



Leyland Baptist Church

News and Views

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Prayer Points

- Congratulations to Beth who has been promoted to Deputy Head. 'Exciting and scary' is how she describes it! Please pray for the transition to be smooth and that she settles into the new role quickly.
- Degr and David are both receiving chemotherapy so please remember them in your prayers.
- Maryam and Kasra should have gone to court over their asylum claim last month, but this was cancelled. There is no new date at the moment. Please pray for them in their frustration and anxiety as they continue to wait.
- Liz goes to Baptist Union Assembly this month where she will receive her 'official handshake'. This marks the end of her training period and newly accredited minister period. In other words she's achieved full ministerial recognition.
- It is wonderful to share news of 2 dedications in the coming months. We thank God for these children and their families. Please pray for the children and their families. Also for those who may be at the services who don't yet know Jesus.
- Carole is walking part of the Camino Way this month. This is an ancient and vast network of pilgrimage routes all leading to the shrine of St James in Santiago de Compostela in northwest Spain. We ask for safety and travelling mercies for her.

Dates for your diary

Tues 12th May Church Meeting 7.30pm

Anyone can attend the church meeting as together we make decisions about our church, seeking to be obedient to God's will.

Tues 19th May 1.15pm Prayers for Leyland Turpin Green Methodist church

Sun 31st May Fellowship BBQ

After church. Please see the sign-up sheet for items of food for sharing.

Sun 14th June Dedication Service

We celebrate with Ben and Kayleigh, Grandma Margaret and Granddad Ade, and all the family as Gia is dedicated

Sat 20th June Women's Gathering

10am to 4pm Latchford Baptist Church
Lights for Christ - Responding to God in the everyday. Open to all women.

Mon 22nd June 9.30am Prayers for Leyland St John's C of E.

Sun 12th July Dedication Service

Another day of celebration, this time with Meg and Sam, as Rudi is dedicated and celebrates his 3rd birthday. Everyone is invited to stay after church to help Rudi celebrate his birthday.

Thurs 16th July 7.30pm Prayers for Leyland Leyland Baptist Church



Leyland Baptist Church Activities

Monday 9.30am Zoom prayers

We pray the Northumbria Community Morning Office together. If you would like the link for this prayer time, please ask Liz.

Thursday 10.30am to 12.30pm Community Café

Free drinks, biscuits/cakes, board games, craft and chat. A light lunch is served at 12 noon. There is no fixed charge, just a basket on the side for donations.

Everyone is welcome!

Thursday 6pm Eating Together

NB - first Thursday of the month only.

Thursday 7.30pm Bible Study

We start with a time of prayer and then look at a passage from the Bible in more depth. This might be a follow on from Sunday's worship service, or part of a series of sessions on a topic or particular book of the Bible. Come and join the discussion, as we share our thoughts and questions.

Sunday 9.30am ?????

A short Bible study and discussion for those who are youthful in both age and faith.

Sunday 10.30am Worship

We meet together to praise God and learn more about how we are disciples of Christ. 1st & 3rd Sundays are whole church worship. 2nd & 4th Sundays the children go out to Sunday School and there is more of a sermon. Communion is celebrated on the second Sunday of each month.

Sunday 6.30pm Worship and Communion

NB - last Sunday of the month only

Ascension

Ascension Day comes 40 days after Easter and celebrates Jesus ascending, or going up into heaven. Some of the disciples witnessed this and then were spoken to by angels as they stood there staring into the sky.

This piece reminds us that whilst we can't see Jesus or go and find him physically, he is here with us. Jesus lives on in us and others and Ascension reminds us to use our lives to show Jesus to others.

Why do you stand staring into the sky?
Jesus isn't there.

We have flown above the clouds and know that
Jesus isn't there.

We have left the earth's gravitational pull but
Jesus isn't there.

We have searched the sky with radio telescopes and satellites and
Jesus isn't there.

Why do you stand staring into the sky?
Jesus isn't there.

*Have you looked among the
peacemakers?*

He might be there.

*Have you looked among the victims of
violence and where there are wars?*

He might be there.

Why do you stand staring into the sky?
Jesus is here.

Look down at your hands.

Look at the way your hands bring peace.

Look at the way your hands give love.

Look at the way your hands soothe & heal.

Look at the way your hands share & give.

Jesus is here.