


# Colchester Baptist Church



**April 2024**

**FOCUS  
ON OUR  
FAMILY  
AND  
FRIENDS**





**At Colchester Baptist Church**

**our purpose is to**

**follow Jesus Christ**

**and make Him known**

**Our vision is to be a**

**growing, thriving, nurturing**

**family of God**

## REGULAR MINISTRIES AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday	10:00 Nepali Church in Warwick Room 10:30 Morning Service Powerhouse and Connect 13:00 The Circle 18:30 Evening Service (check news-sheet for details)
Monday	Bright Sparks (2-5 years) Open Door Monthly Deacons' Meeting
Tuesday	Tuesday@12 Racquet sports (weeks 1, 3 and 5) Badminton Monthly Quiet Prayer
Wednesday	Open Door ASK Friendship group (fortnightly termtime) Baby and Tots Funtime (termtime) 14:00 fFAFF (1st & 3rd) Sea Scout group
Thursday	Tea and Coffee prior to Lunch Club (1st week) Lunch Club (1st week) Bible Study Housegroups (2nd and 4th weeks) Prayer Meeting (3rd week)
Friday	Open Door Remix (not school holidays) Street Pastors
Saturday	Street Pastors

# CALENDAR OF SERVICES/EVENTS

## March

**28th** 19:30 Maundy Thursday Communion  
Rev Terry Tennens

**29th** 10:30 Good Friday Service  
Lee McDade

**31st** 9:00 Breakfast Communion  
Rev Terry Tennens

10:30 Easter Day Family Service  
Rev John Pulford  
With believers baptism

18:30 Easter Praise  
Lee McDade

**7th** 10:30 Morning Praise  
Rev Terry Tennens  
Why we lie?

**18:30** No Service

These details can change please check the weekly news sheet for information.

**14th** 10:30 Family Service

Communion

Rev John Pulford

18:30 Praise and Word Service

Baba & Toyosi

**21st** 9:30 Prayer Meeting

10:30 Morning Service

How grief impacts us?

Rev Terry Tennens

**18:30** No Service

**28th** 10:30 Morning Service

Lee McDade

18:30 Time For God

Communion

Rev Clive Jones

## **Hallelujah, He is risen!** **He is risen, indeed!**

The resurrection of Christ is the bedrock of our faith in God. The Apostle Paul puts it simply:

“If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith”.  
~ 1 Corinthians 15:14

But thanks be to God, He has been raised from the dead.

Believing in the evidence of the resurrection is credible:

12 Apostles, 11 of whom were killed for their faith. Would you die for a lie?

A worldwide movement that has over 3.2 billion followers today.

Doubting Thomas who met the resurrected Christ became a great missionary.

Over 500 witnesses saw the risen Christ as recorded in 1 Corinthians 15v3-7

The fulfilment of Old Testament prophecies on the birth and death of Christ.

You can't determine where your birth

and death occur!

Like many others Frank Morris a lawyer wrote the book "Who moved the stone?" to disprove the resurrection.

When he used his legal skills in analysing the evidence, to his shock the evidence proved the resurrection, he became a Christ follower.

Professor Francis Collins, head of the Genome Project (gene mapping) and adviser to several US Presidents, a follower of Christ, wrote the book "The language of God: a scientist presents the evidence for belief".

I think it takes more faith not to believe in the resurrection, than to believe.

Phillips Brooks, the hymn writer, says:

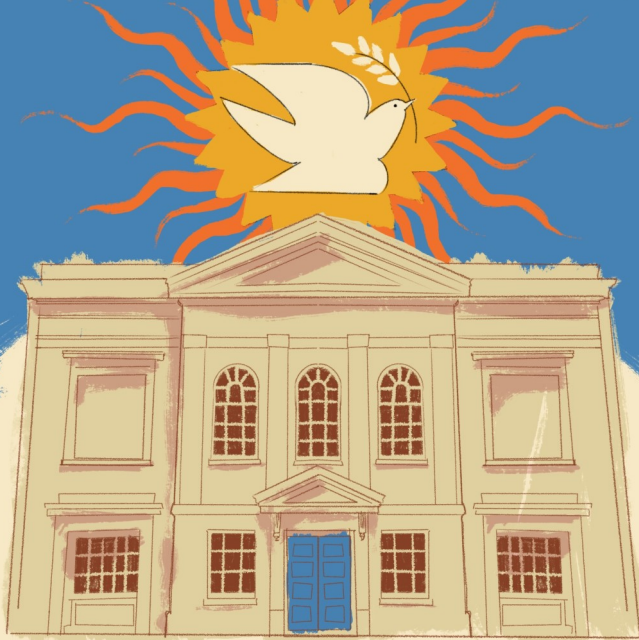
"Let every man and woman count himself immortal. Let him catch the revelation of Jesus in his resurrection. Let him say not merely, "Christ is risen," but, "I shall rise."

"Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men and women! Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks."

Go and be salt and light in the world –  
hallelujah He is risen!

Your fellow servant, in Christ, Terry

# Music of Hope



**A Medaille Trust charity fundraising concert  
hosted by Colchester Baptist Church**

**featuring the East of England Coop Band and  
Chelmsford Salvation Army songsters**

**Saturday 11th May 2024 | 19:30 | Free Admission**



Donations in aid of the work of Medaille Trust  
Colchester Baptist Church, Eld Lane,  
Colchester, Essex, CO1 1LS

  
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## **Job Vacancy**

The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre are recruiting a couple/two adults to support the nine elderly sisters who live in the main house.

The role is residential in a two bedroom bungalow, adjacent to the main home in Colchester.

Precise role, and salary are dependent on the skills of the successful applicants.

For further information please contact:  
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## **Sharing 6 Tearfund Bible Studies with you, one a month.**

Tearfund is a Christian international development and humanitarian organisation with more than 50 years' experience. They work in over 50 countries worldwide, in partnership with communities, churches and local organisations. They seek to tackle the complex challenges of poverty and injustice, and they have a heart for looking after the environment- God's wonderful creation, ensuring it works for us all.

### **Introduction to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Study**

This is a message from Tearfund at the start of 2024:

## **When future generations talk about our impact on people and the planet, what will they say?**

As a global community we see many problems getting worse: inequality and extreme poverty are on the rise; the earth's life-support systems are under threat; our economic system is accelerating inequality; and wealth and power are held by the few, at the expense of the majority.

At the root of these challenges are broken relationships – our relationship with God, ourselves, each other and the rest of creation. The consequences include greed, corrupt governance, injustice, colonialism and the ransacking of God's creation. None of this is God's plan, **but you are.**

**We live at a pivotal moment** where God's people have the opportunity to come together and use our collective power to **help shape a fairer future**, hundreds of thousands of churches acting as a global movement, finding our place in God's restoration story and acting with courage and hope.

**The church is the most powerful force for change in the world** and can be the beating heart of change:

***'I believe that this could be a prophetic call for the global church to serve and save the planet for the glory of our Creator. With 2.6 billion members the global church is bigger by far than any national population or multinational corporation. It is Jesus himself who calls us to challenge greed, speak truth to power, and take action in our own lives, praying for God's rule and reign in every sphere of a renewed world.'***

*Pete Greig*

## **Tearfund Bible Study 2**

**Where are we?** Written by Brenda Wangu

Brenda is a mathematics and Christian religion teacher in Kenya. She is pursuing a Master of Divinity in Biblical Studies at African International University.

*"Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, declares the Lord. "For thus says the Lord: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfil to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."*

*Jeremiah 29:4-11 (ESV)*

## **Reflection**

For the children of Israel who were in exile at this point, this letter from Jeremiah would not have made sense. They felt alone, rejected, empty, desperate and all sorts of other emotions. They kept on waiting for when they would be rescued from exile. The word of the Lord through Jeremiah came as a wake-up call. It was a message different from what they expected and from what they were hearing from the false prophets. Yet, God affirms through the letter that he is still at work in the nation of Israel – perhaps just in unexpected ways. As the Israelites waited on the Lord, there was an expectation on them too. They were to keep busy while in captivity and pursue the good of the land. They were to endure because God had a purpose for them in exile.

In the current state of things in the world, ours may not be captivity in a foreign land but ruling powers that oppress the poor and take advantage of the vulnerable. When we look around, it might seem that there is no hope, and a feeling of disappointment when church authorities fail to stand for God's truth and love.

## **Hope amidst adversity**

Today, there are two choices: one, that we fold our hands, watch all that is happening, give up and keep waiting for God's deliverance. However, like the Israelites in exile, there is an alternative option: we can choose to be present and active in current affairs. We are not to let go of what the Lord has given us: we must respond to the issues facing us. We must work, putting our hands and minds to action, and trusting God to bless the season and the work.

For believers today, we must stand for God's truth and take responsibility for things as they happen around us. We must choose not to participate in corruption, oppressing the poor or unjust practices that are happening in the world, but participate in the building up of our nations and especially the kingdom of God. We are called to work, take care and be stewards of all that has been entrusted to us. We must play our part as believers in pointing creation to God's kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven. Only then will God's plan continue to be made manifest in the church and the current world.

## **Reflection questions**

1. Our current situation may not be captivity or being in a foreign land, but it may relate to the Israelites' situation. What are some things that are happening today that compare to what was happening to the Israelites at that time?

2. Despite the message of hope about the plans God has for the world, trusting God and his plan is easier said than done. How can we hold on to faith and the assignments given to us? How can we also stand for the poor and oppressed?

3. It is not easy to accept the current situations and play our roles. However, as those called by the Lord, we must respond to what he says and desires of us. How does this help you see the current situation in the world? How do you choose to respond?

## **Prayer**

*God in Heaven, we know your will is sovereign and nothing happens without your knowledge. We are encouraged in knowing you are still at work in the lives of your children, despite the situation in the world. We ask that you give us strength and courage to live as you desire for us to do, that we shall*



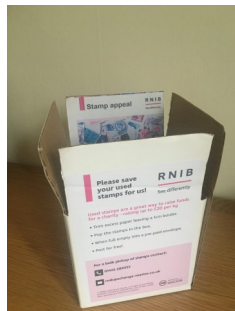
*work and devote ourselves to the welfare of our nations even as we await things to change. Help us pray and stand with those who are desperately in need around us, and make us a point of encouragement for them.*

Christine Frost has kindly sourced a Used Stamp box in aid of the RNIB (Royal National Institute for the Blind).

Please save your used stamps and drop them in the box which will be situated on the window sill by the Main Entrance to the Church.

**Please trim your used stamps around the edges to leave a 1cm border before dropping them in the box.**

Thank you Christine. It's lovely that we can contribute a little to this fine charity



DEADLINE for the May magazine will be:

**Friday 19th April 2024.**

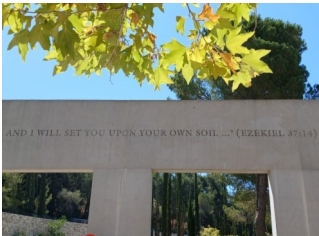
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I was very interested to read the recent article by Paul Clover in March Focus, on Ivor Perl and Auschwitz. During a recent business trip to Israel, I visited Yad Vashem holocaust museum to pay my respects. It was quite sobering to read even some of the pages in the Book Of Names room (see photos below). There are no names called 'Mizen', but there are hundreds named 'Mizan', from Greece.

It got me thinking, that he knows us all by name (Isa 43 v1) and knows the number of hairs on our head (Luke 12 v7). For those who are follically challenged (not me though), he has an easier job for sure! As the above chapter of Isaiah goes on to say, he is with us when we pass through the waters, the rivers and the fire. Indeed in all circumstances, he says do not be afraid! It is sometimes so hard to understand the difficulties we go through, and to make any sense of the holocaust is nigh impossible, but at least we can be that salt and light in the toughest times, coming alongside those around us to say that he walks with me every day. One of the exciting things about any ministry (which could be termed 'encountering other people') is the chance to impact someone for the gospel. I

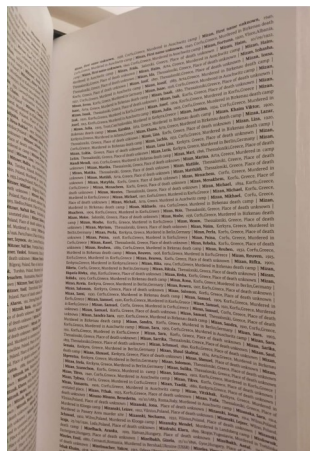
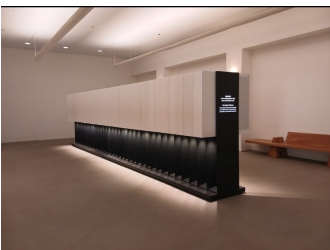
pray for those I met in Israel, that maybe my words from Isaiah made a difference to them.

My wife, children and I continue to serve Jesus wholeheartedly in Durbanville Baptist Church, Cape Town, in youth ministry, Sunday school and street evangelism. If you want to say hi, I can gladly take emails or WhatsApp calls on +27 78 8000 007. Thanks to Keith and Pam, who connected on a rather scratchy line from Setif, Algeria, during a recent business trip. And thank you Paul for Steve Pillinger's details – we are meeting up when I am next in Johannesburg. Andy Mizen



Yad Vashem entrance

The book of names





## **Thank you, Colchester Baptist Church, for your generosity in the 2023 Appeal.**

Here is a message I have received from Samaritans Purse about the 2023 Appeal.

God did extraordinary things around the world through Operation Christmas Child in 2023! We praise Him that 11.3 million shoeboxes were packed worldwide during last year's collection season. That means millions of children will now hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ and be discipled in 2024!

We invite you to explore some of 2023's highlights in our Special Report and get a

glimpse of just how God expresses His love through simple shoeboxes. You're sure to enjoy discovering some dynamic stories, including how shoeboxes led to several new churches being started in a remote region of Madagascar that was previously hostile to Christianity.

Here is the link:-

[https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/sites/default/files/styles/wide\\_2600/public/2024-02/2341eg-f2-028\\_s.jpg?itok=ltr1YSkI](https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/sites/default/files/styles/wide_2600/public/2024-02/2341eg-f2-028_s.jpg?itok=ltr1YSkI)

We are grateful for your partnership through faithful prayers, packed boxes, volunteer hours, and other support.

Let's continue to "*declare His glory among the nations*" (Psalm 96:3).

**Paul Clover**

(Shoebox Appeal Co-ordinator)

FREE EVENT



# Lost In His Presence

Worship Time Events

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Birmingham Community Gospel Choir

London International Gospel Choir



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**KINGSLAND CHURCH**  
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SATURDAY  
**11**  
MAY  
2024

TIME:  
4PM - 8.30PM

## GUEST ARTISTES

- + CHELMSFORD COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR
- + KINGSLAND COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR
- + BASILDON COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR
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## **CHURCH FLOWERS ROTA 2024**

### **April**

7th Malcolm & Sheila Dyer

Wedding Anniversary

14th Hazel Bohr in memory of Roger

21st John Bugg in memory of Sylvia

28th Yvonne Lee

in memory of Roy and Pete



### **April**

6<sup>th</sup> Val Davis

9<sup>th</sup> Keith Simpson

18<sup>th</sup> Pam Simpson 23<sup>rd</sup> George Balfour

30<sup>th</sup> Josh Crayston

## TEA WITH LEE



On Monday afternoons between 1 and 3:30 Lee McDade will be at the church to see any visitors who'd like to drop in for a cup of tea and a chat.

He'll be free to say hi if you're going past, to meet you if you've not met yet, to chat for a while about anything and to pray with you or for you.

He will also be in the building from 9:30 but as he will be working at Open Door, he may not have as much time to make the tea.

He hasn't mentioned biscuits or cakes but I'm sure they'd be welcome if you arrive with some.



Let us know his  
favourites



## **Amiable Amblers**

**March 2024**

**Start Time 2.30 pm**

**13<sup>th</sup> April**

**Highwoods Colchester**

Park in car park at the end of  
Chanterelle off Eastwood Drive.

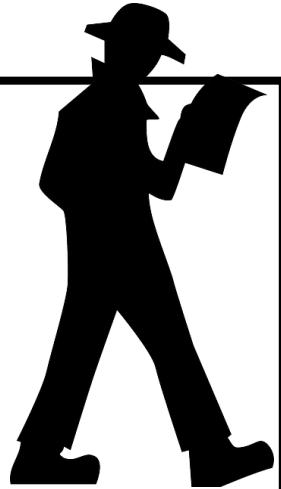
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# **The Bible At A Glance**

## **From**

## **Our Daily Bread**

### **Nahum**

Why do good people suffer, but bad people seem to have everything they want?

Why is life so unfair? Doesn't God care that some people take advantage of us and get away with it?

Nahum is a tiny Old Testament book which makes a massive promise: God will not let the guilty go unpunished.

With uncomfortably clear detail, Nahum describes the doom of Assyria as an example of what is coming for those who abuse, oppress, bully and use violence to get their own way.

In His goodness and His justice, God will not let nations, governments, world leaders, bullies or anyone else get away with the selfish ways they've treated others.

Nahum promises that God is more upset than we are at the unfairness of our world.

Do you want an answer to the injustice you see?

Nahum tells us what will happen to those who mistreat others; they will answer to the awesome and powerful King of kings.

And, until then, he shows us how to live well in a difficult and unfair world.

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Many thanks to Paul Clover for recommending this series.

The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble.  
He cares for those who trust in him.

Nahum 1:7



## **REMIX**

Remix is a Youth Club that meets at the Church on a Friday evening. The young people that join us come from church families and from those who have had a link through Bright Sparks and Mothers and Toddlers, and their own friends from school. Currently we run two groups;

Primary school children from 6:30p.m. to 8p.m. and those who are 11 and over from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The evening involves crafts, sports, cooking, quizzes and in the summer, trips to the park, weather permitting. Over the lockdown months we maintained links by meeting on line, and since September 2021 a group of around 20 have been meeting at Church.

We would love to see the numbers grow both from children from our fellowship and those from the local communities, giving us the opportunity to build relationships with families in the town. We would also love to welcome

some adult leaders to join the dedicated team who enjoy the privilege of working alongside these young people.

## **'Board on a Friday'**

Is a new group for fun and fellowship being run by Robin Harbord and Jon Hills on the **first Friday of each month** in the **Church lounge 7-9 pm** starting on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May** (ready for the coronation). We will be playing a variety of resource management and strategy type board games suitable for ages 14-99.

Please let Jon or Robin know if you are interested, or just join us on a first Friday for some fun

## **SOUND SYSTEM & AUDIO VISUAL**

The Technical Team are in need of several more helpers to assist Tunde and the Church use our new Sound, Visual and Streaming systems on Sunday mornings and evenings.

Please let Tunde Ikuesan or David Gubernu know if you may be able to help.

## Church Livestream Services:

Facebook - [https://www.facebook.com/ColchesterBaptistChurch.Eld.Lane/live\\_videos/](https://www.facebook.com/ColchesterBaptistChurch.Eld.Lane/live_videos/)

YouTube - <https://youtube.com/channel/UCvaybQcC96YYxVkNvAUgkFg>



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