



Leyland Baptist Church

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Prayer Points

- Liz and Carole have returned from Uganda and we give thanks for travelling mercies. Please pray for the people and projects they connected with, especially:
 - Kamuli Education Project (providing academic and vocational training, supporting widows)
 - Freedom Christian Centre, Kampala (supporting widows and working with teenage mums)
 - Mama Allen's Care Foundation (School for Deaf Children)
 - Cephas Leadership Foundation
 - Soroti Prison (Pastor Fred and Mary)
- Please pray for Carol, Nat, Jake and Jess following Howard's death.
- We thank God that HMRC have allowed us to submit a Gift Aid claim and our finances are in a better position. However, we are still spending more each month than we are receiving. Our giving is part of our worship and faith; please consider your giving prayerfully.

Dates for your diary

Sun 2nd Nov Dedication service for Leo and Bring and Share meal

We celebrate with Stacy and Freya as we dedicate Leo. After the service we will eat together at a Bring and Share meal.

Sat 8th Nov Small Church Hub looking at BigLife

9.30am for brews 10am sharp start 3pm Finish At this meeting of the Small Church Hub we welcome Jack Sykes from BigLife. BigLife is a movement helping ordinary people to live their lives as disciples and to reach out and disciple others.

Everyone is welcome to attend. If you benefited from looking at Frontlines and Fruitfulness on the Frontline, then this will build on that.

Sat 15th Nov The Big Clean 10am

This year we are cleaning a bit earlier so that the building is lovely and clean ready for Warren and Andrea's wedding the following week. There is a job for everyone, and many hands make light work!

Sun 16th Nov 3pm SLEAP 30th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service

Everyone is invited to celebrate 30 years of God's provision for SLEAP and the practical work it has done in demonstrating God's love to homeless young adults.

Be joyful always,
Pray continually,
Give thanks in all
circumstances for
this is God's will for
you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Week of Prayer

During our Week of Prayer each evening was led by a different person sharing differing perspectives on what fruitfulness looks like for Leyland Baptist Church and for us as individuals.

These are the themes which came out.

The need for a committed connection to Christ

If you grow an apple tree from a pip you could get any sort of apple, and of any taste or quality. To ensure you get apples of a certain variety, taste and edibility you need to graft your apple tree onto good root stock. The Bible verse talks about remaining in the vine. In Jesus' time people were familiar with the vines and how to grow them successfully. We are a bit more familiar with apples. To ensure our fruitfulness bears good fruit that is from God we need to be grafted onto the good root stock that is Christ.

Be dependent on the Holy Spirit.

To be fruitful we have to be dependent on the Holy Spirit; we achieve nothing in our own strength, only in God's strength through the Holy Spirit.

Abide in God.

A fruitful church abides in God through prayer, meeting together, studying the Bible, doing and being, serving each other and the world, eating together, teaching, hospitality and fellowship.

Uganda Mission Trip, Encourage Ministries, 2025

*Amazing. Wonderful. Challenging. Exhausting. Beautiful.
Joyful. Heartbreaking.*

Those are all words Carole and Liz use to describe their time in Uganda.

Uganda is a place of contradictions, where the modern and the ancient exist side by side. On the same roads as modern tankers and lorries you will find cows and goats being herded along. Modern designer shops without price tags are close to women sitting on the street with piles of bananas, tomatoes and onions in front of them. Houses with electricity and running water, and huts made of mud bricks with cooking done outside, 2 rooms and inhabitants in double figures. Professionals in suits with smartphones, and children with no shoes and holes in their clothes.

Yet those we met were more joyful and full of life than we ever seem to be. They were glad to be alive, despite life being hard and having so little.

Carole and Liz went for almost 3 weeks with Encourage Ministries. During that time they preached and prayed in schools, prisons, churches in slum areas, a refugee settlement and education projects. In each place the hope of Christ, his love and forgiveness for all people, and his desire to be alongside them throughout life and beyond. Gifts of some of the essentials of life were also distributed; sugar, soap, flour, books, clothes, pencils and Bibles.

Carole and Liz will be sharing more about their trip in the next News and Views as well as during Sunday services.