



The Key

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Welcome to the Eden Church. If this is your first visit with us we pray that you have an enjoyable time. Please stay for coffee or tea after the service where we look forward to meeting with you.

In Acts 15 Paul & Barnabas sought advice from the Council of Jerusalem over the question of what conditions / advice to give to the Gentiles turning to Jesus as the Gospel was spread. They allowed the council to provide considered thinking on what to do so that the Jewish Christians would not be offended by the Gentiles actions in public.

When disputes arise – often about man-made rules etc - it is all too easy to take an entrenched position you passionately support. However, there are always other people's opinions which don't accord with your thinking.

BUT, the really important thing is that such differences of opinion cannot be allowed to interfere with the reality of the Gospel message of Saving Grace in Jesus.

We are all faced with such situations. The Devil loves to divide us if we allow him to distract us from our main purpose – To Love God with all our heart, mind & strength and proclaim the saving Grace of Jesus to the world.

Pray for wisdom to understand different views and not to allow such things to cause divisions.

David C.

Today

All Age Service – Ron & Mel

When the service has finished, please help stack the chairs from Hall 1 and the church at the front of the church.

This Week

Monday 27th

Sparkling Fishes 09:30 – 11:30

ALPHA Week 7. 7:30pm

Prayer for Alpha at Helen Holbrook's house from 8pm.

Wednesday 1st March

Refresh at Bridges 2pm

This Week(Cont)

Wednesday 1st March

Prayer & Worship 7:30 – 8pm at Riverside and at Eden Church 8:15 – 9:30pm. See Powerpoint display before service and note sent separately with email copy.

Thursday 2nd

Traidcraft stall with food and crafts, in Bridges 09:30 – 12:30

BSF Women's Bible Study. 10am.

Friday 3rd March

EDEN KIDS BIG SLEEPOVER. See Powerpoint display before service.

Women's World Day of Prayer. This years service is at St. Lawrence's RC Church at 7.30pm. The service has been prepared by the women of The Philippines. Bright clothes are requested and all are welcome. Refreshments will follow the service.

Saturday 4th

07:30 Prayer meeting at the church.

Next 5th March

Morning Service – Mel.

After service at 12.15pm there will be a Church Meeting. Primary topic is on Church Cafe and going forward with it.

House Groups.

If you do not currently attend a group you will be welcome to join one of the groups. Please speak to the group leader.

David Adamson & Emma Jonas hold a weekly Bible Study on **Thursday 10:45am.**

Please speak to them regarding current venue.

Colin & Pat Miller hold a weekly meeting on **Wednesday 8pm**

Bible Basics Group meeting on Wednesday at Ron & Dorothy's.

Inter-Church Fellowship bible study group meets at Ron & Dorothy's House on **alternate Tuesdays from 10:00 - 11.45** A crèche can be arranged if needed.

Next meeting 28th February. More info ring 862121

Please speak to one of the Leadership Team if you would like prayer or wish to discuss any matters.

Melanie Commandeur (Minister) (01732 667438). Day off Friday.

Ron Sutton (Elder) (862121); Julie Barry (Elder) (07799 130557); Patrick Moore (Elder) (864275); Richard Wheeler (Elder)(01342 850873) : Carole Jenkins(Elder)(863564) : Martin Perrett (Secretary) (863797): Heddwyn Jenkins (Treasurer) (863564):

Dates for your Diary.

Saturday & Sunday 11th & 12th March.

ALPHA away weekend – See Powerpoint before service & details previously sent by email. Speak to Mel ASAP if you are interested in attending..

Saturday 11th March

Come and join us for **Messy Movies**. Enjoy ice cream, popcorn and a movie aimed at primary school aged kids from 4:30 – 6:30pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult. £2 per ticket. See the rolling Powerpoint display before the service.

Also **Mega Movies** (for the 10 + age group) on the same date above 7:30 – 10pm. Speak to Myriam for details.

Tuesday 14th March

London City Mission Annual Meeting 2:30pm. Speaker: Steve Taylor, Grove Chapel, Camberwell. We are the hosts this year, so please support the meeting. If you can provide cakes for refreshments please tell Gary or Brenda. Please bring a tin (or two) for the mission's food bank.

Thanks,
Gary and Barbara

Friday 17th March

Ministry of Movies – The Light Between Oceans Cert 12A– 7:30pm. See Website Events for trailer.

Church Diary

Are you planning or want to plan an event here in the Eden Church?? Please talk to Mary Perrett (mary.perrett@icloud.com) before you make arrangements to ensure that the church space is available. Mary holds the church diary and will be able to confirm your requirements.

MILK BOTTLE TOPS

Please note that Colin is no longer collecting bottle tops. Please re-cycle them with other plastic.

The next edition of the Key will be on 5th March.
All items for publication should be sent to
key@edenchurch.edenkent.org no later than 17:00 on
Thursday 2nd March.

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	Today	5th March	12th March
Welcome	Ron & Dorothy	Helen P & Glenys	Carol C & Mavis
Flowers	Glenys	Karen K	Barbara B
Coffee	Myriam & Eden Youth	David & Maryse	Mavis & Andrea
Key Leader	David C	Martin	Emma J
Setup	Heddwyn	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER

N.B, Volunteers are required for coffee on 26th March.

Justification & Justice Symposium

Saturday 8 April – 10:30-16:00

Spurgeon's College, London

Tickets cost £5 (including lunch and refreshments)

Today lots of people talk about justice and what is wrong with the world. In recent days for example, a government decision has prevented unaccompanied child refugees from entering into the UK. How should the Church respond?

There is much to learn from our history. The Protestant Reformation, which took place 500 years ago and the Civil Rights movement, two great movements of thought and life, both had a significant impact on the Church and its place in the public square.

Now a new symposium will explore these two great movements and their figureheads, Martin Luther, and Martin Luther King.

Explored alongside the BUGB Apology ten years on, the Justification and Justice symposium on Saturday 8 April seeks to provide tools to equip Baptist leaders and churches to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God.

Justice - morally right behaviour and treatment of people - is massively important to God. How the church can live justly and speak truth to power are consistent themes throughout the Bible.

Tickets may be booked online at

<http://spurgeons-college.myshopify.com/products/justification-justice-symposium-tickets-saturday-8th-april-2017>
