

Barnt Green Baptist Church



August 2021



Ocean photographer—Matt B

This Week

- * Pete will be leading the service
- * The Sunday Service will not stream this week but it will be recorded
- * The August Summer programme will run for the rest of the month
- * The next news sheet will arrive on Friday 27th August

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In August we will have live worship leading but video messages for teaching, on the 8th,15th and 22nd. The messages will be by Donald Campbell who is senior minister at Sutton Coldfield Baptist. They will be on John Chapter 9. There are three earmarked from a four message set, if however we want to watch the fourth, we can be flexible on Pete's return.

Fellowship Sunday

At the end of this month we have our first 5th Sunday. This is a chance for us to do something different to encourage each other and build fellowship.

Given the infections are still high the plan, at the moment, is for us to bring our own refreshments. There will be an activity which is there for folks to take part in, but for those not wanting that an informal time for us to meet, talk and pray together.

The aim is then to rejoin each other at around 11.15 for a short time of worship.

If there are any questions please give me a call or drop me a message.

Pete

This news sheet is to cover the month of August, the calendar is as complete as I can get as at 29th July, and we might issue one or two emails if things change but that will not be a guaranteed weekly event.

The next news sheet will be issued on August 27th.

Thanks

Stuart

2021 BGBC August Calendar

August

Sunday	1st	10:30 Communion Pete	Door: Nina Duty: ? AV: Steve
Mon	2nd	Evening Wedding rehearsal	
Tue	3rd		
Wed	4th		Alpha Mens Group
Thu	5th	Hedge cutting work & OCD clean & Window clean	
Fri	6th	Wedding prep	
Sat	7th	1pm Hannah & Dan wedding	Duty: Stu & Sue
Sunday	8th	10:30 Donald Campbell video Sue Stevens lead	Door: Nigel Duty: AV: ?
M - F	9-13th	No in-church building activity	Alpha Weds 8pm
Sunday	15th	10:30 Donald Campbell video Lead: Nigel Stevens	Door: Sue M Duty: Stuart AV: ?
M-F	16-20th	Pirates Holiday club	Alpha Weds 8pm
Sat	21st	OCD clean	
Sunday	22nd	10:30 Donald Campbell video Lead: Lloyd	Door: Heidi Duty: AV: ?
M-F	23-27th	Pirates Holiday club	
Sat	28th	OCD clean	
Sunday	29th	10:30 Fellowship Sunday Pete	Door: ? Duty : Stuart AV: ?
Mon	30th	Bank Holiday	
Tue	31st	Pirates Holiday club	
Wed	Sept 1st	Pirates Holiday club	
Thu	2nd	Pirates Holiday club	
Fri	3rd	Pirates Holiday club	
Sat	4th	OCD clean	
Sunday	5th	10:30 Speaker Pete Communion	Door: ? Duty : Stuart AV: ?

Re-opening after 19th July

From now until we review it again, possibly in later September, our services will look like this.

Children – Our youngsters will continue to go out into their own room (lounge) as they arrive. We hope and pray that we can reach a situation where we can all be re-united sooner rather than later.

Service length – Services will be around the hour in length.

Ventilation – The church will continue to meet with the sanctuary & lounge well ventilated.

Social distancing chairs – The chairs will continue to be arranged with distance between groups of chairs. Mainly in groups of 2 or 3. However. You are able to sit with whoever you feel comfortable sitting with.

Socialising – We are still going to encourage folk to socialise outside, particularly whilst the weather is good.

Masks – We will continue to ask you to wear a mask during the service.

Singing – We will start singing again from Sunday 25th July, but request that you keep your mask on.

Refreshments – Until the next review we will encourage folk to bring their own refreshments as Kids Church do.

Communion – Individual cups will continue to be used.

Cleaning – Some extra cleaning will continue, including the covid clean on a Saturday.

It was good that we as a church recognised the anxiety of some, and the fact that several of our members are still waiting vaccination or have only had one jab. I would also encourage everyone that can to pick up lateral flow test kits and test on the Friday or Saturday as an extra measure of safety. If anyone needs help getting hold of kits please let us know.

Obviously, it goes without saying, if you get any symptoms, even very very mild ones, please don't attend the services. Do let us know though, so we can stay connected with you. If we have a number of folk isolating we will try and get technology working to keep us together again.

Let's celebrate, but remain cautious,

Pete

Calendar & Rotas for the summer

We continue to need help on the tasks around the Sunday morning service.

The cleaning task has been amended to reduce the cleaning required while keeping everyone as safe as we can, this should now only take 7 minutes and is now included under the title duty which would also ensure windows are closed, and the church is left tidy

If we were able to get four or five volunteers for this role this would really help.

Now that the services are not streaming the AV task has also reduced a bit but we still really need help on this one for one or two more people to get a basic feel for the equipment and a little bit of coaching.



Outreach

The *Alpha course is running* on a Wednesday evening online with the option for those who can, to meet in-side somewhere, if restrictions allow.

Please pray for this. There are already a couple of takers. Pray for wisdom and opportunity to pop the question to whoever it is God has put in your path. It's fine to offer to come along with your friend/neighbour/colleague.

Equally fine is to offer yourself to help out, whether that's just being there to support those leading or managing the Zoom call. If you're curious, let me know.

Steve

Calling Men of Barnt Green Baptist

Christian study focuses on a formal study course and prayer



BGBC Men's group
**CHRISTIAN STUDY
& PRAYER**

August 4th

Contact outreach@BGB.org.uk
for Zoom joining details



BGBC Men's group
SOCIAL DROP IN

August 18th

Contact outreach@BGB.org.uk
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Social DROP IN is a forum to join for as long as and whenever you like. There is no expectation on timing or commitment !

Everyone is welcome so please join us

Please email outreach@BGB.org.uk for the Zoom joining details