



EBC GRAPEVINE

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

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning. We will remember them.

SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER

3rd Morning Worship with EBC Kids Service
10th Remembrance Sunday
17th Morning Worship with Communion
24th Morning Worship

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NOVEMBER

LET US PRAY

- Giving thanks for time. As we change our clocks and find ways to bring light into the darkness, we can celebrate the time we are given every day to serve our Lord
- Praising God for the colours of Autumn and seeing His handiwork in the changes in nature and the changes we experience in life
- For ways to be a friend to those who find this time of year difficult and can become housebound without family and friends to visit and cheer
- Remembering those known to us who have been bereaved, who are ill or recovering from illness, waiting for appointments or test results and feeling anxious or depressed at this time
- Unceasingly for peace, as hostilities increase all over the world. Let us never tire of asking for the power of Jesus to intervene
- For our government to employ wisdom, sensitivity and workable goals when attempting to improve our NHS services, finding solutions for our housing needs, provision for those experiencing lack of basic food, the needs of children in education and their social provision
- For those in power to find successful ways of dealing with our overcrowded prisons; realistically rehabilitating those who can be, while keeping the general public safe from violent offenders
- Asking for God’s continued blessing on our young church as it grows and on the adults who lead them in this vital work. As more leaders are desperately needed, pray also that others will feel inspired and encouraged to help lead our young groups
- For our minister Andy, the deacons and all who work to ensure EBC continues grow in service to our Lord, supporting each other and reaching out to the needs of our wider community

THANK YOU....

.....to everyone who supported our Harvest Special Offering. £617.50 including gift aid of £117.50 was raised for the Enfield Food Bank.



Items needed:

Long life milk, long life juice/ squash, tea/ coffee/ hot chocolate, tinned meat (pork and chicken) and fish, tinned fruit and vegetables, tinned soup, tinned vegetarian meals, sweet and savoury snacks, jam/ spreads, baby items: Nappies (4&6), milk, food, toiletries (shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toilet roll, washing powder)



SHOEBOX APPEAL

Don't forget to fill a shoebox for a child this Christmas. The last date to bring to church is Sunday 17th November.

Congregational Letter

I always chuckle when I read James 1:22 -25 – “²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.”

It seems almost ridiculous that you can look into a mirror and then forget what you look like! Really? Now that is a short-term memory problem!!

But of course, that is not what James is saying here.

When he uses this analogy of looking in the mirror and forgetting what you look like he is effectively saying this: If you look in the mirror and the mirror says you need to shave, or wash your face because it is dirty or comb or brush your hair because it is a mess ..and you don't do what the mirror is showing you, then the mirror is of no practical use to you – you have seen but you have not acted.

James uses this illustration to show us that if you look into the word of God and it tells you to do this or to do that and you do NOT do such things, just like the mirror, the Bible is of no practical use to you.

Hence James' words – Be DOERS of the law and not just HEARERS.

If the Bible shows us what we must do and then we close our Bibles and do not do it, we have a big problem. The Bible is meant to shape our life – to show us HOW to live – to provide us with an ethical compass – to give us guidance and to show us HOW we live as followers of Jesus. If we read the Bible and continually NOT do what the Bible tells us to do, we become depressed, frustrated and even callous people. I think the saying is “Impression without expression leads to depression.”

When the question comes up “what are we meant to do in such a world as this” the answer is – DO THE WORKS OF THE LORD – be DOERS of the Word, not hearers only.

With my love and prayers

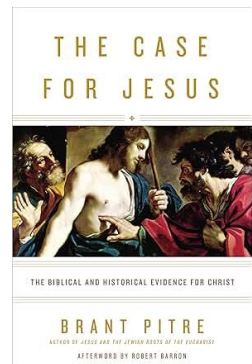


From the Pastor's Bookshelf

The Case for Jesus: The Biblical and Historical Evidence

Brant Pitre

For those who may read this book and are observant, yes, Brant Pitre is a Catholic Professor at the University of Notre Dame; but his Catholicism rarely makes an appearance. And Craig Keener, one of the best (Protestant) New Testament scholars (and one of my favourite's) endorses this book on the back cover.



So...with that out of the way, let me say that this is one of the best books you can read on the claims of Jesus to be God and on the historical reliability of the gospels.

Pitre tackles topics such as Were the Gospels Anonymous; The Lost Gospels; The Dating of the Gospels; Did Jesus Think He was God - to name but a few. And there is even a chapter on "Jesus and The Jewish Messiah" which is really good.

This is a wonderful, entry level book on who Jesus is, the gospels and Jesus' claims.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sound Desk Operators

We need to recruit two more people to join the team that operate the sound system on a Sunday and at some other times. No experience required as full training will be given, any age but reasonable hearing is helpful. Generally, you would be on the rota once a month and need to arrive for the rehearsal at 9.00am.

Please contact Barry



Your voices/music skills are needed for this year's Carol Service.

If you are interested in joining the choir/orchestra please email Pete Desmond

Rehearsals will be at 8pm:

Tuesday 3rd December, Tuesday 10th December and Friday 20th December.

Sunday 22nd December 4pm - 5.30pm.

WHAT'S ON



Christmas



Sunday 1st December: Christmas Spectrum and Parade of Lights

Sunday 22nd December: Carol Service

Tuesday 24th December: To be confirmed

Wednesday 25th December: Happy Birthday Jesus!

Read the Bible Together

This month's book is Jeremiah. 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.

SERMONS IN NOVEMBER

- 3rd November: Guest Speaker, Aaron Routledge
- 10th November: Remembrance Sunday
- 17th November: Return from Exile
- 24th November: Messianic Prophecies

Online Bible Study

Starting Thursday 7th November at 7.30pm, please contact Andy if you are interested in joining.



3rd November
Guidance

17th November
The Glorified Christian



There's still some space at the Message Trust quiz night on Saturday 16th November. You can book your tickets via this link <https://www.justgiving.com/page/ruth-mcbryan-1720010099081>

If you have any other questions message Ruth via



Bridge of Hope Children's Ministry Coffee Morning with Christmas Stalls.

Saturday 16th November
10.30 am and 12.30 pm

Enjoy delicious cakes and browse the craft and new gift stalls. If you have any new items, preserves or cakes you would like to donate please bring them on the morning.

All proceeds for the BOHCM free school meals programme.
Hope to see you there.

ABLAZE

Kitty will be holding training for existing and new volunteers on Sunday 10 November 12 pm – 1 pm in Room 1.1.

EBC KIDS CHURCH SERVICE

Sunday 3rd November

It's not always easy to engage in worship – We may find the space overwhelming; we may not understand what's being communicated; we may not know how to respond.

We want to invite our children and young teenagers in to worship,

With this in mind, we are starting, as a trial, a bimonthly Church Service, alternating with Spectrum, for our young people aged 3 – 16, where we can focus on these aspects –

- a comfortable and safe space where they can respond to Jesus
- explore how to participate in worship
- enjoy being part of their peer church community.

Our older teenagers will have the opportunity to help lead and facilitate the service.

Children will join us for the first part of the service and will then go to the Upper Hall for their service.

Tim and Kitty

Eye-Opening Experience Volunteering with CAP Enfield for London Challenge Poverty Week (14th-20th October 2024) by Davina Kwakye

During London Challenge Poverty Week, I volunteered with CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Enfield, and it was a truly humbling experience. Spending time at job clubs, money coaching sessions, and food banks gave me a close look at the resilience and determination of individuals facing hardship in our community. From those seeking employment at the Job Club to families receiving essential supplies at local food banks, the need for community support is undeniable.

Each day revealed both the incredible strength of those in need and the compassion of volunteers committed to making a difference. At the Lancaster Road and Ordnance Road food pantries, I witnessed the dignity and respect offered to people facing food insecurity, empowering them to make choices even in tough times. At CAP's debt centre, I shared our resources for debt relief, hoping to ease the financial strain for those we met.

This experience reinforced my belief in the power of community and faith. Poverty isn't an abstract issue—it's present here, affecting neighbors and friends. I left this week with a heightened sense of gratitude, awareness, and motivation to continue advocating for support and systemic change.

Let's keep pushing for a world where no one has to face these challenges alone.