

# Steeple Bumpstead Congregational Church

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

> Sunday Service 13th August 2023 (and Communion) at 10.30 am

"Precious" Psalm 95 (1- 7) and Isaiah 43

# Penny Bloom and Bob will be with us sharing and teaching on the above theme and texts.

**Reminders and Upcoming Events** 

TUESDAY PRAYER MEETING FOR UKRAINE / RUSSIAN CONFLICT AND OTHER KEY ISSUES; The next prayer meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th August 23 between 11.00 am and 12 noon at SBCC in the Lecture Hall.

SUNDAY SERVICE REFRESHMENTS ROTA

Sun., 13th Aug.; Barbara and Peter Sun., 20th Aug.; Anne and Linda

### SONGS OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP; SUNDAY 20th AUGUST at 10.30 AM

Most of us have a cherished hymn or song which has a special meaning for us. If you have a favourite and you would like it to be included at our service on 20th August, then please let our Church Secretary Chris Blyth, know by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August. Perhaps also if possible, the reason for your choice and the sentiment it holds for you.

#### AN EVENING WITH PAUL JONES AND FIONA HENDLEY; FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2023

We invite you, to what we believe will be, an uplifting evening on Friday 17th November when Paul Jones (lead singer of Manfred Mann) and his actress wife, Fiona (ITV drama "Widows" and Royal Shakespeare Company) will sing songs and tell of their amazing journey, Manfred Man fame and a powerful love story.

Please join us for this special evening which will include refreshments afterwards. Admission will be by <u>ticket only</u> (no charge but you need to register your interest with our Church Secretary, Chris Blyth, on 01440 762066 as tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

### **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. Remember God's Word to us, as a fellowship; *"Forget the former things, do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing !" Isaiah 43.18/19* 

**For members of our fellowship and people connected to us.** Pray for the compassion, peace and the healing of God, for all those in our congregation, and the wider community, suffering pain and illness or going through adverse times; including:

**Danny and his carer;** please continue to pray for Danny (now 15 years old) who is recovering from Chrohn's disease having been seriously ill and in hospital. It is good news that he is beginning to get about again Danny is on a special diet at present to aide his recovery. That's the good news for which we thank you Lord. However please continue to pray for Danny's carer as her partner recently suffered a fatal heart attack. Please pray for God's grace to be over an extra-ordinary challenging family situation.

**Chris Stirling;** Jane passed away peacefully in the early hours of Friday 4th August. Chris was with us at our Service on Sunday 6th August and has asked us to pray not only for himself but for his families of son and daughter, plus grandchildren and great grandchildren for love and peace in the coming days.

**Wendy;** Please continue to pray for Wendy who is going through various medical tests, and who has other pressing health issues in and among her family

David; for David's health needs and dialysis treatment

**Charlie**;Continue to pray for Mary and family as they care for and support the health needs of Charlie.

Andrew; for health and ongoing well being.

**Sue Preston** Suffering from Sjogrens (body dries out); pray that the Lord would intervene and bring healing to her body. We thank God for identifying the cause of her stomach problems. With advice from clinicians Sue manages her diet and bodily care which has helped a great deal to improve her quality of life. **Fred Dare**. Continue to pray for Sue and family supporting Fred who is in nursing care (suffering from Dementia and going through a difficult time).

**Peter Creasy;** Pray for Peter waiting for follow up treatments and procedures. **Roger;** Continue to pray for Roger's health and wellbeing.

#### Overseas ministries supported by the Church

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

**House of Joshua (Phillipines)**; Pray for children and adults, of the House of Joshua community to be sustained by faith and encouragement through some current difficult and challenging times.

#### National and International issues

Please pray for current national and international matters, including the reign of King Charles III, 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 box in person during the Sunday morning Service or on-line, by asking our secretary, Chris Blyth for the necessary information. Thank you.