

## Welcome to Coney Hill Baptist Church

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## Sunday 13th July 2025



## Crafting a Rule of Life John 15:5-11

"Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing."

John 15:5

## **Church Mission Statement:**

"Demonstrating the Love of God together.

Making God known through practical service,
relevant witness and the growing of
Committed Followers of Jesus"

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(Please send items to Sue by NOON ON THURSDAY Thank you).

## Safeguarding:

We want everybody with whom we come into contact with, as a church, to feel welcomed, safe and secure at all times. Our safeguarding strategy is designed to ensure this, if you have any questions on it, or, especially if you wish to register or report any concerns, please speak to the **Minister** or one of our Safeguarding advocates, they are:

Alison Newell - 020 8249 2129 / 07913 923779 (alison.newalls@ntlworld.com)

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Thank you **Sarah & Chris** for making the **'TEA & COFFEE'** for us all this morning, very much appreciated.

July 20th - Bob & Christine

July 27th - David & Eileen

Aug 3rd - Henry & Henrietta

Aug 10th - Annette & Bill

Aug 17th - Val & Lester

Aug 24th - David & Eileen



## Practicing the Way...

This week is the penultimate session of our course in Spiritual Formation, and, in many ways, the most important, as we are invited to construct our own personal 'rule of life' incorporating much of what we have learnt over recent weeks. Do come along on Wednesday, if you can, to learn more about this, but there is a helpful, and fun, online tool which you can use as a prompt, whether you come to the session or not.

You can find it at

## https://launch.practicingtheway.org/rule-of-life

or via the accompanying QR code, and, from there, following the links. You will need to be registered on the site, if you aren't, and would like to be, speak with Ian who will send you the appropriate email. Online is the easiest way to do it, but if you don't have internet access, don't worry, it's perfectly possible to do without.





# Practicing the Way... A course in Spiritual Formation!

20th July – Life Together (communion) Mark 3:20-35

During the summer

27th July - Cliff Lynn

3rd August - Norman Kincaid

will be leading the morning services



## **FIRST AID KITS**

Annette has kindly restocked our first aid kits.
The main one is in the Coffee Bar area. There's also one in the utility room, as well as one in the big kitchen.



The Blessing Family!

Children are a gift from the Lord; They are a reward from him.

Psalm 127:3 (NLT)



"Yeah, my mum makes me carry one, too."



## You are invited to come to

50 Addington Road BR4 9BS

## On Saturday 19th July

from 10.00am—12.00 noon

To spend time together with cake, hot & cold drinks and good company.





Everyone is very welcome

**Bob and Christine** 





## **Burrell Mead Garden Party...**

The Church here has had a long association with the Burrell Mead residential home, on Beckenham Road. Next Saturday (19th July) is their annual garden party and anyone would be welcome to go along, from 3:30pm, and get a flavour of the work that's done there.

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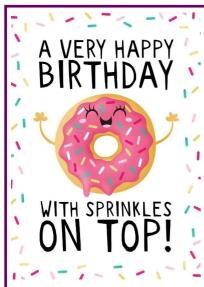
**Dear Friends**, We would love you to come to our home to share community together around a table with delicious refreshments and good company. This idea came to us after a service on 25th May when we heard about Jesus sharing the hospitality of friends. The Practicing The Way course talks about community

"From coming together on Sunday to worship to eating a meal around a table......community is how we travel the Way together. Do you have travelling companions"

They are here waiting for you to join them. So you are all very welcome and we look forward to seeing you on 19th July.

## **Bob** and Christine





Sue Marchant will be celebrating her birthday on Saturday 19th, in part by giving a very much needed gift to the Baptist Missionary Society World Mission.

Thank you Sue, enjoy your birthday and we hope to celebrate it with you at Bob & Christine's Cake & Chat morning.

**BMS World Mission is a Christian mission organisation**, working in over 30 countries on four continents, to help people experience fullness of life in Jesus Christ.

**BMS supporters deliver practical help to people** in desperate circumstances. By providing access to healthcare, pathways to justice and flourishing livelihoods for those with the fewest opportunities, you can bring hope to the world.

More people than ever are displaced by war, natural disasters or persecution. Your prayers and donations mean people on the move are met with support, shelter and a warm welcome. Help those facing the hardest of journeys today.

**BMS World Mission mobilises people,** resources and skills across the Global Church to share the good news of Jesus and practical hope where they're needed most.



Ladies of our church, Bencurtis Park and ladies of other churches in West Wickham have been busily knitting squares and babies hats for

HHA. A lot of the items have been taken out to the South Sudan refugee camp already and there are plenty more waiting to be taken out there. The women living in the camp are being shown how to sew the squares together so they can sell them in the local markets to generate an income for them and their children. The women will soon be taught how to knit the squares for themselves. If you wish to know more please speak to Carol Haydon.

In the meantime HHA have asked if we could provide sewing needles and oddments of wool so the women can make the squares into blankets. I have found large eyed needles online from a company called **wool** warehouse which are very suitable for sewing with wool they are £1.19 for a pack of 2. They also have 25cm in length knitting needles which are a great size for knitting squares (the ladies don't need great long knitting needles that get in the way when only 40 stitches are needed for a square) for £2.59 a pair. I have bought the last packs of sewing needles that they had and the company will email me when they get more in stock.

You may be wondering where all this is leading to?

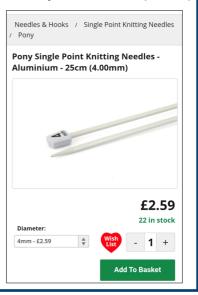
It would be good if we could all get involved with this project, it's a good way of serving the Lord while helping and showing Jesus' love to the poor and needy while at the same time giving them dignity.

We are not all knitters but could you help in another way please?

Could you sponsor a packet of sewing needles or a pair of knitting needles please? It would be so very helpful. You can either order them online yourself or I can add them to my next order.



## Many thanks. Sue. (Editor)



## HOPE HEALTH ACTION

## **BIG JEWELLERY SALE**

Sunday 20th July.

At back of church in aid of HHA

Please keep this date in mind. Bring your purses and wallets

As all donations go to HHA.

**Ann Bowers** 

## Father God,

We lift up to you all those whom are mourning the death of loved ones through flood and famine, war and disease.

Send your Spirit to comfort them. Let your children draw up beside them so they know that they are not alone. Help each of us to support them through our prayers & practical service.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.



Everyone is welcome to this afternoon tea.

Come and enjoy fellowship and hear more about our work in Good News for Everyone.

**Brian & Helen** 

## Spirit of God, unseen as the wind.

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind, gentle as is the dove; teach us the truth and help us believe, show us the Saviour's love!



You spoke to us - long, long ago - gave us the written word; we read it still, needing it's truth, through it God's voice is heard.

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind, gentle as is the dove; teach us the truth and help us believe, show us the Saviour's love!

Without your help we fail our Lord,
we cannot live his way;
we need your power, we need your strength,
Following Christ each day.



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## ANNIE ARMSTRONG

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n Annie Armstrong's eyes, no one needed more support than missionaries, and her life revolved around spreading the Word of God through missions. Though she spent almost her entire life in Baltimore a city in Maryland USA, her work was felt around the world.

In an era when most children in the United States were raised as Christians, Annie was a late bloomer. Growing up, she enjoyed a good time and feared joining a church would "take the edge off of life." But she noticed the indescribable peace her believing mother exuded even in the midst of trouble. She so wanted the peace and joy her mother had that, at the age of 20, she accepted Christ and asked him into her life. The two attended prayer meetings, where Annie watched her mother kneel and pray with other women. The small group met weekly, praying and sharing the latest reports of a pioneer missionary to China. They eventually became an organization called **Women's Mission to Women** and dedicated themselves with the practical needs of missionaries both abroad and within the United States.

Annie's love for missions exploded because of her exposure to these praying women, and she began to use her organizational abilities to garner support for missionaries. Over the next six years, she was elected to prominent leadership positions with both the **Women's Baptist Home Mission Society** and **Maryland Mission Rooms**.

When the **Women's Missionary Union** was formed in 1888, Annie became it's secretary and went full steam ahead. Through her selfless efforts of providing everything from prayer to toothbrushes for missionaries, she did more than keep the home fires burning; she

spread them across the nations and built infrastructure of mission support that lasted for more than a century.

In an era when female leadership was especially rare in business affairs, Annie Armstrong emerged as an excellent and efficient manager and fundraiser. As women of destiny today, let us be like Annie Armstrong and use the full range of our gifts and abilities to further the cause of Jesus Christ.



Annie Walker Armstrong 11 Jul 1850—20 Dec 1938

Thank you to Ann Bowers for sending

me this interesting article to share in our Newsletter. I researched the history of Annie Armstrong and found this photo of her and some more interesting facts, including the following.—Editor.

Following her baptism, Annie became a founding member of Eutaw Place Baptist Church, where she was to be active for a number of years. In 1880, she heard a lecture on the plight of the Native Americans living in Oklahoma; she and other ladies organized relief efforts. Annie was responsible for collecting \$2,883.49 to send to missionary

Lottie Moon in China. She was instrumental in reaching out to African-American, Chinese immigrant, and Indian congregations, and commissioned the first two Black female missionaries. Always working without salary, and paying her own expenses, she kept busy with her home church, the **WMU**, and with writing for Southern Baptist publications.

## Mr Mrs Pickles!

My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; He is mine forever.

Psalm 73:26













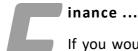


Why do eggs come in a flimsy box and batteries come in a package only a chainsaw can open?





Whoever said
"Out of sight,
out of mind"
never had a spider
in the bedroom.



If you would like to make a donation to the work of the church, as a gift or worship offering, there is a donation box on the wall by the doors on the way out.

Our church is entirely self-financed, therefore we are very grateful for all donations received. If you'd like to financially support God's work at CHBC, either as a one-off gift or on a regular basis, you can

at: 'Coney Hill Baptist Church'

Account Number: 40247227 — Sort Code: 40-46-20.

We give 10% of our non-restricted gifted income to mission organisations that we support. If you would like more details on this aspect of our work, please contact our treasurer.



Thank you.

## **Hayes Community Food Bank**

basket has been placed at the back of the church for your food donations to the Hayes Community Food Bank. Every item placed in there really does make a difference!

Alternatively, financial donations can be made via our treasurer (cash or cheques made to 'Hayes Community Foodbank'), or the Foodbank's bank details can be provided. In addition to food donations, each week volunteers go shopping to make sure that supported families receive what they need.

Thank you.

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday to Friday (term time only) Jigsaw Preschool
Monday to Friday - 9.15 to 12.15pm - (5 morning sessions)
Wed, Thurs, and Friday - 12.15 to 3.13pm - (3 afternoon sessions)

## MONDAY

Men's Breakfast - 1st Monday every month - 9.00am Women's Breakfast - 1st Monday every month - 9.00am House-group - 10:30am at the Church Youth Group (11-16) - 7.30 to 9.00pm.

## **TUESDAY**

Stay & Play Cafe - 9.00am - 12.30pm Under 5's Lunch Club - 12.15pm Painting group at Hayes Village Hall - 1.15 to 4pm Women's Fellowship 2.00pm to 4.00pm

### WEDNESDAY

Coffee and Craft 1st Wednesday every month - 10.30 to noon Community Lunch - 3rd Wednesday every month - 12.30PM Messy church at Hayes Village Hall - 2nd Wednesday every month 3.15 - 4.45pm - Churches Together in Hayes ministry. West Wickham (special needs) Cubs & Scout Group - 6.30 to 8.30pm

House-group's x 2 - 8.00 to 10.00pm

### THURSDAY

Slimming World - 5.30pm & 7.00pm

#### FRIDAY

Prayer Meeting - 9.30 to 10.30am - in person @ Church 'Pitstop' Table Tennis - 7.30 to 9.30pm

## SATURDAY

Pilates 10.00 to 11.00am

Games Evening (3rd Saturday of every month) - 7 to 9pm