



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 when we look forward to meeting with you.

At Brian Hasler's funeral on Tuesday, it came to my mind what he had said when preaching at Marlpit Hill a good few years back. Having come with a message on the same scripture as the previous week's speaker, he had observed "*If God really wants you to hear something, he'll tell you twice*". Jonah's the prime biblical example, though there are others.

Mel preached two weeks ago on *James 2, 14 - 26* about our faith being demonstrated by what we DO. The same message was used for the sermon in the thanksgiving service for Brian's life. There were about a dozen Eden Church folk there, so maybe this is a message our church really does need to hear. Brian's example (and he leaves a big hole) was used to demonstrate how he generously used his training and experience as a Company Secretary (and his other gifts) in many ways: as secretary and treasurer at different times for Edenbridge Baptist Church and Bessels Green: and in our local and national Baptist Associations and by helping many and various individuals and churches. He was also instrumental in advising Marlpit Hill about the ministerial grants programme, which enabled the calling of Steve Elmes, and thus helped facilitate the foundation of BRIDGES and the Eden Church.

We are not saved by deeds (*Ephesians 2, 8*), but what we do demonstrates whether our faith is real and how much we appreciate that great gift from God. (*Matt 25 31 on and the James verses above*)

Today

10:30 Morning Service – Mel

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

This Week

Thursday 15th

CAMEO – 2:30pm.

Saturday 17th

07:30 Prayer meeting at the church.

Next Sunday 18th February

10:30 Communion – Jony Land

N.B Church Members meeting will follow this service to decide on the future of Youth Work.

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):

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	Today	18th February	25th February
Welcome	Mavis & Glenys	Carol C & David A	Helen P & Mary
Flowers	Barbara B	Mavis	Dorothy
Coffee	Anne J & Felicity	Christine Watts & Dorothy	VOLUNTEERS
Key Leader	Ron	Dorothy	Mary
Setup	David F	Heddwyn	Rodney
Prayer Ministry	Nicole & Genevieve	David H	Denine

The next edition of the Key will be on 18th February 2018. All items for publication should be sent to key@edenchurch.edenkent.org no later than 17:00 on Thursday 15th February.

PRAYER

If anyone needs prayer I have set up an email address whereby you can send your request. The address is prayer@edenchurch.edenkent.org When an email is received it will be passed on to a team of people who will pray for that situation. Your email can be anonymous if you wish – God knows who has the need.

If anyone would like to be on this team of prayers please speak to me.

Denine

House Groups.

Colin & Pat Millers group currently meet on Wednesday at Emma Jonas' house. Please speak to her for details.

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 13th February at **7, Orchard Close**. More info ring 862121

Leprosy Mission. A Message from Edna.

From the Leprosy Mission: I am writing to say thank you to you and the members of the Eden Church for your kind gift of stamps. You are making such a big difference to the lives of people affected by Leprosy. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 23rd February

Ministry of Movies "The Hunt for the Wilderpeople." Cert 12A. 7:30pm. Doors open 7pm. See website for trailer.

Sunday 25th February "Lazy" Sunday

On Sunday 25 February we are having a Lazy Sunday. After our all age 1 hour service we eat together, chat, play games and get to know each other a bit better. A great way of connecting with new folks.

Bring along your favourite curry / casserole or pudding / cake and whatever you'd like to drink - we'll put the kettle on. Come along when you can - leave when you must. Invite your family and friends - if they don't want to come to church that's fine - just tell them to rock up at about 11.30 in time for coffee.

All are welcome

Mel

Monday 26th February

Money Management 7:30pm at the church. A 4 week course on how to manage / budget your finances.

Friday 2nd March 10:30am at the Eden Church

Women's World Day of Prayer. This year's service is prepared by the women of Suriname on the theme "All God's Creation is Very Good".

As we are the host church, please give this service your support.

Tuesday 13th March

London City Mission annual meeting 2:30pm at Dormansland Baptist Church
Leader their minister Rev Judith Mackenzie Dunn. Speaker Jacqui Katze, working among drug & alcohol addicts in East London.

Ministry of Movies DVDs.

If you missed any of the movies shown at Ministry of Movies evenings, I have a list of films available that you may wish to borrow. This includes the film **War Room** shown last Wednesday at Prayer and Praise. I can send you a list by email. The idea would be that you take the dvd on a Sunday & return it the following Sunday. Borrowing is free but a donation to the Ministry of Movies funds is always welcome.

David C.

Church Survey

If you haven't already completed the church survey email'd on Wednesday 31st January, please do so ASAP. Your views are important.

Reading Group.

Anyone interested in joining an evening Reading Group to meet in the Eden Centre Library. Ask for details at the reception desk or ring Tel: 03000414010. Also you can email edenbridgelibrary@kent.gov.uk

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