

Steeple Bumpstead Congregational Church www.steeplebumpsteadcc.org

Church Secretary: Christine Blyth – tel: 01440 762066 Worship for all ages, everybody welcome

> Sunday Service 7th May 2023 at 10.30 am Communion and "The Beatitudes" Matthew Chapter 5 verses 1 to 16

Colin Preston will continue with our studies from the Gospel of Matthew ("The Beatitudes").

Other Reminders and Upcoming Events TUESDAY PRAYER MEETING FOR UKRAINE / RUSSIAN CONFLICT AND OTHER KEY ISSUES; The next prayer meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th May between 11.00 am and 12 noon at SBCC in the Lecture Hall

PILOTS CLUB FOR CHILDREN;

Fun, learning and activities for the over 5s on Thursdays; 5.15pm - 6.15pm during school term time.

SUNDAY SERVICE REFRESHMENTS ROTA

Sun., 7th May., Barbara and Peter Sun., 14th May., Mary and Sue.

CHURCH GARDENS WORK PARTY Saturday 20th May 2023; 10.00 am - 12.00 noon

Primarily for weeding, clearing paths, tidying etc., Please bring tools.

AGM FOR MEMBERS AND REGULAR WORSHIPPERS Wednesday 24th May at 7.00 pm (Lecture Hall)

Nominations invited for Church Secretary and Treasurer

CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF JILL VAUGHAN FRIDAY 26TH MAY 2023 AT 11.00 AM

Vivien Sargeant will be conducting the Service of Celebration of the life of Jill Vaughan at Steeple Bumpstead CC on Friday 26th May at 11.00 am. The family invite all who knew Jill, who wish to pay their respects, to join them at the service and for refreshments in the Lecture Hall afterwards. If you plan to attend please let Chris Blyth know so that the information can be passed to Jill's family (organising the catering).

EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE MAGAZINE - SPRING EDITION OF idea

The theme of the Spring Edition is *"a time to grow"* (available on the table at the back of the Church)

PRAYERS

Please continue to pray for the leadership team (Annie, Sheila, Wayne, Colin and Chris) as they work together with the Church to seek God's mind for the way ahead in the future. Keep in mind God's Word to us, as a fellowship, to *"Forget the former things, do not dwell on the past. <u>See I am</u> doing a new thing !" Isaiah 43.18/19*

For members of our fellowship or people connected to us

Pray for the compassion, peace and the healing of God, for all those in our congregation, and wider community, suffering pain and illness or going through adverse times; including:

Andrew; Continue to pray for Andrew's health and well-being.

David; Pray for David's health needs and ongoing dialysis treatment..

Charlie, Mary's husband Charlie is continuing to recover from a fall and a broken wrist and dislocated shoulder. However, continue to pray for Mary and family as they continue to care for and support Charlie.

Jane & Chris Stirling. Jane is going through a challenging time with her health needs. Please continue to pray for Jane, Chris and her family. Chris continues to make progress with recovery of his mobility.

Wendy; Continue please to pray for Wendy who has been advised that she has a lesion on her liver and is to undergo further scans on this and on her back and leg.

Sue Preston; is suffering from Sjogrens (body dries out); please pray for Sue that the Lord would intervene and bring healing to her body. We thank God for identification of the cause of her stomach problems which Sue has had over the last 18 years !!! Pray that Sue will receive the right treatment for this. She has recently had an operation on her shoulder.

Fred Dare. Continue to pray for Sue and her family supporting Fred who is in his care home. Fred is suffering from Dementia.

Peter Creasy; Please pray for Peter recovering from a recent operation and waiting for follow up treatments/procedures needed.

Roger; Please pray that Roger's ongoing health will be maintained following issues he has had to deal with recently.

Frankie; Let's continue to pray for Frankie's recovery from a fall and a dislocated shoulder. Frankie is at home making progress in her recovery and coping with life with support from her daughter and friends.

Overseas ministries supported by the Church

Pastor John; Continue to pray for the effective pastoral care and service in the communities in Southern India where Pastor John ministers in challenging circumstances which include heat, persecution, illness, and poverty.

House of Joshua; Pray for children and adults, of the House of Joshua community in the Philippines, to be sustained by faith and encouragement through some challenging times.

National and International issues

Please pray for current national and international matters, including King Charles Coronation, the Government, the economic situation. the serious situation in Europe and the world following the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Pray that God will over-rule in the conflict to minimise bloodshed, and suffering..

To include items on our prayer page, or to advise of other needs, please get in touch with one of our leaders <u>Leadership Team</u>: *Wayne Taylor 01440 762771; Colin Preston 01440 421639; Sheila Burr;01440 730711; Annie Turner 01440 730666; and Christine Blyth 01440 762066*

Tuesdays and Thursdays; Open Church; 10am - 12pm*

Time and space for prayer, quiet time, or to meet with others. *The Church will usually be open at these times. On Thursday mornings you can enjoy hearing our band and singers practising.

Web Site and Utube Channel

Search for "Steeple Bumpstead Congregational Church" on YouTube, or follow the link to our website:

www.steeplebumpsteadcc.org

Our music group has recorded a range of hymns and worship songs for your enjoyment and blessing..

If you would like to support the church by giving, you can make a contribution to the offering in person during the Sunday morning Service or on-line, by asking our secretary, Chris Blyth for the necessary information. Thank you.