



Romford Baptist Church

Grapevine



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From the Editor

During the summer I was fortunate to visit a number of cathedrals and churches around the country, and wonder at the faithfulness of God's people through the generations. Reading the inscriptions on plaques, altars and other fixtures in these buildings is so inspiring. Sometimes it's life stories. They tell of the vision, hardships, tribulations and joys experienced by all sorts of people, and remind us of God's faithfulness in so many situations. Sometimes it's a Bible verse which reminds us of Jesus' love or explains a truth about salvation.

But it isn't just the ancient stories that inspire. We know that God is working in so many ways in lives right now. We are part of the continuing story of God's faithfulness.

So let's ask the Lord to use us to make His word known in the present day, so that our life stories will tell of His faithfulness in every situation.

*Your word, Lord, is eternal;
it stands firm in the heavens.*

*Your faithfulness continues through all
generations;*

you established the earth, and it endures.
(Psalm 119:89-90)

Cheryl Schulte



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Our purpose is to take the life-changing message of Jesus Christ to all, with the goal that they become His loyal disciples.

Pastors Page

We are half way through September as I sit here writing this. The children are back at school, Storm Ali is blowing her way through, the conkers are covering the ground, and the seasons are showing definite signs of autumnal change. Change... a word which can delight but can also make us tremble.

As a church, God has been leading us towards a variety of changes. Hannah has joined the team as the new youth and children's worker and we look forward to getting to know her and Ben and the changes she will bring to the ministry. Alison is now bringing the longed-for Meeting Place into reality, with physical changes taking place to the welcome area – the changes have brought back some lovely memories of when the re-knocked-through arches were the original doorways into the church, where so many of our members posed for their wedding photos!

This summer we had a change of venue as we enjoyed a brilliant "picnic over the park" at home within the RBC grounds. It was a lovely afternoon of conversation, catching up with friends, making new friends, and watching the table tennis become seriously competitive (well done to Ade for winning, by the way!) Equally exciting is the upcoming Church Away Day when we have the opportunity to come together for

fellowship and teaching which will hopefully change us as people, that we might know God more, have the courage to step out in new ways, and deepen our relationships together.

But change, although it can be exciting, can also be daunting, it may mean facing some unknowns, taking some steps of faith, breaking from the safety of the norm. As Christians we are seeking every day to follow God's leading and we do the same as a fellowship as we seek God's direction for the paths we take. Last Sunday we considered that wonderful passage in Acts 1 where Jesus meets with the Apostles for the final time before returning to Heaven. Everything had changed for those early followers of Christ: Jesus had suffered a terrible death but then He appeared to them on many occasions, comforting them, reassuring them, challenging them, and in this passage He gives them this final, great commission of being His "witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the Earth." A huge, potentially frightening change in their lives – Jesus was leaving them... but look again at the beginning of the verse, Jesus promises them that He is not leaving them alone, they will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon them.

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Change, not always comfortable for any of us, but whatever the changes we are travelling through as a fellowship and in our own individual lives, we can be sure of this: that God's Holy Spirit is with us empowering, leading, blessing us with each new step we take, we don't face these changes alone. With these thoughts in mind, I can't take my mind away from those wonderful verses in Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you plans to give you hope and a future."

*Rev. Jan Loveard
Team Minister
(With focus on Community and Social
Action)*



Foglights Sunday School

Foglights Sunday School class are very excited to be supporting a new mission friend. On Sunday 2nd September they started to learn about Ashleigh Gibb and her amazing work in Thailand. Each child came up with a question that they wanted to ask Ashleigh to find out more about her. They also drew pictures of themselves. On the back of their picture they each wrote a couple of sentences telling Ashleigh their name and something about

themselves. Foglights are looking forward to hearing the answers to their questions and getting to know Ashleigh better.

If you would like to learn more about Ashleigh and her work in Thailand please have a look at the following link.
[Http://www.bmsworldmission.org/people/agibb](http://www.bmsworldmission.org/people/agibb)

Alison Savine



Graceworks's *Illuminate* event is coming to Havering in November!

What is *Illuminate*?

It is a Christian project that's taken all around the country and is coming to 5 secondary schools in Havering. *Illuminate* involves the major artists LZ7 and Guvna B leading fun interactive lessons on mental health, including their music and testimonies.

How to be part of *Illuminate*

Pray that God will work through the project, and that lives will be transformed.

Pause to Smile

Things that made me smile on my last visit to America

Where else would overweight people order two double cheese burgers, a large fries, and a DIET COKE.

In America a Pizza will get to your house faster than if you called an Ambulance.

In America THE SICK will have to walk right to the rear of a drug store, which can take up to five minutes, to get your prescriptions and medications. While at the front counters you can buy guns, knives and other weapons, on the next counter you can get cigarettes, cigars and pipe tobacco. The next counter has all manner of sweets. All good for your well-being?

Only in America will people leave cars worth thousands of dollars in their driveways and put loads of useless junk in their garage.

In America, stores will sell packages, often hot dogs and buns, in only packs of eight.

Only in America have I seen a drive-in-bank with a slip road up to ATM machines which have only Braille lettering on the request pad.

Make you smile? Sometimes you could weep.

The Church Mouse



Poster found in a Church in France Translated:

"When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear "the call of God".

However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile.

Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him.

If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving.

Submitted by Peter and Jan Lee



Flowers

October 2018

7th Ken Curtis
14th Lin Cuthbert
21st Iris and Jim Hooper
28th Dougan and Fely Bitaga

November 2018

4th Carmen Thomas-Reid
18th Temi
25th Angela Beswick-Springer



23 September 2018

We are so blessed with the number of children at RBC.

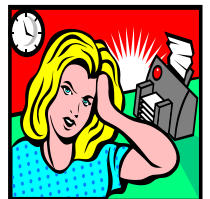
The Church celebrated at the start of a new year with a Promotion Sunday. The children are sure to enjoy the new classes to which they are going.



The deadline for the December 2018/January 2019 edition of the Grapevine is Sunday 18th November 2018

Please give any items to Cheryl Schulte, put them in the tray on the Welcome Desk or email them to Cheryl at:

grapevine@romfordbaptist.org.uk





Obituary - In His Presence with Thanksgiving

Leslie Emberson

27th August 1935 - 22nd March 2018



I am sad to report the death of one of our members Leslie (Les) Emberson who went to be with his Lord on 22nd March 2018.

Les was born in Ilford and was the youngest of three children. He had an early passion for sport, football and cricket, which he excelled at, to become captain of the team. However, life took a difficult turn as he was treated in his teenage years for Ankylosing spondylitis and tuberculosis, and the long process of treatment left him with a fixed back and hips. His determination and stubbornness got him through after being told he would not walk again, and he overcame his disability, although his sporting passion had to move to watching rather than participating.

Les grew up in the Brethren church at South Park Chapel, where he attended from a baby until he was about thirty years old. He met Kath through the church and her correspondence with him while he was recovering in hospital and they were married in 1957. They later moved to Upney Baptist church, where there were more activities for families. They remained at the church for more than thirty years, during which time Les served the Lord in

the church as an "action man" or "DIY man" who would solve almost all practical issues, such as a kitchen extension, heating, decorating and much more.

Les was always willing to be there to use his skills and experience to help others, and this was his second job, after returning from his day job. Les lived out his faith in practical ways. He was a man of many talents who could turn his hand to most tasks and was skilled in carpentry, plumbing, electrics and had a wide range of tools and equipment, and often helped friends by utilising his skills. He had also installed central heating in several church buildings over the years.

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Les was a good husband and father to a son and a daughter and a grandfather to three granddaughters, and a

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real family man.

Les also had many hobbies and interests, including being a knowledgeable gardener and pond builder. His working life as a photographer was to work with many companies, including that of a "government official", and he also used his skills in wedding photography as a side-line for friends and he was also an avid stamp collector. These interests demonstrated his skills and knowledge which, together with his easy manner, meant that he was a dear friend to a number of people, and he enriched the lives of those he came into contact with.

Les and Kath came to RBC around the time they celebrated their Golden Wedding and they celebrated their Diamond Wedding in 2017. Les's health was less good at this stage, but his character still shone through during the last year or so of his life.

The service of thanksgiving was a wonderful tribute to him and his character and a number of friendships lasting many decades, as evidenced by the presence of friends who had travelled from places such as Bath and Newton Abbott to attend. He was a man whose determination, stubbornness and a mischievous streak helped him through his own health limitations as well as family tragedies.

Les will be missed by his family and many friends, and will be remembered by many at RBC as a kind gentleman with a lovely sense of humour and friendly manner, whom it was a privilege to have known.

Neil Walden

Pause to Smile



One afternoon an American couple were on a tour round Canterbury Cathedral. They went up to one of the attendants and the man said "Hey bud, are you a Monk?" The attendant turned round and replied "No sir. This robe I am wearing is for my job here as a guide. It is not as part of any Religious order." "Then where are the Monks?" asked the American looking around ... "Oh there haven't been any Monks here since 1415" said the attendant. The American looked at his watch, then turned to his wife and said "Oh honey, we should have come here earlier, we have missed the monks, they left at a quarter after two".

The Church Mouse



Prayer Diary for October 2018

Mon 8 th	F Faith, how strong is yours?	STANNARD, Matt & Heather
Tues 9 th	A And share that faith with others.	STANNARD, Rachel
Wed 10 th	I Is your sin having 'I' central to your desires?	STEPHENSON, Nadine
Thurs 11 th	T Those in your Small Group, pray for them.	STEWART, John
Fri 12 th	H Hospitality is a gift of the Holy Spirit, exercise it.	SWINDALE, Ben & Becki, <i>Hannah</i>
Sat 13 th	H Hope, how strong is yours?	TERRY, Karen, & <i>Robyn</i>
Sun 14 th	O O worship the King all glorious above.	THOMAS-REID, Carmen
Mon 15 th	P Pray for those next to you in the church directory.	THOMPSON, David & Colleen
Tues 16 th	E Endeavour to serve God today.	TIDBURY, Pat
Wed 17 th	A Anxiety is a faith depressant; give your worries to God.	TIMOTHY, Kathy
Thurs 18 th	N Nothing is too small or too big for God, tell Him all.	TIMOTHY, Neil
Fri 19 th	D 'Do not worry' is a command of God.	TOWNSON, Patricia
Sat 20 th	L Love the Lord for His love for you endures forever.	TRAYANOVA, Vaska & <i>Nicholas</i>
Sun 21 st	O Open your heart to God's love, then pour it out onto others.	TUCKER, Marian
Mon 22 nd	V Value others as God values you.	TUNDE, BJ
Tues 23 rd	E Eternity with God is the reward for those who.....	TUNDE, JJ
Wed 24 th	T Trust God in all things.	TUNDE, KJ

Prayer Diary for October 2018

Thurs 25 th	H Hear God's voice, not the sound of hype.	TUNDE, Samuel & Lara
Fri 26 th	E Encourage someone in their walk with God.	TURNER, Colin & Irene
Sat 27 th	G Great is God's faithfulness. Thank Him for it.	TYLER, Joyce
Sun 28 th	R Remember RBC's missions and support them in prayer.	URSACHE, Victoria, <i>Flavius & Anastasia</i> CATARAGA, Silvia
Mon 29 th	E Every day pray prayers saying thanks.	VEARES, Fay & Brian
Tues 30 th	A 'And in all things God works for the good of those who love Him' Romans 8 v 28.	VILJOEN, David & Carla
Wed 31 st	T Try to spend time this week with someone that is lonely.	WAIGWA, Francis & Rebecca
Thurs 1 st Nov	E Every day pray prayers saying sorry.	WALDEN, Neil & Janet, <i>Megan</i>
Fri 2 nd	S Sing praise to God, it is good to do so.	WARNER, Muriel; & Rosalyn
Sat 3 rd	T There are many vulnerable people, if possible support one.	WARNER, Peggy
Sun 4 th	L Little people. Pray for the children in our church.	WATSON, Joan
Mon 5 th	O 'Over all the earth God reigns on high'. Pray for another country.	WILKINSON, David & Margaret
Tues 6 th	V Vikki, Ian and Jan our ministers, pray for them.	WILLIAMS, Barbara
Wed 7 th	E Every day pray prayers that give praise.	WILLIAMS, Helen



If you have any items for inclusion in the January 2019 Prayer Diary, please contact the Church Office.



The tale of the Mustard Seed & the tale of the Yeast

JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS



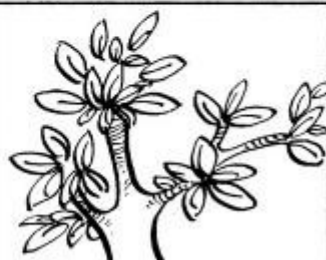
SOME OF HIS STORIES WERE
VERY SHORT, BUT THEY MEANT
A GREAT DEAL



ONCE JESUS EXPLAINED HOW
THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
WAS LIKE A MUSTARD SEED

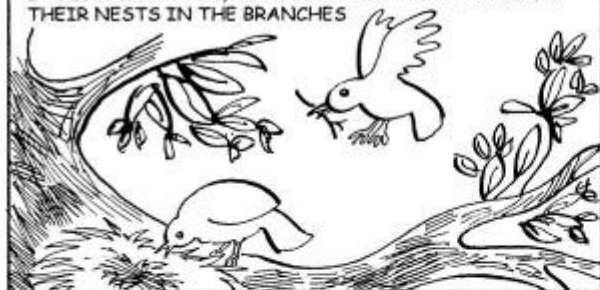


IT IS ONE OF THE SMALLEST
OF SEEDS....

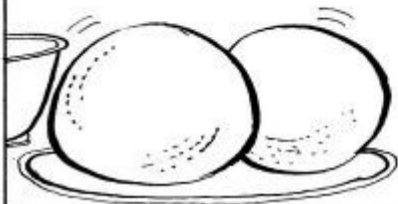


BUT WHEN IT GROWS UP IT IS
THE BIGGEST OF ALL PLANTS

IT BECOMES A TREE, SO THAT BIRDS COME AND MAKE
THEIR NESTS IN THE BRANCHES



EVEN THOUGH IT'S A TINY INGREDIENT,
WHEN IT'S MIXED WITH THE FLOUR,
THE WHOLE BATCH OF DOUGH RISES



JESUS ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THE
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE YEAST.



THIS WAS JESUS' WAY OF SAYING THAT EVEN IF WE
HAVE A SMALL AMOUNT OF FAITH... IT CAN MAKE A
HUGE DIFFERENCE TO OUR LIVES, AND TO THE LIVES
OF OTHERS.





9 September 2018

Welcome to Ben and Hannah Griffiths (above) and Jide Fawunmi. Hannah is our new Children, Youth and Families Worker, while Jide Fawunmi is a Non-stipendiary pastor.



Inspirations

card making

Many of you have already booked for the next session of Inspirations which is on Saturday 10th November in the Willow Hall between 10.00am and 3.00pm. This is our longer day, so we will have more opportunity to chat to each other and share experiences.



We are offering a choice of workshops "Feathers and Beads" or "Heart to Heart". If you want to come along and haven't booked yet, please do so as soon as possible so we can purchase the necessary products you will need. Both choices will produce fantastic creations, but if you choose the heart and have a specific occasion / colour in mind, please let me know and I will do my best to accommodate you. More details can be found on the posters in

the Foyer and Willow Hall, and on the fliers on the Welcome Desk.

All the materials will be provided, as well as tea / coffee and home-made cakes, but please remember to bring your lunch!

To secure your place, please complete the booking form and hand it with your £10 fee to Kathy at the Welcome Desk, Anthea or Ruth in the church office or myself. You can also mail it to the church office.

I hope to see you at the workshop which is open to all.

Pauline Yates
(07742 707790)

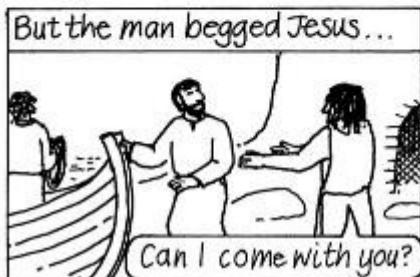
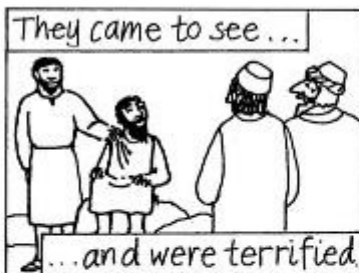
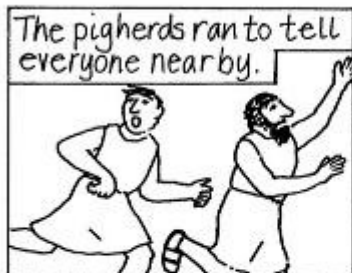
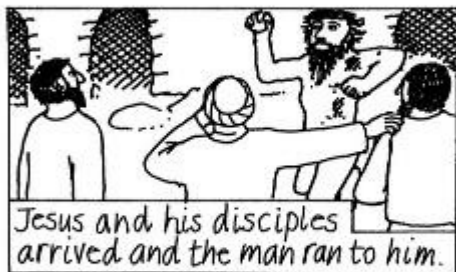


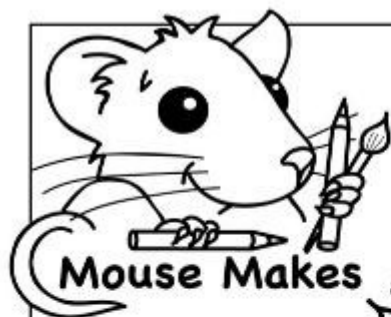
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mk 5:1-17, Lk 8:26-39, Mt 8:28-34

In Gerasa was a man filled with demons.
He tore off any clothes or chains put
on him, and he lived in the graveyard.





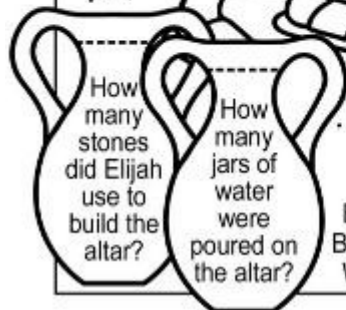
READ the whole story
in 1 Kings 18:16-40

God's prophet **Elijah** built a big bonfire and had the prophets of the god **Baal** build one too.

Elijah said "Call on Baal to light the fire and burn the sacrifice" ... but Baal did not answer because he was just an idol made of stone.

Elijah had his bonfire drenched in water then he called on the Lord God. The fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the water around it. All the people saw

this and cried:
"The Lord -
He is God!"



How many stones did Elijah use to build the altar?

How many jars of water were poured on the altar?

T N
G O D
F I L L P O
C A R M E L R U
O B U L L O O P
N A L T A R P O
S A W O O D H U
U L F W A T E R
M Y F S K Y T F
E L I J A H S J
D I R T S H O U T
E T E S T O N E S
I S R A E L T

Can you find these words from the story in the word search?
ELIJAH • ISRAEL • PROPHETS • BAAL • CARMEL • GOD
BULL • WOOD • LORD • TEST • ALTAR • SHOUT • STONES
WATER • POUR • FILL • FIRE • SKY • CONSUMED • DIRT



We are seeking to appoint a

Coffee Shop Assistant (F/T - 37 hours per week)

(Salary £16,000 - £18,000)

This is an exciting but busy role to assist the manager in all aspects of running The Meeting Place, our new coffee shop, which will also facilitate future events and mission projects. The role will include being a barista, preparing food, serving at the counter, using the till and keeping The Meeting Place looking its very best. Previous coffee shop experience would be desirable but not essential as full training will be given. This role also requires a DBS check.

For full details, please email Alison Savine (Meeting Place and Outreach Leader) at meetingplace@romfordbaptist.org.uk

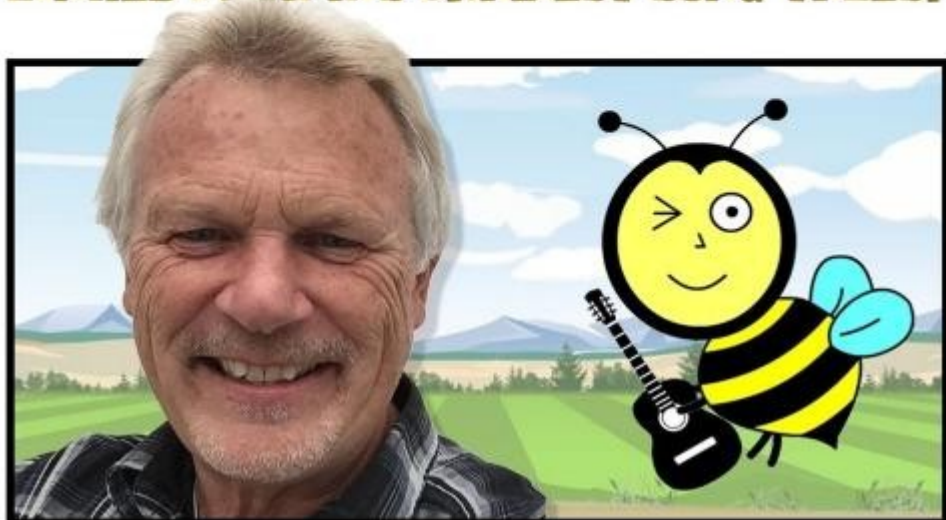
Applications by 30th September 2018 and interviews will take place week beginning 1st October.

It is an occupational requirement of this role that the applicant is a committed Christian within the Equality Act 2010.

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A STING IN THE TALE

**ISHS ASTONISHING LIFE TALES
LINKED WITH HIS CRAZIEST SONG TALES!**



**This will be one of the most entertaining, yet thought
provoking Church evenings ever!**

**Come and sing-a-long to his fun stories and parables
and hear him talk about his family & farming years.
Breaking the law & discovering grace. Punk & Glories
& facing chemo and finding a Cathedral!
Plus a whole lot more!**

**This will be 'an audience with Ish' that
promises to bring a smile back into the Church.**

**7.30pm. Saturday 27 October
Romford Baptist Church**

**Please call the church for free tickets or pick up from the welcome desk
(01708 743382)**

Please note: This is not a children's event.



Regular Church Activities



Monday	10 am	Parent & Toddlers
	11 am	Kerygma (Coffee Drop-In)
	12:50 pm	Parent & Toddlers
	6.45 pm	'Parksiders' (Social and Fellowship Group - usually first Monday in the month)
	7 pm	Streetlight Youth Club (Year 7+)
Tuesday	10 am	'Stitch in Time' Needlecraft Group
	2.15pm	Treasure Times
Wednesday	9.45 am	Parent & Toddlers
	8 pm	Midweek Meeting (Small Groups or central meeting)
Thursday	9.30 am	Small Group
	8 pm	RBC Music Team
Friday	9:30 am	Small Group (Alternate Fridays)
	10:30 am	Small Group for People with Learning Difficulties
	12.30 pm	Prayer Meeting
Sunday	10.00 am	Prayer Meeting
	10.30 am	Morning Service
	6.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
	6.30 pm	Evening Service

If you have any regular church activity which you would like to have advertised, please let the editor know.



*...and the theme of this morning's service is... 'Preaching
a Gospel of Simplicity'...*