

BASFORD ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH
*Putting Jesus Christ at the heart
of the community*

A misty, overcast landscape with a person walking in the distance. The foreground is a field of low-lying vegetation, possibly covered in a light layer of snow or frost. The background features a line of trees, some bare and some evergreen, under a heavy, grey sky.

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Welcome!

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Welcome to the February/March edition of the **brbc** magazine including the serialisation of the history of Basford Road originally published by Rosemary Buckley and Mike Clifford in 2002.

Remember this is your magazine, so contributions are very welcome! This is a great place to share your experiences and what God is doing in your life. Please hand them to me or send them to magazine@basfordroadbaptist.org.uk.

I've also included the crossword from the Christmas magazine, but this time it has the answers!

Happy Reading!
Phillip.

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Expectations for 2012

'Your turn again' came as quite a shock! How time flies—here we are already facing February 2012, gone all the Christmas celebrations with 'the tree' having been put away once again!

What are our expectations for 2012?

I guess all of us had our ups and downs last year but that's gone so what for the future. The continuing waiting on our Lord for the appointment of a Pastor is surely on our 'wish list' but what of ourselves as we wait? Where do we fit in God's plan for reaching the unconverted?

Bryan gave us a challenge at the first Prayer Meeting of 2012 when he focussed on Romans 1:16:

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. (NIV)"

We are not saved to watch and wait, there are tasks just waiting for our attention and compliance. We surely have an evangelistic role to live out — like Paul, without any sense of holding back, for the people all around need to come to Christ or face a lost eternity.

Our calling is to firstly 'live out' our salvation, secondly to share it and as the Holy Spirit leads, to Preach the good news as He provides the opportunities for us.

I am often reminded of the quote, 'I maybe the only Bible, my family or acquaintances' ever read! — what a responsibility!

Our 'preaching' is not necessarily from the pulpit but more likely 'our lifestyle' for want of better words. Always remembering it is only as we accept His empowering by the Holy Spirit for the opportunities and the witness, with regular Bible reading and meditation preparing us for this role.

The Gospel is Good News for all-but how will 'they' hear or be influenced if we are not in a prayer built relationship with God that enables Him to use us and give the impetus to live and tell the Good News?

Paul in Romans 1:16 says its because of his close relationship with our Heavenly Father that he has no fear of a clear witness to those brought into his company and the same confidence has to be ours too.

Bryan challenged us to make prayerfully reading the Bible vital in our lives so that we are ready to take on the task of 'evangelising' those who God appoints us to meet with.

A belated Happy New Year to everyone, may it be in God's plan this year to bring to us His choice of Pastor for our Church and the Whitemoor area.

Arthur.

Rebecca In Chad

Rebecca North is our BMS Missionary.

She is based in Chad and is working at the L'Hôpital de Guinebor II in the capital N'Djamena. Her role is to train local nurses, develop protocols of care as well as sharing the love of Jesus in a mainly Muslim culture.

For more detail on Rebecca you can view her blog at:

<http://rebeccainchad.blogspot.com>

Her BMS page which includes her prayer letters is at:

<http://www.bmsworldmission.org/people-and-places/people-with-bms/directory-of-people/rebecca-north>



Date for your diary!

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Basford Road Prayer Day: Saturday 14th April



The Prayer Day starts at 10am and finishes before 4pm. There will be opportunity for **worship and reflective prayer**, “**prayer walking**” our area, **discussion, individual and group prayer for the persecuted church as well as local needs and church ministries...** Just come for part of the day if you cannot stay all day.

Lunch will be between **12.30-1.30** Bring your own sandwiches or partake of Jim’s homemade soup. Delicious, if previous experience is anything to go by!

Jack’s Testimony

This is the testimony of Jack McCarthy who was baptised recently.

I would like to start by thanking those who have been supportive of me during this huge step in my faith, it was nice to see how pleased everyone was for me so thank you for that and also to everyone for being here, it’s nice to see so many of you.

I have always enjoyed listening to other people’s testimonies of baptism, prayer and worship which have encouraged me and now it is time to share my own. Being brought up in the church and in a Christian family I have always had and understood the Christian values. I was brought to church right from birth so have been coming here for 17 years and a few months so most of you know me very well by now. I became a Christian when I was 10 years old and I am grateful for the platform I have been given that comes with being brought up in the church through childhood. I have been shown the right way all the way through my life in each stage.

I attended a Church of England Primary, Secondary and Sixth Form School so have always had that the Christian input. I have experienced the different Sunday school classes. Sparklers, Trailblazers and Oasis. During sparklers I wasn't really old enough to understand what Christianity was and for me it was more about having a good time and learning a few stories. It wasn't until Trailblazers at the age of 7 that I was able to understand a bit more about what and who God was. I really enjoyed going to Trailblazers who at the time was led by Tony Keeling and Pat Keen. At that age I looked up to Tony, he always spoke with passion which then rubbed off on me. He used to go through bible stories and then ask questions on them which I enjoyed, probably because of the sweets given out if you got a question right. Tony explained the stories very well and I was able to understand their godly meaning. I would often ask questions to Tony who would respond with the passion that he always spoke with, telling me of this "powerful God". He made me want to keep coming on a Sunday morning to church.

I moved onto the higher age group when starting secondary school and have had a number of different group leaders during that time. The work done behind the scenes with the Sunday school is always excellent and a lot of hard work goes into it so the children get maximum benefit. Sunday school teaching is something I am keen to go into as I want to use my gifts and talents so others can have the same opportunities and education as myself in the hope that one day they will end up standing where I am now. A couple of years ago along with Vicky, we started to do the kids slot every so often. Being a confident person this was something that I enjoyed doing and wanted to do more of. I feel it has helped me grow and I have learnt a lot from my own teachings and messages.

I had been thinking and praying about baptism for a couple of months before deciding to, asking for signs and direction. I stayed patient throughout and kept faith.

A Christian Union had started up at sixth form a few weeks into the half term around the start of October. A message was given out inviting people to go, I went along and enjoyed the first week. The second week was about stepping out in faith; I went home and prayed over that week and thought I had come to a decision but soon talked myself out of it. The next week at the CU was about trusting God, at this point I knew that I had to do that and made my decision. I am getting baptised because I want to strengthen my relationship with God and move forward on my journey.

Jack

Vicky's going on a foreign adventure

In June I'm off on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic, with 15 other students at Bluecoat sixth form, for 2 weeks. We will be working on behalf of Mission Direct which is a Christian charity that sends out hundreds of volunteers to help the ones most in need. In the Dominican Republic I will be helping to build a house for a family who live in poverty, these families in poverty live in shacks, made out of rubbish; anything they can find. Building a home for a family will make a huge difference to their lives, providing them with a safe and secure place to live. While I'm out there I will also be visiting hospitals and praying for the sick. I will visit schools and meet the children and see how they live. We will also take part in a feeding programme; taking food parcels to families in need. I will share with them the way God has changed my life, through sharing my testimony on the end night. We will show the Jesus film and give everyone there the opportunity to give their lives to God.

Thank you for all the support and encouragement you have given me so far. To go on the trip I need to raise £1,690, which is a lot but I trust that the Lord will provide all the money I need. This is a really exciting opportunity and I would love it if you could remember me in your prayers while I am raising the money and while I'm out there that I will show God's love and grow stronger in my faith through it.

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What's on in February

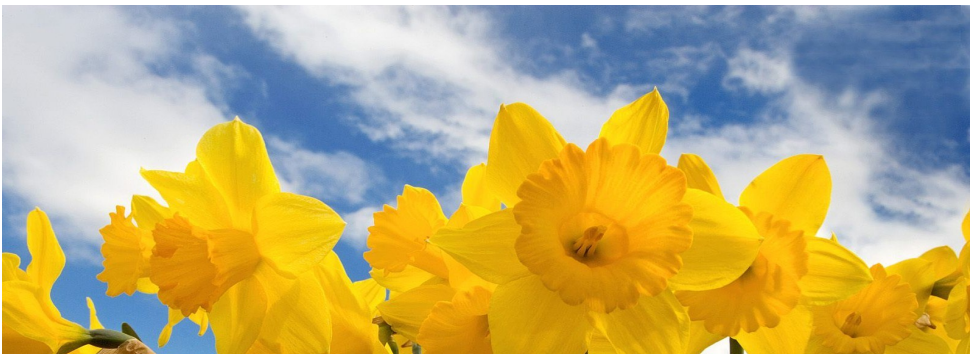
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| Wednesday 1st | 7.30pm | Prayer Meeting |
| Thursday 2nd | 9.00am | TOTS |
| | 6.00pm | Bright! |
| Friday 3rd | 9.30am | Craft Club |
| Sunday 5th | 10.45am | Morning Worship |
| Monday 6th | 9.00am | Daytime Home Group |
| Wednesday 8th | 7.45pm | Home Groups |
| Thursday 9th | 9.00am | TOTS |
| Sunday 12th | 10.45am | Morning Worship |
| Wednesday 15th | 7.30pm | Prayer Meeting |
| Friday 17th | 9.30am | Craft Club |
| Sunday 19th | 10.45am | Morning Worship |
| Wednesday 22nd | 7.45pm | Home Groups – Mission All groups to meet at Church |
| Thursday 23rd | 9.00am | TOTS |
| Sunday 26th | 10.45am | Morning Worship |
| Monday 27th | 9.00am | Daytime Home Group |
| Wednesday 29th | 7.30pm | Prayer Meeting |



What's on in **March**

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| Thursday 1st | 9.00am | TOTS |
| | 6.00pm | Bright! |
| Friday 2nd | 9.30am | Craft Club |
| Sunday 4th | 10.45am | Morning Worship |
| Monday 5th | 9.00am | Daytime Home Group |
| Wednesday 7th | 7.45pm | Home Groups |
| Thursday 8th | 9.00am | TOTS |
| | 8.00pm | Church Members' Meeting |
| Sunday 11th | 10.45am | Morning Worship |
| Monday 12th | 9.00am | Daytime Home Group |
| Wednesday 14th | 7.30pm | Prayer Meeting |
| Thursday 15th | 9.00am | TOTS |
| Friday 16th | 9.30am | Craft Club |
| Sunday 18th | 10.45am | Morning Worship |
| Monday 19th | 9.00am | Daytime Home Group |
| Wednesday 21st | 7.45pm | Home Groups |
| Thursday 22nd | 9.00am | TOTS |
| Sunday 25th | 10.45am | Morning Worship |
| Monday 26th | 9.00am | Daytime Home Group |
| Wednesday 28th | 7.30pm | Prayer Meeting |
| Thursday 29th | 9.00am | TOTS |



Could you also pray that so many people will give their lives to God, when we share our testimonies and tell them how amazing God is. If you would like to, and feel God is calling you to give then all donations towards the funding of the trip will be gratefully received.

I think this story really sums up the reason why I want to go to the Dominican Republic and why I'm really excited to go. It's an attitude I believe everyone should embrace that we can make a difference one life at a time; that's what I intend to do.

Vicky Cook

Our ethos is best summed up by this story...



A boy was standing on a beach that was covered with thousands of dying starfish. He started to pick them up one by one and threw them back in the sea.

"What are you doing?" his mother asked - "We can't make any difference here." "Well, I made a difference to that one and that one..." - replied the boy.

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People to pray for this month

Please remember to pray for Hannah and Matt Ridal, Helen Shirley, Tracy Coulson, Reg and Audrey Rowe, Nicola's Dad (Derek) and our BMS Missionary, Rebecca.

Please also pray for all of the regular church activities—Daytime Home Group, TOTS, Craft Club, Prayer Meetings, Home Groups and Bright!

Your street



In February we are praying for Totland Drive.

In March we are praying for Whitechapel Street.



Year Verse for 2012

**“My soul finds rest in God alone;
My salvation comes from Him.”**

The History of Basford Road Baptist Church 12

High Street Baptist Church 1900 - 2001

For a while after the turn of the century, the Baptist Church at High Street continued to grow. From a membership of 223 in 1899, it increased to 225 in 1905 and to over 250 “early in the new century”¹⁹.

Rev Frederick Jackson was the minister from 1902 to 1907. He enjoyed writing and was a frequent contributor to the Baptist Times, published a book of poems and wrote three hymns which were included in the Revised Baptist Hymnal, including one called “The Ropeholder’s Hymn”. In 1903, a Bazaar took place over three days. This appears to have been held to raise funds for the outstanding debt on the Centenary Hall buildings (though this was not cleared until 1937). It was a high profile event opened by Mr. J. H. Yoxall MP and the opening ceremony was chaired by Sir Henry Cotton, Liberal Candidate for East Nottingham.

Though clearing the financial debt of the Centenary Hall was, no doubt, a priority of the church, Rev Jackson’s desire for the church is expressed in his Pastor’s Letter to the church for 1905. “It is the daily prayer of your pastor’s heart that the love of our Lord may be the first and the chief thing in all our life and service. When life grows holy, the services are faithfully attended, the finances are healthily maintained, the spirit of prayer is deep and constant and each one esteems the other better than himself. Let us pray for each other, then all will be well”.

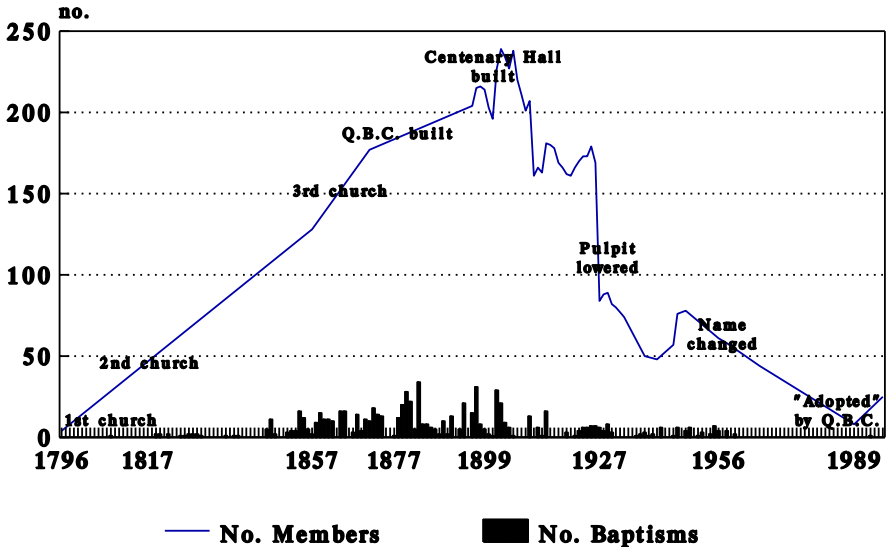


**Rev Frederick
Jackson**

After Rev. Jackson left in 1907, there was a gap of 3 years without a pastor after which Rev. Henry David came in 1910. Rev David was a Welshman. While training as an engineer, he was in great demand as a preacher. He was a pastor in Penygarn where “his ardent spirit seized with enthusiasm the opportunity presented by the Welsh revival. As a result he baptised a great number of converts. During the Great War he also served on the staff of the Aeronautical Inspection Department as well as carrying out his pastoral duties. He left Basford in 1916 being described at his death as a man “greatly beloved and greatly honoured”.

The church, however, started to go into decline. The membership had slumped to 184 in 1911 and, apart from a brief increase in numbers between 1941 and 1948, the decline was to continue.

Membership and Baptisms at High St/ Basford Road Baptist Church 1796-1996

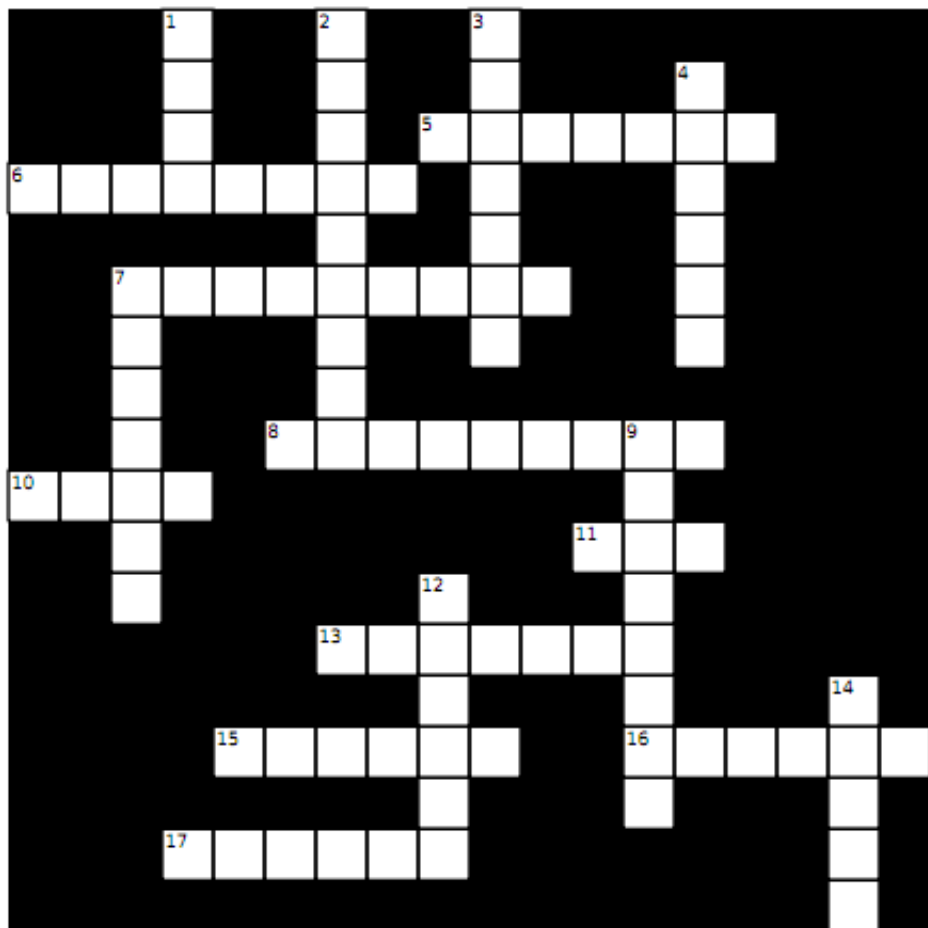


As with most other churches during the First World War, some of the young men who were called to serve their country never returned. It is recorded in the church register that three members, Sydney Jenkins, Vincent Brown and William Burgen were all killed in action. William Marshall "died of wounds" in 1917.

Rev. Alfred Phillips became the High Street's next minister at the end of the war in 1918 until 1927. He appears to have shared the pastorates of two other churches in Nottingham: West Bridgford (1916-1921), Ruddington (1909-1927). Whether having to tend to two and even three congregations affected his ministry is hard to say but by the end of Rev Phillip's ministry the membership at High Street Baptist had fallen sharply to 82. There is little to explain why, though it appears that there may have been a church split in 1927.

Here is the crossword from Christmas edition of the magazine—this time with the answers... A big thank you to those who entered and even those who filled it but forgot to bring it in!

I'm not making it too easy, the answers are listed in random order.



Across

- 5 Only gospel to mention the Three Kings
- 6 Another name for birth, associated with Christmas
- 7 Patron Saint of Boxing Day? (2 Words)
- 8 Birth town
- 10 Original Pagan festival and the Scandinavian name for Christmas
- 11 Number of points on a snowflake
- 13 Very famous reindeer not in 'Twas The Night Before Christmas.
- 15 Where St. Nicholas came from
- 16 Christmas tree donor for Trafalgar Square
- 17 Brought the Christmas Tree to Britain

Down

- 1 The Three Kings
- 2 Common name for the Viscum plant
- 3 Tom Smith's noisy invention
- 4 Before angels sung, which rings did Wesley hark instead?
- 7 German Christmas Cake
- 9 6th January
- 12 Latin word for coming
- 14 Where would you say Nadolig Llawen on Christmas Day?

Answers

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| Matthew | Norway | Mistletoe |
| Six | St. Stephen | Epiphany |
| Stollen | Cracker | Turkey |
| Magi | Albert | Nativity |
| Bethlehem | Rudolph | Advent |
| Yule | Walkes | Welkin |



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