

June 2022

## **Knowing God, Hearing his Voice and Choosing the Right Path**

Recently I received a surprise present from a friend I had not seen or spoken to for some time. My friend had kept a diary every day for some years. During lock down she had decided to use her diary's entries and some photos to speak about the last two years in a printed book.

As I started to read her book, I felt I met my friend again. I was reminded of what she was like and all the things she appreciated and enjoyed doing. I also felt a mixture of pleasure that I had known her so well in the past, but sad that I had lost touch with her. She talked about her love of walking in the hills and the beauty of wild flowers. She said, when

camping she could sit and watch the changing light for hours. One chapter was entitled 'When Life gives you Scraps', which explained that when the shops were shut, she found lots of pieces of material that she used to make new clothes. Most of all she spoke of the love of her children and the pleasure of seeing them when it was allowed.

There have been times recently when I have been very busy and I have got to the end of the day and realised I haven't read my bible. Reading my friend's book reminded me that my bible is where I meet God and get to know what he is like. It's where I hear him speaking to me again. It's where he reminds me of the important things in life. The appreciation of beauty and the simple, but profound things that we experience and when life does give us scraps and life is difficult, God gives us small things to help and sustain us and make us new. But, most of all it speaks of God's love for his Children and how he wants to share our lives, be with us, guide us and give us words of wisdom.

**Our Vision Statment:**

**Growing Together by loving God loving others & serving our community**

This month we are wanting to hear God's voice speaking to us about the future of our Church. Huw and Alexandra are also wanting to hear from God. When we spent time with them in May we started with a reading that had suddenly popped into my mind earlier that morning. It was Isaiah 30 verse 21.

It says, "Whether you turn to the left or the right, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying, This is the Way, walk in it".

As a Leadership Team we have been praying that we will hear God's voice saying, this is the right path to take, and so have Alex and Huw.

Now it is your turn, the MBC Members, to try to hear God's voice speaking to you as we come to decide whether Huw and Alex should be our new Pastors. God may bring to your mind something that may speak to you about the right way to go. He might speak through a reading from the bible or a book or something a friend says.

Ruth Keiran emailed me and told me she had borrowed the 'Baptists Together' summer magazine from Church, which

was not something that she had ever felt led to read before. However, one article spoke to her about our present situation at MBC. Ruth said that it was a paragraph on 'discernment' that really stood out for her.

The person writing the article finished with the final statement. "I think my final reflection about discerning together would be that we need **courage!** The courage to go with God, to step out of the boat, to walk on the water, to share what little we have. This is because a commitment to discern is a commitment to adventure! If we are genuinely seeking what God is doing and getting on board with that, we are heading out of our comfort zone. The brilliant thing is that as we follow Jesus, he is always with us. He is our rock, our comfort and our inspiration." (Lynn Green - General secretary of the B.U.)

The Leadership Team are praying that God's voice will be heard behind us all, showing us which is the right path, saying "This is the Way, walk in it."

*Rosemary Salmon*

Deacon MBC

Markyate Baptist Church

# What's On—June

## Friday 3rd

10am -12pm MBC Cafe  
All Welcome

## Saturday 4th

9.30am Zoom Prayer Meeting

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

10.30am Communion Service  
with Alexandra & Huw Anderson

## Friday 10th

10-11.30am Jack & Jills  
See Ruth Kieran for more info.

## Saturday 11th

9.30am Zoom Prayer Meeting

10am Who Let The Dads Out  
See Alan & Lesley for more info.

## Sunday 12th

10.30am Morning Service  
With Andy Godfrey

## Friday 17th

10am -12pm MBC Cafe  
All Welcome

## Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>

9.30am Zoom Prayer Meeting

## Sunday 19th

10.30am Morning Service  
With Ken Benjamin

## Friday 24th

10-11.30am Jack & Jills  
See Ruth Kieran for more info.

## Saturday 25th

9.30am Zoom Prayer Meeting

## Sunday 26th

10.30am Community & Family  
Service  
with Rev Austin Janes & Karl



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Held in the Hall at  
**markyate**  
baptist church

For children & the men in their life  
(dads, grandads, uncles, carers etc...)

Looking for something to do with the  
kids on a Saturday morning?

By popular request we will be reopening monthly in 2022

8 <sup>th</sup> January	11 <sup>th</sup> June
19 <sup>th</sup> February	9 <sup>th</sup> July
19 <sup>th</sup> March	10 <sup>th</sup> September
9 <sup>th</sup> April	8 <sup>th</sup> October
14 <sup>th</sup> May	12 <sup>th</sup> November

10 - 12pm

Just £4 per family or whatever you think it's  
worth

Same  
unlimited  
drinks &  
food

Same  
fun &  
games

Same  
good  
conversation  
& friendship

New  
additions as  
the weather  
improves

For more information contact Alan Poole on  
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Now twice a month—2nd  
& 4th Friday



**Jack and Jill's**  
baby and toddler group  
@mbc

Church hall 10am—  
11.30am

£2 per family



1st & 3rd Friday of each  
month

10am—12pm

All Welcome

Good coffee and good  
company

WHO LET THE  
**DADS OUT?**



THE "BIG BIKES" ARE COMING TO OUR NEXT WHO LET THE  
DADS OUT MORNING FROM 10.00AM - 12.00 NOON ON  
SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE