

## Fellowship Celebrations

Below are some “important dates” in the lives of members of our fellowship during this month. If you would like to share with us your birthday or anniversary, please let Bob know so that we can include it in future.

8<sup>th</sup> Benedicta      9<sup>th</sup> Chalee Marston  
21<sup>st</sup> Rebekah O

# Congratulations!

## BMS Birthday Scheme

Besides this, would you like to give thanks to God for your birthday? If you would, take the opportunity to donate to the BMS birthday scheme and receive an extra card on your birthday too!

Please ask Pam Wright for details.



At present we are not meeting at church. We look forward to resuming children's church when we are able to.



Missed a service and want to “catch” up on a Sunday morning message? The reading and/ or message can be listened to or downloaded from the church website. Available for a limited time - Ask Bob for details.

## The Church Leadership

**Minister:** Reverend Sue Millar

**Church Secretary:** Shirley Dentry    **Church Treasurer:** Malcolm Toft

**Diaconate:** Pam Wright & Robert Went.

**Advocate for Children & Vulnerable Adults -** Doris Marks



## Becontree Avenue Baptist Church



# February 2021



*“So this is what the Sovereign Lord says: See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed.”*

*Isaiah 28 v 16*



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*Unless urgent, please respect Sue's day off which is normally a Monday.*

# FEBRUARY

## **Sunday Services at Church are suspended at present**

Dear Friends,

Although at the time of writing we are still legally permitted to meet, we have taken the strong advice of both the Eastern Baptist Association and our local council to continue, for the present, in the suspension of our Sunday Morning services and all meetings.

With Covid -19 infection rates still high in our borough, we feel that we must heed this advice in order to keep everyone safe.

Recorded Sunday services continue to be available on our web-site and facebook page.

If anyone can't access these please let me know so that I can get a weekly printed version to you.

The 16<sup>th</sup> February is Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day), and the days of Lent observed in ancient church tradition from Ash Wednesday onwards remind us of the self-denial exercised by our Lord in his wilderness experience, and of the ongoing need for repentance and God's forgiveness in the life of every believer.

The wonderful thing about Lent and its journey to Good Friday is that its conclusion is in Easter resurrection. Sorrow may last for a little while but joy will come.

Many people at the moment feel weighed down by sorrow or anxiety, may be struggling in life and in faith. But in God's good time joy will return and his people will be able to praise him together again in thankfulness for his saving grace and his sustaining love.

May the Lord keep you close to him  
and may you know His loving care  
every moment of each day.

*With love in Jesus,*

*Sue*



If anyone would like to take on a little church job that can be done from home then how about volunteering to collect, trim and send off used stamps to the Baptist Union or BMS World Mission on behalf of our church? These will then be sold to raise money for the work of Jesus.



Interested in knowing what it means to be baptised or what's involved in becoming a Church Member? If you are, ask one of the leadership team for more information, without bligation.

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