

MARCH 2022

They that wait upon the  
Lord shall not faint

Isaiah 40:31



*“When you walk, your steps will not be hampered.  
Hold on to instruction..... For it is your life”.*

Dear Friends,

While I was seeking where God wanted me to go next I had a picture of a small chapel up in Scotland pinned-up on the wall above my bed. One evening as I was reading through John's Gospel I felt that God gave me a verse, a verse to claim and believe for what He had next for me. That verse was John 10:42. It simply says "And in the place many believed in Jesus". I felt it was both a summary of what I was hoping for and a promise of what was to come. It captures my heart for our ministry together at Hope.

When I shared with a friend of mine, who happened to be the Treasurer of this particular church, that I was preaching at Hope, she was very excited. "You know what our church is called by the locals, don't you?" "No" I said. "The Bridgend Baptist Chapel", she informed me. Although that is not the church's official name, the main building is situated just a few yards from a small bridge, and so the locals refer to it as "the Bridgend Baptist Chapel". It did seem like divine confirmation, and God's sense of humour! I now have a picture of Hope Chapel up on my wall with that verse written underneath it. I can see it now as I write this.

Last month I shared with you that famous prayer about seeing, loving and following Jesus more and more each day – it is my hope and prayer for us as members together. This month I want to focus on our impact, our mission, on the town around us, and this verse goes to the heart of it. Yes it is important that the church is involved in social care and action, meeting people's needs in the name of Jesus. However, the church's chief and highest calling is to proclaim that Name to others, that we may come to know Him as Saviour and Lord.

In preparation for our arrival there is something I would like you to do – make a list of all the family, friends, neighbours and work mates that you know who don't know the Lord yet. One of the easiest ways to do this is to divide an A4 sheet of paper into four squares and name each one as follows: Family, Friends, Work Mates, Neighbours & Other Contacts. And then list as many names as you can under each. Pay special attention to any names that seem to 'jump out at you' as you write them down, as this can be an indication that this is a special time to pray for them in God's plan. You can easily end-up with 20 or so names. You can then proceed in one of three ways...

1. If the list isn't too long, simply divide it into six equal parts and pray for one set of names each day. I suggest six as that gives you a day spare to catch-up. if for any reason you miss a day.
2. Or, if some of the names seemed particularly to stand out to you as you wrote them down, then list these separately and try to pray for them every day. You can always come back to the rest of the list another time.
3. If there are a lot of names on your list and you feel overwhelmed, here is a simple method that a friend of mine used at his church. It is based on 1 Corinthians 3:6 which says "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow". This verse tells us we have a part to play in evangelism – planting the seed and watering it – but in the end only God can make it grow.
4. It also suggests a simple Prayer & Share Strategy. Pick 6 of the names on your list to pray that God will be at work in their lives and trust Him to give you an opportunity to share the gospel with at least 3 of them this year (or invite them to a special outreach event) and believe that at least 1 of them will come to faith. As I said, you can always go back to the other names on the list if you feel led to.

However you feel led to it, let us get into the spiritual habit of praying for our friends, family and loved ones, that we will have opportunities to witness to them and to see them saved. During the height of CH Spurgeon's "success" when hundreds were being saved, someone asked him what the secret of his spiritual power in gospel preaching was. He took them down to a small room in the basement of the chapel. There a group of people had gathered and were earnestly seeking God for His blessing on the witness of the Tabernacle. Spurgeon turned to the man and said simply "my people pray for me".

I often wonder who may have been praying for me as a young wayward teenager before the Lord got hold of me. Who was it that prayed for you? And who knows but that *your* prayers may be used of God to bring many to faith at Hope Baptist.

***Your Pastor, Darren***



**I want to be made whole,**  
Perfect and complete,  
Fit to contain your love  
Clean enough to pass it on  
Unsullied, unstained  
Untainted by my need for gratitude and praise,  
To pour out your love, as you've poured it over me.

Help me to accept myself  
As you've accepted me,  
Just as I am.  
To rejoice in my gifts,  
The gifts you have given me:  
To share them,  
Not hug them to myself.  
They are all yours.

Live in me and create something wonderful,  
Something full of wonder, awe and love –  
Connected to all You have created.  
Take my incompleteness into your completeness,  
My struggles into your peace,  
My weakness into your strength,  
My fears into your security,  
doubts into your certainty,  
My life into your infinity, (Jenna Plewes.)

“The Lord of the Storm.”





Don't think of the  
things you didn't  
get after praying.  
Think of the  
countless blessings  
God gave you  
without asking.

Children can point us to prayer in their unique way. This is what they do.

Boy age 7 "I must close my eyes, bow my head and shut my mouth".

Girl age 6 "I mustn't be silly".

Boy age 7 "Sometimes I don't know what to say – so I just sit still with God".

A good lesson for us all.

## Words have served us well of late

They have challenged our **intimacy** with God - our **identity** with Jesus - both have offered us the **momentum**, the ability to simply *keep going* ... I want to go one step further this month and use the word '**Adventure**'. Before you write N/A (Not Applicable) across this page please read on.

Truth is that at some point Covid and now the weather, have turned us all into '**Wanderers**' as opposed to intrepid '**Adventurers**'. We have worn our masks and stayed at home - locked in with mundane but necessary chores. We saw ourselves through one emergency after another. Now we run around a bit more; we do this, we do that: yet there is no clear rhythm to life, no great expectancy, hence nothing really energises us.

Yes we have been busy - but it's been a busyness that has left us tired - physically and mentally. Both types of people, those who run around and those who have to stay indoors are not moving anywhere of great significance, little wonder that we all feel lack lustre: but thankfully Spring, right on time! - is on our doorstep. The sky will be blue again and Nature will regale herself in all her beauty.

Now is the very time for us to broaden our horizons. Now is the time we can prepare by developing our sense of adventure by simply dreaming, In my book day-dreaming is very much an extension of ourselves. If we look back we will be surprised at how many of our dreams have already come true, so take heart, for dreams are never meant to end. Each day something big or small is a dream come true. We just don't stop long enough to see it. It is our ability to dream that keeps us alive. As lightly as a breath of fresh air it bathes us with a new confidence.

Can we hit the heights of adventurous living? In other words could we be like Bear Grylls who has surpassed all rules of human endurance?

He has pushed body, mind and soul to it's extreme limits.

What is that he is drinking in the desert to keep himself hydrated? I cannot tell you. It'll put you off your food for a week.

What qualities do we 'humble' folk need? Two qualities that continue to sustain Bear Grylls. We need to follow the One who calls us, the One who knows us. Once we hear that voice of Love suddenly we have focus. Bear Grylls follows his Lord. Secondly, like Bear Grylls, we need to start being inquisitive again. All children are born with lashings of it. "How? - Why? - What?" That was you all those years ago!!

The moment we stop asking the **questions** we are in danger because the **answers** feed our imaginations, they nourish our minds and souls.

Before long we soon marvel at how this world was created.

“I was made for this green planet,  
This tight ball of aching beauty,  
Alive with the unending possibilities  
Of His creative power”. so writes Gerard Kelly.

I do understand when you say that you can't go far these days: that your travelling days are done. Lloyd Alexander said, 'Keep reading (*keep watching*) it's one of the most wonderful adventures that anyone can have". A good auto-biography can take you out of yourself; away from "that dreadful routine that kills our imagination and robs us of our capacity for enthusiasm". (Ella Maillert)

As you read and follow other people's dreams and abilities, you may well find their self belief and their innate curiosity becoming a part of your resolve. Take on board their tenacity. As they win against all odds you may experience that thrill of just being alive. I know, no adventure is exactly the same for everyone but all are life enhancing.

Perhaps your heroes are right on your doorstep; a member of your family, a friend, a work colleague who encouraged you when you needed it most. They set you a good example. It's payback time - make them proud. Keep dreaming.

No adventurer has ever exhausted the wonders of this planet – none has breathed the very essence of life into any living thing. None can replicate the intricacy of design and detail of a single leaf blowing in the wind. We forget these basic truths. This Jewel in the heavens is gifted to us – created **for** us not **by** us.

When Jesus came to earth He kept bringing us back to that truth. It was Jesus who saw the beauty of the lily, the tiny little sparrows, He loved the open hills, the sun glistening on the Sea of Galilee, the laughter of fishermen – routine! He loved Nicodemus because he asked questions.

God never meant us to live cloistered lives in tiny worlds of our own making. Life with Jesus isn't just another adventure. It's 'THE ADVENTURE', The greatest adventure we will ever embark on.

Jesus will enjoy every moment of our journey as He walks and talks with us along the way.

**Rhonwen.**

## **For many years Gareth James has been our very own Bear Grylls.**

His humorous stories about skiing have lightened many a meeting. – we in turn have been amazed at what he has accomplished. I couldn't dedicate this magazine to the spirit of 'Adventure' without asking him some questions.

### **1. Were you adventurous from a very early age?**

I think I was a reasonably adventurous child - I spent most of my holidays on my mum's family farm in Pembrokeshire where I did climb trees, build rope bridges across small rivers and played outdoors generally. Also, the world was a different place for children back then and I was able to build campfires to cook blackberry stew and potatoes (and probably a few spiders as well). I could also make bonfires and set off my own fireworks (some of which I had made myself). As a boy in Aberystwyth I climbed the rocks and cliffs on the coast and hurtled down the hill outside my dad's manse on home made go-karts. Then I became more serious and responsible. I was quite a boring young man, except for a few parachute jumps from Shobden airfield near Hereford and from Swansea airfield, When Paul and Richard began to be interested in climbing and kayaking I turned into an adventurous dad. With the boys I learned rock climbing, kayaking, skiing and scuba diving.

### **2. When did mum and dad start worrying about your Spirit of Adventure?**

I don't think mum and dad worried much about me until I started courting Enid at the age of 17 after meeting in Baptismal classes. They probably were quite anxious when I got married at the age of 20 - they'd have been even more worried for Enid though, knowing what she was letting herself in for!



Let's put it all into perspective.  
Look ! Half way up....!!

### **3. Is that you climbing?**

Yes, I did lead a team of 4 up the Old Man of Stoer (and got them safely back down). These were a group of colleagues from Barry College where I worked. They had never climbed before but, after a bit of training and a few practice climbs on the Pembrokeshire sea cliffs, they did a magnificent job on a fairly daunting climb and raised sponsorship money for the children's hospice near Barry. Is Gareth standing half way down on a narrow ledge? This picture shows the height of this rock. Certainly not for the faint hearted. Gareth is standing on a ledge half way up. Just look at the height of that big rock shooting out of the water.



### **4. Seeing that you have survived jumping off cliffs and canoeing etc. what was your scariest moment?**

I honestly don't suffer badly from nerves when facing physical challenges although standing in the open door of a small aircraft before my first parachute jump made my heart beat a little faster. I think my scariest moments have been going into the pulpit at Hope.

Gareth closes by saying, "It's much easier to feel adventurous when you are doing something exciting and different and much more natural to feel a sense of achievement when you have overcome a simple and well defined challenge but I do agree that if we were able to see our everyday difficulties and obstacles as opportunities for adventure this would completely change our approach to our problems. Much easier said than done though, it's hard for me to imagine how facing unemployment or serious financial worries or the breakdown of a relationship, chronic illness or bereavement can be turned into adventures simply by applying an adventurous attitude. I believe that having a God and Father who loves us and who can keep us safe is much more use than any spirit of adventure when facing the real challenges of life".

Thank you, Gareth - you've certainly lifted our spirits.

## **FAMILY NEWS**

### Happy Birthday to **BMS Birthday Scheme Members - March**

4<sup>th</sup> John Ware

Ethan Davies

7<sup>th</sup> Margaret Morton

27<sup>th</sup> David Drew

### **Pulpit Ministry.**

**March 6<sup>th</sup>** Rev. Ian Howells with Communion

**13<sup>th</sup>** Rev. Dai Davies.

**20<sup>th</sup>** Rev. Stephen Pare

**27<sup>th</sup>** Rev. Richard Cleaves

**March 13<sup>th</sup>** marks the date when nominations for the diaconate must be received in readiness to be announced prior to the Church AGM on **March 31<sup>st</sup>**

It has been a month of grey skies and many a dreary day.

We are sad to know that Mrs. Clarice Fewkes is in hospital. Having suffered much pain for many years we pray fervently that treatment will ease the distress. You are in our prayers, Clarice, and our Lord is in the healing. He will comfort and sustain you.

We are also sad that Mrs. Edith Hughes has fallen and broken her hip. She has made an amazing recovery in the short span of a week. You are in all our prayers, Edith. At this rate, as you recover, you will have written a book about your time as a lecturer and councillor here in Bridgend. We all knew that if we came to you, things would be done – you have helped hundreds of people over the years - each owe you a huge debt of gratitude. To see you in church every Sunday morning is a blessing to us all. Take it easy now.

Our hearts went out to Mrs. Pam Redwood, last Sunday morning (Feb 13<sup>th</sup>) Pam fell on the pavement right outside our church and dislocated her shoulder. We all knew that the pain must have been excruciating. Pam says, "It certainly was but once in A&E they put matters right. Once back in its place, the pain lessened immediately. It was just a miracle".

We are sending loving prayers to Mrs. Margaret Morton who has had a taste of Covid. We are so glad that you are over the attack Margaret. It is proof that you are strong in faith. As we come out of this Covid and into the warmer weather we trust that you will be able to get out a lot more. You have always taken life a day at a time and now the days to come will offer you much enjoyment and better health, as you enjoy pastures new. More anon.

We are pleased that Rosalyn (Hogg) is home from hospital. Please take things easy Ros. We still cover you in prayer.

Hi Everyone,

We thought it might be helpful if each month we gave you a little update on how we are doing personally and how the various preparations for our move to Hope are progressing.

Firstly, *Tracey has had Covid this week*. She has not had it too badly, describing it as like mild flu. That said, she has had a lot of leg and back pain with it. I am pleased to say she did another LFT this morning (Friday) and tested negative. So if she has another negative tomorrow she can get out of the house at last.

We have obtained our *three quotes for the move* from three different removal companies. They have all come in at broadly similar amounts. Having the removal men in the house looking around, measuring things up and discussing practicalities has made everything all the more real.

I have agreed *end dates for my ministry* with the deacons here. My last 'official' day will be Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>. After this I will be using up unused annual leave to take us through to the very end of March. The deacons have then kindly agreed to give me April as gardening leave. This is important to me, as leading the church through two years of covid and lockdowns, for most of that time without a Church Secretary and only half a diaconate, has left me exhausted. Not to mention that we came out of lockdown only to face major problems with our building. So, April gives me time for some much needed rest. I hope to go on a retreat, travel up north to see two of my children, and also do some work on my M.Th. Thesis. However, Tracey tells me I will mainly be doing a lot of sorting out the house prior to moving. Tracey has lived here for over 20 years and has decided that a lot of what she has accumulated ought not to come down the M4 with us to Wales. So decluttering and downsizing is the order of the day.

As we have agreed these arrangements with the deacons at Herne Bay, it means that I am free over the Easter period. So I have been delighted to accept an invitation from Rhonwen and, God willing, I shall be *travelling-up to Bridgend during Holy Week to be with you all* at Hope to lead the services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

The next key date is April 30<sup>th</sup> when my '*contract*' at Herne Bay officially ends. We then hope to move to Bridgend around May 17<sup>th</sup>. The BU recommend that new Pastors be given two weeks just to settle in to the

Manse and acclimatise a little to the new area. All of which means, God willing, that I shall *start work for Hope on June 1<sup>st</sup>* – although I probably will not preach until after the Induction Service, the date of which is still to be finalised.

That, at least, is the plan. We ask you to seek God's help and blessing on all the arrangements as we get ready to move. In particular, may we ask for your prayers for Tracey's health. Sorting out a house move is never easy, but even more so when you suffer with M.E.

Remember us please in your prayers, we are nothing without the grace of God

***Darren and Tracey***

### **WHAT'S OCCURRING**

We are glad that the AGM of the Food bank was so successful on Feb 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, Neil, for representing us and thank you Sally for helping to set up the technology etc.

It was a meeting of forward planning which included plans for an Open Day – more details later. Hope is one of the busiest centres.

### **Women's World Day of Prayer at Laleston Church Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am.**

### **CHRISTIAN AID**

Delyth was thrilled to announce last Sunday that she was able to send £850 to Christian Aid. This was a wonderful response by Hope to the Crisis Appeal for Afghanistan. Delyth gave us the latest up-date – a harrowing report emphasising the decades of conflict - the Covid crisis - the worst drought in 27 years - the economic and health care systems – are all in a state of collapse.

It distresses us to see all this becoming alive on the news and on YouTube. Hope's response is, therefore, an expression of our obeying God's directive, "love one another".

Thank you all for your generous giving and prayers.

Our Baptist Missionary Society is keeping up with the times. Technology comes to the fore. An app helps people in Mozambique to better understand the law.

Developed by The Association of Christian Lawyers it is there to inform people about five areas of the law – family law, land, consumer protection and employment - also the highway code.

Our link missionary Jane Edwards was part of the team involved in the app's creation.



Ron, our BMS Representative, writes.

“Jane will be on home assignment during May and June and I have requested to have Jane visit us here at Hope. We will turn to Zoom for an interview if a visit is not possible”. Technology has reached us too!

Another of our Link Missionaries – Over the past 9 years Tim and Linda Darby have established strong local teams in Gulu, Uganda who are capable of running the fresh water projects and child protection work on a stand alone basis. They will be leaving Uganda and ending their service with BMS during April 2022.

They have completed over 9 years of dedicated service in Uganda.

We pray that God's Blessings will be upon them in whatever way they serve in the future.

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We have recently received a report from the Douglas family who are our link missionaries in Nepal.

It is cold and frosty out there at the moment and covid cases are high in number – rising above 6,000 per day. Hospitals are on the verge of closing due to staff illness. Schools are closed and teaching is patchy.

A local school recently held exams out in the school yard with government permission. The noise of temple bells and bus horns nearby added to the inconvenience. Helen is struggling to teach her 60 students via Zoom.

The house move has happened although it was a physical challenge as the family were suffering with a sickness bug, the car broke down and the access road was closed off so boxes of belongings had to be handed over a wall. ...*(more next month .. did we say that living for our Lord is a big Adventure ? – this page certainly proves it)*

## **Adventures take many different forms.**

As I talked to Ron Fairfax I could see the scale and enormity of responsibility shouldered by Ron in his working life.

As Operations Manager, British Petroleum (Chemicals) BP Baglan Bay, Ron entered the great arena of decision making, putting him firmly into the category of 'Adventurer'. New problems - new ways of solving the issues - they were journeys into the unknown.

I asked Ron if his working life had been full of adventures.

Ron writes of the life threatening incidents at the plant. His knowledge and courage prevented catastrophic consequences.

### **"In the work place"**

One of my professional interests whilst working in the chemical manufacturing sector was the investigation of accidents and incidents. This interest arose from my fascination with investigation of engineering equipment failure, an activity which took me to countries such as China, America and much of Europe.

There are two stages in identifying exactly what happened in any unexpected event, each is key in fully understanding it.

Firstly, one must clearly define the IMMEDIATE cause eg a person sustains an injury - let's say, they fractured a bone because they slipped and fell to the ground, that's what immediately happened but it doesn't tell us why it happened.

Secondly, the BASIC causes of the fall must be identified. These could be surface condition related, infirmity, trip hazards, insufficient training in safe handling of loads, flooring design, impact by falling objects etc.

By using this structured approach any event of concern can be thoroughly analysed and corrective actions specified.

From my experience I knew that there are many basic reasons for any incident or accident."

We thank our Lord for all who have analytical and discerning minds, those who measure, assess and prevent disasters world wide – as did Ron.



## Our Adventure

I asked Pam when did her adventures start. Married to a member of the RAF had she anticipated a life of moving around. Was the young girl from Swansea in for a shock? Pam writes..

On 5<sup>th</sup> January 1963 Owain and I were married and Owain was based at RAF Rudloe Manor near Chippenham. So our first adventure was moving to Batheaston where we had a flat. I had to find a job and get used to being a housewife – not having done anything, not even boil an egg, in the house before I got married!

In October 1963 Owain received notification that he would be posted overseas and it would be Cyprus! Thus our second adventure started. We left Swansea on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December – can you imagine how we and our family felt because we were going to be away for 3 years! We flew into Nicosia and were driven to Limassol and were taken to a hotel where we stayed for a few days until we could find accommodation. We were found a 1 bedroom house and were lucky enough to have a lovely English family next door who helped us settle in. Having been on the island less than 4 weeks, just after Christmas, Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots started fighting each other and that meant we were in a state of alert in case we had to be sent back home. So ended our first year of married life – an adventure indeed!

When I asked Lynne and Phil Chamberlain to what 'heights' they had attained I was amazed to learn that Phil had also undertaken a Charity Parachute Jump from the same airfield as Gareth. (Shobden. Hereford)  
"Hi, do you come here often?" They could well have met mid-air.

Not to be out done however, Lynne remembers well how she climbed to the top of Ben Nevis - twice. Coming down that first time was one big adventure. Leaving the path they got a little lost. There was a lovely flat stone upon which Lynne fell and was instantly propelled a good way down the mountain. Bruised and shaken badly she still went up for a second climb at another point in time. You are one brave woman, Lynne.

***"They that wait upon the Lord will renew their strength – they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint". Isaiah 40v31***



**I read yesterday that the potential in Spring Cleaning leads to mind altering, life extending benefits.**

It has been scientifically proven that Spring Cleaning should give us a sense of re-birth. I find that a bit over the top!

By starting anew in a less cluttered space we reduce our stress, improve our mood and get more energy. This should lead, in due course, to a boost in us eating healthily, exercising and getting more sleep.

I know one person who might agree. My friend/prisoner in Hut 18.. We left her in the clutches of Covid Lockdown.

I wonder what happened to her - so I went to find her armed with Caramel Magnums, chocolate biscuits and Maltesers - all her favourites. I found Hut 18 - it was closed; the moat had been drained and a 'Sold' notice - STC - was hanging resplendently on the barbed wire.

I managed finally to locate her at the cake counter at Asda. looking longingly at the cream cakes section. Surprise! Surprise!

"What on earth's going on?" I asked? "After all the hassle of lockdown I have decided to join in the property market. I advertised in the practised fashion of Estate Agents".

'Highly Desirable Detached Residence (some would say detached from reality) Open Plan – all internal walls have been removed. Air conditioning of superior design and quality with water penetrating down the walls. External luxury water feature (moat).

I charged an exorbitant price and sold to the highest bidders; a pair called Ant and Deck who planned to use it as an alternative for 'I'm a Celebrity – get me out of here'".

Naturally I gave the house a bit of a clean. "You are right, windows are just awful...."

"Spring cleaning starts today. I'll go and get your ladders while you get your jacket".



"It must be Spring. I can't see out the window."

1. “Does decluttering raise our self esteem?”

“I’m still working on that – it does nothing for me.

2. “Will you be having a Feng Shui expert in to your new house to help you?

“Is that the smelly stuff with dried pods and seeds in it?”

3. “How many mugs did you take to the charity shop? Any arguments along the way?”

“I started out well. **12** had to go. Hubby grabbed two, my daughter grabbed four and promptly (purposefully?) dropped them on the floor. I sneaked two back and am still looking for the other four!!”

4. “Do you know what 'filtering' means?”

”Of course I do. I filter my hubby’s coffee”.

“Actually its taking the mess from one room and dumping it into another. You wouldn't do that - would you?”

“All the time. I call it preserving heirlooms”.

5. “I am told that once you get into the **groove** of decision making it starts to feel good. Do you agree?”

”Will you clarify that word, please. I’m still trying to tell the difference between a groove, a rut and a ditch”.

I’m off now. I have a lot of planning, packing and plotting to do”



“I don't think you're getting the point of this exercise.”

“Two éclairs and 4 trifles, please. All for a good cause”.

**Dedication** By Gerard Kelly.

Out of your sweetness  
May strength come forth.  
In weakness,  
may a brave heart grow.  
In your dependence,  
may faith take root.  
From wide-eyed wonder,  
May wisdom flow.  
May the lions you face meet a warrior.  
May you dance on the high fields of  
praise.



May rejoicing run like a river  
through the valleys of your days.  
May you stand in your inheritance  
and live as a child of the King...  
May your ears be tuned to angels,  
in the wind – whispered glory they sing.  
May you carry a furnace fire of hope  
when the world falls dark around you.  
May you find in your heart – forgiveness  
When others, unthinking, hurt you.

May you know as deep as DNA  
in the marrow of your soul  
you are known, you are loved,  
you are valued.  
Though you fear it, you are never alone.  
May your eyes never lose the wonder  
Of the miracle of your birth.  
From your heart, come love.  
From your life, come truth.  
From your sweetness,  
may strength come forth.



## **OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE**

For more information on any of our activities, please get in touch with the contact shown.

### **TUESDAY:**

Tuesday Prayer Group      9.30am      Mrs R Rowe    (01656) 654881

Tuesday@Hope              10.30am    Mrs M Johnson   (01656) 656346

### **THURSDAY:**

Babies & Toddler Group      9.30am      Dr D. Ware    (01656) 662948

Prayer Meeting              7.00pm

### **SUNDAY:**

Sunday'scool                10.30am

Morning Service              10.30am

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# HOPE

BAPTIST CHURCH

## OUR STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

(Church Meeting 010503)

We will EVANGELISE our community & beyond.

We will encourage people to become more Christ-like through  
DISCIPLESHIP.

We are committed to meeting the needs of those inside & outside  
our walls through MINISTRY.

We will value FELLOWSHIP, recognising that it is a divine gift to the  
church.

We will come before the Lord in obedience to WORSHIP Him.

Hope Baptist Church operates a safeguarding children and  
adults at risk policy

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