

Dear HBC family,

The last 7 days have been absolutely fantastic – we have so much to thank God for.....



It was wonderful to celebrate 2 baptisms on Sunday! It was so good to hear the testimonies of how God has been at work in people's lives.

Do remember those who got baptised in your prayers over the coming days.

The following day - Monday 22nd April - was Earth Day, and as a church we want to play our part in caring for God's Creation.

One way that we are doing this is by having swift boxes put up on our office buildings.

It was lovely to welcome the team from the Hertford Swift Group, and to see the new boxes going up. There are 4 on the front and 2 on the back wall.

And finally, it has been amazing to start 2 Alpha courses this week, with 147 people coming along to experience this together. Another reason to be thankful to God!



Do pray for every single person who is taking part in Alpha – that they would grow in their relationship with Jesus and experience the Holy Spirit in a new and fresh way in the coming weeks.

We look forward to seeing you all again on Sunday morning!

[This week - 28th April 2024 - Communion](#)

In our morning gathering, we continue our new series 'Making all things New.'
This week our topic is "Messed up" and the Bible passage is: Genesis 3: 1- 24

Join us at 10.15am

What's happening in the next 2 weeks.....

Church Flowers



It is so lovely to have flowers at the front of church each week – whether it is a couple of bunches of tulips, two potted plants, or something slightly fancier!

On a Monday morning, the flowers are then distributed to people in the church family, or those connected with us, as a simple way of blessing others.

Anyone can get involved with this – all you need to do is add your name to the sign-up sheet on the notice board in the entrance corridor, next to the date that you would be able to bring some flowers. Then just bring them to church when you come on that Sunday morning. Simple!

At the moment we don't have anyone signed up to bring flowers for any of the Sundays in May, so do add your name to the sheet soon. Thank you!

Golden Lunch – Thursday 2nd May



Golden Lunch is part of our Seniors Ministry and is a time to meet friends over a two-course home-cooked meal, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Each month there is a short "thought for the day" from the Bible, and opportunity to discuss this with others.

Do contact the church office to book a place for you or someone you know. There is a nominal charge of £5 to help cover costs.

Men's Breakfast – Saturday 4th May

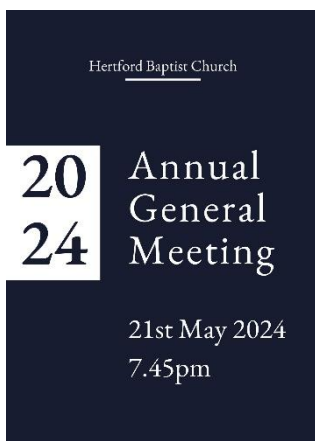


We would love you to join us, and invite others along too, as we seek to make friends, enjoy great food, and share life together.

To book a place, please the church office by midday on Friday 3rd May: anna.sanders@hertfordbaptist.org.uk

Coming up soon.....

Leadership Team – nominations and elections



Our AGM will be held on 21st May at 7.45pm in the church. This is a moment in the year when we look back and celebrate all that God has done and look forward to where God might take us in the year to come.

This year we are seeking to appoint two people to the Leadership Team. Meeting monthly, the team performs a vital role in the organisational and spiritual life of the church, alongside the staff team, Treasurer, and Secretary. Nomination sheets with instructions will be on the notice board in the Chambers Street entrance from this Sunday and will remain open until Sunday 12th May.

It is important that anyone standing for election to the leadership team fully understands the duties and responsibilities of the role. Do talk with John Low or Alan Ward who will be happy to explain what is involved to those who might be interested.

Any church member who is unable to attend the AGM, may apply for a postal vote by contacting the office before 8th May. Please don't miss out by being late!

Please be in prayer for the AGM and the election as we seek the Lord's leading for the future of the church.

Update on the Easter Thank Offering

This year our Thank Offering will be split between 'The Haven' (a Hertfordshire based, Christian organisation working with young people) and the 'Strengthening Families Project'.

We are delighted to let you know that so far, the church family have given **just over £7000** towards these two great projects! We know that both charities will be thrilled to receive this amount of money to help fund their work. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Below is a little reminder of where your Thank Offering will be going:



The Haven provides support for young people aged 11-18, with the aim of reducing the life-limiting effects of problematic anxiety. Through support groups, run in partnership with local churches, and through groups run in secondary schools, Haven provides life-changing tools and techniques to increase participants' mental resilience.



The '**Strengthening Families Project**' is an 18-month programme which helps families to acquire the skills needed to develop micro-business plans, see improvements in their general and mental health, and grow in ways of expressing love between family members. Since the project began, families have also been able to access government support for low-income families and disability benefit.

Church Family News

Sadly, Brian died peacefully on Thursday 18th April. Brian was a church member here, along with his wife Pam. If anyone would like to attend his funeral, please let Anna in the office know so she can inform the family. Please do remember Brian's family in your prayers.

Weekly and Monthly Planner

May 2024

Golden Lunch	Thursday 2 nd May 12.00 noon
Men's Ministry Breakfast	Saturday 4 th May 8.30am
Edward House Service	Tuesday 7 th May 3.30pm
Worship and Prayer	Sunday 12 th May 7.00–8.00pm
CAMEO	Thursday 16 th May 2.00–4.00pm
Mission Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)	Thursday 16 th May 8.00pm
Men's Prayer Breakfast	Saturday 18 th May 8.30–9.30am
Pentecost	Sunday 19 th May
Church Members' Meeting – AGM	Tuesday 21 st May 7.45pm
Family Craft Afternoon	Wednesday 29 th May 2-4pm

June 2024

Men's Ministry Breakfast	Saturday 1 st June 8.30am
Cross Links	Sunday 2 nd June 3.00pm-5.00pm
Edward House Service	Tuesday 4 th June 3.30pm
Golden Lunch	Thursday 6 th June 12.00noon
Alpha Day	Saturday 8 th June (times and venue tbc)
Worship and Prayer	Sunday 9 th June 7.00pm-8.00pm
Men's Prayer Breakfast	Saturday 15 th June 8.30am-9.30am
Mission Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)	Thursday 20 th June 8.00pm-10.00pm

Every week

Times of Prayer	Tuesdays 7am and Wednesday 12noon
Hertford Baptist Toddler Group	Tuesdays 10-11.30am
Daytime Alpha	Tuesdays 3-4.30pm until 25 th June
Place of Welcome	Wednesday from 10am to 12 noon
Evening Alpha	Wednesdays 7.45-9.30pm until 26 th June
Hertford Baptist Baby Group	Friday 10.00-11.30am
Re:refresh – Young Adults' Group	Sundays 4.00 – 6.00pm

Our Tuesday time of prayer is held on Zoom at 7.00am.

Here are the details: Meeting ID: 997 7864 8836 Passcode: 762228