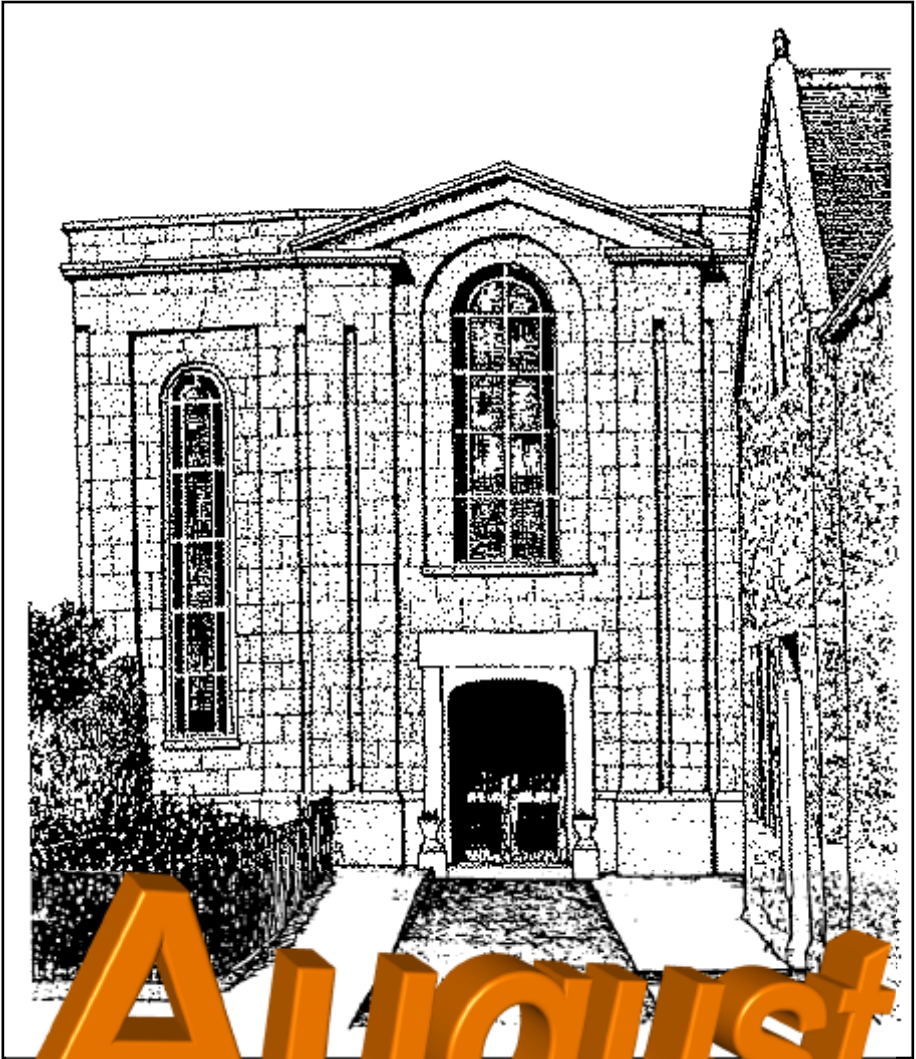


*Wincanton Baptist Church
Newsletter*



August

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SUNDAY SERVICES

10:30 am	Morning Service
Communion	3 rd Sunday AM

WEEKDAY MEETINGS

All venues are announced weekly.

Ladies Group Meeting	Tuesday 10:00 am
Bible Study/Prayer	
Neil & Rosemary	Tuesday 7:30 pm
Andy & Helen	Thursday 7:30 pm

Vision Statement

Wincanton Baptist Church aims to be a warm, accepting fellowship of believers in Jesus Christ, worshipping and serving God with a clear and relevant Bible-centred message. With the involvement of as many in the fellowship as possible, we seek to present the message of the gospel with the unchurched people in our community that they may believe in Jesus for their salvation and then grow as his disciples.

Internet URLs

Church web page	http://www.wincantonbaptist.co.uk
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Items for notices	notices@wincantonbaptist.co.uk
Items for magazine	editor@wincantonbaptist.co.uk

From the Pastor



Dear Friends

As I write this Jenny and I are about to set off to the Midlands where in Birmingham thousands of Christians will gather from Baptist churches throughout the world. It for many will be a one in a lifetime experience and we pray a time of renewing fellowship meeting brothers and sisters in Christ from across the globe. We have booked into the International Music Concert on Tuesday night which we are so looking forward to with its flavour of music from many lands and cultures. It will be a privilege to be with so many of God's children and hopefully will be a foretaste of heaven. Do you ever wonder if in heaven we will be multi-ethnic having the rich diversity of skin pigment and language complete with accents? When the Bible speaks of a new heaven and earth there is the suggestion of a continuity from where we are and what we experience on this purely physical world. Jesus was recognised after the resurrection having the same appearance, speaking with the same Galilean accent and being able to share the family meal. It was actually Him! What heaven will be like we can only imagine but because He, the Lord Jesus is there, it *will* be heaven.

In our church we are also blessed with a richness of such a diverse group of people. Numerical growth has brought different personalities and ages but this also highlights how we are all at different stages of Christian development. Some fairly new and young Christians are discovering the way in their new life in Jesus, others wanting to grow more in the ways of the Lord and His Word and maybe some whose maturity is hard to find and who have become stuck in their own "groove" For a Pastor this is very challenging as well as making life interesting. At our first Pastoral Team meeting we (Jane, Joyce, Gwil and Crawford) recognised these "growing pains" and we are spending the next month or so praying about how we can best meet the needs of our fellowship so that none will feel left out. Will you pray with us? Some are finding it helpful to ask for prayer and our Prayer Team (Gwil, Rosemary, Joyce and John) are always willing to meet with you and stand with you in your need.

On the 21st of August we will have a visit from Paul and Margaret Powers members of my brother-in-laws church in British Columbia. Paul is an evangelist and preacher and Margaret *is* the author of the Footprints poem.

Enjoy the rest of the summer. In the Lord's name,

Crawford

PRAYER FOCUS

What sort of picture do we have of God? Do we have a sense of awe in his presence, a feeling of privilege that we are able to come before him? We should do yet we should also see him as an intimate friend, involved in every aspect of our lives. He wants us to approach him with our hopes, fears, joys, sorrows and not forgetting giving him our praise. He is greatness beyond expression, yet he delights in our prayers and longs to bless us as he is passionately concerned about our lives.

Almighty God and Father. With awe and wonder we come to worship you. You are higher than our highest thoughts, yet closer to us than we realise, yet made known to us in Christ, all powerful but nurturing us as a mother tends her children. You are constantly at work in human history yet having special concerns for each of us. Lord give us the humility to acknowledge our weaknesses beside your greatness. Faith despite our doubts. Joy in knowing you despite the limitations of our understanding. Peace in serving you, knowing you are Lord of all. Our God both near and far.
Amen

A CALL TO PRAYER

Pray for the aftermath of the terrorist attack in London

As Londoners prepared to celebrate the title host city for the 2012 Olympic, and the eyes and prayers of the world focused on the G8 meetings 400 miles away, the long anticipated atrocity of terrorism struck the capital.

Meanwhile, along with 200 delegates at London School of Theology, I engaged with aspects of Christ's death on the cross, at our jointly held Atonement Symposium. Regardless of our differing understandings of the mechanics of atonement, we are assured of the reality, that God so loved the world...that God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself...that in the incarnation and death of His Son, He not only en-

ters our situation, but brings redemption to the most apparently hopeless of situations.

The life, death, resurrection, ascension, reign and anticipated return of Christ, give us reason for hope in the darkness of atrocity and for eternity.

In the constantly changing pattern of world events we are called to be good news people, seeking the peace and prosperity of the communities in which we have been called into exile (Jeremiah 29). May we increasingly be such people.

It is in this context that along with the African and Caribbean Evangelical Alliance we offer the following prayer points...

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Psalm 46

- ◆ Pray for the injured - for healing and comfort, especially for those who are critically injured.
- ◆ Pray for hospitals that are continuing to cope with casualties - that they would work effectively and patients will receive the care they need.
- ◆ Pray for peace and comfort for the families of those who have died and pray against any more fatalities.
- ◆ Pray for those individuals in the emergency services that have been dealing with casualties'pray for God's peace on them.
- ◆ Pray for those churches in central London that have been responding to the crisis by opening their doors and providing comfort. Pray that they would continue to be a source of hope for their communities.
- ◆ Pray for any Christians involved - that they would know God's peace and be able to share it with others.
- ◆ Pray too for Christian organisations like the Salvation Army as they respond in practical ways to help.
- ◆ Pray for harmony in communities - that relations would not be damaged in the aftermath of such events.

From the notices

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.

Evening massage - 6 PM

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Don't let worry kill you - let the church help.

Thursday night - Potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.

The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.

The choir will meet at the Larsen house for fun and sinning.

Miss Charlene Mason, sang, "I Will Not Pass This Way Again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It is a good chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.

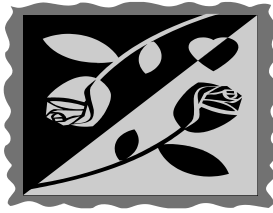
Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

The rosebud on the alter this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.

This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

Wednesday the ladies liturgy will meet. Mrs. Johnson will sing "Put me in my little bed" accompanied by the pastor.

Thursday at 5:00 PM there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All ladies wishing to be "Little Mothers" will meet with the Pastor in his study.



10th Crawford
 McIntyre
 11th John Smith
 14th Kathryn Paull
 14th Nicola Colley
 17th Glenis Allen

6th Nancy
 13th Lisa
 20th Helen
 27th Pattie

1st Glenis
 8th Lisa
 15th Rosemary
 22nd Vivienne
 29th Kathryn

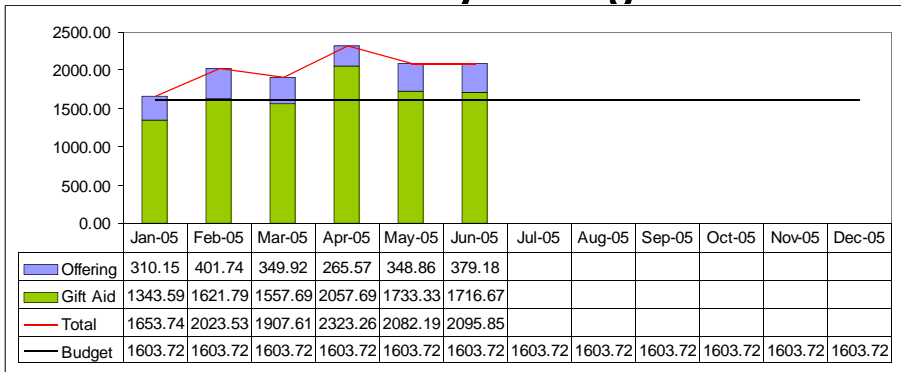
Amendment to church directory: Iain & Gavin live at no. 23 Maunders Close and not at no. 11.

Motto Text

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

2 Peter 3v 18

Monthly Giving



Gift Aid includes the expected tax refund.

August 2005 Prayer Calendar

1st	Paul & Teresa Murphy & Ruth	
2nd	Barry & Kathryn Paull	
3rd	Robin Hearn	
4th	Neil & Rosemary Colley, Tessa & Nicola	
5th	Kevin and Bridget Down (Linx Project)	
6th	Ella Watts & Mae	
7th	Peggy Hart	
8th	John & Jane Smith, Rachel, David & Joanna	
9th	Harry & Glenis Allen	
10th	Andy & Helen Weaver, Bethany, Rosie & Poppy	
11th	Vernon & Joyce Page	
12th	Ian & Veronica White, Philip & Barry	
13th	David & Caroline Worthington, Elle, Mary & Libby	
14th	Gavin Culmer	
15th	Bernard & Susan Wright	
16th	Vivienne Alder	
17th	Gordon & Trish Smith	
18th	Ros & David Smith	
19th	Ernie Bauer	
20th	Georgina Grant	
21st	Dave & Maggie Hankins	
22nd	Betty Hatcher	
23rd	Pattie Humble	Caroline Lewis
24th	Colin & Mavis Pearcy	
25th	Peggy Weller	
26th	Gwilyn & Honey Hitchcock & Tony	
27th	Michael & Brenna James, Alastair & Kieran	
28th	Alan & Lisa Large	Arthur & Nancy Llewellyn
29th	Crawford & Jenny McIntyre, Kirsty & Iain	
30th	Church Leadership	
31st	Freda Mills	

Last date for September Magazine: 21st August