



## SBC News

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## THIS IS THE YEAR OF JUBILEE

In her Accession Day message, the Queen said that she hopes the Platinum Jubilee will bring together families and friends, neighbours and communities. She said that the Jubilee *"affords me a time to reflect on the goodwill shown to me by people of all nationalities, faiths and ages in this country and around the world over these years"*. She thanked everyone for their support, loyalty and affection, and signed the message *"Your Servant"*.

The Queen has done a great deal for her people and Country over the years. Many special edition books have been created for her Platinum Jubilee detailing her life and service to God and Country.

Biblically the year of Jubilee goes much further back in history. We find the first reference to Jubilee, as part of the law given by Yahweh to the Israelites. The word "jubilee" (literally "ram's horn" in Hebrew) is defined in Leviticus 25:9 as the sabbatical year after seven cycles of seven years (49 years). The fiftieth year was to be a time of celebration and rejoicing for

the Israelites. The ram's horn was blown on the tenth day of the seventh month to start the fiftieth year of universal redemption.

The Year of the Jubilee involved a year of release from indebtedness (Leviticus 25:23-38) and all types of bondage. All prisoners and captives were set free, all slaves were released, all debts were forgiven, and all property was returned to its original owners. In addition, all labour was to cease for one year, and those bound by labour contracts were released from them. One of the benefits of the Jubilee was that both the land and the people were able to rest.

The Jubilee presents a beautiful picture of the New Testament themes of redemption and forgiveness. Christ is the Redeemer who came to set free those who are slaves and prisoners to sin. The debt of sin we owe to God was paid on the cross as Jesus died on our behalf, and we are forgiven the debt forever. We are no longer in bondage, no longer slaves to sin, having been freed by Christ. We can truly enter the rest God provides,

as we cease labouring to make ourselves acceptable to God by our own works.

Let us take time to reflect upon the freedom we have in Christ and let us serve God and one another, building each other up with affirming words. All coming together as one people, freed and forgiven to celebrate the completeness and wholeness of life.

May this year of Jubilee be a year of restoration as we rejoice in God's love. Amen.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David". The script is cursive and fluid.

*David Skeet is our Church Team Leader*

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**Want to help the environment by recycling single use plastics?**

**Want to help those that are homeless and living out on the streets?**

Then look no further. The Crisp Packet project uses crisp packets to make blankets and sleeping bags for those living on the streets or those who cannot afford to keep their homes warm.

What started out as an idea by one lady at the end of 2019 has grown so much that there are now volunteers and community groups across the country.

For more information and to find out how to donate your crisp packets, or how to get involved, visit: [crisppacketproject.com](http://crisppacketproject.com)



## Happy 8th Birthday Prospects!

On May 15<sup>th</sup> the Prospects meeting celebrated 8 years of providing a safe and happy environment for people of all ages with a learning disability to meet together. Throughout that time we have sung our songs (often waving flags!), shared Bible lessons (sometimes acting out a story) and closed with cake and drinks. We're so glad to join together from different churches and have the facilities of Swallownest Baptist Church.

Prospects is an inclusive service for all those with learning disabilities. The service is open to all age ranges, and to anyone who would like to come along and see what we do.

This service is put together by several local families who have an interest in providing an easy to follow Christian meeting for anyone with a learning disability.

It usually takes place on the third Sunday of each month at 3:00pm and meets in the church hall to the side of the main church building. There is no meeting in June, so the next meeting is on 17<sup>th</sup> July.

If you would like to find out more information please contact Malcolm and Marbeth Purdy.

To honour the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, UCB has produced a special 30-day book of Bible-based readings taken from the UCB Word For Today.

It looks at subjects such as faithfulness, service, and honour, and it's ideal for personal Bible study or could be used at Jubilee-themed events and street parties.

The booklets are free to order, although UCB ask you to cover postage and packing costs. You can also add an optional donation during the ordering process if you would like to, which will help cover the production costs.

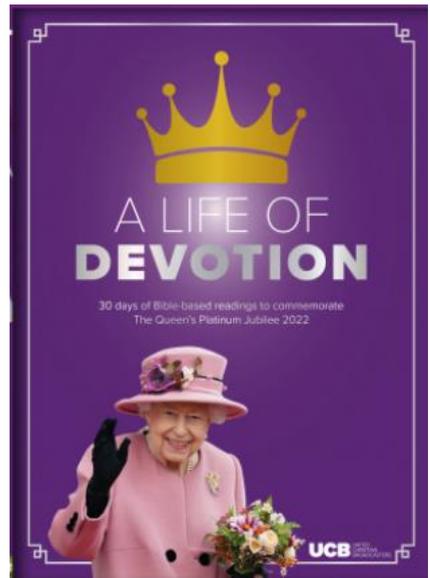
Copies can be ordered here: [ucb.co.uk/jubilee](http://ucb.co.uk/jubilee)

As we celebrate the Platinum Jubilee, let's thank God for the life of the Queen, her service to our Country, her faith in God, and her willingness to share that faith publicly. Let's also continue to pray for her as instructed in 1 Timothy 2:1-2: *'I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.'*

*Almighty God,  
the fountain of all goodness,  
bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth,  
and all who are in authority under her;  
that they may order all things in wisdom  
and equity, righteousness and peace,  
to the honour and glory of your name  
and the good of your Church and people;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.*

**Amen.**

*Taken from the Church of England's Liturgical  
resources for the Platinum Jubilee.*





Last year, as a church, we started to support the Mahon family who are missionaries working in Peru with the Baptist Missionary Society (BMS).

Based in Iquitos, the Mahon family are working alongside the Loreto Association of Baptist Churches as they look to implement a sustainability plan over the coming years. Iquitos is a port city, in the North of Peru, and gateway to the jungle lodges and tribal villages of the northern Amazon.

They are involved in teaching and curriculum development at the Nauta Integral Mission Training Centre, and also support the running of the centre. Dave and Michele are both Baptist ministers, and have served at Brockley Baptist Church in south-east London for four years. They have three children: Jonathan, Ruth and Phoebe.

The Mahon family are over in the UK on home assignment and will be visiting our church on Sunday 17th July. This will be a great opportunity to meet them, find out more about their work in Peru and how we can be praying for them. We will be having a buffet lunch after the service.

For all the latest updates from the Mahon family, including their latest newsletter, please visit [bmsworldmission.org/people/dave-and-michele-mahon](https://bmsworldmission.org/people/dave-and-michele-mahon)

### **Meet the Mahon Family**

Sunday 17th July

Buffet lunch after the service



Our **Sunday services** take place each week at 10:30am in our church building. We also continue to livestream the services via our YouTube Channel. The first and third Sunday of each month includes communion.

Junior Church is for school-age children and meets every Sunday. The children and young people stay in the main building at the start of the service for the time of sung worship, and then go out to our School Room building for their age-specific groups, where they engage with songs, bible teaching, crafts and other fun. The School Room is attached to the right-hand side of the main church.

All our previous live streamed services are available to watch again on our YouTube channel. The audio from the Sunday Service is also available on our website under Bible Talks, and through our Podcast.

<p>June</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> David Skeet (Communion)</p> <p>12<sup>th</sup> Olivia Egan</p> <p>19<sup>th</sup> Rob Joyce (Communion)</p> <p>26<sup>th</sup> Family Service - Junior Church <i>followed by Bring &amp; Share lunch</i></p>	<p>July</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> David Skeet (Communion)</p> <p>10<sup>th</sup> Rob Joyce</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup> Mahon Family Visit <i>followed by Buffet lunch</i></p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> David Skeet</p> <p>31<sup>st</sup> David Skeet</p>
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We will be holding a **Church Members' Meeting** on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June after the morning service.

If you wish to speak to the leadership team, or if you have any items of news or prayer requests that you would like the church to know about, then please contact:

07536 992946



The **Prayer Meeting** takes place in church and via Zoom on the first Saturday of each month at 9:30am.

- 4<sup>th</sup> June
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July



A time of **Prayer & Meditation** takes place fortnightly on a Monday via Zoom only at 9:30am.

- 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June
- 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July



The **Ladies Meeting** takes place in church fortnightly on a Monday at 1:30pm.

- 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June
- 4<sup>th</sup> July (*last one until Sept*)



**Prospects** meets once a month in the church school room at 3pm.

- No meeting in June
- 17<sup>th</sup> July



We will be holding a Coffee Morning which will be raising funds for the Barnabas Fund.

- Sat 4<sup>th</sup> June at 10:00am