



Carol Service

All invited

Friday 22nd December 7:00 pm

Traditional Readings and Carol Singing

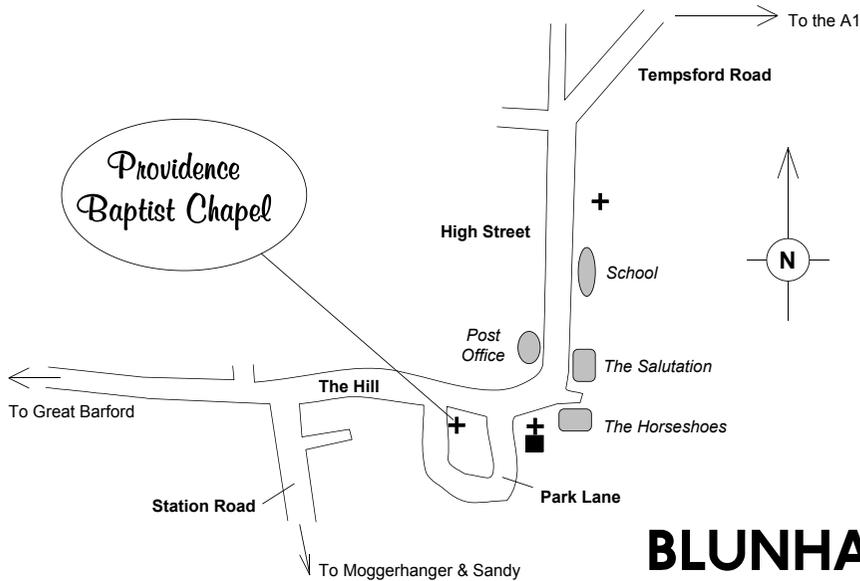
Followed by Refreshments

at

**Providence Baptist Chapel
Park Lane, Blunham**

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First Steps

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A "Happy Christmas" to you from us at Providence Chapel

There is a well known saying 'That Christmas comes but once a year', and we probably all say it's a good job that's all it does.

But it is a good thing that it does come round each year, because it is the time when we remember the birth of Jesus, 'born a Babe in Bethlehem's Manger', but not just any baby, he was born to be the Saviour of the world.

We shall be holding our Annual Carol Service on Friday December 22nd at 7 pm, and we would warmly welcome you all to come along for an Evening of Traditional Carols and Lessons from the Bible about the birth of Jesus.

We shall also have services on Sundays December 17th and 24th, at 10-30 am and 6 pm, which will be based around the Christmas Story.

The Birth of Jesus is still one of the Greatest Events that has ever taken place in the world. We remember another one at Easter and that was that he died and rose again, and is now in Heaven. We all need to know him as our own Personal Saviour, for he has said in his book, The Bible, "Come unto me and I will give you rest."

The Angels sang at his Birth, "Glory to God in the Highest and on earth Peace and Goodwill to all People."

We wish you all a Happy and Peaceful Christmas. May Jesus enter into all our lives and as the well known Carol says, "Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today."

David Green

History of the Chapel

Services have been held in Providence Chapel since it was opened in the year 1842, that's 164 years ago. Following the example of the first Christian Churches, we meet together every Sunday morning and evening and most Friday evenings throughout the year, for the preaching of the Gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ.

You probably wonder why the Chapel stands right on the edge of the road. Well, the reason is that before it was built, the ground that it stands on was part of the garden of the house that stands on the Park Lane / High Street corner, which belonged to a Mr Judd, who gave the land for the Chapel to be built.

In those days there was no need for a car park as people walked to chapel sometimes several miles, not like we do today where we seem to use our cars every day. In the 1960s, the chapel purchased the land where the car park is today. At that time there was a row of cottages that stood there, these were demolished to make it as it is today.

There have been many changes over the years. Many people have passed through the doors, who are no longer with us, but our concern is still the same today, it is to spread the Gospel throughout the area and to share the Good News that "Christ Jesus came into the world to save Sinners". We extend a welcome to you all to come to any of the services. We are able to pick you up if you would like to come but are unable to get there on your own, just phone the number on the back page of this leaflet.

This year we have started a Sunday School before the morning service. This runs between 9 o'clock until 10 o'clock, and is open to all children who are 5 years old or over. Again, if you would like your child / children to come we are able to pick them up, or if you would like to see the Sunday School in action, just come down any Sunday at 9 am. All those involved with this work, have been approved by the Criminal Records Bureau.

All Our Secrets

Throughout this year many famous people must have been dreading the arrival of the morning papers, as their private lives have been splashed right across the front pages.

Secrets that they had lived with, perhaps for many years, and probably hoped that they would lay forgotten in the past, suddenly appeared in 72 point bold type on the front page of the Daily Stirrer. They are some of the costs of fame that many of us would find impossible to live with. If we are honest, most of us have skeletons in our cupboards that we would rather didn't see the light of day, perhaps we are thankful that we are relatively anonymous in the world.

However we are not anonymous to God, and the Bible does talk of a day when all secrets will be brought into the open. In many ways this is a satisfying thought, Jesus said "There is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known." That, by itself, should make us careful of what we say and do. However the best news I have ever heard is that Jesus Christ came into the world to put things right between us and God. All the bad things that we have done and have offended God by, are paid for by Jesus Christ as we ask him to forgive us. It doesn't matter how many skeletons we might have, Jesus can deal with all our secrets! He came to save sinners and millions of people have discovered that he can save them.

His sacrifice on the cross was so powerful and effective that our sins are remembered no more, and "are buried in the depths of the sea." The good news of the gospel is that Jesus Christ will pay what we owe before God as we trust totally in him, and all that he has done – Imagine that! May we all know it in our hearts and lives.

Little Fishes

We would like to invite your children to our Sunday School 9 am. to 10 am.
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