



Loughborough Baptist Church

LBC*connect*



Week commencing Sunday 16th August 2026

News of the Fellowship and Prayers

Please remember friends who are recovering from operations or illness, those who are mourning, and others awaiting treatment. We continue to think of Malcolm Grimley, Fran Smith, Esther Okyere, Sheila Boneham, Pat Maisch and all others in need of prayers at this time.

Sunday 16th August– 10.45, Rev Dr Mike Peat

Welcome and Notices Gathering Words

Hymn: Praise with Joy the World's Creator (Tune: BPW 65 – Praise my Soul)

Praise with joy the world's creator,
God of justice, love and peace,
source and end of human knowledge,
force of goodness without cease.
Celebrate the Maker's glory,
power to rescue and release.

Praise the Son who feeds the hungry,
frees the captive, finds the lost,
heals the sick, upsets religion,
fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ's constant presence -
friend and Stranger, Guest and Host.

Praise the Spirit sent among us
liberating truth from pride,
forging bonds where race or gender,
age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure -
foolishness none dare deride.

Praise the Maker, Son and Spirit,
one God in Community,
calling us to leave behind
faith's ghettos and obscurity.
Thus the world shall yet believe
when shown Christ's vibrant unity.

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Prayer

Hymn: Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness (MP 1086)

Introducing the Theme: Surprise!

Hymn: O Lord, All the world belongs to you (BPW 636)

The Offering is brought up during this hymn

Prayer *Young people go to Sundiclub*

Reading: Luke 10: 38 - 42

Martin Parker

Prayers for God's World and God's Creatures

Kevin Lewis

Reading: Ephesians 5: 1–2 and 5: 21 – 6: 9

Martin Parker

Hymn: Jesus be the centre

(MP 1076)

Sermon: The Garden Path Effect

Hymn: All are Welcome

(CG4–verses 1, 2, 4 & 5)

Women: Let us build a house where love can dwell

and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive;

Men: built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All: All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Women: Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.

Men: Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

All: All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Women: Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the woodd stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.

Men: Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

All: All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Women: Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed
as words within the Word.

Men: Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

All: All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

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Final Prayer & Blessing

Living God, we have gathered for worship and now scatter for service:

we pray your blessing on all our days.

In the quiet and the noise, in the space and the crowdedness,
in the peace and the conflict,

**we pray that we may we make time, and give room,
to hear and heed your voice.**

Notices:

- **OPEN GARDENS:** Richard Grove is hosting an Open Garden on Saturday August 22nd at 1, Croome Close, 2.00 - 5.00pm. Donations invited for Dementia UK.
- **ADVANCE NOTICE:** WELCOME SPACE: Monday 17th August - CLOSED
Monday 24th August – OPEN Bank Holiday Monday 31st August - OPEN.
- **THE MAGAZINE:** The Autumn magazine will be out in the first week of September, so you only have a few days to send your articles in.
If you find something interesting why not write about it? The chances are that others will find it interesting too.
I need interesting photos too. A picture tells a thousand words.
Please send me your contribution to Northstar2@tiscali.co.uk before August 14th and remember to include your name. I look forward to receiving your contributions. *Graham North*
- **ADVANCE NOTICE:** the September Church Meeting will be held on Thursday 24th September at 7.30pm
- **SUMMER ACTIVITY DAY FOR CHILDREN 4-12 YEARS** will take place on Monday August 17th 10am – 3.30 pm. Information and booking forms available in the church foyer



Who needs plastic?

As the world becomes more and more polluted with tiny particles of plastic (microplastics), the effects of which we do not know, we might think back to the old days when we used natural products rather than those created from oil by chemists.

I was recently given a pan scourer which uses no plastic but instead has loofah on one side and wood pulp on the other. It is non-scratch, compostable and can be put in the washing machine. There are many more products now being made plastic free such as natural-bristle brushes, bamboo handled tooth brushes, bio-degradable storage bags; several web sites advertise items which are eco-friendly and sustainable. Bananas may be wrapped with a tough paper band rather than a plastic bag; nature provides their own wrapping. A shop in Market Street will refill empty bottles with hand wash, detergent and other cleaning products. Clothing almost always contains plastic yarn which soon breaks down into tiny pieces, a difficult one to avoid. But every small step helps to protect our planet. *Martin Allen*

What's happening at LBC this week

MONDAY	• Waiting on God's Word, 9.30 - 9.50 am, Silent Contemplative Prayer to be held in Quiet Room • Welcome Space in the Foyer from 10.30 to 12.30 with tea and coffee etc. • Prayer Meeting will be held between 18.15 and 19.00. This will be led by members of the Church and is open to all. Prayers for this Week: The World Situation Columbian Earthquake Democratic Republic of Congo Soar Valley Partnership Young couples/Young People 7-8 Baxter Gate Care Prayer guide: Human Dignity Please join us on Zoom using the following link: CLICK HERE Meeting ID: 573 093 4846 Passcode: LBCweb There will be a two-week break. Prayers will return on 7th September.
TUESDAY	• Yarn Angels meet on Tuesday 10.00 - 12.00 in the Assembly Hall
WEDNESDAY	• Lunch Break will be open from 10.30 until 13.30 on Wednesday and Thursday • Welcome Hub After Dark, 18.00 - 20.00
THURSDAY	• Prayers for the Town and the Church from 10.30 - 11.15
FRIDAY	• Next Afternoon Bible Study in the Foyer will be on 26th September, 13.30 – 14.45 • Prayer Partners on 1st and 3rd Friday each month. Contact Gill Morris or Jill Beresford for more details.
SATURDAY	• Coffee morning, 10.30 – 12.30 – volunteers needed please.

Sunday 23rd August at 10.45, Rev Dr Victor Ojo



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