



Dear friends

I wonder what your most memorable holiday has been. Perhaps it was to a special location. Maybe it was the people who were with you that made it memorable. Did you take part in a memorable activity or a memorable event?

Holidays (or holy days) in the Bible were all based on memorable moments – recalling specific moments of God's faithfulness (such as at Passover or the Feast of Tabernacles); or remembering God's constant provision (such as Pentecost, which was a festival celebrating the firstfruits of the harvest).

And the Christian church has taken on that same approach – for example in declaring holy days for Jesus' birth, death and resurrection and ascension. The idea of a holiday, a time for us to stop our normal routine and do something relaxing or refreshing is relatively new. Thomas Cook introduced the first package holiday in 1841 – a 22 mile train journey from Leicester to Loughborough. 500 people packed onto the train but it was a treat as for many of them it was the first time that they had ever been on a train!

I hope that you get some time for refreshment and relaxation this summer, even on a short train ride. It may or may not be a holiday, but you can make it a holy day. Ask yourself what God has done for you and take a moment to give thanks and celebrate. Write it down – if you are a creative writer, maybe turn it into a poem, a musician could compose some music, an artist could create a piece of art... or you could use what someone else has created that resonates with you.

Be blessed, be a blessing

Nick

Do you want to know more about Christian faith and life?

If you are not sure about what you think about God, then we can offer you the **Being With** course. This is not a place where you come for us to give you the answers, but is for anyone who wants to explore the Christian faith and life with a small group of like-minded people. We won't tell you *what* to believe but will help you discover *how* to believe.

Being with is starting at 4pm on Sunday 14th July in the Church Lounge. You'd be very welcome, but please can you let Nick know if you are planning on coming?



SWBA Celebration and AGM

MBC is one of the 90 member churches in the South West Baptist Association. The annual SWBA Celebration and AGM is taking place at Upton Vale Baptist Church, Torquay on 7th July from 1-3.30pm. It's a chance to meet people from other churches and be encouraged about what God is doing across the region.

Lunch is provided, and there are children and youth activities during the AGM. Nick and Sally will be going, and if you would like to attend too, please will you book online (so the hosts know numbers for lunch) at

<https://www.swbaptists.org.uk/events/>



Church Workday the Third

Thank you so much to everyone who came to the previous church workdays. You have made a wonderful difference to the way that the church looks as well as preserving the building. It sends a message to people who walk past and who use the premises that this church is fresh and active.

Paddy is busy planning more for us to do, and the next day is scheduled for 27th July. If you can come along there will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the Sanctuary soon. As well as lots of the work, the day is also a great way to get to know people a bit better.



We are committed to sharing the good news of Jesus and the love of God to those in our community

We are...
Mutley
BAPTIST CHURCH

We are a committed member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain. Find out more about what that means here: www.baptist.org.uk

We are a diverse group of followers of Jesus who are committed to him and to each other. We seek his Spirit's help to become the people God created us to be guided by him through the Bible

God can use you to bless others

If you are a **musician** and would like to play in the band in our Sunday morning services please speak with one of the current team or with Nick. Thank you too to all who currently serve us in this way.



We urgently need people to join the **tech team** for Sunday morning services. You don't need to be an expert, we will train you. It's honestly not as difficult as you may think and it's not every week – there is a rota, and the more who can join the fewer times you'll be needed. Please speak to Tim Provost about this.



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GOD-
ORIENTATED
LOVINGLY
INCLUSIVE
ETHICALLY
MOTIVATED
GENEROUSLY
BIG-HEARTED
PEOPLE-
FOCUSED
PLAYFULLY
CREATIVE

love God
love people

Our Values

You can read about our values on our website, or on the noticeboard in the entrance area of the church. You can also pick up a leaflet that explains more about the sort of community we seek to be, and daily prayers based on our values..

Cosy Corner

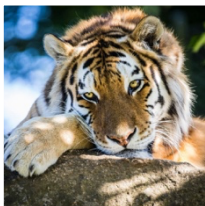
This drop-in is open in the Lounge on Tuesdays during July, but is taking a break in August. It's a great place to meet, and somewhere to come if you are looking for a some company.

Bags, bags, bags!

Bigger Table urgently need carrier bags for the food they distribute each week. Can you have a look in the back of cupboards and bring any you can spare to Fiona, please?

Livewires trip to Dartmoor Zoo

You're invited to join the Livewires for a day at Dartmoor Zoo on 10th July. There's a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the Sanctuary with more details and where you can show your interest. We're hoping to take advantage of group discounts so need to know numbers in advance. Talk with Linda Crewe or Kay Rouse if you have any questions.



For your prayers

Our **July mission prayer focus** is **Esther and Wai Ng**.

They are working in a country where sharing your faith as a Christian is against the law, and carries heavy penalties. They run a bookshop as well as helping people who are searching for faith in Jesus, or who have discovered him. Look at the mission prayer board in the entrance area for more information. Pray for their protection and for those whose fledgling faith in Jesus they are supporting and nurturing.



Give thanks for the provision of accommodation for several people who were in urgent need, and pray for the practicalities involved in finalising this.

There are members of our church who are undergoing treatment for serious conditions – pray that the side effects will not be too oppressive, and that the treatment will be successful. Others are living in remission but with the possibility that illness may return. Pray too for those who are struggling with long term illnesses and those who are supporting them.

Let's not forget to thank God too for answered prayer and the many blessings we receive personally and as a church.

Sunday Services

Through the book of Acts and some of the letters that were written to churches in the New Testament era in our morning services we are considering what God has to say to us as church today. In July our themes are: **Church as God intends – a community that....**

7th – ... shares bread and wine inclusively (1 Corinthians 11:17-34)

14th - ... enables all to use their gifts (1 Corinthians 12:12-31)

21st – ... suffers together (Romans 12:14-15)

31st - ... is humble (Philippians 2:1-18)

You can listen to most Sunday morning sermons on the Sunday Services section of the website: www.mutleybaptist.co.uk/services - scroll down and there's a player where you can listen or download sermons.

These themes will be picked up and explored more deeply in most **Home Groups** each week. Pick up a leaflet from the entrance area of the church to find out about joining a group.



Mutley Baptist Church online

As well as streaming our services on zoom, you can see our beliefs, vision and values as a church and our activities on our website www.mutleybaptist.co.uk



As well as seeing activities that are coming up in the next week or so on church premises, you can follow links on the *What's On* page to book for our youth, children and families activities.

We have Facebook and Instagram pages about other activity in the life of the church. Please find, like and follow us for up-to-date news.

LEAVING CHURCH

SOMETIMES IT CAN BE DIFFICULT TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO LEAVE AFTER A SERVICE BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN HAVING SUCH A GREAT TIME. THESE ARE SOME OF THE TACTICS THAT THE CHURCHWARDENS ADOPT:



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TURNING OUT THE LIGHTS



APPROACHING PEOPLE WITH A ROTA



ORGANISING A WORK PARTY



THE COMMENCEMENT OF A GROUP HUG



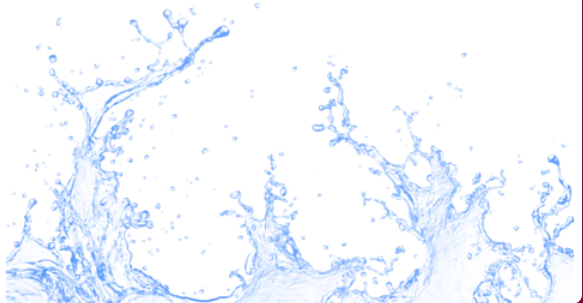
SOME ODD OR UNPREDICTABLE BEHAVIOUR

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(For 'churchwarden' read 'steward' in this church)

Making a splash as a follower of Jesus

We are delighted that there will be a service of Believer's Baptism on 20th July in the morning service. If you have never witnessed a baptism by immersion, then do make sure you come along and see people declare their faith in Jesus in this special way. It's a great service to bring a friend to as well.



Contact details:

Address: Mutley Plain, Mutley, Plymouth, Devon, PL4 6LB (01752) 203346

office@mutleybaptistchurch.co.uk (10am to 5pm Tues - Thur)

Rev Nick Lear (Minister) - nicklear@mutleybaptistchurch.co.uk 07869 809064 (not Saturday)

Beth Hemes (Children's Families' and Youth pastor) - beth@mutleybaptistchurch.co.uk

Fiona Spicer (Community pastor) - fiona@mutleybaptistchurch.co.uk

Sunday Services in the Sanctuary

10am and 6 o'clock - a more innovative and creative style of service.

Home Groups (term time)

Hartley and Zoom	Tuesdays	Joy Sutton
Plympton	Tuesdays	Malcolm Wells
Woolwell	Tuesdays	Paddy and Karen Allen
Mount Gould	Tuesday	Amy and Jen Trace
Eggbuckland	Wednesdays	Jill Heaton
Mutley	Wednesdays	Fiona & John Spicer
Stoke	Wednesdays	Kate & Steve Brown

Contact Joy Sutton, or the church office for more details, or pick up a card.

Youth children and families groups (term time)

contact Jane Frost or Kelly Thomas - ycfadmin@mutleybaptistchurch.co.uk

Buzzy Bees Messy Mondays - Monday mornings

Buzzy Bees Stay and Play—Wednesday mornings

Baby Bees— Friday afternoons

Lighthouse Café and Supernova Thursday evenings

MY1 and MY2—Thursday evenings

Mutley Youth, Kids' church and Creche—Sunday mornings

Cosy Corner Tuesdays from 9.30-3pm in the Lounge (Closed in School Holidays)

Bigger Table Thursdays 12noon—1pm in the Hall meal and bags of food (£1 each)

Wednesday Prayer 10am in Nick's office for about ½ hour.

Mission Prayer usually 1st Monday each month in the Lounge at 7.30pm.

Pastoral team Wednesdays 11am - nicklear@mutleybaptistchurch.co.uk

Please send any **items for inclusion in July's edition** to Nick by 24th June. There's always up to date information on our Facebook and Instagram pages and the 'What's on?' section of our website: www.mutleybaptistchurch.co.uk