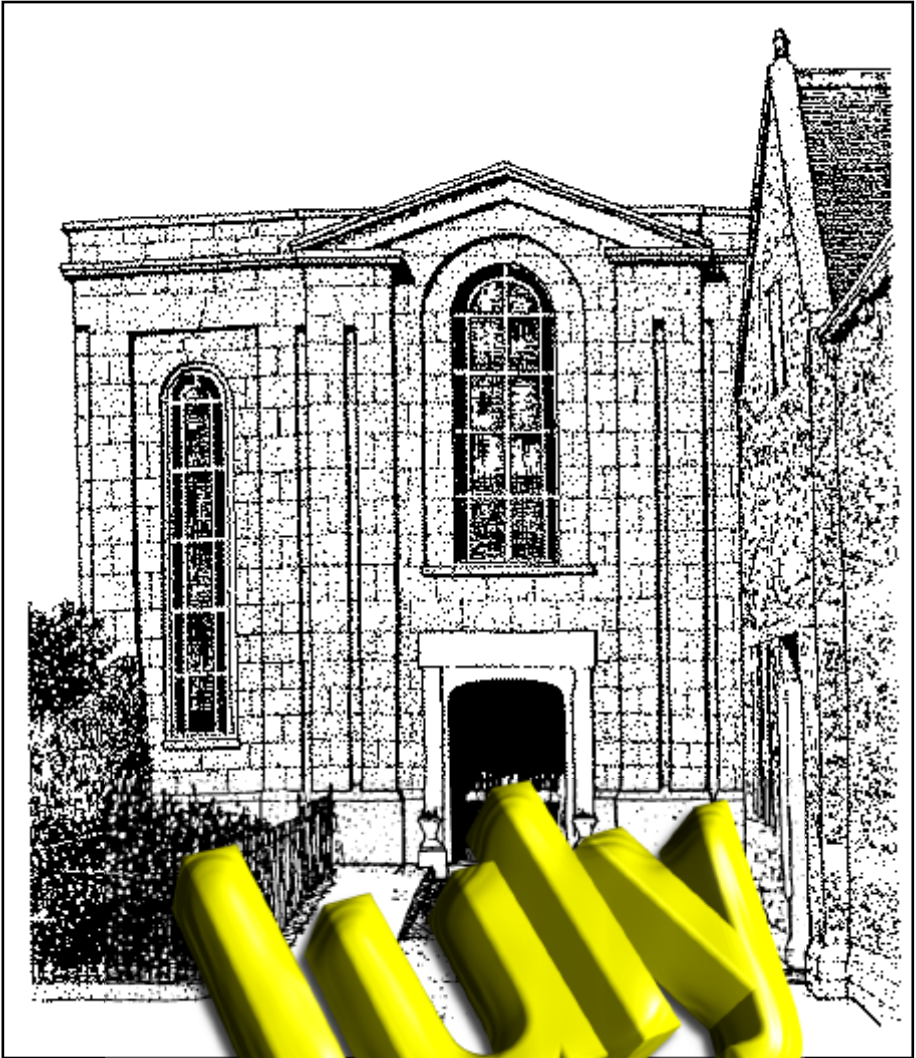


Wincanton Baptist Church Newsletter



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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



“When John became a salesman in a well-known insurance company years ago, his aim was to work effectively in his firm without compromising his Christian integrity. But there were those who considered him naive. In their view, one could possess either job security or Christian integrity-not both.

But John did not waver in his commitment to be a godly witness in the business world. Although he was in a job that required accurate calculations, he had a weakness when it came to simple arithmetic. This forced him to depend more on Christ in everything, which enhanced his witness. John eventually became the company's top salesman, and God used him to win many colleagues to Christ. Later, as a branch manager, John and his team became the company's largest branch worldwide-all without compromising Christian integrity. John, the businessman, summed it up like this: "God helps me do better than I can!"

We can read this and think, “God will make me a success if I think and act like John.” But for most people honouring the Lord in work means they stay as they are and without promotion of any kind. In fact having Christian integrity may mean they are kept from advancement. That can be a painful experience to see others moved up the ladder when you may even be more qualified for the job. It’s hard always following when you want to or know you can lead.

An American pastor was visited by a young man who thought he was called to be a minister. The pastor handed him his car keys and asked him to wash his car. Radical you say, yes, but also perceptive. A servant heart is vital for all Christians but most important for the aspiring leader. Christian advancement begins with “the way down” and a humble attitude not a change of personality. “If I was only like him or her,” we wrongly think when God wants us to be the way He made us and with hearts and wills like His Son.

True holiness of heart
that takes the humbler part
and o’er it’s own shortcomings
weeps with loathing...

Its so easy to neglect true Christian maturity. If you don’t think this applies to you then just ignore!

In the Lord’s name,

Crawford

PRAYER FOCUS

MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY 2005 is a year of incredible opportunities to make a difference for the millions living in desperate poverty in our world. The UK government will be in a unique position to challenge the unjust structures that keep millions of people trapped in poverty this year with our leadership of G8 and EU. Let's take advantage of this and other opportunities throughout the year to pray and join in asking the government to do everything in their power to MAKE-POVERTYHISTORY. www.makepovertyhistory.com Julia Wensley, Evangelical Alliance

6-8 July G8 Summit The Group of 8 forms the most powerful annual gathering of Heads of State. They represent the majority on the UN Security Council, are the main financial givers to the World Bank and International Monetary Fund and control 95% of the world's nuclear arsenal. They are USA, Russia, France, Germany, Italy, UK and Japan. The annual summit in 2005 will be held in the UK (Gleneagles, Scotland) from 6-8 July, with at least 6 mini-summits in different venues in England. Planning and prayer mobilisation is already well underway in Scotland at a number of levels, from historical research to mobilising prayer in churches in key towns across Scotland and a weekly prayer event in Edinburgh. Prayer Guide is available on www.worldprayer.org.uk or look at http://micahchallenge.org/United_Kingdom/247.asp for a prayer resource from MICAHA UK.

Taken from <http://www.eauk.org/>

Prayer issues in Albania:

03/02/2005

BMS minister Graham Sansom is leading baptismal classes at the church in Vlora at the moment. Pray that this would be good for young believers in Albania who frequently face huge family pressures.

Pray for further ministry opportunities for Susan Caddy, also based in Vlora. Susan is involved in both church work and health promotion. She recently went to Durres to lead a ladies meeting combining Bible Study and women's health and there are two other similar meetings coming up in Tirana in the spring. Pray also for the possible launch of a regular meeting with Christian student nurses.

Pray for the three BMS supported partner workers in Albania, who play a vital part in ministering to their 'own' people. Mond and Jonila Paluca are leading the church in Lezha and Teuta Turhani is co-ordinating women's work in and around Tirana, supported by BMS worker Anne Roberts.

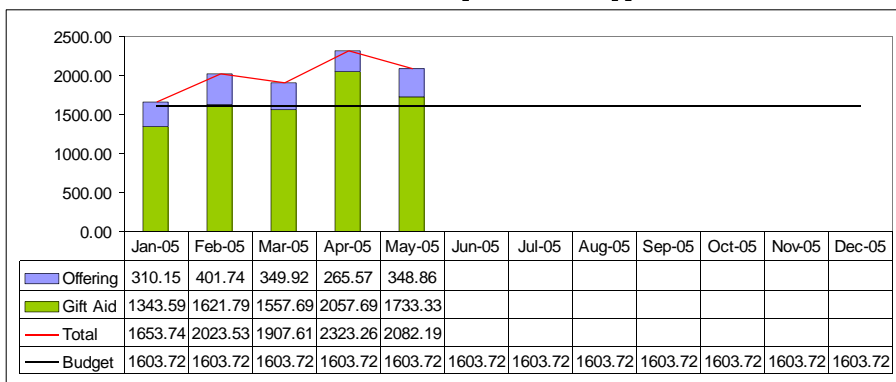
<http://www.bmsworldmission.org>

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.

Look-Alike Contest Fails to Recognize the Original

Charlie Chaplin was a huge movie star in the silent-picture era. One of the by-products of his popularity were the look-alike contests that sprung up around the country. Contestants attempted to imitate Chaplin dressed as the “tramp” character he made popular in his films. Even the young up-and-coming actor Bob Hope entered such a contest in Cleveland, Ohio, and won.

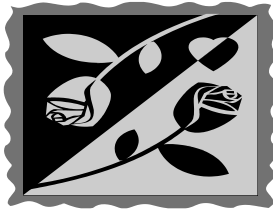
Legends have sprung up that Chaplin himself took part in one contest. Steve Chandler in his book 100 Ways To Motivate Yourself says Chaplin was on holiday in Monaco when he decided to enter a Chaplin look-alike contest. Others cite the incident as taking place in Switzerland.

Although the event has been embellished through the years, it did occur. Chaplin entered a look-alike contest in a San Francisco theatre. Amazingly, Chaplin failed to even make the finals.

In a similar way, sometimes we do not recognize the truth about God when it is staring us in the face.

Citation: Andy Scarcliffe, Edinburgh, Scotland; source: www.snopes.com

Diary Dates For July	
2nd	Men's Breakfast 8am The Bear, Wincanton. Speaker: George Powell from Gillingham Community Church.
4th	Special church members meeting 7.30 pm
9th	East Wessex Cluster Group BBQ at Ham Hill 6.30pm £1.00
11th	Reading Group at Glenis and Harry's home. 7pm
12th	Wessex District ministers breakfast at Isle Abbots 8.30am
16th	Fun Afternoon at Wincacnton play area. 2.30pm
17th	Home Mission Sunday visit of Rev. Barry Walton HM rep for SWBA. Lunch at church.
19th	Linx Trustees meeting at WBC 4pm
25th to 31st	Crawford and Jenny at World Baptist Alliance Congress in Birmingham



9th Lisa Large
10th Gavin Culmer
13th Vernon Page
14th Dave Hankins
17th Jane Smith
24th Peggy Hart

2nd Ernie
9th Ian
16th Georgina
23rd Vivienne
30th Jenny

4th Vivienne
11th Kathryn
18th Freda
25th Nancy

**Amendment to church directory: Iain & Gavin live at no. 23
Maunder's Close and not at no. 11.**

Christian Aid is offering to cure young people from the excluding nature of the "Big Brother" type reality TV shows by encouraging team building and co-operation. Visit www.globalgang.org.uk/games , which will take all young people from 8yrs upwards (and young-at-hearts) on an anti-Big Brother journey of discovery!

Couple Married 80 Years Never Sleep on an Argument

On June 1, 2005, Percy Arrowsmith, 105-years-old, and his 100-year-old wife Florence celebrated their 80th wedding anniversary. Percy died two weeks later. They met at their church in Hereford, England. He sang in the choir, and she was a Sunday school teacher.

According to the Guinness World Record authorities, the couple held the record for the longest marriage, as well as the oldest aggregate age of a married couple.

The Arrowsmiths claimed the key to their long marriage was not to go to sleep on an argument. They said they always kissed each other and held hands each night before going to bed.

Citation: "Couple Mark 80th Anniversary," The San Antonio Express-News (6-2-05); submitted by David Duquette, Reading, Pennsylvania

July 2005 Prayer Calendar

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

Last date for August Magazine: 24th July