



# WESTER HAILES BAPTIST CHURCH BULLETIN

**SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

## **GOOD MORNING!**

For the time being we will continue to hold two “socially distanced” services on Sundays:

10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. Morning worship service

11.30 a.m. – 12.30 a.m. Family worship service (including Sunday School and C.R.E.W. for the children and young people.)

Each Wednesday there is an online prayer meeting at 7.00 pm. Contact Gerald Kenny ([geraldkenny@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:geraldkenny@blueyonder.co.uk)) if you need log in details. This will include the fourth video and Bible study in the series on the persecuted church led by the Pastor.

As usual you can still get in touch with us as follows:

**Intercessory Prayer:** For immediate or confidential prayer please contact Eileen on 07952 860328.

**Pastoral Care:** If you have any pastoral issues please contact Daniel Ralph on 0131 453 2107 or 07791 351710, or one of the Elders – Gerald Kenny (01506 202617), Alan Montgomery (0131 443 2795), Paul Brown (0131 445 1007), or John McIntyre (0131 451 5467)

## **NOTICES**

**Annual General Meeting** – We have not yet held the members’ AGM due to the coronavirus pandemic. As we are now permitted to meet (up to 50 people) it is proposed to hold our AGM on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm (dependant on any future changes in coronavirus restrictions). The agenda and reports have been distributed to members by email, but if you need a printed copy some will be available today. Any items for the agenda under AOCB must be submitted in writing to Gerald by next Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October.

**Operation Christmas Child** – Despite current circumstances the annual Shoebox Appeal is continuing this year, where we have the opportunity to share the love of Christ with needy children. Pre-printed shoeboxes are available if you wish to pack your own box, or you can donate online at <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/ways-to-give/>. Please note that no toothpaste or sweets are now allowed. Shoeboxes must be brought to the church no later than Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

**Bethany Christian Trust:** Have launched their annual Buy a Bed campaign where supporters have the opportunity to help provide one person, who would otherwise be sleeping rough this Christmas or winter, access to the support of the new Welcome Centre. For every £21 donated through this campaign, the Welcome Centre will provide a person with: A warm

and safe place to sleep; Safety from the elements; Their own room with ensuite facilities; 24 hour care and support from professional staff; Three meals a day including a freshly prepared, hot two course meal in the evening; A range of professional on-site support services; Tailored support to help the individual to move rapidly out of the crisis of homelessness.

Further details at: <https://www.bethanychristiantrust.com/support-work/buy-a-bed/>

## PRAYER GUIDE

**Please use the following daily pointers to help direct your prayers, trusting in our mighty**

**God to answer:** *Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.* (Jeremiah 33 v 3)

**MONDAY: Leadership and Pastoral Team:** Rev. Daniel Ralph, the Elders and their families; our Deacons, leaders of church organisations and ministries; ask God to raise up more harvest-workers, and future leadership for church ministries. *Pray for the health of:* Jim and Nesta, Gabrielle (Francis's step-daughter), Euan.

**TUESDAY: Community and Evangelism:** your contacts, friends and family you wish to be saved. Pray for God's work in and around the church, that the Holy Spirit would move in lives in this area, touching homes and families especially during difficult times for many. Pray for the Dove Centre; our governments, and the witness of churches throughout the UK. *Pray for the health of:* Karen, Irene, Mike & Sheila.

**WEDNESDAY: Church family:** Ask for love and unity amongst us. Pray for those who are unwell, recently bereaved, lonely, finding it difficult to cope, with financial or relationship problems etc. Pray for single people, young couples and families, the elderly, those needing long-term care, and all involved in caring. *Pray for the health of:* Ruby, Pat, Carrie.

**THURSDAY: Mission:** Pam & Simon (MAF), Robert & Phillippa (ex-Botswana), Andrew and Grace (Lincs), Sandro and Gislene (Middle East), Jane & Edgar (Spain), Pastor SJ (India), Martin (P67), Gavin (SASRA); the Mission Committee. Pray for situations around the world, including the Coronavirus pandemic, and especially persecuted Christians.

**FRIDAY: Young People:** Munchkins, Sunday School, Crèche, WoT? and CREW, children dedicated in the church, local schools. Pray for the children's families. Pray for a new youth leader at the right time and for Barry's ministry. *Pray for the health of:* John, Nancy, Elsie

**SATURDAY: Church and Local Ministries:** stewards, music, multi-media, building maintenance, cleaning and refurbishment, finance, and admin. Pray for the homeless and the Care Van, Bethany Trust and Edinburgh City Mission. *Pray for the health of:* May, Alan and Lynn.

**SUNDAY: Worship:** services - those who lead, preaching of the Word, praise, visitors; humble, obedient hearts as we hear God's word; those who have fallen away. Thank God for His provision for us and ask for His continued blessing. Pray today for: **C.R.E.W.** and **Sunday School** kids and leaders. Pray for the return of normal worship and ministry in our church and in other gospel-proclaiming churches around the world. *Pray for the health of:* Ian, Bobbie, Graham (Margaret McH's son).