

Barnt Green

Baptist Church



Christmas 2020



This Week

- * Pete will be leading Christmas Candlelit Reflection - 6pm—Sunday 20th
BOOKING ESSENTIAL— IN CHURCH— WRAP UP WARM
- * The Christmas Candlelit Reflection will also be on Facebook live like last Sundays service at 6pm AND available to watch later on the website.
- * Details on the planned service on December 24th at 7pm will be released later next week as things stand lower bookings would mean it might go online only, but please still BOOK IF YOU INTEND to come.
- * Christmas Day 10am Online Family Worship led by Steve
- * This will be on Zoom please register on website

Find us on <https://www.bgb.org.uk/> and



This week the Candlelit Reflection will be Broadcast at 6pm via Facebook live so if you cant be there you can still join in from home

- **Go to Facebook**
- **In search type in “Barnt Green Baptist Church”**
- **You should then see a live window which you can select from 10.30 , if not go to Video and find it there**

If you don't do Facebook

The podcast will then be available in video and audio from late Dec 20th in the same way as we have been accessing it over lockdown from the Church Website under Sermons.



He next news sheet will be with you on Jan 1st

Congratulations
to
Jade and Jordan
On their engagement

Happy Birthday
to
Sue M 19th, Cathy 20th, David Hall 22nd,
Georgia 25th, Ellie 28th

Rest, recuperation, recharge

A theme has emerged this week around the need for rest and recharge, Pete talked about the importance of a sabbath and Hannah built on that with MWM, this week I have talked to so many people who need a real rest.

Matt 11:28 Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. NIV

Matt 11:28-30 “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.” MSG

Psalm 4:8 “In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.”



The power of murmuration

2020 has also seen in an upsurge in gardening and a general appreciation of the natural world as many people were drawn outside to walk, run, and cycle.

Some weeks we have looked at some of the amazing birds that we have in our locality, so I couldn't resist a final ornithology item.

You might remember the Welsh couple who managed to take down their entire village broadband service at 7am every morning when they turned on their aged 16" Bush TV to watch breakfast television, well it was reported this week that mystery power cuts in a small town in Scotland were being caused by starlings dancing on the power lines.

Starlings fly together in massive flocks in murmurations, normally around dusk in a spectacular show that is sadly becoming more rare as numbers fall. Look up some videos online many do not look real.

A Scottish Power engineer discovered that thousands of birds were "dancing" on the lines near Airth as their murmurations went on, causing the wires to bounce and sometimes to touch causing a short and blackouts in the town. There are actually three wires between the poles and when they clash together the power will go off for around 10 seconds or so at a time. That has happened quite frequently, with some of these clashes causing wider damage and longer outages.

Scottish Power and the RSPB are working together to generate a solution.

