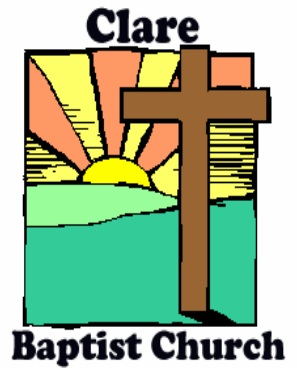


Clare Baptist Church Mission
Statement -

**“To follow and
worship Jesus and make
Him known”**



25th February 2018

Bible Readings - **Matthew 5:1-12**

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A WARM WELCOME TO YOU

We are very pleased to welcome everyone here today. If this is your first visit, please make yourself known to the Stewards on duty, we do have a welcome card you can fill in if you wish. If you have been before, then welcome back.



Please come and join us in the back hall for a cup of tea or coffee after the morning service.

NOTES

Rev. Paul Graham's day off is Saturday

What's on this week

SUNDAY

- 9:00 - 9:45am Prayer time in the Goldfish Bowl
10:30am Morning Service conducted by Vivien Sargeant
6:30pm Evening Service conducted by Elsa Day
6:30 - 8:00pm Twilight House Gang

MONDAY

- 10:00am - 12:00Noon Knitting Group at the "Manse"
8:00pm Housegroup at "Sycamore Lodge", Stour Street, Cavendish

TUESDAY

- 9:30 - 11:30am "Allsorts" Toddler Group in the Hall
- for the under 4's, bumps and babies welcome
5:30 - 8:30pm Brownies & Guides meet in the Hall
7:30pm Housegroup leaders' meeting in the Church Lounge

WEDNESDAY

- 11:00am Holiday Club Meeting in the Hall
7:00pm "Praying for Clare/Prayer Walk" at the Baptist Church
8:00pm Housegroup at 2 Gosford Close, Clare

THURSDAY

- 7:30pm Flower Club in the Hall
8:00pm Housegroup at "Penrhyn", Bridewell Street, Clare
8:00pm Housegroup at "Darson House", Stoke-by-Clare

FRIDAY

- 6:00 - 7:00pm Junior Club (Years 1 - 3)
7:15 - 8:15pm Senior Club (Years 4 - 6)
8:30 - 9:30pm Youth Club (Years 7+)

SATURDAY

- 8:30 - 9:30am Prayer Meeting at the Church

SUNDAY

- 10:30am Morning Service including communion conducted by Paul Graham
6:30pm Prayer & Praise led by Wilf Stanbury

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Members of our Church ministering in other churches:

This Week

John Sargeant is at Whepstead B.C.

Next Week



FOR PRAYER



Open Doors World Watch List 2018

Each week during 2018 we are praying for the countries on the Open Doors World Watch List. This week, we pray for persecuted Christians in the country at number 45 on the list, Azerbaijan. Please Pray

- That Christians would know whom to trust and have the courage to share the gospel
- For strength and comfort for secret believers and those ostracised by their family
- That new Bibles and study materials would reach Christians who have had theirs confiscated in church raids.

There are copies of the World Watch List 2018 Global Guides for people to collect

EBA Weekly Prayer Focus - Centenary B.C. Centenary B.C. is situated on the High Street of the market town of March in the Fenland area of Cambridgeshire. Since their minister retired in May 2017, the church has been led by a team of six deacons who are supported by visiting speakers. Although March may be considered a small church, it has a big heart and offers a warm welcome for all who visit. There is a monthly Café style service which was developed to encourage families that attend Chatterbox, their baby and toddler group. Since 2008, Centenary has been in partnership with Christians Against Poverty (CAP), running a volunteer debt centre which covers the whole Fenland area. Last year, they celebrated two baptisms that had come through this ministry. If that wasn't enough, Centenary also acts as the storage and distribution centre for the Food Bank.

For prayer - Please pray for Centenary B.C. as they seek the way forward during this time of pastoral vacancy and that they will hold firm to their faith and that God will provide all that they need

Praying For Clare

In Clare - Cavendish Road, Highfield, Stour Valley Community School. In Cavendish - Stour Street, Poole Street, High Street, Lower Street and Parish Church, C of E Primary School. Ridgewell.

Farms, Businesses and Community activities in these areas

Please pray for Peter Bateman, Reg Wood, Elvena Dew, Betty Bailey, Molly, Doreen Sargeant, Tim Ridgway, the Love family, for those who need prayers for health, for companionship, to know that someone cares

If you have an issue for which you like prayer, please attach a prayer leaf to the board with your request. These will be collected and prayed over at each Deacon's prayer meeting



FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT

Vivien will be highlighting today why we should be supporting Fair Trade fortnight whilst looking at the 2nd Beatitude... "Blessed are they who mourn for they shall be comforted"

EVENTS TO COME

- Sun 25th Feb Lent Sermon at St Mary's, Haverhill at 4:00pm
- Tues 27th Feb "Journeying with Poets through Lent" at Clare Priory, presented by Angela Morris. The charge for this day will be £30.
- Wed 28th Feb Lent Course at Gt. Waldingfield School from 7:00 - 9:00pm
- Fri 2nd Mar Women's World Day Of Prayer at The Priory at 2:00pm
- Sat 3rd Mar C.L.A.S.P. table sale in Clare Town Hall from 9:00am to 12:30pm
- Sat 3rd Mar Monthly Coffee Morning at St Peter & St Paul, Clare from 10:00am-12:00pm. Join us for our Big Brew in aid of Traidcraft. There will also be the opportunity to purchase Traidcraft goods from the church shop.
- Sun 4th Mar Lent Sermon at St Mary's, Haverhill at 4:00pm
- Sun 4th Mar TGWNN – "The Group With No Name" from 4:00 – 6:00pm. A meeting place for men (and accompanied children) to unleash their inner child!

FRIDAY CLUB - JUNK REQUIRED!

Friday club will be doing some junk modelling (Lions) on Friday 2nd March. Any cardboard boxes/tubes, egg cartons, plastic bottles, etc. would be greatly appreciated. A collecting bag will be available outside the rear hall.



HAVERHILL FOOD BANK

No specific shortages this week



PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a particular urgent prayer need then you can call **Wilf Stanbury (01787 279262)** who will pass your need along the prayer chain. This means that about a dozen people will pray into that need for you. This is a confidential service open to anyone, whether connected with the church or not.



PASTORAL CARE

Please contact Rev. Paul Graham (01787) 277864

AIDS FOR YOU TO USE

Large Print copies of Mission Praise and Bibles are available at the back of the church, please ask a Steward if you would like one.

The Church is equipped with a loop system for those who use hearing aids.

A Digital recording is made of each service. If you would like to borrow a CD, please ask at the P.A. desk.

Sermons can be downloaded from the website or from iTunes (podcast - search Clare Baptist Church)



NOTICES

Items for the next Notice Sheet should be advised to Stephen Freestone by lunchtime next Thursday at the latest. Email: stephen@sfreestone.co.uk

MOTHERING SUNDAY

On Friday 9th March we are hoping to make up small posies for the Children from the Primary School to give to their parents for Mothering Sunday. We have done this once before and the School were very grateful.

We will need to make up about 220 for the School and we are hoping to do another 60 for the Ladies in Church on the Sunday. The posies for the School will have to be ready to be taken to the school by about 1:30pm to give the staff time to distribute them to the children.

We are looking for lots of greenery to be collected on Thursday 8th March and then as many people as possible to help put the posies together on the Friday morning.

If you can have greenery we can use or are able to help at all during that morning either for the whole time or part of the morning please let Jenny know. Thank you.

EASTER EGGS

We are hoping to give out Easter Eggs again this year during the morning of Saturday 31st March from about 9:45am. We will need lots of the Cadburys cream eggs or any others about the same size. If you are able to donate any that would be great. There will be a box at the front of the church for them to be put in. Also if you would like to come along and give out the eggs – whether for the whole time or part of the time – that would be great.

We also hope to gather prayer requests from people that will then be prayed for in Church on Easter Sunday.

Please see Jenny if you have eggs to give or would like to help give them out. Thank you.

LENT COURSE

Acton & Gt. Waldingfield Churches will be running a 5 week Lent Course entitled "Who killed Jesus - Why?" This will run as a Trial/Courtroom scenario with discussions, starting on Wednesday 21st February, 7:00pm - 9:00pm at Gt. Waldingfield School, Folly Rd, Gt. Waldingfield and run over 28th Feb, 7th, 14th and 21st March. All welcome, come and join us for this relaxed walk through Lent. We start with coffee/tea and biscuits at 7:00pm.

Further details if required from Faith Marsden (01787) 312002.

DUNKIRK REFUGEE APPEAL

The next trip to support the refugees in Dunkirk will be on Palm Sunday (25th March).

We will be collecting the following to take over to Dunkirk -

Disposable razors, shaving gel, shower gel, shampoo, socks (children and adult), Good quality second-hand men's shoes and coats, Good quality second-hand rucksacks, blankets and sleeping bags.