

# Headcorn Baptist Church News

2021



***Wishing our following church family very happy birthdays this month...  
Jane Hogben (16<sup>th</sup>) and Olivia Ludlow (18<sup>th</sup>). May God bless your days!***

**Service this week 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021...**

Our service this week will be arranged by our Minister Rev. Steve, and our sermon given via YouTube by our SEBA Regional Minister Paul Kerley on 'Go and Make Disciples', from Matthew 28: 18 - 20. Many thanks to Paul for his message to us.

## Church Services...

## Our Verse for the Year

**GOOD NEWS!** We will be going back to Sunday morning church services from May 23<sup>rd</sup> - Pentecost! We are thrilled that at long last, after 1 year of being here with you all, we can finally take our first church service! You will have received an email regarding this, and all those without emails will have received a letter, so please have a good read of those. We look forward to seeing our lovely church family in our beautiful church at long last! ☺

**Praise God!**

**Don't forget...** that all of our HBC sermons from the last year can be found on the sermon page of our website at [headcornbaptist.org.uk](http://headcornbaptist.org.uk)

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.  
**I Thes 5: 16-18**

## A Message from our Minister...

*So, in just 3 weeks' time we will be meeting for a service in the church, which will be the first one since you called me to the ministry here back in February last year, it really is going to be a bit strange. Of course, the reality is that the whole of the past 14 months has been a bit strange, and we have all had to adapt and find a new way of doing things, and this is going to be our reality for a while longer yet. While we can meet back in our building, it won't be the same as before, and we won't be able to do all the things we used to do. We are all going to be on a journey of finding a 'new normal' for quite a while yet. But though this may well be a bit scary, and probably frustrating at times, it is a good opportunity for us to start thinking about the future, thinking about what we have missed, and what we haven't, about what is important for our life as a church, and what is just a distraction from our mission for God. It is so important as we begin to gather again for us to take time to prayerfully discern God's will and plan for us in the days ahead, rather than rushing to get back to doing all the things we used to do. Of course, every church should be doing this all the time, but usually we get into a comfortable pattern and stay there for a while because we are afraid of change. But change is a normal and natural and healthy part of life, and we have all had to get used to it recently, so let's not lose the sense of excitement at the possibilities for the future, in the desire to get back to the perceived stability of the past. The most important thing for all of us to bear in mind in all of this is - **God is in control** - if that truth is in our minds, there is nothing to be afraid of, and there is so much to be excited about. May our wonderful God guide and help us in the coming weeks.*

**Service next week 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021...**

Our service next week will be led by Doris Doonan, and her sermon via YouTube will be on the 'Three Images of Faith', with the Bible reading from Mark 4: 21-34.

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