



w/c: 3rd March 2019

10:30 am Worship Service

Neal Smith is leading today and will be preaching on Bartimaeus – Luke 18:31-34.

***Creche:** There is no Creche this morning but parents and their children are welcome to use the Church Lounge but please remember to leave the room tidy.

Children and Young People:

We have a *Creche & KatCH (Kids at church) for children & young people & they will leave the Morning Service at some point during the morning, if it is an All Age Service children stay in.

Refreshments:

Tea & Coffee is available in the hall at the back of the church before & after the Morning Service.

Welcome Desk:

If you are visiting or are new to the church, please come and introduce yourself after the Morning Service at the Welcome Desk situated in the Foyer. You will find lots of information about what we do here and we look forward to getting to know you. If the Desk isn't manned, please speak to one of the stewards who welcomed you at the door.

6:00 pm Evening Communion Services

Our evening informal communion services will commence on Sunday 7th April and the 1st Sunday of the month thereafter.

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Notices

Creche: there is no Creche this morning but the Church Lounge is available for parents with their children to use but please remember to tidy up when you vacate the room – Thank you.

Evening Services: please remember that there are no Evening Services this month. However we have scheduled an informal style Communion Service for the **first Sunday of each month commencing 7th April.**

Encounters with Jesus: this morning's sermon is the start of our exciting new series on 'Encounters with Jesus' and Neal will be focusing on the story of Bartimaeus.



Whitton Life/Food Bank is in great demand at the moment, they are in desperate need of tinned items. There is a sheet by the Food Bank box in the vestibule of those items that are needed, if you are able to donate in anyway possible, please bring to Church and place in the box. If you need any more information please see **Angie or Liz.**

Our **F.I.S.H** event last week went well, though we had a few cancellations on the day, there was still a good number that came along. Please can you remember the families and the children who come along faithfully.

Urgent: Whitton Life needs a driver for the minibus for **Lunch Box** every **Wednesday** between the time of 11.30 and 2.30. If you are able to help in anyway, please see **Liz or Angie.** We can even provide you with lunch as a bribe!!

Tools with a Mission: 'I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all those who assisted me over the last year (2018) by giving their time and effort in the collecting of various trade tools, sewing & knitting machines plus habadashery items. We have sent from London Rd 5 transit vans of the above to Ipswich where they were refurbished put into working order and then shipped overseas, to enable people to earn a living and support themselves & their families and switch from aid dependency to self-sufficiency. We also managed to send £400 to assist in the shipment of these tools overseas. Thank you all, yours in His service, Alec Goldspink, T.W.A.M. Collector.'

Spree Youth Weekend: we are hoping to take a group of young children away to Spree on the **5th – 7th July**, like we did last year but we we need some help. We are looking for either 2 or 4 or even more to go before the group leaves and set up the tents for us on the Friday morning/afternoon and to then come back on the Sunday to pack them all away for us. Spree is in Kettering so is not too far away. We had some lovely volunteers who did this for us last year and that really did help us out. If you are able to help in any way, please see either **Liz Read or David Whittington Bradley.**

Church Key Cabinet: Following reorganisation, some key numbers and door names have changed. If you use any of the keys from the cabinet, please refer to the list inside the cabinet and the plans on the adjacent wall; otherwise you might find you have taken the wrong key! **Martin Rivett**



Weekly Prayer Focus: Ramsden Bellhouse Baptist Church

Ramsden Bellhouse is an affluent village located between Billericay and Wickford in southern Essex and for 92 years has been home to Ramsden Bellhouse Baptist Church. It is a small church with about 20 members and is led part-time

by retired minister Revd Jim Hamilton. Jim has been at the church for five years and usually leads the Sunday service. There is an older congregation of about thirty who come from an area much wider than the village itself but there are currently no children or teenagers. This is a very loving fellowship with a real concern and care for each other.

The church is very active and has a modern hall which is well-used for a variety of events and meetings throughout the week. These include coffee mornings, Bible study and a monthly breakfast on Saturday mornings. And there are a range of special events that take place through the year with a focus on the local community. However the church finds it hard to breakthrough to the residents in the village. They have a good relationship with the village Anglican church and work well with them. Jim is a governor of the local CofE primary school and regularly takes assemblies there.

Please pray for:

- A breakthrough in making an impact into lives of people in the village
- Guidance on what to do about the buildings. There is subsidence in the main church building and a potentially large bill to put it right.

BMS World Mission: As a church we support the Baptist Missionary Society, so if you would like to know more about this important work please look at the BMS World Mission website www.bmsworldmission.org if you do not have internet access you will find more information in the 'Engage' magazine situated in the Foyer.

Overseas Mission Newsletter Update: We have received an update from our friends who visited here last year and spoke of how God was using them in a difficult situation overseas. If you would like to have an update, please see Ray Dorling.

PRAYER Needs

Please remember the following in your prayers:-

Home Communion: visits are available upon request for those who are unable to get to church, please contact any of the Pastoral group if you would like Communion.

What's On Next Week?

Mon 4th March

	Chaplaincy Team	
9:00 am	Maintenance Team	LRBC
6:00 pm	Boys' & Girls' Brigades	LRBC
7:00 pm	Leadership Meeting	Whitton Life

Tues 5th March

9:30 am-2:30 pm	Knit 'n' Natter	Whitton Life
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Wed 6th March

9:15 am	Parent & Toddlers Group	LRBC
12:00 – 2:00 pm	Lunch Box	Whitton Life
12:45 pm	Parent & Toddlers Group	LRBC
7:00 – 8:30 pm	Ignite	LRBC

Thurs 7th March

9:15 am – 11:00 am	Family Coffee Morning	Whitton Life
11:30 am – 2:00 pm	Food Bank	Whitton Life
11:30 am – 2:30 pm	Community Café	Whitton Life
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	After School Dinners	Whitton Life

Fri 8th March

9:30 – 12.30 pm	Chaplaincy	
9:00 – 12 noon	Drop-In	Whitton Life
1:15 – 2.45 pm	Coffee & Chat	Whitton Life
3:30 – 5:30 pm	After School Club	Whitton Life
7:45 pm	Fusion	LRBC

Sat 9th March

10:00	Who let the dad's out	LRBC
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Sun 10th March

10:30 am	Worship Service	LRBC
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Dates For Your Diary

Tues 19 th March	Church Meeting AGM @ 7:30 pm	LRBC
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Sun 31 st March	All age service (Mothering Sunday) Coffee & Pastries @10am	LRBC
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Sun 7 th April	Evening Communion Service	LRBC
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Tues 30 th April	Quiz Night	LRBC
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Tues 21 st May	Children & Youth Workers Meeting 7.30 pm	Whitton Life
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Sun June	Revd Jonathan Edwards	LRBC
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