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Sunday 12<sup>TH</sup> February 2012

# Fleet Meadow Mini Flyer

The newspaper for Fleet Meadow Baptist Church

We meet most Sundays in Fleet Meadow Community Hall at 10am, but please visit our website [www.fmbc.org.uk](http://www.fmbc.org.uk) for details and dates of other events.

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Welcome to our church this Sunday morning. If you are visiting us for the first time, we do hope you will feel welcome here, and that you will want to come again.

*Margaret Gibbs is preaching this week and her theme is "anointed and sent" which is the first of two sermons on being a witnessing community.*

## *BMS Day of Prayer*

Monday 13 February at Baptist House, Didcot

You may already know that Monday 13 February is the fifth annual BMS Day of Prayer. We are setting this aside as a day when UK staff, mission personnel and friends and partners around the world can share in prayer together for the work of world mission.

We would be delighted if you and members of your congregation would like to join with the BMS staff at Baptist House on that occasion. We would particularly encourage you to attend the first session of the day when I will be leading us in a time of praise and reflection. We will be gathering in the chapel for that at 9.10 till about 9.50 am.

You would also be very welcome to join with us at any time during the rest of the day. Prayer will continue in the chapel throughout the day, following the structure of the attached programme (see last week's mini-Flyer). For convenience, the programme is divided into one-hour slots focusing on different areas of the world. However, the arrangements will be very informal and we expect that people will come and go within those hour slots. Even if you can only drop in for 10 or 15 minutes, you will be very welcome.

For those who are not able to join with us then, can we encourage you to make use of some of the resources which have been produced to guide our prayers. You can find these and other information about the day at [www.bmsworldmission.org/dayofprayer](http://www.bmsworldmission.org/dayofprayer)

We really appreciate your partnership in praying with us and look forward to seeing you on the day.

## *Quiz'n'chips*

Saturday 18th Feb

Following our excellent showing on the last Quiz'n'chips night, it would be good to field a strong team again this time. If you would like to be on the team you need to let Malcolm know by Sunday 12th Feb (today!) and tell him what you would like to eat with your chips – fish, sausage or spring roll.

## *Dates for your Diaries*

<b>Sun 12<sup>TH</sup> Feb</b>	10:00	<b>Morning Service</b> with communion and Sunday Club
<b>Mon 13<sup>TH</sup> Feb</b>		<b>BMS Day of Prayer</b> at Baptist House
<b>Sat 18<sup>TH</sup> Feb</b>	19:00	<b>Quiz'n'Chips</b> at St Peter's Church
<b>Sun 19<sup>TH</sup> Feb</b>	10:00	<b>Morning Service</b>
<b>Sun 26<sup>TH</sup> Feb</b>	10:00	<b>Morning Service</b> and Sunday Club
<b>Sun 4<sup>TH</sup> Mar</b>	10:00	<b>Morning Service</b>
<b>Sun 11<sup>TH</sup> Mar</b>	10:00	<b>Morning Service</b> with communion and Sunday Club
	14:00	<b>Spring Walk - TBC</b>

## *Prayer pointers*

Please pray for

- Margaret, as she travels to Bangladesh on Tuesday
- The Leadership Team, meeting on Monday
- All the "Brighten up February" events happening this week

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*If you would like prayer or help during this week please contact our elder, Mike Mortimer on 01235 819012 or 07951 045093 or e-mail on [prayer@fmbc.org.uk](mailto:prayer@fmbc.org.uk).*

**Order the 2012 Real Easter Egg here**

It's hard to believe that, out of the whopping 80 million chocolate Easter Eggs sold each year, not one of them mentions Jesus on the box. Until now that is.

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Denise is taking orders again this year for "Real Easter Eggs"

## Annual Baptist Assembly

The Baptist Assembly will be returning to London from 4-6 May. Please pray for this important event in the life of our denomination as we celebrate together God's goodness to the denomination over the last 400 years and seek his guidance as together we look Beyond 400. See the Assembly promotional leaflets and visit the Assembly website [www.baptistassembly.org.uk](http://www.baptistassembly.org.uk) for further information.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Baptist Assembly. Booking for the whole event costs just £95 up until 29 February. Or if you cannot come for the whole event why not come to one of the Celebrations at Central Hall, Westminster, or to one of the 13 Day Conferences on Saturday 5 May? We would love to see you. Make sure you book up early.

## Furniture For Sale

Joanna Ellis has some furniture for sale including a king size bed and a black leather 3 piece suite. Please contact Emily at [emilyj336@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:emilyj336@yahoo.co.uk) or Joanna at [joanna\\_c\\_e@hotmail.com](mailto:joanna_c_e@hotmail.com) if you are interested.

## Bible Reading

### John 20:19-22 Jesus Appears to His Disciples

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

## Didcot Emergency Foodbank

Thank you so much for your recent contributions to the Foodbank. January has been our busiest month yet and I thought it would be helpful for you to know the quantity of food that has been used to support our clients.

We have supported 90 people with 3 days worth of food, this adds up to 2610 individual items of food. The total number of items donated in January to the foodbank was 600. I have made two large purchases using the nectar card and one cash purchase.

We feel so privileged that we have been able to help so many needy people but are very aware that if this level of need continues then we will need to do some serious thinking and praying as to how we are able to satisfy the demand. I would be so grateful if you would continue to pray for the foodbank that God would really use us in His service and that we might stand like a beacon in the town showing his love to those in need. (One very recent client sat in the foodbank sobbing as the hamper was put together for her, she couldn't believe that others had given so selflessly enabling her to feed her children)

If you would like to know more about the Nectar card scheme or would like to hold a card then please do speak to me and I can let you have one. Thank you so much for your support

The Foodbank phone number during opening hours Tuesday & Fridays, 11-1pm is 0755 1984 465

Miriam Loukes :- 01235 817517

## Accompanied Prayer Week

If you would like to take part in the Week of Accompanied Prayer (Fleet Meadow Flyer February 2012, page 19), please pass your completed application form to Vikki by next Sunday, 19th Feb.

Please send any notices for the weekly mini-Flyer to David this week (Email: [dave\\_applegate@hotmail.com](mailto:dave_applegate@hotmail.com)). They need to be with me by the Thursday **BEFORE** the Sunday on which you wish it to appear.