	Dianne Cruickshank
Bible Reader	Nicky Daggers	Wendy A
Projector	Gozi E	Joseph
Live Stream		Sissi
РА	Richard C	Hayden
Welcome Team	Rab & Diane T	Maggie P & Martha U
Refreshments	Helen C & Mandy B	Maggie P & Ann Forder