

In Touch

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WELCOME TO WIGMORE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Let's continue to join together in prayer , in our homes, at 8pm each day.

Pastor's Message

Dear Friends,

You may have noticed that during the services I sometimes ask someone to come up to the front and do a reading. There are lots of reasons why I do that. I believe it's good that others are able to take part in the service, it helps me and it is good for those who do the reading.

But have you noticed, that when I read I always conclude by saying "So reads the word of God". There's no fast rule why I should, but I just want to remind folk that the words I have read are not mine but God's Word. Yet, we would all agree that the reading of the scriptures is crucial in any act of public worship. Remember how Jesus Himself knew the importance of reading the Word of God in the place of worship - *Luke 4:16*.

I say this because I have heard that there are an increasing number of churches that no longer include reading the Word of God as part of their worship. Instead they have the singing portion and then the preaching part. But this is

unbiblical. Paul tells Timothy in *1 Timothy 4:13* "Devote yourself to the public reading of scripture". It is hard to misinterpret this clear instruction.

However, I wonder how prepared we are when we listen to the scriptures being read out? Do we really believe there is power in the Word of God simply being read out? I heard a testimony of someone who was converted as he listened to the Word of God being read publicly in a church and by a minister who didn't even believe the Gospel. He since has gone to another church, but this tells us of the power of God's Word when it is read publicly.

Apart from the obvious, the reading of God's Word helps us to be prepared for the preached message. Yet, do not underestimate the power of God's Word when it is publicly read. It is a pattern established with God's people Israel, *Ezra 8*, carried on by Jesus in the synagogue, *Luke 4*, and continued by the early Church.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor



Programme for November

Sunday 3rd November

11.00am Pastor Tim Wood - Acts 17:16-24
6.30pm Pastor Tim Wood - Daniel 6:11-28

Sunday 10th November

11.00am Bob Pritchard - Remembrance Sunday
6.30pm Paul Biddle - To be announced

Sunday 17th November

11.00am Jonathan Wood - To be announced
Followed by Fellowship Lunch
6.30pm Andrew Barrett- To be announced

Sunday 24th November

11.00am Pastor Tim Wood - Acts 17:24-34
6.30pm Pastor Tim Wood - Job 1,
Overcoming Temptation

Advance Notice of the Church programme over the Christmas period

**Tuesday 10th December at 7.30pm
Christmas Carols with the
Marconi Brass Band**

**Sunday 22nd December
11.00am Family Service
Fellowship Lunch
6.30pm Christmas Carol Service**

**Wednesday 25th December at 10.30am
Christmas Day Service**

**Tuesday 31st December at 11.00pm
New Years Eve Prayer Meeting
At the home of
Paul and Andrea Biddle.**

Diary Dates

Our dear sister Mary Butcher went to be with her Lord on 15th October. We know that Mary had been suffering for a long while. Although we are sad at her loss we rejoice that as a child of God she has gone to glory. It was Mary's request that she wanted a thanksgiving service to be held at Wigmore. This will be on **Wednesday 13th November at 2.00pm.**

Mary's funeral service is on **8th November.** Pastor will be conducting this service which is for family only.

Sunday 10th November at 11.00am

Remembrance Sunday

Please be in Church by 10.55am so that we can observe the 2 minutes silence at 11.

Our Pastor Tim will be speaking at Cardea Community Church on that day.

Tuesday 12th November at 7.45pm

Medway Rally

The speaker is David Holdt who is the head of training at EPW.

Please make every effort to come along if you are able.

Sunday 17th November

Bring and Share Lunch

Please bring food to eat and to share with others. This is a lovely time of fellowship.



To Paul and Andrea's daughter Charlotte and her husband Lloyd who got married on Saturday 2nd November.

We wish the happy couple God's richest blessing as they set out on their life together.

Fellowship News

We are pleased to announce the Bradley Frith was voted in as a Deacon at our recent AGM. Nathan Whalley was also voted in for another term.

We rejoice with Tom and Teesh following their wedding on 26th October. Do pray for them as they set out on their married life together. We wish them well.

Edna and the family have expressed thanks for all the support and prayers they have received. Walter's funeral service was conducted on 30th October. Pray for Edna as she is finding things very hard.

We are glad that George's operation went well. It's a difficult task to get a three year old to be still for a number of weeks! Do pray for him and for Nathan and Bethany.

Elsie's operation went according to plan. She has also had to sit still for a week. Never an easy thing!

Sam Squire is still in hospital where he is slowly recovering. Please remember to bring him to the Lord in prayer.

We are glad that Josh has been given encouraging news regarding his health following his annual check up.

Pastor will be away from the 14th to 21st November. Please speak to one of our Elders if important matters arise.

Jonathan Wood will be preaching at Belvedere on Sunday 17th November. Please uphold him in prayer.