

EBA Prayer Focus: Norton BC

The picturesque village of Norton, Suffolk, lies midway between Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket and is notable for several listed buildings as well as a collaborative spirit between the local churches. It is home to Norton Baptist Church, whose congregation marked its 188th anniversary during June. The celebration service and lunch represented a highlight of the year, but with a vibrant feel to all the church's activities, under the leadership of lay minister Caroline Vallance, it was not an isolated occasion. Speaking about the unity among the churches, Caroline says: 'We jointly run Lighthouse Club in the local primary school alongside the local Anglican Church, and we regularly run events with them and Salvation Army under the banner of "Norton Churches together". It's great to combine like this to serve our community.' Norton Baptist Church also hosts Messy Church and Café Church on a monthly basis, plus The Den, which provides inspiring activities for young people. The Den recently featured a science night, which proved popular.

Prayer focus

- The dedicated people who ensure services and associated activities are a constant reminder of God's love and provision.
- Continued growth and harmony through the joint churches' activities.

National & International

- Pray for wisdom for our national leaders and parliamentarians in this time of political crisis.
- Continue to pray for an end to the conflict between Ukraine and Russia.

MRBC

- Continue to pray for Walton Parish Nursing: for our Parish Nurses, for the Volunteers, and the activities: Exercise Classes, No Labels. Pray for the clients too.
- Pray that we will know the Lord's presence and guidance as we seek a new Pastor.
- Do continue to pray for those with health problems.

BAPTISMAL CLASSES

Mark plans to start Baptismal Classes on Monday 8th August. Please see him if you would like to join.

Walton Parish Nursing Contacts

Lorna Bellamy	07969901001	Tues/Weds/Thurs 9.00 am - 4.00 pm
John Gillett	07909888703	Tues/Thurs 8.30 am - 4.30 pm

Welcome to Maidstone Road Baptist ChurchSunday 7th August 2022**The Monthly Communion Service***Leader and Speaker – Mark Reid*

This week	
Sunday 7th August	10.30am The August Communion Service Speaker: Mark Reid At Church
Monday 8th August	Start of Baptismal Classes – Contact Mark Reid
Tuesday 9th August	
Wednesday 10th August	Chair-based Exercise @ MRBC – on a break over the summer
Thursday 11th August	7.00pm Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Group @ St Mary's Church, Walton
Friday 12th August	
Saturday 13th August	10.00am MRBC Prayer Meeting via Zoom (see inside for details)
Sunday 14th August	10.30am The Sunday Morning Service Speaker: Mark Reid - At Church



Today is our monthly communion service.

Church Website: mrbcfelixstowe.org.uk

Got a notice for the Sheet?

Fellowship prayer requests go to **Steve** by **Friday morning**
Notices for the weekly sheet to **Lisa R** by **Friday evening**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular Activities

Because of the constraints placed on us by the Coronavirus pandemic, the only Church activities running at present are those listed in the Weekly Sheet

MRBC Prayer Meeting - Update

Our Prayer Meeting will be held on **Saturday 13th August** on Zoom. Connection details: *Meeting ID: 824 6162 2833 Passcode: 606026*

HOME CRAFT is taking a break in August. The next session will be **Weds 7th September @ 2.00pm**

August Birthdays

14th Linda P

REGULAR STUFF

Leadership Team – usually monthly first Tuesday.
Next Meeting – **Tuesday 2nd August** at 7.30pm

Church Meeting – usually bi-monthly third Tuesday.
Next meeting – **TBC** at 7.30pm.
Meeting ID: will be emailed.

Prayer Meeting – Next Meeting – **Saturday 13th August** at 10.00am on Zoom

Pastoral Care Team Meeting
Next meeting – **TBC** at 10.30am.
Venue - **MRBC**

Small Groups

Felixstowe Afternoon Group (Margaret Lines/Ingrid Fenn)	Fridays Fortnightly
Trimley Evening Group (Andrew Marfleet)	Mondays Fortnightly
Old Felixstowe Daytime Group (Steve Lineham)	Meeting every 1 st and 3 rd Wednesday of the month. Contact Steve Lineham for more info.
Felixstowe Morning Group (Brian and Dot Salway)	Please contact Brian Salway for more information.

TEA AND CAKE

I would like to thank everyone who gave their time and cakes to make the Tea and Cake event on Friday afternoon a success again. It was good to welcome old and new friends, including Betty and her neighbour Valerie.

The afternoon is free, but we collected donations at the end - £30 going to Boost. Please put August 26th in your diaries for the next gathering! *Delyth*



PRAISE ON THE PROM

Praise on the Prom is scheduled for Sunday 4th September 2022 on the usual site in the Spa Gardens. Do keep the date free in your diaries.

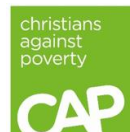
HERITAGE WEEKEND (AND RIDE AND STRIDE)

Saturday 10th September sees the annual Ride and Stride for the Suffolk Historic Churches Ride and Stride. **Please see Andrew Marfleet** if you want to sponsor him or anyone else from the church. It is also the Heritage Weekend, and we would like to open the church on the Saturday for visitors. To do that we need some volunteers to sign off the riders and striders and welcome visitors to the building. As previously, Mark will set up an historical display and produce a leaflet to hand out. **If you are willing to help, there is a rota for the day on the piano to sign up or contact Mark.**



Thursday House Group

Jacqui Leeming's house group will be taking a break over the summer. The planned restart is Thursday 1 September @ 9.30am.



Needed – Debt Coach

If you are interested and would like to know more, please come to our open evening on Wednesday 17th August 19:30 at Maidstone Road Baptist Church, IP11 9ED.

If you can't get to the evening, please contact Steve Lineham email: steve.lineham9@me.com by 17th August to arrange a chat.

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