

Bratton Baptist Church:



March 2024

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## We meet in various ways ...

**Sundays Morning service:** 11am

**Sing Praise:** 10th @ 6pm (Church Institute)

**Tea-time Service:** 24th @ 4pm

**Home Groups:** Monday & Tuesday evenings

**Connect:** 14th & 28th March @ 2pm

**Well-being Revive:** Mondays, from 1pm until 2.30pm

**Alpha:** Tuesday evenings (please contact Esther or Allison for details)

## Children & Family activities (term time)

**Revive Café:** Mondays @ 2.30 (term-time)

**Bratton Bugs:** Fridays 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd @ 1.45-3pm

**Comets:** Friday 15th at 6.30pm (for Key Stage 2 chn.)

**Messy Church:** Sunday 17th @ 4pm

**Fusion:** 1st March @ 6.30pm (for 11-14s)

**“Early Bird” Joint Prayer Meeting:** Wednesdays @ 7am

**Pickleberry Ladies coffee & catch-up:** Thursdays @ 11

**Opportunity to worship:** Friday 7pm



## Update from Esther:

Dear church,

This term feels like it's speeding by with only three Wednesdays left at college before Easter. I then have just three Wednesdays after the Easter break before I'm finished with ministerial formation altogether and have my valedictory service in June. With my PhD deadline on the 31st March, although I've now finished a full draft, I'd really appreciate your prayers to help me through the finish line.

During March I'll be in the church office at my regular times. I'm always happy to make time to meet up for a chat, or pray, so do speak to me to book in a time.

Every Blessing

Esther

## Other Notices:

### Preachers during March: (see themes over)

3rd: Esther McManus (with Martin Smith)

10th: (Mother's Day) Martin S (with Graham W)

17th: (Baptism) Esther (with Steve D) - Communion

24th: (Palm Sunday): Chris S (with Neil G.)

31st: Easter Sunday (Sue Martin)

### Also this month:

Wednesday 6th @ 12:15 **EE Lunch**

Friday 8th @ 7pm: **MenUnited Curry Evening**, with Danny Kruger MP (Devizes) at Trowbridge Rugby Club. See Peter B. for details (over).



**Sunday 17th March at 11am**



**Maundy Thursday meal**

Thursday  
28th @  
7pm



**Good Friday Pilgrimage**

Starting at the Church Institute at 10.30am; please join us from 10am for hot cross buns & tea/coffee. *Walk to the top to be concluded with a short service.*

**Easter Egg & Scavenger Hunt**

**Saturday 30th March, 10—11.30am**

**Free fun for all the family.**

**Refreshments served.**



**Praying for each other & others:**

- 1] **The members of our congregation**, including our church officers:
- 2] For the work of the **BMS Birthday Card Scheme**
- 3] For those **being baptised** on the 17th March
- 4] For those attending our **EE (Experienced Enriched) lunch** on the 6th March.
- 5] For those attending and organising **special activities over the Easter weekend.**

**Our current Sermon series, coming to a close:**

- 3 March | Ephesians 5:1-20
- 10 March | Ephesians 5:21-6:9
- 17 March | Ephesians 6:10-23

**Recent Church photos**

Normally we don't receive any submissions. This month, like the proverbial buses, we have three: firstly, one from Facebook, of a familiar couple being part of a "Feel better with a book" group at Trowbridge Library; secondly, of someone who not only has recently had a special birthday, but has started a new career as a "model", and thirdly of someone wearing the latest fashion in hats!



The Government issued 'draft' Guidance to schools in December on "Gender Identity" relating to all children under 18. If you are interested in this matter, do take the opportunity to respond to the Govt Consultation on this. The deadline for responses is Tues 12 March - incidentally, it is anonymous. **Peter B. can let you have more information about how to respond; email him at: [The2brabners@hotmail.com](mailto:The2brabners@hotmail.com)**

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For further information please contact Esther:  
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**...and finally:**

Many people use "duct tape" to fix everything...

**God used nails.** (anon.)

