



QUEENS ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

where disciples of Jesus Christ grow together

A Happy New Year?

Probably, over the last couple of weeks, we have wished and been wished a "Happy New Year" quite a few times. But what does it mean? Well, it means that we wish someone well – that we wish them to be happy. But what would make the New Year a happy one for you? Perhaps a new (or renewed) relationship, perhaps better health for you or someone that you love, perhaps more money, perhaps a more fulfilling job, perhaps any one of hundreds of other things? Perhaps you are happy already, so it is a case of carry on as before.

Bible Gateway is a very useful internet site with several translations of the Bible and the facility to search the Bible for words, phrases and topics. If you enter "a happy life" you get the answer "Sorry, we didn't find any results for your search". There are references in the Bible to being happy including, for example. Ecclesiastes 3:12 "I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live". But the Bible talks much more about being blessed, for example, in Matthew 5, the Sermon on the

Mount. Blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who are persecuted and those who are insulted. And they are blessed because whatever their circumstances, God is with them and will hold them safe in his Kingdom.

Could it be that our New Year wishes are inadequate? Could we pray for more? Let's pray for a New Year where we, and those we are in contact with, are greatly blessed by God.

Date: 7th January 2018

Morning: Rev Graham Banks
Matthew 9: 9-17

Evening Worship including
communion : Gill Barber
1 Peter 2:1-10

The Chapel has a hearing loop system – you can access it by sitting centrally downstairs.

News sheets and Songs/
Hymns are available in LARGE
print – please speak to a
steward

Prayer ministry is available in
the chapel following both
services.

Coffee will be served after
each service. Please feel
welcome to stay and chat.

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Next Sunday:

10.30am Rev Graham Banks

6.30 pm Rev Graham Banks

WLTD0?



What happens if you combine:

A few dozen sausages and rashers of bacon;
A similar quantity of bread rolls;
A few litres of freshly brewed coffee and tea;
A dozen dads, stepgrandads, uncles and other father figures plus their assorted children aged between 0 and about 11ish;
A generous handful of friendly faces;
Two rooms or halls (one large & busy, one small & more quiet), both filled with loads of toys,

books, dressing up clothes, baby mats, soft play blocks, junk modelling, Lego, table tennis, table football and a Wii...

and allow to settle for an hour or two on a Saturday morning, once a month...? Come and find out next Saturday morning (ie 13 January) between 10 and 12.

The answer is 'Who Let the Dads Out?': a monthly opportunity for us to provide a welcoming and safe space for dads and other father figures to spend time with their children, but also to chat and catch up over a bacon batch and a cup of coffee.

Why? It's not just about the coffee or the sausages (although both are crucial!) The real reason is that being a dad or a father figure is really im-

portant. Important for our families and communities, and society as a whole, but also important spiritually as we seek to echo the love shown by our Heavenly Father. Luke 1:17 talks about the mission of "turn [ing] the hearts of the fathers to their children ... to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Being a dad can be a challenge as well as a privilege and a joy. And there aren't too many other opportunities for us to celebrate and support dads and other father figures.

If you'd like to find out more, why don't you come along and give us a try next Saturday morning? Don't forget to bring your children too! Or speak to one of the WLTD0 team: Jon White, Dan Simonds, Chris White, Ralph Hanger and Iain Colville.

Prayer Focus

For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God. Titus 2:11-12 NLT

Personal Focus: At the start of this new year - whether you agree with making new year's resolutions or not - take some time to consider how God wants you to live this year. Which things do you need to change. How can you better support this church in 2018?

Coventry Focus: As the children return to school, pray for parents and teachers as they adjust back to term time routines, pray for the children too - that they will know God's purpose for their lives and know they are loved.

QRBC: As the groups start again - both the family work, the newly named JAM (previously reload) and the many other groups which meet during the week. Pray for those running these groups - that they will follow God's will - and for those attending the groups - that they will draw closer to God as they spend time in this place.

International: Across the world there is considerable unrest and concern - pray for world leaders, politicians and the media - that they will work together for peace.

Please contact: John Jesudason (7626 9283) or Sarah White (7667 9928) to include items for Prayer Focus

COMMUNION

The bread is gluten, dairy and soya free.
The wine is non-alcoholic grape juice.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

This week the children can go out to age appropriate groups (at 11am to be collected at 12noon), please ask a steward where to go if you are unsure. We have a monthly all age service, usually the first Sunday of the month.

CHURCH MEETING

Tuesday January 9th 7.30pm.

JOY SPURGEON

Joy passed away on 28th December 2017. Joys. Thanksgiving Service will be held at QRBC on Friday January 19th at 1.15pm. Please remember Joy's family at this sad time.

FLOWERS

There are no flowers this week or next but if you would like to provide flowers for the church to commemorate a special event please let Gill Barber know or sign on the chart in the Church Vestibule.

PLEASE NOTE: Lorraine Mills has kindly offered to arrange flowers on the **1st Sunday** of the month and Ronnie Somers has offered to arrange flowers on the **3rd Sunday** of the month.

27th January 2018

New Wine Taster Event "**Walking on Water**" led by Paul & Becky Harcourt at All Saints Church Worcester on 10.00am - 4.00pm £15 per person includes the book. Tickets at new-wine.org/walkingonwater - or see Gill Barber.

SMALL GROUPS at QRBC

We all know that the Church is not the building but the people [the body of Christ, the gathering together of His people.](#) The New Testament church began with groups of believers meeting together in peoples' homes and so the pattern for "Home groups" or "Small groups" was set by the earliest followers of Jesus.

We are not meant to be Christians in isolation, and since as Baptists we believe in the priesthood of all believers, when we meet together in Small groups we have the opportunity to minister to one another, to encourage each other in our faith and to grow together in friendship and mutual trust. As we come together to study the Bible and pray, by being in a place where we can feel free to be honest and open, we may discover that others have similar questions, struggles, difficulties and problems to those which we experience ourselves. I read somewhere recently that it's not possible to lighten someone else's path without casting light on your own, and so I believe we each have much to gain by meeting and sharing around God's word.

Queens Road Small groups are now due to begin meeting again after the Christmas break and so if you are not currently a member, I would like to encourage you to join us. There are groups meeting on different days in various homes around the city so if you would consider leading, hosting or joining a group please come and have a chat with me. Thank you
Anna Grimshaw

SWIM "N"CHIPS

On Saturday 10th February we have hired the Splash Pool at City Baths, Fairfax Street from 5.15pm (in the water) to 6.15pm for some fun and exercise. Afterwards those who wish to can return to QRBC for Fish & Chips (or similar). Spectators can join us (free) at the pool and others can join us for the food at QRBC at around 6.45pm if they wish. At the moment we have just 50 places at the pool. We may be able to increase this if people book early and there is high demand. Full details of the food available (pre-order required) and sign up forms are in Reception. Any queries on the swim to Jane Hanger, queries on the food to David Depledge.

NEWS SHEET - Dates for submissions Wednesday 10th January 2018 Please email admin@qrbco.uk or leave in box in Reception. Please note the News sheet is published on the website so please do not ask for anything you would not wish to be published in this way. PRAYER CHAIN It is important that prayer requests made by email are sent to prayerchain@qrbco.uk. Requests can also be received by telephone during office hours on 024 7652 0621. Requests may take longer to circulate when the office is closed