



NEWS & VIEWS

JUNE 2018

SPECIAL OUTREACH EDITION

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Wellingborough

Harold & Carlton

Blunham

Bedford

Linslade

Westoning

Please pray for these efforts to make the gospel known in **England** and **Scotland** this month.

With all that's going on in our world right now, You've got to ask...

Is God good?



Barry King
leader of Grace Baptist Partnership answers this and other questions.

TUESDAY

12TH JUNE 7:15PM

WESTONING BAPTIST CHURCH

MONDAY

18TH JUNE 7:30PM

BETHEL FREE GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, LINSLADE

TUESDAY

19TH JUNE 7:30PM

PROVIDENCE CHAPEL BEDFORD

WEDNESDAY

20TH JUNE 7:30PM

HAROLD & CARLTON GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

THURSDAY

21ST JUNE 7:45PM

THE TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH, WELLINGBOROUGH

FRIDAY

22ND JUNE 7:30PM

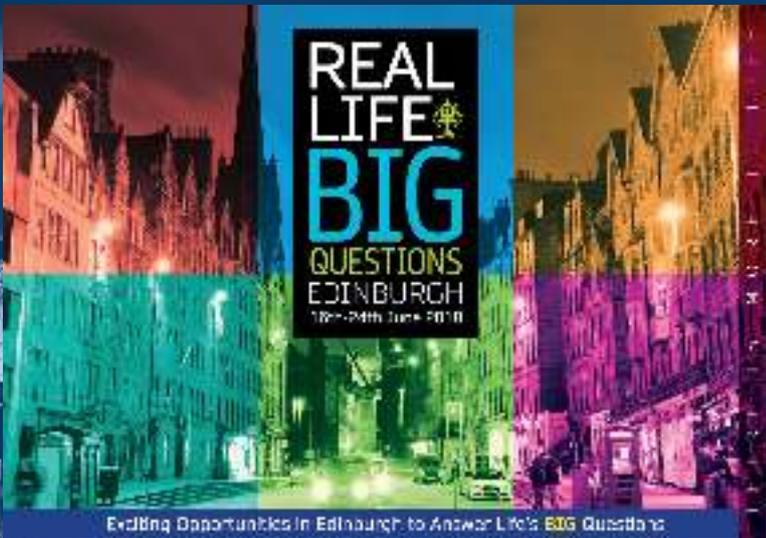
PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHAPEL BLUNHAM



**GRACE
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Edinburgh



Exciting Opportunities In Edinburgh to Answer Life's BIG Questions

REAL LIFE  BIG QUESTIONS EDINBURGH SATURDAY 16TH JUNE TO SUNDAY 24TH JUNE 2018										
Saturday 16th	Sunday 17th	Monday 18th	Tuesday 19th	Wednesday 20th	Thursday 21st	Friday 22nd	Saturday 23rd	Sunday 24th		
<p>Church Picnic All welcome.</p> <p>Open PRAYER MEET What Can God Do for You?</p> <p>Open PRAYER MEET What Can God Do for You?</p>	<p>3:30pm PRAYER MEET What Can God Do for You?</p> <p>Open PRAYER MEET What Can God Do for You?</p> <p>Open PRAYER MEET What Can God Do for You?</p>	<p>5-Open PRAYER MEET Hour of Prayer: Prayer & Praise</p> <p>Open English Conversations</p> <p>Open PRAYER MEET Hour of Prayer: Prayer & Praise</p> <p>5:00pm PRAYER MEET What's God's Plan for You?</p>	<p>Open PRAYER MEET Hour of Prayer: Prayer & Praise</p> <p>Open PRAYER MEET Hour of Prayer: Prayer & Praise</p> <p>Open PRAYER MEET Hour of Prayer: Prayer & Praise</p>	<p>1:30pm PRAYER MEET Hour of Prayer: Prayer & Praise</p> <p>Open PRAYER MEET Hour of Prayer: Prayer & Praise</p> <p>Open PRAYER MEET Hour of Prayer: Prayer & Praise</p>	<p>Open PRAYER MEET Hour of Prayer: Prayer & Praise</p> <p>Open PRAYER MEET Hour of Prayer: Prayer & Praise</p> <p>Open PRAYER MEET Hour of Prayer: Prayer & Praise</p>	<p>Open PRAYER MEET Hour of Prayer: Prayer & Praise</p> <p>Open PRAYER MEET Hour of Prayer: Prayer & Praise</p> <p>Open PRAYER MEET Hour of Prayer: Prayer & Praise</p>	<p>Open PRAYER MEET Hour of Prayer: Prayer & Praise</p> <p>Open PRAYER MEET Hour of Prayer: Prayer & Praise</p> <p>Open PRAYER MEET Hour of Prayer: Prayer & Praise</p>	<p>Open PRAYER MEET Hour of Prayer: Prayer & Praise</p> <p>Open PRAYER MEET Hour of Prayer: Prayer & Praise</p> <p>Open PRAYER MEET Hour of Prayer: Prayer & Praise</p>		

VIEWS

Statement of Faith Article Six

"We believe that God, before the foundation of the world, for His own glory did elect an innumerable host of men and women to eternal life as an act of free and sovereign grace. This election was in no way dependent upon His foresight of human faith, decision, works or merit."

Everyone by nature wants to be a winner. To be chosen and desired as someone special. It is part of how God created us. Each human being is special to God even in our fallen state. When people choose us for something, it echoes the inner truth that we are unique in some way.

The problem is that most of the things we long to be chosen for in the end disappoint us. We apply for a job and are excited to get it, only for the company to go bust. We long to be the chosen bride of someone and finally get married, only to find marriage is not plain sailing. Even if things turn out to be good, in the end nothing lasts because death comes to all.

The good news of the Bible is that there is a choice of us that never disappoints. It is this: if you are a true follower of Jesus, God chose you in Jesus before the universe was created. What Paul said to believers at Thessalonica is true of you: "... we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you" [1 Thessalonians 1:4].

Some say we choose God out of our will power. The Bible says

God takes all the steps to reach out to us in Jesus and keep us in Jesus. Human beings cannot choose God because all of us by nature are spiritual corpses buried five feet in the eternal casket of sin.

The good news is that even before God created us, He had already chosen us to become true followers of Jesus! If you have surrendered to Christ, your life with God has been in the making before the universe was created! You are the reason God the Son put on the rags of human flesh in the person of Jesus. He came to turn God's eternal choice of you in into your lived experience. He came to bring you home to God as His already chosen member of His family.

God chose us in Christ not based on anything we have done. We did not even exist! It is a pure sovereign and uninfluenced act of God. His choice of you is purely an outflow of His self-existent love within the Triune God [Ephesians 1:3-6].

In this world, sin follows us like a shadow and suffering hangs on us like a robe. Even the strongest saints sometimes find themselves questioning their purpose in life. This truth of God's choice of us in Christ is our confidence because it points us to the cross of Jesus. It says: right there on the cross is God's eternal love letter written in His own precious blood with your name on it! The cross says to all true followers of Jesus: you don't have to earn your place in God because I have already chosen you forever in Jesus and I will keep you in Christ.

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