



# Romford Baptist Church

# Grapevine

Lockdown Edition 5 (+1)



# From the Editor

Over the last year, walking has become an immensely popular activity. It is a way of escaping the confines of the four walls as well as getting some permitted exercise. Walking provides time to think and 'clear our heads'. For those blessed to be able to walk with a companion, even if socially distanced, whether walking in silence or sharing our thoughts, worries or joys, walking seems to 'recharge the batteries'. Some people take the opportunity to walk the dog. And many find walking is a good time for prayer and meeting with God.

In recent months RBC has held a Prayer Walk and a Christmas Treasure Trail, and both of these have provided great opportunities for fellowship and fun.

There are many Bible passages that mention walking. They seem to imply relationships, and not just the physical act of putting one foot in front of the other. Even when we're walking alone, we can be walking in HIM, not leaning on our own understanding, but rooted in Jesus.

In Colossians 2:6-7 (ESV), we read: *Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.*

And, Proverbs 3:5-6 (KJV) says: *Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

*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.

## Pastor's page

As I sit here it's the first week of January, the rain is pattering against my window, the sky is grey, it's chilly and following the Prime Minister's announcement to the nation last night, we are back on lockdown with all the schools closed. Not the start to a New Year we might have hoped for!

Yet it is a New Year and regardless of the situation we might today find ourselves in, we can know and be assured that God is with us, our Emmanuel: He who is always present, completely unchanging, all powerful and all knowing...our Emmanuel! This is where we begin our New Year – in the knowledge that we certainly do have a sure and living Hope.

Our text for 2021 as a Church is taken from Isaiah 55:12-13 and is full of promise and hope:

*You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Instead of the thorn-bush will grow the juniper, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD'S renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure for ever.*

Joy, Peace, Celebration... the promises of God; where there is hurt, pain, scars, wounds, in their place God will

bring new growth, growth that will bring Him glory, growth that will bring us through to a place where we are once again filled with joy, peace and celebration.

Whatever the view from your walk of life today, might you know that above the clouds, rain and wind, that the sun is still there, it's still shining. In the same way, God is still there, He is still good, He is still full of love and mercy, delighting in you His dearly loved child! May 2021 not be a year filled with doom and gloom, but as we lift our gaze to our Creator, may we be those who reflect His glory, His love to the world, people filled with joy from knowing Him, filled with peace that passes all understanding, celebrating because of the hope we find in Him!

*Jan Loveard*  
**Team Minister**

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## **BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME**



Thank you very much to all those who have given a donation to the BMS Birthday Scheme on their birthday during 2020, raising a total of £1162.50 (including gift aid). Additional gifts have also been sent directly to BMS online.

Your gifts are greatly appreciated, as it helps to support some very worthwhile projects.

For those who are not aware of the Scheme, it is organised by the Baptist Missionary Society (BMS) World Mission in order to specifically support their medical/health projects.

By committing to giving a gift on your birthday, of any amount, you will be helping to support health projects in many areas in the world.

An example is the work of Guinebor 11 Mission Hospital in Chad, where your gifts are going towards helping patients and their families to have a future they never thought possible. (BMS Birthday Scheme News Bulletin 2021)

Your gifts have also given support during the Coronavirus Pandemic, from enabling temperature screening in Chad, to providing PPE in Nepal and food parcels in Sri Lanka. (BMS Birth-

day Scheme News Bulletin 2021)

To promote the scheme, it has been the custom to publish birthdays in Grapevine. However, your permission - via the Church Office - is required in order to comply with regulations regarding Data Protection.

If anyone is interested in knowing more about the scheme, I will be happy to provide you with further details.

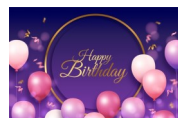
Thank you again on behalf of BMS, and best wishes to you all for 2021.

*Christine Brown*



### **Birthdays February 2021**

26<sup>th</sup> Margaret Coles

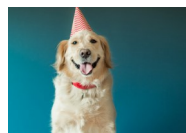


### **Birthdays March 2021**

3<sup>rd</sup> Glynis Brown

7<sup>th</sup> Don May

18<sup>th</sup> Keith Carter



**The deadline for the  
April 2021/May 2021  
edition of the Grapevine is  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

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

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## 27<sup>th</sup> December 2020

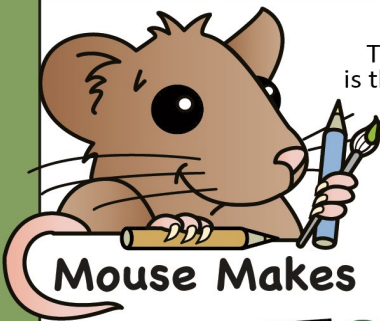
### Dedication of Gabriela Otchere-Williams



Edward and Doreen  
Otchere-Williams  
dedicate themselves  
to bringing up  
Gabriella in the way  
of the Lord.

They were supported  
by the wider house-  
hold bubble.





## Mouse Makes

### WHAT AM I?

The last letter of one word is the first letter of the next ....

E \_ \_ \_ H

- What two things did God create first?  
*Genesis 1:1*

\_ \_ S \_ \_

- What was the Earth without? *Genesis 1:2*
- What came before morning? *Gen 1:5*

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- Who is the creator?  
*Genesis 1:1*
- What was separated from light? *Gen 1:4*

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- Which day did God finish work? *Gen 2:2*
- Who was created God's image? *Gen 1:27*

\_ \_ \_ H \_

- Who moved over the water? *Gen 1:2*

L \_ \_ \_ \_ S



By the **seventh** day God finished the work He had been doing. God *blessed* the seventh day and made it *holy*. When God gave Moses the Ten Commandments the **fourth commandment** said to *remember* the seventh Sabbath day, to *keep it holy* and set apart for God.



### DID YOU KNOW?

The first word of the Old Testament in Hebrew is **bereshith** which means "in the beginning". The Greeks translated this word as **GENESIS** which means *creation, origin and generation*

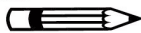


Can you find these words in the word search?  
GOD • HEAVEN • SPIRIT  
FLY • DEEP • EARTH  
DARK • DAY • LIGHT  
NIGHT • STARS • SKY  
SEA • LAND • BIRD  
CREATURE • HUMAN  
TREE • PLANT • SEEDS  
FRUIT • GOOD • TWO



### FIND THE CREATION PAIRS from Genesis 1 and 2

EARTH MORNING  
LIGHT FRUIT  
DAYS SEA  
TREES NIGHT  
LAND FISH  
EVENING YEARS  
ADAM HEAVENS  
DAY DARK  
BIRDS WATER  
SKY EVE



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

## Baptisms 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020

### **Bukola Abigail John**



Good morning, church I just want to start off by thanking God for what He has done for me and my family. During the hard times of the global pandemic, Jehovah has kept me and my family safe and I appreciate and thank him for that. Today I'm here to get baptized because I am willing to commit my life to Christ, for Jesus sacrificed his life for my sins.

My middle name, Abigail, had a role in the Bible: she was a very good woman to everyone. I want to be like Abigail. As I am about to get baptised, I hope all my sins will be washed away and a new version of me will emerge from the water.

*Bukola Abigail John*



## **Prayer Diary for February 2021**

Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for Andy and Rianna Stannard serving God in Moldova with OM (Operation Mobilisation).	EREKU, Derek & Laraine, <i>Josiah, Rekem, Elandre &amp; Dante</i>
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for Graceworks, working in the schools of Havering.	EWEOKA, Ben & Ona, <i>Timi &amp; Ninu</i>
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for the Hospital Chaplaincy team on the frontline in Queen's and King George hospitals	FAWUNMI, Jide & Yemi, <i>Ayomide, Ayoolamide, Favour &amp; Fisayo</i>
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for the ministry of the Foodbank, providing food and hope for those in need.	FEINSON, Peter & Gill
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for Teddy and Didi and the church in Sofia.	FLACK, Ken & Linda
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for the ministry of the Meeting Place as it looks to plan to reopen.	FORD, Janet
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for Richard and Alison Shorter and the outreach of Church 1v23 on Harold Hill.	GATHERUM, Barbara
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for our military chaplains who support and care for the troops and those serving in the armed forces.	GEARING, Bert & Rita
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for the work being done for the formation of a debt counselling centre.	GOSTLING, Geoffrey
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for our missionaries with BMS World Mission working in East Asia.	GRIFFITHS, Ben & Hannah
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for the outreach among the children and young people and Hannah who leads it all.	GRIFFITHS, Margaret
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for the work of Parkside and all the residents there.	HALL, Ian & Susan
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for the work of Street Pastors, and particularly for the Rail Pastors, working to save people's lives.	HARDING, John & Sue
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	Pray for Winter Gardens Church as they reach out to the people of Canvey Island.	HARRIS, Clarissa
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Pray for the work of Baptist Home Mission, resourcing churches in the tough areas of the nation.	HARRIS, Patricia
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pray for our partner missionaries serving with BMS World Mission in Bangladesh.	HARRISON, John
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Pray of the ministry among the older generation, reaching out to many who are lonely and seeking hope.	HARVEY, Liz
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for the outreach of the church, at this time particularly through its streaming of services, and for the people who are watching it.	HENNIKER, Joyce



## Prayer Diary for February 2021

Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for the London Baptist Association and the churches within it as they seek to serve Christ in the communities they are placed in.	HENSON, Ruth
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for workplace chaplains who serve God within people's workplaces, be that shops, factories, railways or offices.	HENWOOD, Stephen & Dorothy
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for chaplains to the sports world, for those who spiritually support footballers, rugby stars and all other athletes, including at the big events such as the Olympics and Commonwealth Games.	HIGGINS, Pauline & Kevin, <i>Lauren &amp; Rachel</i>
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Pray for those who take the good news of Jesus into the universities of this nation. Also pray for our university students as they seek to be Christians in that environment.	HILLS, Emma, <i>Samuel &amp; Benjamin</i>
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pray for each of us as we seek to make Jesus known wherever we are day to day.	HILLS, Yvonne
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pray for preachers and teachers who unpack the scriptures each week and help people to know and meet with God.	HODINITU, Nicolae & Natalia
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for writers and publishers who create literature for people to read about God.	HOGBEN, Cynthia
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for our prison chaplains who share hope with those behind bars, including running Alpha courses.	HOLMAN, Jill
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for the work of Gideons, who give scriptures to people to read. For those distributed within Havering schools, care homes, offices and hotels.	HOOPER, Iris
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for RBC as we look to discovering what God would have His church do now, as the lockdown eases and ministries resume.	Peter and Louise Lynch, Bangladesh



If you have any items for inclusion in the March 2021 Prayer Diary, please contact the Church Office.

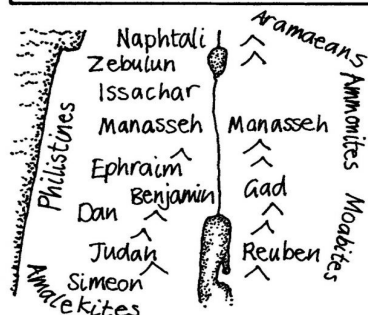


# Bible Bite

## A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Josh 13:8-20:48  
1 Sam 31:1-5, 2 Sam 2:4-24, 3:12, 17-27, 4, 5:1-5

When the Jews reached the place that God had promised them, each tribe was given land to live in. But they were surrounded by enemies..



King Saul and two of his sons died fighting the Philistines.



David was made king of the southern tribe of Judah.



But Saul's army commander, Abner, took Saul's last son, Ishbosheth, north and made him king of the rest of Israel.



Joab was David's commander. The two armies fought and Abner killed Joab's brother.



Ishbosheth was a poor king and Abner decided to join David.



Abner persuaded all of the northern tribes to have David as king.



Abner came for a secret meeting with David.



But Joab found out.

So Joab tricked Abner into another meeting and killed him.



This is for my brother!

Then two men sneaked into Ishbosheth's house and killed him as he had a nap.



They expected a reward from David but he was very angry because they had murdered Ishbosheth.



So David became king over all of Israel.





## **Current Church Activities** **(during lockdown)**



### **Monday**

9:30am - 1pm Food Bank Donations received via Side door

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9:30am - 1pm Food Bank Donations received via Side door

8:00pm Prayer meeting via Zoom

8:15pm "Journey" 18-30's Life Group via Skype

### **Wednesday**

9:30am - 1pm Food Bank Donations received via Side door

10:00am The virtual Meeting Place Chat via Zoom

6:30pm Youth Quiz Night via Zoom

7:30pm Wednesdays @ RBC via Zoom

### **Thursday**

9:30am - 1pm Food Bank Donations received via Side door

8:00pm RBC Music Team via Zoom

### **Friday**

9:30am - 1pm Food Bank Donations received via Side door

### **Sunday**

**10.30am Online Morning Service**

12:30pm Youth Stream for years 6 -9 via Zoom

**6.00pm Online Evening Service**

6:30pm Student Stream for years 10 -13

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



*A parcel for Justin! Now lockdown at home would be more bearable.*

