



QUEENS ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

where disciples of Jesus Christ grow together

Anniversary—More than a building

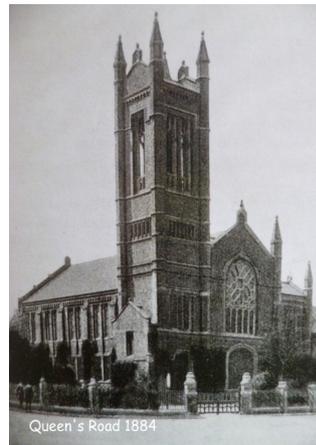
In 1984, to mark the Centenary of moving to the present church building a book was commissioned, to be written by historian Dr Clyde Binfield, telling the story of “Pastors and People” since the fellowship first gathered around the time of the English Civil War (Mid 1600s). Chapter 4 recounts the building of our present chapel in Queens Road. “The most gruelling part of the enterprise was the search for a site.” After considering in excess of 20 sites, a site in Bull Fields, an upmarket residential development, was chosen and purchased and fund-raising began. Large amounts came from a handful of business men who were members, smaller amounts from other members and a list was made “of names of members of the Church and Congregation not known to be contributing”.

Building commenced in June 1882, the builder went way over budget (£12,395 spent against a budget of £9,800), there were endless wrangles over interior fittings and décor, and due to delays the opening was deferred from 1st January 1884 to 1st May 1884.

The minister was William Henderson who had been at the previous location in Cow Lane since 1873. Sitting at Queens Road for the first time he reflected that the building was “intended to be a Christian home. There would be nothing sectarian about the life it would shelter”. From the pulpit would come “sincere, frank and brotherly speech. The minister would not be loaded with any shackles. He would try to be one of the voices of God, addressed to the various needs of men”

fostering “a broad and generous humanity by teaching and preaching of Jesus Christ, the strong and radiant man, the saving, self sacrificing God.”

134 years later we are about to consider again our vision for the work here –the wording may not be how we would express it today but some of William Henderson’s thoughts may still seem to be relevant. Thanks be to God for all who have gone before us in this place.



Church Walk with the Nepal Action Team

On Saturday 12th May (2.30-4.45pm) there will be a family walk and activities at Ryton Pools Country Park. This will be a chance to spend time together and to informally meet Rachel, Rach and Rebekah who have recently returned from 6 months in Nepal with BMS Action Teams.

The country Park has facilities for all ages: play-

grounds, walk routes on firm surface, access to bluebell woods, bike hire, playfields and A CAFÉ!

Parking is £3.50 per car but you can park for free in Bubenhall and walk into the park for free! (see Judith for details) We will return for ‘Fish n Chip’ supper at QRBC at 5.30-6.45. You are welcome to join us even if you don’t walk....or walk and not eat!

Please sign up on the sheet in reception – indicating food choices too before the 8th May.

Other opportunities to meet the team: They will be taking part in our morning service on the 13th May and leading our Café Style service in the evening. (See Judith Brazier for more details)

Date: 29th April 2018

Morning :10.30am Dr J Robert White & visiting choir

Evening : **6.00pm** Joint service with Emmaus

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.

Want to know more about what goes on at QRBC? Then visit www.qrbc.co.uk

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Next Sunday: 6th May 2018

10.30am All Age Worship & Vision Day—see details overleaf

6.30 pm Evening Worship with Communion

“Vital Signs -Unity”

Rev Graham Banks

Prayer Focus

And whatsoever you do whether in word or deed do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus giving thanks to God the Father through him. Col.3:17 NIV

Personal Focus: Spend time this week reflecting on God's word to you and ask Him how to apply it both in your life and in action that will reflect Him to others.

QRBC: Pray that we will prepare our hearts and minds and spirits for the Church Vision Day next Sunday and that it will be significant in shaping the future of this Church. Continue to pray blessing on the choir visiting from Georgia USA and for their concert on 3rd May in Coventry.

Coventry Focus: Pray for the 4 day visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury to Coventry this coming week from the 2nd to 5th May and for the many conversations he will have with Christian Leaders and Organisations in our city.

International: Pray for Andy and Jamie Ransberry and Lesley Austin visiting the Acts Chapel in Monrovia, Liberia this week. Pray for mutual encouragement and strengthening of relationships during this time. Pray for growth of the Christian Church in Liberia.

Please contact: John Jesudason, John Pither and Jenny Young to include items for Prayer Focus

Please note that this evening's joint service with Emmaus Church (a Romanian speaking congregation who meet each week on our premises) starts at 6pm. This is an accommodation between Emmaus's usual 5pm start and our usual 6.30pm start.

Church Vision Day - 6th May 10.30am - 2pm

On our Vision Day we will gather, as usual, to worship and will then look at vision as part of the future direction of the church. Various activities have been planned to help us with this. All who are part of the congregation (including children who will have age appropriate activities) can participate. There will be a bring and share lunch and we anticipate ending by 2pm.

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, the next one will be May 6th.

CITY PRAISE AND PRAYER

Today, 29th April 6.30pm: The Welcome Centre CV1 2HG

FRIENDS OF MARY WALKER AND HER DAUGHTER, ANN TRACEY

Peter Tracey will be coming to the UK from his home in Canada during May and

has expressed a wish to hold a Commemorative Celebration of Life for both his wife, Ann and her mother, Mary Walker, a member of Queen's Road for many years. The tea party will be held in Corley Village Hall on Friday, 25th May from 2.00pm until 6.00pm.

Peter invites any who knew Mary and Ann (Ann always worshipped at Queen's Road when she came to visit her mother). Peter asks for replies to his invitation as urgently as possible but by next **Friday, 4th May** at the latest.

Please reply to Stan and Coral (Tel: 02476471305) or e-mail:

stanandcoral.lynes@btinternet.com or telephone the office.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday May 2nd in the rear lounge. Everyone is welcome to join us to visit New Zealand with our Centre Manager, Barry Peak. Coffee/tea from 10am. Meeting underway at 10.30am.

CAN YOU HELP PLEASE? MOTO FEST 2nd & 3rd June 2018

hopecoventry.org.uk/hopeatmotofest/

Areas of service:-

Ambassadors – those prepared to wear a Hope Coventry T shirt, give out programmes and be a helping hand and a friendly voice to festival visitors (You will need to attend a training session)

Practical help - Tent setting up and tearing down at the beginning and end of the event. 8am Saturday and 4pm Sunday.

Face painting – those with skills in wielding a paintbrush are encouraged to get involved - 2 hour shifts. Training can be arranged if required.

Kids' crafts – we provide ideas and materials and need those with a heart for working with children to help and support them in their activities. Please let us know by Sunday 6th May if you are interested in taking part. Please email or text Angus Ormes (chair, HOPE@Motofest) on

angusormes@yahoo.co.uk or 078 7469 1211 to volunteer (with name, church & contact details) Or to Gill Barber (gbarber@qrbc.co.uk)

THANKSGIVING DAY

The Thanksgiving Appeal will be held in May this year and we will discuss suitable causes to support at the next Church Members' meeting.

FOODBANK COLLECTION Sat 5th May 3.00 -5.00pm at Sainsburys, Canley. Can you help? See Graham Carpmail.

NEWS SHEET - Dates for submissions Wednesday 1st May Please email admin@qrbc.co.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 prayer-chain@qrbc.co.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