

Leominster Baptist Church

Dear LBC and Friends,

We are glad to be able to introduce the first edition of our new newsletter. We hope that this will be another way to share events, updates and keep everyone informed about the life of our church community. We will also use it share prayer requests for various ministries as well as opportunities to jump in and be involved.

As we have discussed what to include in the newsletter I am reminded of just how much goes on at, and in connection with, LBC. In the last 15 minutes I have seen 6 different people come and go to the church, each one for a different purpose. I'm also very aware of the hundreds of others whose life and ministry takes them into offices, schools, markets, homes and other situations. I am thankful that the life and witness of the church extends beyond services and activities and goes into the nooks and crannies of our community, workplaces and families.

Paul writes to the Corinthians that this is how church works. No one person holds all the ministries or all the steps of witnessing in their hands but each part does its bit. He writes "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow." (1 Corinthians 3:6). Our church is a family of love and shared purpose, where each individual contributes to the fabric of our life together with Jesus in different ways. So in this first newsletter I wanted to start by thanking you for being a part of our church family. For the role you play however large or small you may feel it is and however long or short you have been a part of it.

I am grateful for the work and witness of so many and continue to pray that God would keep using what we offer up to bring more the fruit and growth that we need.

Dean

Vision: Be with Him, Be like Him, Do what He did.



Celebrating
Pastor Dean Burgis
10 Year Anniversary at
Leominster Baptist Church
May 2014 - May 2024



10 years as The Pastor's Wife

When I was asked to write a few words about my perspective of the last 10 years here at LBC the words that came to mind were growth, privilege but also challenge.

It has been an absolute privilege to see the growth and changes that have taken place over the years and we have been amazed at what God has done through those at LBC. When people visit the church they often comment about the church having a family feel to it. We are so grateful to be part of something as special as LBC and, for us personally, the church family has been extremely comforting, uplifting and has kept us going throughout the years.

Although there are countless positives, the role of a pastor also includes challenges like difficult decisions, sacrifice and taking on, at times, heavy responsibilities. I have witnessed the weight of the role, and the toll it can take, but it's in those times that I can see the biggest growth in Dean, both in his role and his reliance on God.

To sum it all up, we started here at LBC at two young, mid 20 year olds growing and learning as we went.

We end those 10 years not quite as young, mid 30 year olds with 2 children and a whole lot more experience and growth. You have shown us what church really can look like - a family - where you can celebrate the good times and comfort each other in the tough times.

We can't thank you enough for the love, care and encouragement that has been continuously shown to us. Without it we wouldn't have been able to stick it out when times get tough and we wouldn't still be feeling that this is our home after 10 years.

Naomi Burgis



Say 'Hello' to our newest
Family Member

We warmly welcome Kate Doubleday into the fellowship at LBC.

Kate has been attending LBC for almost 12 months and lives in Presteigne.



Checkpoint Christian
Youth Trust

Joe Whitfield is finishing his work with Checkpoint this term, and his successor has now been appointed.

Hannah Kelsall, who came with the team from Capernwray in March, will start in September.

Please pray for Joe and Hannah as they prepare for their futures.

Prayer Chain

If you have any prayer requests and would like the family at LBC to pray for you then please contact Dean or Marie and they will add you to our Prayer Chain.



If you do not receive the Prayer Chain email and would like to be included then please contact Dean and he will add you on.

Let's celebrate

May 27th - Polly Roberts will be 80 years old.

Congratulations Polly!

If you have a special birthday or anniversary, new baby, or any other exciting news you would like to share please email us on:

newsletter@leobc.co.uk

No later than 21 June



MAY

6th 9am Breakfast

22nd 7pm Quiz Night



JUNE

15th 9.30 Car wash



Spotlight On:



Sunbeams



Sunbeams is our group run on a Wednesday morning from 9.30-11am for parents and carers to come with their preschool aged children.

We have 45 families (62 Children!) on our books, but on average 35 each Wednesday. This roughly adds up to about 90 bodies in the building each week! to help us be able to provide the care that is needed for each one. Our families often comment that 'It is by far our favourite group 'we can't wait for Wednesdays' and 'it always feels different here' To which we have to give all credit to God. He is at work here, he is the one that holds it all together, and it is His Spirit in this place that makes it 'feel different'. In all the business of the morning, each one is known and loved and celebrated. We take an interest in all aspects of their lives and pray for them.

We make sheep, snails, flowers, buses, scarecrows, shooting stars, spiders, dinosaurs.

We become chefs & builders, farmers & cleaners.

We play with dinosaurs, Duplo, trains, cars, dolls, jigsaws, books.

We get messy with cereal, sand, pasta, rice, oats, water, bubbles, feathers, petals, leaves, playdoh.

We celebrate each other on birthdays, mothers & fathers days, starting school, new jobs, new houses, Christmas, new babies. We eat grapes, cucumber, melon, biscuits, homemade cakes.

We have FUN!

Newday 2024



This term signifies the build up to Newday, our summer camp. If you haven't heard of Newday it is one of the largest Christian events for young people that takes place in the UK every year. Thousands of young people aged 12-18 descend on Norfolk Showground, near Norwich to join hundreds of churches from all over the UK and Europe to learn about and worship God, camp out together and soak in the summer festival feeling, leaving Newday further along in their relationship with Jesus, you can find out more at their website newdaygeneration.org.

Our young people are signing up slowly for this year's camp. We ask each young person to pay for their ticket, if they are able in full and if not we do offer separate financial help on an individual family basis. Then the rest of the expenses for the trip are raised through a number of events and activities which the whole church and others can be involved in. This year we are starting with a bank holiday breakfast on May 6th. Then a quiz evening on 22nd May, and a Car Wash on 15th June. Although these events are to help raise funds, this is not their sole purpose. We want the young people to feel a sense of ownership and commitment to camp and to feel a part of the wider church family. But also, they are really good 'entry level' events for you to be able to invite our wider community to. Friends, family, neighbours. Some people we know just will not come on a Sunday morning, but they will come to an event.

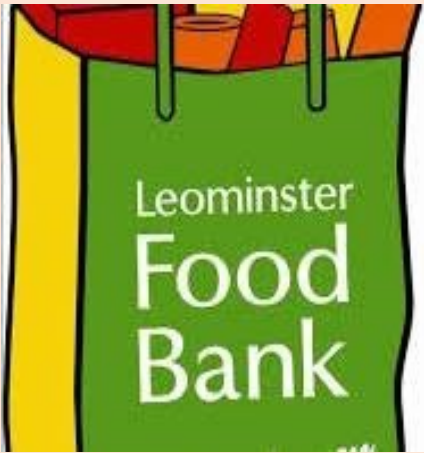
My prayer is that as each one steps into the building they will be served and loved and be one step closer to the God. That they will be captivated by our loving God who is longing to be in relationship with them. Fliers to give out will be on the welcome desk and keep an eye on the Sunday news sheet for more event specific information.

Please pray:

- Pray for the young people as they make the decision on whether to come to Newday or not.
- Pray that God would provide what is needed in terms of helpers for Newday, finances and practicalities of the week.
- For the events and activities. Pray that they would not only serve a purpose of raising funds but would be a chance for the young people to be blessed in helping run something and be part of the church family.
- Pray for opportunities for yourself to invite others to the events and activities that are coming up.

Pray for Newday itself that the organisers, speakers and planners would be guided by God and keep the focus on lifting up the name of Jesus and speaking the gospel to the next generation.

Foodbank



We have been made aware that our local foodbank is having to buy a lot of food due to an increase in need and a drop in donations. Below is a list of current needs for those who are able to support this work.

Leominster Foodbank needs:

(In tins) meat, fish, carrots, potatoes, peas, sweetcorn, baked beans, tomatoes, soup, rice pudding and fruit.

Small bags of sugar, jam, squash, teabags (40s in foil)

Long life milk (blue or black packs) ketchup, pasta sauce, stock cubes, coffee, cereal.

Shampoo, deodorant, sanitary packs,, toilet rolls.

Washing up liquid, cleaning supplies, bin bags.

Your Deacons at Leominster Baptist Church



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