

**MONTHLY FAMILY MAGAZINE
JULY 2021**



Verse of the Year: 'Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes' – Isaiah 54:2

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Welcome to our July edition of the Wymondham Baptist Church Magazine. The aim of the magazine is to offer something of interest to everyone. We aim to include pieces of interest and snippets of news. If you can contribute anything, we invite you to do so. Please don't be shy. You can either email the Office (office@wymondhambaptist.org), or drop a paper copy of your contribution into the Office by the last Sunday of the month and it will be included in the following month.

The magazine continues to evolve - there will not be a magazine in August or September, but we will have a 'new' look one in October. It will then be produced bi-monthly. We hope to have something for the children and young people as well as items for the adults. Your comments and contributions would be gratefully received.

I plan to email out the magazine to everyone on our email list and also have a few printed copies available for anyone who would like one.

So please think about what you might be able to contribute to the next issue.



Date for your diary:

The next “*Coffee @ no.3*” will be on

Wednesday, 28th July from 10.00 – 12.00 am

Come and have a chat with friends (in person!) and let us make a brew for you!

At Tom and Nicki's home:

3 Jackdaw Close, Wymondham, NR18 9FQ

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Nicki's mobile 07854 452093

If you need a lift, just ask!



Sunday 1st August - Worship (Café church style)-
10.30a.m.

Monday 2nd August - Roots Community Café-10.00a.m.
1.00p.m.

Friday 6th August - Roots Community Café - 10.00a.m.
1.00p.m.

Sunday 8th August - Worship (Café church style) -
10.30a.m.

Monday 9th August - Roots Community Café -
10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.

Thursday 12th August - Leadership Team meeting

Friday 13th August - Roots Community Café -
10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.

Sunday 15th August - Worship (Café church style) -
10.30a.m.

Monday 16th August - Roots Community Café -
10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.

Friday 20th August - Roots Community Café -
10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.

Sunday 22nd August - Worship (Café church style) -
10.30a.m.

Monday 23rd August - Roots Community Café -
10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.

Friday 27th August - Roots Community Café -
10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.

Sunday 29th August - Worship (Café church style) -
10.30a.m.

Friday 3rd September - Roots Community Café -
10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.

MISSION NEWS - MISSION FOCUS FOR JULY - Falconer Trust

The Falconer Trust and Falconer Home -

Neil has kindly provided us with an update on the work and challenges facing the Falconer Home at the present time.

The Roof

The roof of the main house needs to be completely replaced. It has been patched up in recent years, but now needs to be completely replaced. The main challenges are:

- a. time constrains - it needs to be completed before the rainy season begins in October.
- b. the children who sleep in the main house need to be accommodated elsewhere while the work is carried out - work is going on in various buildings to make them suitable for the little ones.
- c. the existing roof is made of asbestos, so will need to be removed with utmost care. Advisers have been brought in to oversee the removal of the old roof;
- d. the cost - we are not exactly sure of the cost of the project and we await costings from the Home. We have sent an initial payment to buy materials, but don't really know yet how much more will be needed.
- e. **The generator:**

Because of the urgency of the roof replacement, other projects have had to be put on hold, but the installation of the generator remains a priority. Cable are being laid, and the generator house is being finished.

Covid 19:

There has been a big spike in covid cases in Zambia recently, and with less than 1% of adults in Zambia having received even one dose of the vaccine, this is clearly a serious concern.

Prayer for July

Heavenly Father, thank you for your love and compassion for everyone, wherever they are in the world. We pray especially for the children and staff at the Falconer Children's Home in Zambia. We pray for your protection over them during the coronavirus pandemic. Keep them safe, not only from Covid, but in all the other challenges they face.

We pray for the various projects at the Home, especially the roof replacement of the main house. Please supply the resources required, as well as the workers to carry out the work. We pray that the work may be completed before the start of the rainy season in October.

We pray too for the team at the Falconer Trust, who work to support the orphanage. Thank you for the way that You always provide what is needed - You have never let us down!

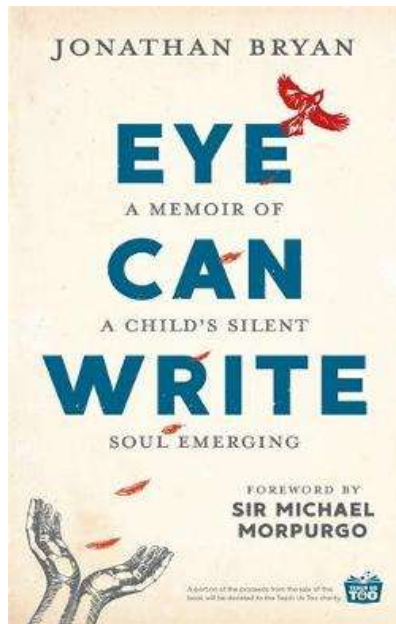
We pray that the Trust here in Norfolk and the Home in Zambia may continue to work in effective partnership, so that the children may not only have a home, food and clothing, but a real hope for the future.

*We pray these things in the precious name of Jesus,
Amen*

Dates for your diary -

Saturday 3rd July - TWAM collection - 10.00a.m. - 4.00p.m.
Sunday 4th July - Worship at 9.30a.m. and 11.00a.m. Communion
Monday 5th July - Roots Community Café - 10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.
Tuesday 6th July - Wymondham in Bloom judging
Friday 9th July - Roots Community Café - 10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.
Sunday 11th July - Worship at 10.30a.m.
Monday 12th July - Roots Community Café - 10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.
Tuesday 13th July - Ketts Bookshop Author Event
Friday 16th July - Roots Community Café - 10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.
Sunday 18th July - Worship at 10.30a.m. Church Meeting 12.15p.m.
Monday 19th July - Roots Community Café - 10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.
Friday 23rd July - Roots Community Café - 10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.
Sunday 25th July - Worship at 10.30a.m. Special Church Meeting - 11.45a.m.
Monday 26th July - Roots Community Café - 10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.
Wednesday 28th July - Coffee @ No 3 - 10.00a.m.
Thursday 29th July
and Friday 30th July - Fuelcast filming
Roots Community Café - 10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.

Looking for a good read?



What it's about:

Jonathan Bryan has severe cerebral palsy, a condition that makes him incapable of voluntary movement or speech. He was locked inside his own mind, aware of the outside world but unable to fully communicate with it until he found a way by using his eyes to laboriously choose individual letters, and through this make his thoughts known.

Why read it?

A powerful, moving, insightful and inspirational memoir from a highly intelligent and determined young man with real faith.

(Christine has a copy which she is willing to share if you would like to read it.)

Financial proposal on WBC tithing, as a church

As a Leadership Team we have been reviewing our financial position robustly over the past five months at each Deacons meeting, to ensure we are as financially stable as we can be and that we are being good stewards of our money. We are very conscious that the money we allocate/spend has been tithed and gifted by yourselves and others who attend/visit the church, and we take our financial responsibility very seriously.

At the last church meeting I presented our financial position, and we were forecasting that our expenditure for the year would be £9,000 greater than our income for the year, and that this was going to use up a large proportion of our savings (over half). Since then, God has been good and we have received two large gifts, which has reduced this gap by half, praise God. At the July Church Meeting I will take you through our current financial position and our forecast for the full year.

Each month the Financial Team and the Leadership Team, review the figures and project where we are going to end up at the end of the year, we review each line of income and expenditure. One of the issues that we have been discussing recently is the fact that as a church, we have not been formally tithing. We do give in a number of ways, but the total is less than a tenth of our income. Currently our giving to Overseas Outreach and Home Mission is in the region of £2,500 a year, yet our predicted income for this year is over £50,000, which mean we should be tithing £5,000, double what we are actually giving.

In church, we talk about tithing and how we expect members is consider tithing to the church and yet here we are as a church, not tithing. So, at the July Church Meeting I would like to present a proposal on behalf of the Leadership Team that we bravely tithe and trust God that He will support us in this decision.

Therefore, I would ask that you pray, consider and come to the meeting with questions and concerns about this key area. As the Leadership Team we have prayed and discussed this area a lot and we would really like to hear from you and what you feel God is telling you, about what we should do as a church.

We will send out the financial figures before the meeting, so that you have time to consider and reflect on what we will be discussing. If you have any questions or comments before the Church Meeting, please feel free to contact me or speak to any member of the Leadership Team.

Please reflect and pray about this decision.

Victor Fromm

WBC Treasurer



HOLIDAYS

Paul and Emma are taking a few days off from Saturday, 28th August to 1st September - Any queries or concerns should be addressed to the Elders (Vic Wright and Gill Price) during this time.

JOBS TO DO IN THE GARDEN IN JULY

Cut back delphiniums and geraniums after the first flush of flowers to encourage a second flowering period.

Liquid feed containerised plants to keep them flowering throughout summer.

Mulch borders to retain moisture and prevent weeds. 2-3 inches depth works best.

Deal with Greenfly and blackfly on young shoots. A regular spray of a plant invigorator will provide non-toxic control.

Aphids and black spot control with Rose Clear.

Powdery mildew can occur in dry weather. Mulch plants to keep moist. Spray with Fungus Clear.

Sow spring cabbage, chard and winter spinach.

Plant winter cabbage plants.

Give the lawn a quick-acting summer feed.

Give woodwork a coat of preserver while the weather is dry.

WBC garden ready for Wymondham in Bloom.



A PICTURE TO COLOUR



An encouraging story from the Paris Prayer Conference held recently by World Team, with whom Rachel works.

Suzie has lived and worked in France for 30 years. 25 years she became friends with a lady and over the years they have had many talks about being a Christian. Marie said she believed but her life didn't indicate a real change of heart. Some months ago she was found to have a terminal illness. Suzie had given her a few books and gave her one more upon her diagnosis. At Easter her son and his wife took her to stay with them and she never returned home. They decided to take the books Marie had been given and during the last weeks of her life read them with and to her. On the last morning of the conference Suzie received a phone call from Marie's son to say his mother had died. He told her about the books and said that his mother had firmly believed in Jesus before she died and he and his wife had also come to faith.

Do not lose heart, if your prayers and witness seem to go unanswered. God is at work and the harvest may be richer than you had dreamed.- Contributed by Christine Spencer

Straightsmouth Stories

Many Years ago on Blackheath in South East London There was a Plymouth Brethren Fellowship. They had decided to plant a new assembly down in Greenwich. They found a little hall in a road called Straightsmouth just round the back of Greenwich Station. The hall was made of Corrugated iron so they called it "The Iron Room". Unfortunately as Blackheath was then a very upper class area and Greenwich very much a working class area their impact was virtually nil. However, they did make an impact with the young people of the area. They had meetings and events for them, their own football team etc. However, these

youngsters became very ill behaved and started to become a problem, so they decided to hold a meeting to see if they should carry on or not. The meeting took place and it looked as if they were going to close it down. Then a voice said "But they will be men one day". Nobody remembered who said it but it changed the whole tenor of the meeting and they decided to carry on making it a matter of prayer for the whole assembly.

Things didn't change overnight but gradually these youngsters started to respond to the Gospel, not all, but a goodly number. They went on to be baptised, grew up and married within that group. My mother and father were part of that group. Can you imagine a group of working class youngsters taking on the rather strict P.B. teachings which follow closely the teachings of the Apostle Paul and going out into the world and living by that code? What a witness that unruly crowd became.

Hang on a minute. Don't we have a youth group at WBC. Are we as a fellowship of God's people concerned as we should be for them, whoever they are? Somebody wrote a little book about these youngsters in Greenwich and called it "Straightmouth Stories". Wouldn't it be great if we could do a similar thing and write some "Queen street stories of our own. I think it might take at least a similar amount of dedication, corporate and individual prayer and stickability that those old Saints showed all those years ago.

Watch this space for more "Straightmouth Stories."

- Contributed by Henry Brewer

TRY YOUR HAND AT THIS SIMPLE WORDSEARCH

BOOKS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

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Can you find these books of the New Testament:-
Matthew, Acts, Mark, Luke, John, Romans, Timothy, Titus, Jude, James, Peter, Philemon, Colossians, Ephesians