

# Erskine Baptist Church

## Newsletter - September 2020

Usually at this time we're acknowledging the return to education of students at all levels, whether starting school for the first time, or moving up to high school, or even further studies at college or university. This year the process has not been without its concerns about safety whilst the coronavirus is still active.

We might even have thought that we would be back at church worshipping and returning to other activities, but that's not been possible in the way we would have liked.

All through this time the message of churches has been – our buildings are closed but the church is still alive! We've been able to keep in contact and experience some activity through video platforms like Zoom, Facebook, Messenger, or Whatsapp.

It doesn't look like face-to-face meeting will be possible, for larger groups especially, for some time, so we'll continue with our online programming. Some folks have been able to connect with the Baptist Union's weekly prayer gathering on a Sunday evening and this Sunday (6th) will see that move to a once a month timetable.

I've often thought that we miss having a time when as a church meet up to pray, particularly for the spread of the gospel, the growth of the church, and our witness in the community. So I'm proposing that on the Sunday evenings at 7 when there's no BUS prayer gathering, we hold our own prayer and study group. It will still need to be done meantime by video and we'll upgrade our Zoom account to take away the time limit.



We will be using The Prayer Course which has been created by 24-7 Prayer. 24-7 Prayer began as one simple prayer meeting in 1999, and is now an international, interdenominational movement, reviving the church and rewiring the culture through continuous prayer. We will go through The Prayer Course for 8 weeks, watching a video and a short discussion, which will take up about 30 minutes or so, then pray. No one will be forced to pray, you can also pray silently. You can leave at any point, if necessary. It will probably last an hour at most.

We appreciate that not everyone has been able to connect digitally with us so far. If you have a computer, or laptop, smartphone or tablet, and need help to connect then get in touch and someone will help out.

In the longer term, we may be able to arrange this as an actual meeting, but we'll take things a step at a time.

**Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.** (Ephesians 3:20-21)

*Peter*



## Watch our online programme Sundays from 10am

On our Facebook page  
YouTube channel  
and the church website,

Available anytime, anywhere

Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.

Colossians 4 v 5 & 6 (NLT)

Please pray this month for :

### September 6th

Scottish Baptist Lay Preachers' Association

Lerwick Baptist Church

Leslie Baptist Church

Leven Baptist Church

### September 13th

Scottish Baptist College

Lighthouse, Prestonpans

Linwood Baptist Church

Lochee (Dundee Central)

Lochgilphead Baptist Church

### September 20th

European Baptist Federation

Lossiemouth Baptist Church

Maybole Baptist Church

### September 27th

Baptist Union of Scotland

Milestone Christian Fellowship

Montrose Baptist Church

Motherwell Baptist Church



Baptist Union of Scotland  
online Prayer  
1st Sunday of each  
Month @ 7pm



Happy September Birthday to: Werna, Margaret, Ruben, Lizmari and Wilma.

Please Pray for all on the Birthday list this month

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