

Dear friends

'Time flies by when I'm the driver of a train and I ride on the footplate there and back again...' Unless you have driven trains for a living (see if you can find which of our members used to do that) you will either be wondering what on earth I am talking about, or you may remember the animated Children's TV programme – Chigley. Look it up on YouTube and enjoy what I enjoyed on telly as a child.



It does seem that time flies by – not only when we are driving trains, but when we are enjoying ourselves. It seems almost impossible to me that I have been serving as the Minister here for 3 years from 1 June this year. Time has flown by, and perhaps that's because I have been enjoying myself so much.

We are not a perfect church (if we were I would not be the right Minister as I would spoil it). But when I talk about this church I find myself smiling because it is so good to be here with you. I identify with what the apostle Paul wrote to the church in Philippi:

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

God began a good work here in 1869 and is carrying it on with and in us in 2024. And God has lots more for us!

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.

If you are interested in this (times and dates to suit the group) please let Nick know.



## Elders

There is still space for some more people to be Elders here. 'Elders' is the name given for those who act as Trustees / Leaders for the church. They serve the church by having oversight of the church activities and making some of the decisions about how the church is run, subject to the Church Meeting. We meet twice a month – usually on the second Monday evening to look at the mission and ministry of the Church and on the fourth Thursday evening to consider the more practical aspects of the church.

Currently *most* of our Elders are white middle-aged men, but there are surely other Church Members God has gifted and is calling to serve in this way! Could that be you? Is there someone whom you think has the gifts and qualities for this role?

Our nomination process will open very shortly with a view to hopefully appointing more Elders in our **July Church Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> July)**. Please pray about this need and consider nominating someone whom God may be calling.

## Church work day

On 1<sup>st</sup> June we'll be meeting again to carry out maintenance and decorating work on our premises. If you can wield a paintbrush, know which end of hammer to hold, can use sandpaper or are able to help with cleaning there is almost certainly something you can do.

There has been a sign-up sheet in the Sanctuary for us to indicate what we may be able to offer, thank you to everyone who has already signed up, but if you haven't had a chance and want to join in, please just turn up at 9.30 ready to start at 10.

You may have noticed that a considerable amount of work has taken place in the downstairs corridor and in the Bunyan Room. Thank you to all who have helped with clearing and decorating, especially Paddy.

*Below is the newly redecorated Bunyan Room (note the spelling, nothing to do with feet!)*





## God can use you to serve others

As well as needing more Elders we still need volunteers for our **Youth, Children and Families** teams. Thank you to those who have volunteered recently. You would be a blessing if you can serve at:

**Messy Monday** – 2 people: from 8.30 to 11.30am on Mondays.

**Lighthouse Cafe** - 1 person needed to help cook and serve food and wash up from 3.30 to 5.30pm on Thursdays

**Kids' Church** - 1 person needed teaching children about Jesus, following provided session plans on a rota basis. From 9.45 to 11.30am on Sundays

**Mutley Youth 1** – 2 people to help on Thursdays from 6.30-8pm



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.

**Mutley**  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH

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 what we believe as followers of Jesus and the sort of community we are seeking to be.

## Cosy Corner

This drop-in is open in the Lounge on Tuesdays from 10am until about 2.30pm. In the morning you can have a hot filled roll along with a drink for £1. In the afternoon, cakes and hot drinks are available for £1.

It's a great place to meet, and somewhere to come if you are looking for a safe space or some company.

## Livewires

Join the Livewires (not just for retired folk) on 19<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm in the Knibb Room (downstairs). They will be enjoying afternoon tea together and Paddy Allen will be sharing about humanitarian missions during his time in the Royal Navy. For more information please speak to Linda Crewe or Kay Rouse.

## For your prayers

Our **June mission prayer focus** is **Plymouth Soup Run**. The need for this provision has never been greater – often over 100 people are served with a hot pie or pasty, sandwiches and other food, soup and a hot drink. Clothing, toiletries and other supplies are also available. Each team has a Prayer Pastor who will talk with the service users and often has an opportunity to pray with them



We are incredibly grateful to all who serve on our soup run teams and to Karen and Paddy who organise it all. Pray for all the service users who are in need and that public services will be made available to help them, for the teams who go out in all weather, and that as well as sharing God's love in the form of food, drink and clothes the teams will also be able to share the Good News.

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

In our morning services we're looking at **Church as God intends**. Through the book of Acts and some of the letters that were written to churches in the New Testament era we'll consider what God has to say to us as church today. In June our themes are:

2<sup>nd</sup> – a community that supports mission (Acts 12:24-13:3) – we will share communion too

9<sup>th</sup> – a community that is for all (Acts 15:1-35)

16<sup>th</sup> – a community that is united in Christ (1 Corinthians 1:10-31)

23<sup>rd</sup> – a community that is relevant to all (1 Corinthians 9:19-23)

30<sup>th</sup> – a community that is considerate to all (1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1)

You can listen to most Sunday morning sermons on the Sunday Services section of the website: [www.mutleybaptist.co.uk/services](http://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](http://www.mutleybaptist.co.uk)

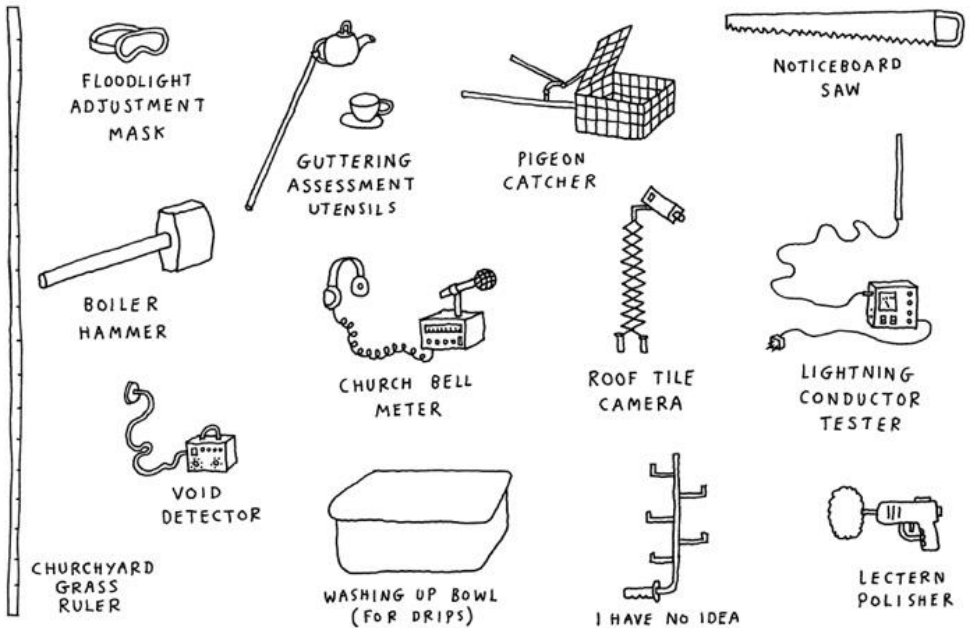


As well as seeing activities that are coming up in the next week or so on church premises, you can follow links on the *What's On* page to book for our youth, children and families activities.

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.

# CHURCH MAINTENANCE

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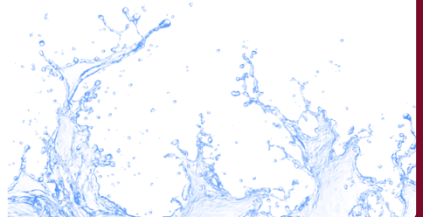
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Now you know what Paddy stores in the basement of the church!

## Making a splash as a follower of Jesus

There are several of us who are going to be baptised as believers soon. If this is something that you sense God has been prompting you to do too, please have a word with Nick.

As the Ethiopian asked in Acts 8 (if you are a follower of Jesus and haven't been baptised yet): "what can stand in the way?"



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Fiona Spicer (Community pastor) - [fiona@mutleybaptistchurch.co.uk](mailto: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 - [yfadmin@mutleybaptistchurch.co.uk](mailto:yfadmin@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](mailto: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](http://www.mutleybaptistchurch.co.uk)