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# October 2021

## DCBC Faith - Action

*(As faith communities, my prayer is that we might stand together, emissaries of hope and love, calling for God's justice and peace upon this precious world. Now is the time for action.*

*Archbishop Justin Welby)*

**OCTOBER 2021:** *(the last week in September and the whole of October)*

Following the recent church meeting, the DCBC weekly Notices are now being replaced by a monthly 'Faith-Action' and comments are welcome. Contributions are also welcome.

Please copy these to both Jim (*address on back page*) and Bill (*address above*).

The intention is that each issue will cover the whole of the month and come out on the last Sunday of the preceding month.

## God our hiding place!

Have you ever needed a hiding place? A place of refuge? A place of rest and peace?

Well, look no further – we have our God, a hiding place!

There is a secret place in the presence of God, and it is a place that we can ABIDE in. It is a place that everyone does not go, but it is completely accessible by the blood of Jesus.

I shall draw your attention to Psalms 27:4-5 and 32:7

**27.4** One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple. **5** For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock. **32:7** You are my hiding place. You protect me from trouble; you surround me with songs of deliverance.

Behind closed doors, we all go through moments of all sorts, some astound us with joy, others with tears and etc.! One thing I have learnt in my life is that, the arms of God are so wide open to run into and take shelter and hide from tides of life and at the same time, celebrate joys of life. However, most of us are not very good at taking shelter in God! We try to figure it out on our own, reason things out and sometimes even make more mistakes or regret decisions.

Now, it is very good to reason things out, do not get me wrong! However, if you have an item and it goes wrong in daily life, first thing is to refer to the manual. The bible is our manual and for every life situations, Jeremiah 29:11 says “for I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end”.

I am not very good at hiding in the Lord, but each time I do, there is this overwhelming peace that floods my soul!

This week, my prayer is that you escape in the arms of God, He alone, knows all the moments that we all go through to microscopic detail. God alone is a hiding place, a safe place to shield you, hug you, and comfort you.

He will never leave you nor forsake you!

Have a blessed week

*(supplied by Mary B)*

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### **Pastoral vacancy:**

The Church Profile and PVL (Pastoral Vacancy List) form is now live on the BU Website and is available for prospective ministers to view. Final year students and those registered with the resettlement group have access to it. Our financial ability to support a half-time minister is more of a reality than it was some time ago

## **Calendar:**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September: 4<sup>pm</sup> to 5.30<sup>pm</sup>. The celebration farewell party for Ronnie and Miriam!**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September:** Pete Spence will be ministering to us with Tim Byaruhanga leading

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September:** 7<sup>pm</sup>. Discussion on ways of studying the Bible. We want to encourage each other to study the Bible together and to pray together. The traditional Bible study format (question/answer) does not suit all. Variety and flexibility is needed. There are lots of ways of studying the Bible. For example, each person could bring something to share; or we could listen to a passage and identify those things that touch us. Bible study is not an ‘optional extra’ but is fundamental to the Church’s growth. We are interested to breathe new life into Bible Study. This evening is to explore options and pray about the future. **Future studies on Mondays depend on the outcome of this meeting.**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September:** 7.30<sup>pm</sup>. Men’s meeting.

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September.** Normal meetings of the Girls Brigade resumed on 16<sup>th</sup> September when new girls and those who stopped attending when lockdown began were welcomed. GB now meets every Thursday.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October:** 10<sup>am</sup> -12<sup>noon</sup>. Coffee Morning Everyone welcome!

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October: Revd. Hayley Young's** Induction as the new Transitional Strategic Regional Minister for the Northern Baptist Association at 3.00<sup>pm</sup>.

You can join the Service by logging into zoom via the following details:

Direct Web Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5777623739>

Meeting ID for Zoom App: 577 762 3739 to Join via the Phone: 02034815237

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. 10.30.** Café church, led by the team.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October. 7<sup>pm</sup>.** We have a visit by Hayley Young All welcome!

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October. 7<sup>pm</sup>.** Deacons meeting led by Paul Revill

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October:** Today is the initial deadline for those who may be submitting an enquiry from the Pastoral Vacancy List (PVL)

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October:** 10.30. Service including Prayer Course session 2. Led by Chris and team.

**Wednesday 13 October:** 7<sup>pm</sup> Search Team. Will there be any enquiries from the PVL?

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October:** Coffee Morning.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October:** Communion Service led by John Claydon

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October:** Service led by David Etherington from Blackhill Baptist Church.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October:** Coffee Morning.

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October:** Preacher: Shirley Hough Service led by Jo.

## Daily Prayers:

Praise God using Psalm 8 -

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

<b>Sundays:</b>	Give thanks for those leading our services and for greater opportunities for face-to-face fellowship
<b>Mondays:</b>	Give thanks for the Prayer Course; pray for encouragement and growth as we meet together for Prayer and Bible Study.
<b>Tuesdays:</b>	Give thanks for a positive start to the Men's Meeting and Craft group; pray for those on the 'fringes' of our Church
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	Give thanks for Paul Revill, our Moderator; pray for the Deacons - Bill, Chris and Jo and for their meeting on 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct.
<b>Thursdays:</b>	Give thanks for new and returning girls at Girls' Brigade; pray for Laura and Amy who are working on the Church website and Facebook page.
<b>Fridays:</b>	Give thanks for those who attend and serve at the Coffee Mornings; pray for the Cafe Church Team and their planning for 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct and 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov
<b>Saturdays:</b>	Give thanks for those who clean and set up the Church every week; pray for those who will receive flowers as a gift from the Church.

*(supplied by Jo)*

## The Manse

Refurbishment has been progressing throughout the summer and should be completed about the end of September. The carpets have been replaced and look good. Thank you to Tim, Amy and Davey for helping with painting.

*(supplied by Janet)*

## **I AM (YAHWEH)**

I was regretting the past and fearing the future.  
Suddenly my Lord was speaking,  
“My name is I Am”

He paused. I waited. He continued.  
“When you live in the past,  
with its mistakes and regrets,  
it is hard, I am not there.  
My name is not I was.

When you live in the future,  
with its problems and fears,  
it is hard, I am not there.  
My name is not I Will Be.

When you live in the moment,  
It is not hard. I am here.  
My name is I Am”

*A meditation by: Helen Hallicoat (supplied by Eunice)*

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### **We are asked to pray this week for the NBA Prayer Pilgrimage**

**led by Rev Paul Revill from Newcastle to Hamsterley**

Pray that they may hear from the Lord, that the weather may be kind to them, that their fellowship may be a rich blessing and that the Lord will keep them well physically.

Mike Cross NBA Prayer Co-ordinator

**-- Ephesians 1: 15-16 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.**

## **Persecution of Christians in Myanmar.**

2018, Pastor Aung Tun Oo was accused of “denigrating Buddhism” in Myanmar, and since then he has fought an extended legal battle. Since the charges were filed, the pastor has been **summoned to court 64 times!** **Voice Of the Martyrs** has provided support for him and his family during the long legal battle.

“It is at times very discouraging for us,” he said. “But whenever we are discouraged, the Lord reminds us that it is not because of our foolishness or for doing anything wrong that we are facing this legal issue. It is for preaching the gospel and obediently following God’s command.”

VOM provides help for Christians who have suffered persecution in hostile areas and restricted nations, as well as for the families of Christians imprisoned or killed because of their witness. This help meets immediate needs in the aftermath of a persecution event and ongoing or long-term needs, such as living expenses, children’s educational needs, relocation within a nation, legal assistance or vocational training.

*(supplied by Bill)*

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