

# DAGNALL STREET BAPTIST CHURCH AND CROSS STREET CENTRE ST ALBANS



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## **Preaching Calendar September 2014**

7 September	10 30 am 6 30 pm	Morning Worship and Communion Evening Worship
14 September	10 30 am 6 30 pm	Morning Worship with Joe Kapolyo Evening Worship
21 September	10 30 am 6 30 pm	Morning worship Evening Worship and Communion
28 September	10 30 am 6 30 pm	Morning Worship Evening Worship

*Worship is usually led by Rev Simon Carver  
or our ministry assistant, Phil Palmer*

Dear Friends,

The internet is a wonderful invention, but like atomic energy it can be as destructive as it is creative. While one of its negative qualities is that it is completely amoral and allows the propagation of the nastiest forms of pornography and gives terrorists a platform to publicise their heinous acts. A less obvious problem is that the internet is a bit like an elephant – it never forgets.

One of the big media stories of the last few months is about how the internet is the equivalent of a landfill site and every article or picture is like a disposable nappy that will be buried but still be out there somewhere in 100 years time. It is for this reason that Beyoncé tried to have removed from the internet photographs that had been taken during a live performance. The problem for Beyoncé was that the photographs were unflattering. If we take a photograph we don't like, we delete it, but if you are a famous person and someone takes an unflattering photograph of you, that picture is usually on the internet for millions to see and chuckle over the funny face you are pulling.

We might consider Beyoncé's problem to be fairly trivial, but criminals have successfully attempted to have Google remove details of past crimes from their search engine. This has caused people like Jimmy Wales – the founder of Wikipedia – to protest that this is a fundamental breach of the right to free speech.

This idea of Google 'forgetting', so that past misdemeanours cannot be dredged up from the internet, sounds a little like God's promise to 'forget' the sins of the past. Google must actively make itself 'forget' and in the same way God chooses to forget. Google removes the ability for these past 'sins' to be searched for. It is as if they never were. In the same way, God treats our sins as if they had never been. Of course, this is conditional on our asking God to do so. Google won't forget unless a request is made and neither will God. Google might require a court order, but God simply asks for a prayer from a humble and penitent heart.

*I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.*  
[Hebrews 8:10-12]

Best wishes,

Simon



## Introducing Joseph and Elizabeth Musonda

I first met Joseph in 1972 when I went to Zambia to work for the Flying Doctor Service based in Ndola. Joseph was Captain of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ndola BB Company, attached to St Andrew's United Church of Zambia and I soon got involved as a leader. Although from vastly different backgrounds, we had both grown up through the BB and shared a passion for its methods and objective; Joseph joined the BB in Mufulira soon after it had been re-introduced into the country following Independence in 1964, and I had been a member of the BB here at Dagnall Street. Soon after I returned home in 1974, Joseph came to UK on a BB bursary to train to become the national Training and Organising secretary of BB Zambia. It was just about 40 years ago that I last saw Joseph as he boarded his plane at Heathrow to fly back home. Since then we have corresponded regularly, and over the years the BB Company at Dagnall Street maintained links with 1<sup>st</sup> Ndola company and from time to time provided support for the work of BB Zambia. After 5 years working full time for BB Zambia, Joseph returned to his career in the Zambian Copper Mining Industry as an industrial engineer, but kept up his passion for BB and continued as a leader in the 8<sup>th</sup> Chingola Company near where he lived with his wife Elizabeth, a nurse in a local health centre, and their 6 children.

In 2002, due to the decline in the mining industry, he was “pruned” from his job, and with a family of six to support, left for his home village of Kabuta in Luapula region to set up a fishing co-operative on the shore of Lake Mweru. The fishing co-operative progressed well and he had two boats which were used during the fishing season for setting nets to catch Kapenta, a small fish which when dried provides a staple food for local people. Not wishing to rest on his laurels, he had bigger plans for a somewhat different scheme, and here I quote from his own words:

“After working for the mines and due to the nature of my work in industrial engineering, I realised that our education system does not develop us into practical skills, but only in academic education filled up with only theoretical hypothesis. I started to think how BB badgework could be extended into training boys to acquire skills to fall on for a livelihood, should they delay or not quickly get accepted into a trade training institution or go to university. I convinced myself to settle on developing a programme to achieve this. With the advent of TV reaching the villages in most rural areas, those who have money have bought TV sets operated on motor vehicle batteries. Such batteries need recharging and to get them re-charged people have to travel long distances into town to get them done. This has made me plan to acquire a good standard battery charger and train boys in the maintenance of such batteries for a good and reasonable fee of about K2,500 (Kwacha).” (equivalent in UK to about 33 pence.”

## Joseph and Elizabeth Musonda (cont)

The project became a labour of love; following the small battery charging workshop, the project developed into a centre to create a range of skills workshops covering various trades including bicycle repair, carpentry, and metal working. In 2008, contact was made with Tools with a Mission and in 2010 after fundraising and prayer support from the Dagnall Street family, a shipment of tool kits and equipment arrived in Zambia for the Kabuta Skills Development Centre. And so to the present, from 4<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September, Joseph and Elizabeth will be our guests here in St Albans, and we plan to enjoy 3 weeks together including visits to meet with BB representatives, places of interest and generally catching up on the past 40 years! Joseph visited Dagnall Street when he was here in 1974, he also spent a week that summer at BB junior section camp on the south coast, so we might even try a trip down to the seaside! We will, of course, be at church and the centre during this time particularly on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> when Joe Kapolyo, senior minister at Edmonton Baptist Church will be preaching. Joe is Elizabeth's brother, so this will also be an opportunity for a family re-union. Following the service, Ray and Diane will be organising another of their popular Sunday lunches, so sign up now to ensure a place. This will be a great opportunity for Joseph and Elizabeth to get to know the Dagnall Street family; Joseph has fond memories of Dagnall Street from his time here in 1974 and is looking forward to rekindling treasured links with his "UK family".

*Chris Penn*

## September Themes

	<b>Morning Worship</b> 10 30 am	<b>Evening Worship</b> 6 30 pm
<b>7 September</b>	<i>The Earth is the Lord's I: The Day is Yours</i>	Matthew 18:15-20 <i>Binding and Loosing</i>
<b>14 September</b>	<b>Rev Joe Kapolyo</b> <i>Edmonton Baptist Church</i>	Matthew 18:21-35 <i>Mathematical Forgiveness</i>
<b>21 September</b>	<i>The Earth is the Lord's II: The Importance of being Lost</i>	Matthew 20:1-16 <i>God's Working Time Directive</i>
<b>28 September</b>	<b>Harvest Family Service</b> <i>The Earth is the Lord's III: ... and everything in it</i>	Matthew 21:28-32 <i>Yeah, but no, but ...</i>

## Monday Table Tennis/ Games Club

Our Autumn Session begins on 8<sup>th</sup> September through to 8<sup>th</sup> December

Every Monday from 11 00 am till 2 00 pm in the Main Hall

Table Tennis – Snooker – Pool – Carpet Bowls – Chess – Draughts  
and other table games

All are welcomed for a time of fun and fellowship

*Trevor Oakley*

## Harvest Festival

On Sunday 28 September we will be celebrating Harvest Festival. As in previous years we plan a token display of flowers and produce. On Saturday 27 from 12.00 noon onwards we will be decorating the Church and would be pleased to receive flowers for the arrangements and gifts of small packets, sweets or fancy biscuits which can be included in the display. These will be distributed to friends of the Church on Monday.

We would also like to invite you to help with the Church decoration on Saturday and Monday distribution. Thank you *Sandra and Barbara*

## Prayers for the Fellowship

“Even youths grow tired and weary,  
and young men stumble and fall;  
but those who hope in the LORD  
will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.” Isaiah 40 v 30ff

In your prayers this month, please remember all those who are awaiting test results or further treatment, amongst them Solomon Odesola and John Carpenter. Rejoice with Caz and Gaz on the safe arrival of their new baby, and with Ruth Roberts, who has recently become engaged to be married.

Pray too, for those who are facing new challenges; children who are going into new classes at school, students beginning new courses, or folk packing up to move house in the near future, and those starting new jobs, like our Youth worker, Tim.

Give thanks for the life of Peggy Brewer and pray for her family as they mourn her loss.

*Pastoral Team*

## Prayer Diary

For each week we feature a suggested focus for prayer. It is up to each individual whether and how you use this, but we hope that as many as possible will be able to devote some time to praying for the suggested ministry each week.

### **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

**Young people:** As the new year starts this week remember our young people as they go back to school. Particularly pray for those who are starting in new classes or new schools, that they would quickly form strong friendships, and would be happy in their work.

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

**Mission Visit:** Joseph from Zambia (a friend of Chris Penn) will be visiting on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September and speaking to us about his work there. His brother-in-law Joe Kapolyo, who is minister of Edmonton Baptist Church, will be preaching at the morning service on 15<sup>th</sup>, and there will be a church lunch afterwards. Pray that this will be a rewarding and informative time of worship and fellowship together.

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

**Toddlers:** Our toddler group starts back on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>. We were very busy last year, frequently having to put up the “full” sign. Pray that in the midst of a room full of babies, toddlers, and toys, there might still be space for meaningful friendships to develop between those who come as well as an openness to spiritual matters.

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

**Harvest:** The morning service on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September will be a special Harvest Guest Service, an opportunity to invite along friends and family who do not normally attend church. Thank God for the many good gifts which he has given us, and ask that visitors may wish to join with us to celebrate God's goodness, and that as they do they might experience his grace and love.

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

**Daycare:** Our Daycare Centre provides a social space for a number of elderly and disabled friends each Tuesday during term-time. They take part in a range of activities, share a lunch provided by the local primary school, and enjoy spending time with each other and our volunteer helpers. Pray for Jessie and the team of volunteers, and for new helpers to come forward to support this service. On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September they will be celebrating with a short Harvest service.

*Phil Palmer*



**13th September 9 15 am – 11 45 am**

The theme for our next *Messy Church* is  
***“David and Goliath”***

We are now running ***Messy Church*** four times a year at Dagnall Street and this is largely due to our believing that it is a good way of meeting people whom we would not see at our regular Sunday services.

Our numbers have been increasing and people have been coming through our other activities such as ***Toddlers*** and ***Who Let the Dads Out?*** but also because they saw our advertising banner outside.

***Messy Church*** is not something we put on just for those who are not part of our Sunday community. It is for everyone who has children in their family and who wants to share in the morning.

This will be our first ‘September’ Messy Church and it comes fairly close to the beginning of the recommencing of our activities after the summer. Please pray for our publicity reaching our ‘regulars’ as well as new people.

*Simon*

## **Wise Words**

“I’m rich because of faith, because knowing your love, I can believe the rest. When I am down things get unreal, disconnected. It’s so easy to question, to hang my insecurity on you, to blame you for my own weakness and say there’s something wrong with the system, when I know it’s me. Then your love takes over again and the joy bursts out, like living grass through dead concrete.”

*Eddie Asken*



## Pastor's News

A brief update on a number of items that might be of interest to the congregation and the wider readership of the magazine.

### **Bible Studies – Our Baptist Roots**

Our monthly Study Groups between now and the end of the year will be taking us through how Baptists have become the people we are today. We will be looking at some of the people and events in our past and how they have shaped who we are and what we believe today. There are two groups both of which meet on the 2nd Tuesday each month – one in Cross Street at 10.30am and the other at the Manse at 8.00pm. Anyone is welcome to come to either. The first meeting will be on **Tuesday 9th September**

### **Revd Joe Kapolyo**

We are delighted to be welcoming Joe Kapolyo back to our church on **Sunday 14th September**. Joe is the Senior Minister at Edmonton Baptist Church and formerly Principal of All Nations Bible College. Joe was born and brought up in Zambia and we have two other Zambian visitors with us on this weekend and will be celebrating with a Church Lunch. All are welcome.

### **Church Anniversary**

Please note in your diaries that our Church Anniversary service this year will take place on Sunday 12th October. Our former minister, Revd Dr Michael Bochenski will be coming back to join us for this occasion.

### **Premier Radio**

My regular *Premier Radio* slots to discuss some of the latest films from a faith perspective will be on Thursday 25th September 8 00 am and 9 00 am *Simon*

## Preaching away

Leslie Jones            am    21st September    Southwold Methodist Church

## Used Stamps for BMS

I hope shortly to be sending some used stamps to the BMS at Didcot. The stamps are sold to collectors and dealers and the money is used for medical mission. This is a very easy way for us to support the BMS, but remember to trim the stamps to a 1/4' (1/2cm) and put them in a sealed envelope in the Vestibule. Please do not tear them as it often ruins the stamp and there is no neat border. It is important not to deface a stamp if there is no postmark. This devalues it. When I receive them, I first sort them into 2 groups, British and foreign. The foreign stamps are split into Commonwealth, (old & new) and non- Commonwealth. British stamps are put in more categories. They are - 1st & 2nd class, (large & small), over 50p, regions, (Jersey etc), Christmas, commemorative, and pre-decimal. Albums are appreciated. I do not remove the stamps but send them complete. Thank you,

*Linda Williams*

## Summer 1956 Continued....

*(The first installment appeared in the July August magazine, written by Kriszrina Schreiner)*

I stayed behind the man in the naphthalene smelling coat and my thoughts were running. "Why is the radio playing classical music all day? ....Why is everybody so excited?....Why don't we have to go to school?....Why are the adults whispering?....Why do they have to queue for bread?"

The crowd buzzed, the women whispered and talked about some exciting events of the day before. The words Radio, ...shooting, ...the statue of Stalin were unknown and got mixed up in my mind, but I had no idea how they were connected. I heard only the murmurs.

Suddenly there was silence. You could have heard the flies buzz. At that moment the man in the naphthalene smelling coat caught my arm and pulled me down onto the asphalt.

"Duck! Lie down!" he shouted.

At that moment we heard loud bangs...and after an everlasting moment or only a second while the crowd stood listening, the women started crying and here and there terrified children were weeping. I saw the man jump up to go forward to help. Thank God for his shout -- nobody was injured. The bullets flew over the crowd and buried themselves in the walls of the nearby house. I was standing trembling and horrified in the queue. I did not notice the moment when the warm sunshine disappeared. When my mother arrived with a huge bag of potatoes, the sky was dark grey.

In the evening, my father and the other men from the house arrived back with terrifying news from the town. Remembering their experiences from the WW2 they decided everybody must go down into the air-raid shelter. But our house didn't have a shelter! Instead, we had to pack the most important things together and move down into the basement, not the cellar. We, the children-about 20-22 souls from 1 year to 12 years old- enjoyed the situation as only children can. While we played different party games, the adults and my Father, that tall, handsome, clever man, went down to the town to gather information every day. When I did not play with the other children or my sisters, I could listen to them to hear the fascinating but incomprehensible and horrifying news. They spoke about the shooting in the town. The shop windows were broken, but nothing was taken from the shops. Even the jewels were left there! In some shop windows, you found a box to collect donations for the families of the revolutionaries. Everywhere you saw dead and wounded people...young and old too.....

One afternoon, in the first days of November, we children came out of the cellar. The adults didn't pay attention to us as we jumped and played together in the garden over the garages in the mild sunshine. Then suddenly we heard a strong, strange, rumbling noise. We ran to the fence to see what this unusual noise was. Russian tanks!! They were coming on in a line in front of our house and climbed up to the top of the mountain to the radio transmitter. It was exciting, but horrible to see so many huge, metal monsters.

We all cried together:

"Rusky idty domoj! Russian go home!"

Where did we pick up those words? I don't remember. Maybe we didn't know their meaning. Suddenly our caretaker was running toward us crying over the noise:

"Stop it! Just go back to the cellar! Hurry! Hurry!"

He had observed one or two tanks started to turn their turret to the house!

He caught whom he could and like a madman he cried and pulled us into the cellar. The fear from the man reached us too. We all knew: in that summer he had arrived home from Siberia - 10 years after the war!! So he had enough experience of the enemy soldiers' behaviour to know what this meant. And now they were here! -- Russian tanks, on our streets!

For a couple of days, everything remained silent. Very silent. After dark it was forbidden to go out into the streets or into the town. When they found someone on the loose or saw anyone suspicious - they just shot. It was summary justice in force, we were told. The days passed by with more interesting and strange events. The radio continuously broadcast the news. In this part of the town that was shooting, and here were this many dead. In that part of the town there was shooting and that many dead. The government asks, the government promises. Later another government asks, and so, more promises, promises.

*Kriszrina Schreiner*

## **Pastoral Care Matters**

The Minister and members of the Pastoral Team are always happy to make appointments to visit, talk or pray with you. This can take place in your home, at Cross Street or at our homes at your convenience and at mutually convenient times.

Our Minister, Simon (854041) can be contacted direct.

Liz Barker (763116), Brian Branch (852738), Marjorie and Leslie Jones (841845), and Ray Saunders (830260) are also all active members of the Pastoral Team.

Simon and the team hope you will notify them of anybody who you think may be ill, lonely or who needs help.

*Pastoral Team*

## Mission News

### AWEC Update

The Afghanistan Women's Education Centre project to which we have committed, continues to make good progress, as it works closely with communities to successfully establish new women and youth shuras, (the Dari word for council). Since the project began AWEC has supported 1,200 women and 360 youths through capacity building workshops and literacy classes. It continues to see women strengthened and lives changed. AWEC's programme manager Mohammad Faiz Younos explains how prior to the project women were not able to participate in community decision making, development issues or legal rights. The establishment of these new shuras addresses these struggles and a positive dialogue is emerging and solutions are being found to some of the problems they face. In a recent report Mohammad reports how 120 women are already thriving thanks to the hard work and determination of supported shuras. Now earning an income, these women can move out of poverty and see improvement as they work as carpet weavers, soap producers or use their learnt computer skills. We are asked to pray with AWEC for Afghanistan in general and the project in particular:

Pray as elections continue. That peace may be restored and that those who face intimidation may be strengthened and able to return to their vital work.

Pray for Farida and Amina as they continue to learn and encourage other women in their local communities.

Pray for AWEC staff as they facilitate *shuras* and improve relationships between men and women at community and district level.

Pray that success can be shared and that each small step brings us closer to achieving our goals and dreams in Afghanistan.

Pray that more projects can be developed for women in education, health, literacy, social services, women's rights and justice.

For more details of how AWEC is transforming women's lives in Afghanistan, copies of the summer 2014 project update are available in the cross street centre.

### Webb Ivory

Trevor Oakley has kindly agreed to donate all profits from his sales of Webb Ivory Christmas gifts and cards to the AWEC project. He has recently taken delivery of their latest Christmas catalogues and if you would like to take advantage of this method of home shopping, whilst supporting the AWEC project, please ask Trevor or me for a catalogue.

### Gaza Bucket Collection

Thank you to all who responded to the Disasters Emergency Appeal for victims of the Gaza conflict, the total collected, including gift aid, was £343.35.

*Chris Penn*

September 2014

**Felden Lodge**  
**Church Family Outing**  
**Sunday October 19 2014**  
**1 00 pm Fork Buffet Lunch**

Coronation Chicken Salad; Oriental Prawn Salad; Cheese and Onion Flan  
Hot New Potatoes

Mixed Green Salad; Cherry Tomato Salad  
Courgette and Mixed Bean Salad with Mint Dressing

Pasta and Mixed Pepper Salad

Fresh Fruit Salad

Profiteroles and Chocolate Sauce  
Creme Brulee

**5 00 pm Afternoon tea and cakes**

The cost per person is £18 per person payable in advance, as last year. Once again, please talk to me if there are cost difficulties and you would like to come.

There will be a Chris organised walk, weather permitting, a Danny quiz and some games or just time to chat in the pleasant surroundings. The Lounge area has been refurbished and is very comfortable!

The day will finish after informal worship at 6 30 pm

Colin has agreed to ensure that those needing a lift have one and sunshine is on order for the day.

Please sign up with me as soon as possible as October is fast approaching!

Thank you

*Flo*

**September Birthdays**

A Happy September Birthday to

**6**

Margaret Taylor

**13**

Linda Williams

**22**

Alison Ashmore

" Look at your hands, with their touch and their tenderness; look at your feet, with the horizon they are heading for. They are God's hands and God's feet, leased to you for the world's sake".

From 'Words for Today' 2005

A Happy Birthday to all who have a birthday in September!

A good month !

*Linda Williams*

## Next Delivery to Manor Estate, Sheffield.

We are arranging an October date to make the next trip to the Genesis Shop. This will be either on the 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>, but in any case we can begin taking deliveries immediately from those who have their contributions ready.

The usual good quality clothing, footwear and soft furnishings are acceptable. Thank you for making our journey very worthwhile last April, the ladies who run the shop were overwhelmed!

*Geoff Ashmore*

Many of you will know the background to the ongoing support by Dagnall Street for this project, but there may be others who are wondering how we came to support this charity shop in Sheffield.

I had the opportunity to travel up to Sheffield with the last delivery in April, when 89 bags of contributions were delivered to Joyce Chappell and her team of stalwarts who manage and run this very worthwhile voluntary enterprise serving the Manor Estate.

The project grew from the joint 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration event, which took place in March 1990, when 9 churches of the Baptist Union, who could all trace their beginnings back to 1640, decided to launch an appeal. The anniversary appeal was for the Manor Ecumenical Project, a new church on the Manor Estate supported by Anglicans, Baptists and Methodists, the first Baptist minister at the church was Rev. Sue Thompson who launched the appeal at the celebration which took place at Broadmead Baptist Church in Bristol.

Two years after the project was launched, the Genesis shop opened and the 9 churches were invited to support this new enterprise by collecting good second hand clothing and household effects. Since 1992, Geoff has been regularly and loyally campaigning for support, arranging transport and travelling at least twice each year up to Sheffield to deliver your contributions.

Having experienced the hospitality provided by the team of volunteers, and hearing at first hand how essential the shop is to the local community, I can assure you that it is a very worthwhile cause, and our contributions are extremely well received and depended upon. I was particularly impressed, not only with the copious cups of tea and refreshment laid on for us after unloading, but also to hear that last years trading had resulted in a £900 surplus, all of which was distributed to local charities.

*Chris Penn*

## Copy Due Date

All copy for the October 2014 issue is to be hands of the editor, Liz Barker, [liz.barker@ntlworld.com](mailto:liz.barker@ntlworld.com) on or before September 28 2014. Please use Word 2003 or earlier if you can. If you send an email, please expect a message from me to say I have received it - otherwise I probably haven't! *Liz Barker, Editor*



*25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert  
'Gloria'  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2014  
7 00 pm  
Dagnall Street Baptist  
Church St Albans*

Quorum was founded in September 1989 as a group of ten singers to sing at the celebrations to mark the opening of the Cross Street Centre. Twenty-five years on, the choir is going from strength to strength and are delighted to be marking their Silver Anniversary with a concert in the church from which they were founded.

The concert, presenting Sacred and Secular songs, will include music arranged by their former conductor, Ewart Hopkins, and local composer Alexander L'Estrange. Quorum will be joined for this celebration by local guests St Michael's Church Junior Choir (which includes our very own Sarah Halsey) and the Hersom Recorder Consort, for what will no doubt be a feast of beautiful music reflecting Quorum's special qualities as an a cappella choir.

The concert is free, with a retiring collection for Christian Aid. Please do come along and support us!

*Jill Halsey*



As in previous years, we will be taking part in this month's Heritage Open Days for buildings of historical or architectural merit. The church will be open to visitors from 10.00am to 6.00pm on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and from 1.00pm to 5.00pm on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Previous years have seen a regular flow of visitors and we are looking forward to welcoming friends and visitors again this year. Please encourage people you know to come along, information will be available and archive material will be on display.

Hundreds of buildings throughout the country will be involved in this annual event, with many opening on the Thursday and Friday as well. For more information about events in St Albans and across England visit [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk) or call 0844 335 1884.

*Chris Penn*

## What, When and Where September 2014

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Church Meeting</b> 7 45 pm Cross Street Centre
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Free Church Service</b> 11 00 am in the Abbey The Revd. Rosemary Fletcher, Superintendent Minister of the St Albans and Welwyn Methodist Circuit.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Prayer Time</b> 10 00 am Cross Street
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Study Groups</b> 10 30 am Cross Street, 8 00 pm In homes
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Messy Church</b> 10 00 am Lower Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Knitting Group</b> 11 00 am Cross Street Centre
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Baptist Fellowship Lunch</b> 12 30 pm Cross Street Centre
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Deacons' Meeting</b> 7 45 pm Room 5 Cross Street Centre
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Manipur Coffee Morning</b> 10 00 till 12 noon 12 Worcester Road Hatfield

### Regular Events

#### **Mondays**

Table Tennis Club 11 00 am - 2 00 pm Lower Hall

#### **Tuesdays during term time**

Daycare 10 00 am - 2 00 pm

**Fridays as advised** **Youth Club** 7 00 pm

**Fridays in term time** **TFN** 7 00 pm

### Sunday Services

10 30 am and 6 30 pm  
With groups for children  
at the 10 30 am service