



# August 2018

# Orchard Baptist Church

**...rooted in Jesus, growing in fruitfulness, reaching out to others**

Whether this is your first time here or you can't stay away from the place we are really glad that you are here, it just wouldn't be the same without you. We gather together to learn more about what following Jesus means, to meet with Him and also one another. If you have any questions or you want to know more then please ask.

## All age services

Sunday 29th July 10:30am – *Graeme Ross*

Sunday 5th August – *Graeme Ross*

Sunday 12th August – *Jenny Hughes*

Sunday 19th August – *John & Christine's Homegroup*

Sunday 26th August – *Linda Paterson*

Sunday 2nd September (not all age) – *Graeme Ross*

- We are starting to consider what we will be looking for in a new Minister and the sort of skills, personality, experience and gifts that she or he might have. The leadership team would like to call the church to pray about this and as you pray if you have any thoughts then please pass them on to a member of the leadership team. Please also pray for the **Leadership Team Meeting** on Wednesday 1st August and our next **Church Meeting** on Wednesday 19th September (7.30pm for prayer and 8pm start).

## Coming up

- ◆ A service is to be held at the oldest known Church in Colchester on **Saturday 18th August at 9am**. It's at the remains of the Roman Church next to the Police Station at the Maldon Road roundabout, dedicated to St. Helena - and the service, which will be led by Bishop Roger, will fittingly be held on St Helena's day. Refreshments will be offered after this Service at the new Beacon House in Crouch Street. Family activities for children will be offered in the staff area at Beacon House. It would be great to see as many people as possible making very public statement of our faith.
- ◆ Churches across Colchester are working together to put on a **Free Family Fun Festival** on 15th September (usually from 11am-4pm). If you can help, please let Graeme know.
- ◆ We will be holding a **Barn Dance** on the evening of Saturday 6th of October. Further details will be available in September and you can speak to Jan to find out more in the meantime.

- We need some more helpers to run our growing **Crèche**. Are you willing to go on a rota to help once every 4 weeks?
- We are running **Family Fun Mornings** on Thursday 2nd & 9th. We will need cakes for these Fun Mornings and if you can help with this please let Graeme know for the 2nd & Linda for the 9th. Can helpers for the Fun Morning please arrive at church by 9.15am if possible.
- There will be a **Film Morning** on 30th August.
- A 17 year old girl who is studying at the Colchester institute, is looking for a **room to rent** with a family. She has applied to the council but would rather live with a local family than go into the YMCA, etc. She loves children and enjoys cooking, she would be happy to fit in and help out. She would also be able to pay up to £280 rent per month incl. bills and internet. For more information contact Elaine Morrison, [quirkyelaine@gmail.com](mailto:quirkyelaine@gmail.com), 07821 765335

**Large-print copies of the song words are available on request from the music team**

Please ring the church office on **500346** with any pastoral needs.

Please email anything for the next bulletin to [orchardbaptistchurch@gmail.com](mailto:orchardbaptistchurch@gmail.com) by **Thursday 30th August**

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## Our Month Ahead...

- Wed** 1.15pm & 8pm Homegroups (check with group leaders which weeks these are on)
- Thurs** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> August 10.00am Family Fun Mornings  
30<sup>th</sup> August 10.00am Family Film Morning  
6<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am Toddlers group & 2.30pm Afternoon fellowship
- Fri** 7:30pm Table tennis (Check with Paul Bocking which weeks this is on)
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### Please pray for other groups using the church:

- Mon** 3<sup>rd</sup> September 9am Colne Stroke Group
- Wed** 9:30am-12:30pm Stroke Association  
1<sup>st</sup> August 6.30pm Lethe Grove Residents AGM
- Thurs** 16<sup>th</sup> August 1pm Singing for the Brain
- Fri** Various times between 9am-5pm National Diabetes Project
- Sat** 7pm - 9pm Church in use  
August 4<sup>th</sup> 1pm – 5pm Birthday Party  
August 11<sup>th</sup> 10am – 2pm Birthday Party
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## Please pray

- Please pray for the Scripture union holidays this Summer including Linda and Brian and the team leading Harriers, for Richard and the team at Submerge and for Summer and Amy who are going to Kazoo.
  - Please continue to pray for healing for Donna, Keith, Lucy, Steven and Susannah.
  - Let's pray and listen to God together as we prepare ourselves for a search for a new minister. Let's pray that we would know God's leading and guidance.
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### Washing up rota

- 29<sup>th</sup> July Jan Tosin  
5<sup>th</sup> August Mark Heather  
12<sup>th</sup> August Robert Adriana  
19<sup>th</sup> August Linda Brian  
26<sup>th</sup> August Shirley Mark  
2<sup>nd</sup> September Robert David B

A prayer bulletin is emailed around each Wednesday. **If you don't currently receive it & would like to** then email [orchardbaptistchurch@gmail.com](mailto:orchardbaptistchurch@gmail.com) Please submit any requests by Tues afternoon

If you would like someone to talk and pray with at the end of the service, please speak to one of the church leadership team who will arrange this.

## Sermon notes



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