



CHURCH NEWS

Well Street United Church

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6th and 13th October 7.30pm-9.00pm

**Well Street
Youth**

Chill n Chat

Upper Room, Well Street United Church

If you are in year 7+ then please do come
and join us.

Any questions please speak with Geoff Morris

Duty Elder for the coming week is Geoff Morris

Mobile: 07850 995380

Please note that elections for Elders will be held at the AGM on Wednesday 27 November. Nomination forms will be available in a couple of weeks but please commence your prayerful consideration as to who you could approach to be considered.

Sunday 13th October

Lace Hill Academy

Communion will be served as part of our worship

Preacher: Revd Tim Edworthy

Worship Leader: Dom Butcher

Bible reading: Luke 14:15-24



The service will include the renewal of vows for Peter and Jane Butcher.

We give thanks to God and congratulate them on 25 years of marriage

Sunday 6th October

Lace Hill Academy
Harvest Thanksgiving

Preacher: Jenny Boxwell
Worship leader: Chris George



This morning our service will be following the BMS Harvest Appeal

A basket will be available on the Harvest Table for any donations towards their appeal.

We will also be receiving non-perishable food for Buckingham Food Bank during our first worship song

Children and Young People: We will share together in a time of worship and after the offering if you are under 16 you are very welcome to join in with our groups.


Traidcraft fighting poverty through trade: the monthly stall will be after the service on **Sunday October 6**. Christmas cards are now in stock, plus lots of Divine Chocolate for a treat. The new catalogues are also available, so take a look and choose a special present for someone. *Margaret*

Worship on Wednesday 16th October

10.30am Well Street United Church

This month the service will be led by Revd Tim Edworthy

Church Office will be closed next week on:
Tuesday, Wednesday (8th/9th) and Friday (11th)

Telling Stories



The Great Banquet

Sunday 27th October 12.30pm
Church Lunch @ Well Street United Church
If you would like to join us for a Traditional Sunday Roast then
please book your place with Ros Hutt tel 816570 . Cost £5
Please do let us know of any dietary requirements.
Thank you Margaret and Shelia



Bob Hartman—Story Telling event

Buckingham Parish Church Monday 21st October 7.30pm-9.30pm
Author and storyteller **Bob Hartman** will be inspiring all who love to hear and tell a story. He will sharing something of the work of Open the Book, a primary school project based on his stories . If you would like to attend tickets cost £5 and are available from Jo Brice families@bpchurch.org

World Challenge Oli, Luke and Rachael as thank you for supporting their fundraising for their expeditions invite you to a

OUTLOOK EXPEDITIONS

Pudding Evening
On Friday 25th October @ 7.30pm
Well Street United Church



If you would like to hear about their Summer Adventure then please do come and join us for pudding and coffee.

Mission of the month

BMS World Mission used to be known as the Baptist Missionary Society. It was founded in 1792. Ever since, BMS has sought to make Jesus known around world, beginning with William Carey in Serampore, India.

Today, BMS World Mission continues to make Jesus known. The current vision states:

'We have a plan: to transform one million lives in God's strength by 2020, through seven ministries. Through workers, partners and grants, this is what we do.' Church, development, education, health, justice, leadership and relief are the key areas.

Pray

- for South Sudanese refugees and for BMS work among them
- For the Action Teams (gap year students) leaving the UK this month to spend 6 months abroad working alongside BMS staff.
- For our link missionaries Matt and Julia as they prepare for the birth of their first child



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DNA Fundraiser for Ellie

Friday Film Night

1st November 2019 (film will start at 6.30pm!)

We are not able to charge for showing a film but would suggest a minimum donation of £1.50 per person. Pop corn will be provided!
Open to young and old



If under 18's are coming without an adult please do book a place with Ellie or Wendy so that we can ensure that we have sufficient adult cover. Thank you

New home wanted....

A 2 seater and 3 seater sofas, black leather with reclining seats available . Can be collected from Vic Pennington 23 Gifford Place Buckingham MK18 1XA

Sunday
20th October
10.30am
Lace Hill Academy



**Telling Stories:
The Lost Sheep and
the Lost Coin**

Luke 15:1-10
Revd Tim Edworthy



Who we are:

We are an LEP (local ecumenical partnership) of Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed churches. Our vision is It is 'Putting the King at the Heart of Buckingham'. We want to be a church in the community for the community of Lace Hill.

We desire to make Jesus known throughout Buckingham and beyond.

As an LEP we observe the traditions of our three denominations— please speak with our minister Tim Edworthy or duty elder regarding christenings, infant dedications, confirmation and believers baptism.

As part of our worship we take up an offering . If you are visiting please feel under no obligation to give.

If you are a regular worshipper please speak to Geoff Morris as to how you can give by Standing Order and also about Gift Aid if you are a tax payer.

Well Street United Church, Well Street, Buckingham, MK18 1ET

Pilgrim Tim's 500 mile walk—Camino de Santiago



'On the 3rd September 2019, I set off on the walk of a lifetime: around 500 miles on the Camino de Santiago. I'll be walking between 15 & 25 miles a day, aiming to finish the journey within 4 weeks with maybe a rest day or two along the way. I've decided to raise money for Toybox, whose mission is 'changing the world for street children'. One area of their work that really touches me is that of birth registration. In areas of poverty few children are registered at birth. Often families turn to the streets for a source of income. As they cannot legally hold a job the cycle continues as a person who does not officially exist cannot officially have children.'



Toybox help break this cycle by taking children (and sometimes their parents) through the registration process and giving them an official identity. It costs £32 to complete the registration process for one child. I aim to raise £1000 and make a difference for 32 children. Your donation could help turn one or more street children from 'non-persons' to people with dignity and opportunity. Together we can change their world! ' Tim Edworthy

If you would like to sponsor Tim please visit <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/TimEdworthy>
or a sponsor sheet is available on the Welcome desk

Pilgrim Tim's progress



Tim should have entered Santiago de Compostela on Saturday 4th October. He flies back to the UK on Sunday 5th October.



A Postcard from the Camino



Thursday, 3 October 2019

Laying down my burden

A few days ago I reached the high point of the Camino both literally and spiritually. I rose at 5.30am and left my albergue at 5.50 to begin the ascent to Cruz de Ferro with the aim of being there for sunrise, around 8.15am. The first part of the walk was by starlight. In an area free of light pollution, I could easily make out the constellations and the Milky Way. It was awesome and reminded me of the hymn, 'How great thou art'. After a short stop for coffee and tortilla, I continued my journey and reached my first objective of the day just as day was dawning.

Cruz de Ferro is a small iron cross on top of a long wooden pole. Its origins are steeped in mystery. The most interesting legend is that St James, whose Camino it is, was on mission in this part of Spain. He came across an altar being used in a pagan ritual of human sacrifice. In righteous anger, James grabbed a small stone from his pack and threw it at the altar, which shattered into a thousand pieces. James erected a large cross in its place in honour of the power of the almighty God.



Whatever you think of that story, Cruz de Ferro is a special place. It has become a custom to bring a small stone from home and to lay it down at the foot of the cross, as a sign that you are laying down a burden. For many people, including me, it was an emotional thing to lay down our stones. There were hugs and tears, smiles and embraces as people shared in this cathartic experience.

Of course, we don't have to go to a specific place to lay down burdens. We can come to the foot of the cross wherever, whenever, however we are. I was reminded of the words of Psalm 55v22: 'Cast your burden on the Lord and he shall sustain you'. 1 Peter 5v7 is also helpful: 'Cast all your anxiety on him for he cares for you.'

Having laid my stone and spent a few moments by Cruz de Ferro, I crossed the road, found a gap in the trees and marvelled at the spectacular sunrise. It was a reminder that the Lord does care for me, and a day that will live long in the memory.

Buen Camino! Pilgrim Tim

