

BRBC Weekly News

As a Church, we want to bring people to know Jesus, and into membership of His family; to develop, encourage and motivate them to worship God and to serve Him in the Church and the community. www.brbaptistchurch.info



BRADFIELD & ROUGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

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Jonathan will be speaking at this morning's service and he writes as follows:



"I remember having a conversation with Pastor Kenny which at the time I found rather bizarre. It was about 5 years ago and Fiona the children and I had only

been at the church for a few months. I was talking with Kenny about church growth and he implied that what he hoped to see over the years at BRBC was a church where people came in, were equipped to use their gifts, and went again from the church in order to use those gifts for the glory of God in whatever part of the world God chose to put them.

Now the reason that this was bizarre to me was because most of the churches that I knew wanted the people to come in and then to never let them go again but to simply add in even more people and so become really big churches. The question I had in my mind was, why does Kenny want to let people, who have been equipped by God at BRBC, go? BRBC will never grow!

Well of course we all now know that this is how it is at BRBC and yet it still grows! **The third part of our vision statement is that as a church we will equip people, recognising their gifts and training them. By being faithful to this vision, folk will leave the fellowship and serve the Lord elsewhere and God in his good pleasure will bring in more people.**

Now this has happened; people we really love and value have moved on to serve the Lord elsewhere. Yet the gaps they have left behind have been filled by those God has sent to us in their place. Even now, through the Bible Academy which runs on a Thursday, Pastor Kenny is training up gifted people. The truth is that many of them, especially the men on the course, will probably end up being called by God to go elsewhere. But this is a good thing, and you as a church are fulfilling not only Matthew 28:19 but are also seeing God answer the prayer, 'Your kingdom come!'

It's really through the teaching, training and encouragement of BRBC that we as a family are now moving on to new things. 4 years ago I started training for full time ministry and you as a church have fully supported us. You have loved us, prayed for us, encouraged us, lavished us with your money, opened up your homes to us, and resourced us. You have truly been a picture of Christian family as you have ministered to us in so many ways. Thank you so much!

We will miss you all very much. But the days ahead for you at BRBC and for us in Diss are vital for the sake of the gospel. As we move to Diss in order for me to take up the pastorate there, our prayer for you is that He may grant you to be strengthened with power through HIS Spirit in your inner beings and that HE might get the glory in the church.

EVENING SENDING SERVICE

Acts 13: 1-3; Sent workers and a sending church



May Eva
4lbs 8ozs



Olive Isla
4lbs 13ozs

We give thanks to God for the safe early arrival of Olive and May on Saturday 28 January.

Our congratulations and love to Dan and Rachel Balmer and to Toby too!

Rachel is home from hospital but the twins will remain in Special Care for a while longer. They are doing well and we pray that they will soon be able to come home.

TODAY – 5 February

10am Prayer for all
10.45 Jonathan Armstrong

DIARY

5pm Pastor Kenny
“Sending Service” for Jonathan and Fiona
Armstrong

Tea to follow

8pm Beetons Lodge

Preachers out:

David Stannard at Walsham – am
David Romberger at Diss - am

Monday

7.30pm Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday:

9.45 Busy Bees
7.30pm Prayer & Bible Study.
The Golden Alphabet 'Fourth from last'
Qoph: Psalm 119: 145-152

Peter Strawson will also be giving his
testimony

Thursday:

2.30pm Ladies Fellowship - Rosemary Clare

Friday:

9.30am Ladies Bible Study
6.30pm Junior & Inters FOY
8pm Senior Youth

Saturday:

6.30am Early Prayer Meeting

Sunday 12 February:

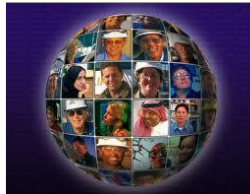
10.45am & 6.30pm Pastor Kenny
Communion to follow evening worship
Stewards: am Dave D & Ian
pm John & Callum

Dates for your diaries:

Thursday 16 Feb – Musicians' Evening
Tuesday 28 Feb – Church Members Meeting



On Tuesday we met to give thanks for the life of 'Uncle Cyril Willetts' who died on 21 January at the age of 91. Cyril had been a member of the church here at BRBC since 1978. We send our love and sympathy to 'Auntie Kath' as she feels the loss of her devoted husband of over 66 years.



MISSION

What on earth are we doing?

Part One

During February we have a very busy mission programme starting on Valentine's Day (for those that have forgotten this is February 14th!!) when we have a visit from GBM. On that evening we will be joined by friends from neighbouring churches and there will be an offering taken for the work of GBM.

On the subject of GBM – Michael Hitchcock has recently taken over the distribution of the monthly Prayer Diaries and Herald Magazines from Angie. If you do not get these at the moment and would like to know more about GBM, please have a word with Michael. Our thanks to Angie for her help with this for a number of years. *More about mission for February in the next week or so.*



A dynamic young African Choir will be performing on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 February, 7pm at 'The John Peel Centre' in

Stowmarket. Free admission.

Contact: The King's Church, Stowmarket 07841 562498



CHANGE OF TIME

Please note that beginning on Sunday 19th February the morning service at **BRBC** will **begin at 11am** with prayer meeting at 10.15am.

The service at The Self Centre, Moreton Hall, will begin at 9.30am.



QUIZ NIGHT in aid of **WEST**

Special School

@ BRBC on Saturday 25

February 2012 @ 7pm

Teams – maximum of 6 people, £5 per person

Bring your own drinks and snacks – bring your friends too!

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