

Steeple Bumpstead Congregational Church

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

> Sunday Service 10th September 2023 at 10.30 am; "...He drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick" Matthew Ch.8 v 16

Colin Preston will be with us to share from Chapter 8 of the Gospel of Matthew

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

SUNDAY SERVICE REFRESHMENTS ROTA

Sun., 10th Sept.; Sue and Mary Sun., 17th Sept.: Anne and Linda

PILOTS CLUB FOR CHILDREN starts again Thursday 14 September from 5.15pm - 6.15pm. For children from 5yrs. upwards. Fun, crafts, games, music and various projects.

CHAPEL STREET CAFE SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER; 10 am - 12 Noon

All welcome for tea, coffee, cakes and bacon rolls. Good conversation or quiet relaxation. Childrens face painting & activities all free of charge.

MEETING OF CHURCH MEMBERS AND REGULAR WORSHIPPERS WEDNESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER AT 7.30 pm*

*please note the slightly later starting time.

HARVEST SUPPER CELEBRATION SATURDAY 30th SEPTEMBER AT 6.30 pm Fish n' Chips and Harvest Fun Competitions

(Please contact Sue Morris to order £7 senior portions of chips/cod/scampi/or veggie burger).

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.

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; let's continue to pray for Danny's healing and recovery from Chrohn's disease, having been seriously ill and in hospital. Danny is on a special diet to aid his recovery. Please continue to pray for Danny's carer (Rachel) as her partner recently suffered a fatal heart attack. Please pray for God's grace to be over Danny and Rachel in the days ahead.

Chris Stirling; Continue to pray for Chris following Jane's passing, and for his family of son and daughter, grandchildren and great grandchildren for love and peace in the coming days. A service of thanksgiving in remembrance of Jane is to be held on Saturday 23rd September at 2 pm.

Wendy; Please continue to pray for Wendy still undergoing various medical tests, and who has other pressing health issues in and among her family. **David;** is now home having been in hospital and very ill with Covid, and other health complications. David is thankfully slowly improving but would value your prayers for health improvement.

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 who continues to go 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 the children and adults of the House of Joshua community to be sustained by faith and encouragement through 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.