

Easter NewsLetter 2025

FERNHILL HEATH BAPTIST CHURCH

O'Keys Lane WR3 8RL (alongside the Post Office)



I heard a rumour a few months back that the bull on Bull Meadow was drowning due to all the rain and needed rescuing.

Reports confirmed the steaks had never been higher!

Have you ever been rescued? May-be something simple like you forgot your keys and someone came to help or your car broke down and those friendly people from the AA or wherever, came to your rescue. There's always a real sense of relief and gratitude for those who respond to our calls for urgent help. Our Easter appeal this year is supporting the Midlands Air Ambulance. Since 1991 they have responded to more

than 72,000 missions. The Worcestershire Air Ambulance is stationed at Strensham and the Charity Vision is "Saving Lives by Saving Time, today, tomorrow and in the future."



The focus of our church Easter celebrations is always Jesus. The name Jesus means God is our salvation or our deliverer or God is our rescuer. Jesus said he was the light of the world and that he had come to bring us life in all its abundance. I am in need of such a Saviour to rescue me from death and darkness and despair and sin, to a place of eternal life and light and hope and forgiveness. From the crucifixion to the resurrection of Jesus on Easter morning, the journey of God's rescue mission is told. And Jesus continues to save lives today, tomorrow and in the future.

*I will be your God throughout your lifetime
- until your hair is white with age.*

I made you, and I will care for you.

I will carry you along and save you. Isaiah 46:4

May our hearts be filled with gratitude this Easter as we celebrate God's rescue mission through Jesus our Saviour.

Jeff Porter (Minister)



We extend a very
warm welcome to you
to join us for

**Good Friday
Reflections at the Cross**

7.00pm

*led by John & Sylvia Crump
& Alison Southall*
(not being livestreamed)

**Easter Praise
Sunday, 20th April**

11.00am

*led by our minister
Rev Jeff Porter*

*Or join via livestream
by clicking on the link
from the FHBC Website*

www.fernhillheathbaptist.org.uk

Sunday Worship

Takes place at **11.00am** each
Sunday but you can also join us
via livestream or view
a recording via YouTube

See the church **facebook** page
for updates on church life

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This Easter we are supporting the **West Midlands Air Ambulance** as they provide an emergency response across six counties. Their service includes both helicopters and critical care cars and many families have cause to be intensely grateful for the speed and expertise of the skills they offer.

Any gifts that people may wish to make to help support their work can be forwarded to FHBC, O'Keys Lane, WR3 8RL (Please make any cheques payable to Fernhill Heath Baptist Church.) Thank you.



Cakes, Easter shortbread, apple pies & marmalade: Orders can be placed with Margaret up until Sunday, 13th April - please telephone 01905 457696 if you're interested. Margaret is happy to deliver items to homes within the village. Monies raised will go to support the Easter Appeal.

Snack & Chat

The Church will be open for people to drop in to take the opportunity to chat over a coffee and a snack on **Saturday 10th May**
Look out for details of future dates



A huge thank you to everyone who made gifts at Christmas and helped to raise £807 for **Sight Concern's Bradbury Centre** in Worcester supporting people coping with sight loss and £1061 for **Baptist Home Mission**.

Looking Ahead... We are planning to hold a **Songs of Praise** on the Brum again this summer. Look out for information nearer the time.



Uganda Well Project Update: Many will know that FHBC has had links with Emmanuel Cathedral in Uganda for a number of years and this year, championed by our Green Team, we are raising money to help complete a water project at the Cathedral's Nursery/Primary School. The well has been dug, the water tank & electrical cables installed but the pump itself and a security building are still needed - about £1500.



We contributed to a similar project at Mvara Primary School which has now been running for 6 or 7 years and supplies water to meet all the school's needs, including drinking, cooking and for the toilet block. It's such a joy to see children able to turn on a tap to drink water safely! The new kitchen makes it easier to provide porridge for morning break and a simple but nourishing lunch.



Seeing the benefits here has highlighted the significance & many blessings of having a clean water source.

If you would appreciate **someone to chat to** or would like to **ask for prayers** for a particular situation, then please contact us via admin@fernhillheathbaptist.org.uk or phone Jeff on 01905 453190

We hold **services** at 11.00 every Sunday and these are also available via YouTube. There is **Junior Church** and a **Creche** for younger children.

Prayer, Bible Study & discussion groups are held on most Tuesday evenings.

Ladies Keep Fit is held on Wednesday mornings at 10.15 - with the opportunity for a cup of coffee & a chat afterwards.

The **Grumpy Men's Club** meet fortnightly for activities & games - Fridays 7.30-9.00pm.

Thursday Dinners meet last Thursday of month. 2-course lunch: £4.00. Booking essential.

Fernhill Heath Toddler Group meets Tuesdays (termtime only) 9.45-11.45am.

SHAPE (Self-Help Achievement & Personal Empowerment) meets most Tuesdays 4.00-6.00pm.

