



# EBC GRAPEVINE

Welcome to the May issue of “Grapevine”  
Our way of letting you know what is going on each month.

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

James 1:12

## SUNDAYS IN MAY

- 5<sup>th</sup> Spectrum All-Age Worship
- 12<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship
- 19<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship with Communion
- 26<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship

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# MAY

## **LET US PRAY**

- Praising our heavenly father, who continues to sustain and protect us on a daily basis through all of life's challenges; always giving us what we need for each day.
- Giving thanks for all the new attenders at our church each week that they will feel warmly welcomed and find ways in which they can feel they can worship and serve as part of EBC.
- For guidance in this election month, to choose leaders who will find effective ways to support those most in need; the homeless, those in debt and those reliant on food banks or in substandard accommodation ruining to their health and for our over-stretched NHS.
- For peace in Gaza and Israel, that the very serious situation there will not continue to escalate involving more countries with an escalation in weapons of war. Also, for peaceful solutions to be found to end the prolonged war with Ukraine and Russia.
- For families affected by knife crime, particularly for the family of fourteen year old Daniel Anjorin who was killed in a knife attack on his way to school this week.
- For the desperate people who risk everything to travel in unsafe overcrowded boats on treacherous waters seeking refuge. Asking God to influence governments to act humanely and with compassion when trying to solve these challenging issues.
- Remembering Andy and all who help in the organisation of EBC.
- Also thanking God for our worship team that they will continue to inspire and uplift our worship and that the volunteers who teach in Ablaze each week continue to inspire young hearts and minds with the love of Jesus.

## HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM

Do you have a heart for prayer and would like to be part of the team that pray after the service on a Sunday morning? If so please get in touch with Andy as he is planning on running a new healing prayer training group.



The foodbank are in need of.....

Long life milk, tinned fruit/meat, long life ready meals, biscuits, savoury snacks and toiletries (shampoo, shower gel, deodorant and washing powder).

## ChurchSuite

ChurchSuite is the software EBC use to manage effective running of the church admin. It has many areas including storing information about all those in regular attendance, keeping in touch with you about what is happening and of course Grapevine.

If you are having any issues then please do get in touch with me as I will be happy to help.

Many thanks

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## Congregational Letter

A man stopped for some petrol. He filled his car and then drove off – but for about 20 or 30 miles he had a nagging doubt – something was wrong – something was not quite right. Then he remembered. He had forgotten his wife at the petrol station.

We forget things. Everyone does at one time or another.

38 percent of the population have walked into a room and not remembered why they have come into the room.

On the other hand, we can all too easily remember the bad things that have happened to us. In fact, we tend to remember the bad experiences MORE than we remember the good things which happen to us.

This is why we need to cultivate the art of remembering – or as one theologian has put it – Framing a moment.

Just as we frame a picture, or take a photo while on vacation, we too need to take time to register the good things that happen to us as well as the bad things that happen.

The word “remember” is an important one – it occurs 166 times in the bible, 47 in the New Testament.

The word “remember” means to both MARK and PUT TOGETHER.

It is also important in life. How many times have we said “Hey remember when...”

I “remember” listening to the Bishop of London, Richard Chartes when he came to Oak Hill College. He said that when we come forward for communion, we are not only remembering the last supper, as Jesus commanded, but that we are re-membering – coming back together, as a body. We dismember at the end of the Sunday Service and go our separate ways and then the following week we re-member - coming back together to worship.

Moses, in the book of Deuteronomy, encourages and exhorts the people to “remember” the amazing things God has done for them, to “remember” God’s law, to “remember” that no other nation has a God who is so near to them as the Lord.

When we are struggling in life we make withdrawals from our memory banks to make us feel better. Maybe a piece of music, a smell, a book, a prayer, a person who helped us, a scripture verse.

But most importantly we need to “remember” the promises of God given to us in the Bible. These promises are meant to encourage and support us in our daily life.

The Christian life is about remembering. Remembering what God has done in history. Remembering what Jesus has said. Remembering what we were like before God got involved in our life. Remembering what God has done for us. Remembering that Jesus is coming back.

With love and prayers





**26<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> July**

Six days of mission run by churches in Enfield and aims to help churches and especially young people to think and live missionally.

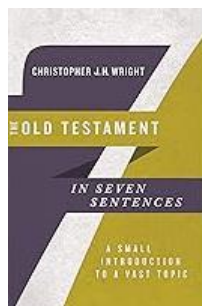
This is a local initiative that has run since 2012 to equip young people for mission in community focused service and to put their faith into action.

Watch out for more information!!!

## From the Pastor's Bookshelf

### The Old Testament in Seven Sentences: A Small Introduction to a Vast Topic (Introductions in Seven Sentences)

By Christopher Wright



It is extremely hard to produce an accessible introduction to the Old Testament that will not, on the one hand, be too broad so as not teach anything, or too large and technical for the non-academic Christian. Christopher Wright has managed to straddle these two issues with *The Old Testament in Seven Sentences*.

In a masterful way and in only 162 pages, Wright tackles and explains seven 'hinges' upon which the Old Testament moves, Creation, Abraham, Exodus, David, Prophets, Gospel, Psalms and Wisdom. Writing in a clear and engaging way Wright takes you through each chapter outlining the key issues to know.

As a pre-introduction to studying the Old Testament's themes, and without the dense forest of technical theology found in the weightier tomes of Old Testament Introductions, this is an invaluable resource.

Highly recommended for the beginner in Old Testament studies and for those wanting a re-fresher on its key themes.

*Have you read a good book and would like to recommend it in Grapevine?  
If so please email your review to: [admin@enfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@enfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk).*

# WHAT'S ON



## THE GREATEST TREASURE FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 18 May: 10am-12.30pm  
Christ Church House,  
Chalk Lane, Cockfosters, EN4 9JQ

Indoor and outdoor pirate themed games and craft activities:  
Pirate Show at 11am and Treasure Hunt from 11.30am  
with a bible themed message. £1 entry fee.

### Cafe at EBC



All are welcome to EBC Coffee Morning on Mondays, 10 am – 12 pm and Saturdays 10.30 am – 12.30 pm. A great opportunity to meet up with friends or make new friends over a warm drink.

### Breakfast for Men...

..meets on a Saturday morning, once a month. Keep an eye on the noticeboard as dates will be advertised here. Invite to sign up will be sent via ChurchSuite. If you have any questions, please see Graeme Allen or Mike Shennan.

### I'M FINE!

"I'm Fine", is a group for women approaching/going through menopause. This is a very relaxed evening that meets every other month.

The next get-together will be on Friday 31st May. Please email Clare if you are not part of this and would like to be: [families@enfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:families@enfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk).

### Read the Bible Together

Read the Bible Together for this month is Isaiah.  
If you would like to be a part of a group that meets monthly to discuss what you have read then please email Andy: [minister@enfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:minister@enfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk).

### SERMONS IN MAY

- 12<sup>th</sup> May: Job 1:1-12 - Why does God allow this (part 1) -
- 19<sup>th</sup> May: Job 1:13-22 - Why Does God allow this (part 2)
- 26<sup>th</sup> May: Job 4:1-11 - The Friends



Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May: What is Redemption  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May: Unforgivable Sin