



Link Up!

**‘The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside still waters.’ Psalm 23**

For the rest of the month

On Sunday 18th February we will be returning to our studies in Luke’s gospel with Andrew Williams leading our worship and preaching on Luke 17: 1 – 19

Then on Sunday 25th February, we will be looking at Luke 17: 20 – 37 with Graeme Smith.

Give As You Live

If you are a regular online shopper, you may have heard of ‘Give As You Live’ – a website which allows you to raise money for your favourite charity when shopping at any of over 6,000 online shops. Longfleet Baptist is now one of those charities which you can support. If you do online shopping, would you consider using the Give As You Live website, and nominate Longfleet as your chosen charity, and help us raise some extra funds this year? More information about Give as You Live can be found at www.giveasyoulive.com/ or you can ask me. If you want to sign up as a supporter, please ask me for a referral first as I can earn a bonus donation for the church if I get a certain number of new supporters. Thank you. Stephen Chaloner.

Family News

We have heard since Sunday that the funeral of Sid Hunt is taking place at Harbour View this coming Saturday, 17th February at 3pm.

I wonder how many of us like a challenge. This year, my daughter Sophie has taken on the 1,000 Hour Challenge which aims at getting kids outside more. In January she managed to clock up just over 40 hours. I like to think my ‘Mum & Baby’ Christmas coat is helping her with this.

I have taken on my own more passive – 100 Bird Challenge. I belong to the RSPB and enjoy a bit of bird watching so this seems like a fun thing to do. The handsome chap in the picture is Poole Park’s very own Muscovy duck and is the first on my list. I’ve also taken on board, for the second time, the Bible in a Year Challenge and Georgia’s lovely new Christmas Bible has given me an even greater incentive to achieve this.



Induction News

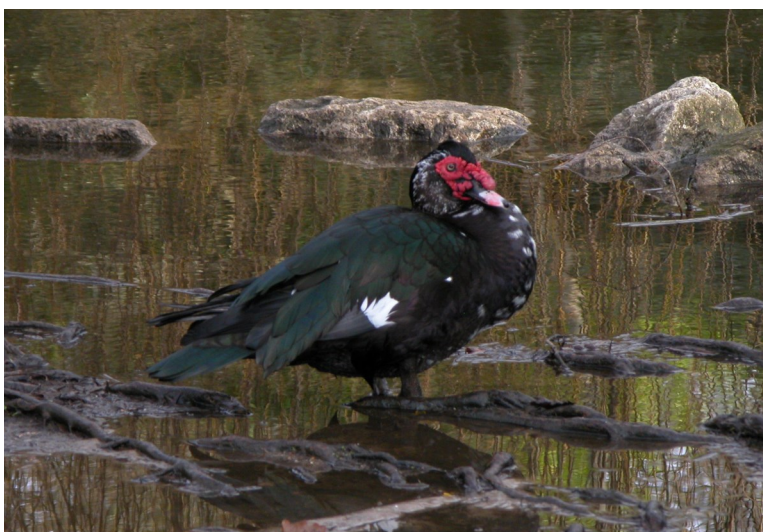
As you all should already know, the induction service for Rev Ken Adolphe to be our minister has been arranged for Saturday 23rd March 2024 starting at 2.30pm. This will be followed by a cream tea. I can't stress how important this occasion is for the church and hope that everyone who is a member of our church congregation will make it a priority to attend that event. The induction will be led by Rev Simon Gray who is one of the Regional Ministers from the Southern Counties Baptist Association. Rev Colin Pavitt will be preaching in the service as well.

What you need to do now!

Please sign up on the list in the entrance foyer to say you are going to be coming to the induction, you can sign one line per household but please indicate in the column next to your name how many of you are attending. Also indicate in the next column if you are staying for the cream tea as this will give us a total for catering. If you don't indicate you require a tea there won't be one made for you!

We also need offers of scones to be made for the cream tea. We are doing all the catering ourselves to keep the cost down. So, if you are someone who can make scones, then please sign up to offer some for the tea. I've asked that they are offered in multiples of 10 as this will make it much easier for me to count how many have been offered. The sheet tells you what size we want them to be made as well.

We will also need helpers on the day with various tasks. We need two people to help with welcoming people at the door. We need helpers in the kitchen before the service to plate up the cream teas onto individual plates for people to collect a ready assembled tea. We need helpers to serve teas and coffees after the service. We need people to help with clearing up and washing up. You can, of course, offer to help with more than one of these tasks. Please sign the list on the board to offer to help.



And I think there's a challenge for all of us in these words from Psalm 23. I remember memorising this psalm as a child... however, with the intelligence and experience of our grown-up years sometimes it's not so easy to believe. Is Jesus really the source of all our needs? Do we really trust Him as our Protector and Provider?

So, my challenge for us is to believe these words and act as if we believe them, for then...

***Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.***

And what more could we want than that?

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