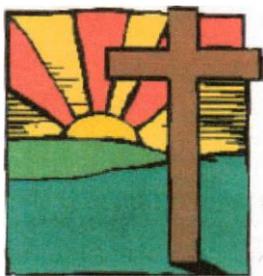


Clare Baptist Church



Our Mission Statement:-

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

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PRAYING FOR CLARE B. C. & THE WIDER COMMUNITY

Please pray for those who are unwell, or unhappy and struggling with the unnatural times we are living through, and pray that they may be comforted by the love and peace of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a particular prayer need, you can email pray@clarebaptistchurch.org.uk or phone the minister who will pass your need along the Prayer Chain. This means that about twenty people will be praying into that need for you. This is a confidential service open to anyone, whether connected with the church or not.

PASTORAL CARE:

Please contact the minister.

NOTICES:

Items for the next Notices should be advised to Colin Barrable by lunchtime next Thursday at the latest. Email treasurer@clarebaptistchurch.org.uk

Rev. Paul Graham's day off is Saturday

If there is anything urgent on that day, please contact the Secretary or one of the deacons

FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK

Open Doors World Watch List 16: Egypt

Region: North Africa Christian Population: 16% Christians.

Main Religion: Islam 2019 Rank: 16th also

Egypt is a strongly Islamic nation. Just under 90 per cent of the population of Egypt are Sunni Muslims. Here, Christians suffer from persecution in various ways because of religious discrimination. Islamic culture fuels this discrimination and creates an environment where the state is reluctant in respecting and enforcing the fundamental rights of Christians.



Severe restrictions on building or securing places for worship often prevent Christians from congregating, in addition to hostility and violence toward believers who do gather. Christians, especially women, face religious discrimination in their workplaces and public spaces. Christians from Muslim backgrounds face enormous pressure from immediate and extended families to renounce their faith and return to Islam.

In recent years, Islamic extremist groups have targeted Christians and churches, both individually and in masses, in numerous violent and deadly acts of persecution. The Islamic State group has publicly vowed to wage war on Christians.

In May 2017, Nadia's son was attacked by Islamic extremists in Minya, Egypt. He was martyred for refusing to deny Jesus.

TESTIMONY

“I am thankful that he wouldn't deny Christ even with his life in danger... He made the right choice.”

– Nadia, Christian mother in Egypt.

Pray for Egypt

- Pray with Christians in Egypt who are grieving for loved ones lost in deadly attacks on both individuals and churches. Pray for a spirit of peace in the hearts of believers.
- Pray for protection of Egyptian Christian women and young girls who are extremely vulnerable to kidnappings and forced marriages to Muslim men. Pray for the safety of those who leave Islam to follow Jesus.

THE WORK OF OPEN DOORS

In cooperation with local churches and other partnering ministries, Open Doors supports the Church in Egypt through family and youth ministry as well as general education, literacy training, advocacy, medical outreach and widows ministry.

WANTED

We need someone to volunteer to take on the production of these weekly Notices.

You just need to have an internet connection and an email address, and bit of word processing ability. For more information, contact Colin.

SUNDAY ZOOM GATHERINGS



Join us from 10.20am for a time of sharing, praying and seeing each other. The service starts at 10.30, once we have all had the chance to say hello.

The meeting ID is 218-071-646.

If you do not have access to the internet you can join the meeting by phone.

Call 0203 4815237 – or 0203 4815240 – or 0131 4601196 – or 0203 0512874.

When prompted, enter the Meeting ID, followed by the hash key: 218071646#.

You do not have a participant ID, so just press # when prompted. You will then be asked to enter the password. Wait to be let in – you will hear those taking part and can join in the conversations.

The password, if not already known, can be obtained by calling Paul or Colin.

OUR FORTHCOMING SERVICES

September 20th 10.30 In-church service

 6.30 Zoom service

September 27th 10.30 Zoom service

(All services in the church will follow strict social distancing guidelines etc, and will **need to be pre-booked**. Separate advice about these procedures will be or has been provided)

To book for In-church services contact Colin – 01787 278373

treasurer@clarebaptistchurch.org.uk

October onwards – to be decided and advised.

In other Clare Churches

- **St Peter & St Paul, Clare:** 20th Sept 11:00am – Parish Communion
27th Sept – Parish Communion
- **St Mary's Cavendish:** 20th Sept 10.30am – Parish Communion
27th Sept 10.30 – Harvest with guest speaker
- **United Reformed Church:** The URC has resumed public worship.
Booking is necessary.
- **Clare Priory Church:** The church is now open every day for restricted numbers and restricted hours. Check the website for further information.

EBA Week of Prayer

This week would have seen the EBA Annual Gathering happening on Saturday. Like so many events this year this has had to adapt and change.

Back in May the EBA team facilitated some Zoom discussions with about 50 of our ministers entitled “What do we think God is saying” and out of those discussions have come five themes, one for each day this week. On our website you will find resources for each day which will include a Biblical reflection, prayer points and an interview to promote further thought and discussion around each of the topics. We invite you to join us each day as together we pray into each theme.

Topic: EBA Prayer Zoom Meeting Time: 9.30am

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88201290903>

Meeting ID: 882 0129 0903 Passcode: 794152

Understandably this isn't always possible so we would encourage you in your prayer times this week to reflect on these five themes.

- **Monday - Discipleship is more than programmes**

Who am I praying for to come to faith? How is someone I know going to come to faith?

- **Tuesday – Discipleship is relational**

How do I make the best of God given opportunities with my closest friends and neighbours?

What am I able to bring to my small group?

- **Wednesday- Discipleship happens where God places us**

I am Jesus's representation here and now therefore what am I doing and who do I meet Monday to Saturday?

How am I showing Jesus to these people who I spend time with?

- **Thursday – Discipleship in Lockdown makes new connections**

During this time who has my church made new connections with?

How can I help grow these connections and disciple these individuals?

- **Friday – Discipleship means still listening to God and going deeper with God**

How well am I rooted in God? What fruit for Jesus am I producing? Am I prepared to go where God is calling me?

