



Week beginning July 18th, 2010

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Bringing Life to the Heart of 1066 Country, and beyond

Barbara Key: dancing to victory . . .

Enthusiasm, grace, courage, elegance, loyalty. Many are the attributes which could be accorded to Barbara Key who went to be with the Lord on July 15th.

Barbara enjoyed a long and interesting life. During the 1939-45 war she served in the WAAF, and recounted mischievously the occasion when she had colluded in "borrowing" one of His Majesty's planes in order to fly to a dance.

Following marriage to Vernon, their first child, Andrew, was stillborn. He was followed by three daughters.

Vernon's work with Shell took him overseas, and the family was living in Lagos, Nigeria, when independence came in 1960. Later Barbara lived in Thailand, and the Philippines, before eventually moving to Battle where she served on the Town Council as well as sitting as a Justice of the Peace.

Barbara had lived almost two thirds of her long life before a real experience of personal faith in Jesus led her to be baptised in 1980 and become a member of Battle Baptist Church in 1984. Barbara served as a deacon for several terms of office. As a deacon she was "hands on," and I once found her on her hands and knees with a dustpan and brush cleaning the floor in the house of someone a third of her age.

Barbara and Vernon were staunch supporters of the "Open Doors" ministry to Eastern Europe. In the early 1980s our church was praying about taking Bibles behind the then "Iron Curtain."

Barbara volunteered for a trip with Rosalind Taylor. Together they smuggled in an entire sound system for a Romanian Church. Romanian believers remained close to her heart, her last visit being to Ghimbav when the manse there was reroofed.

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Barbara also smuggled Bibles into China. Before her final trip she was told by Open Doors she was too old. Undaunted, we agreed she would go to Hong Kong and pray for an opening. She went, met another courier, and personally delivered her Bibles to a Chinese contact.

Barbara was enthusiastic in worship, often using a flag and dancing before the Lord at the 10.30 congregation.

She had an enthusiasm for personal evangelism, wanting to see local people won for Christ, and would take part in our market outreach, and bring people to Alpha.

Barbara transported elderly people to church who were years younger than her, and was also held in affection by, and supported, our Youth Congregation.

Barbara upheld her children and grandchildren in prayer, and took a keen interest in all they did. I for one will miss the visits of Celia, Elizabeth and Catherine to Battle, as well as hearing the updates on the grandchildren.

Since her brain tumour was diagnosed, Barbara faced the future calmly, and was greatly supported by friends in the church. She wrote numerous goodbye cards and letters. In the hospice she asked for the Psalms to be read to her, and one of the final things whispered to me was, "I'm dancing to victory."

Local churches like ours are greatly helped by the sustained enthusiasm of believers like Barbara. We thank God for her, and pray His blessing and comfort on her family.

Your friend and pastor,
Dennis

News, notes and prayer opportunities

Monica Cook will minister during the "Sitting at Jesus' Feet" Conference at King's Park, Northampton from Tuesday to Friday this week, and values our prayers. • Today at 4pm we welcome **Catherine Watson** into Membership. •

Applications for Membership have been received from **Chris Nolan** and **Joshua Thomas**. Observations are invited to an elder in the usual manner.

Have you space in a garage or shed to store about 20 boxes of books used for our regular outreach ministry? If so, please phone **David Walker**: 773593. *Thank you.*

• Be sure to collect our "**Summer 2010**" leaflet. Opened, you might fix the programme to your fridge door. *It will keep you up-to-date with what's going on until the end of August.*

All praise to the God and Father of our Master, Jesus the Messiah! Father of all mercy! God of all healing counsel! He comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and before you know it, he brings us alongside someone else who is going through hard times so that we can be there for that person just as God was there for us. — 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, *The Message* paraphrase —

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Baby and Toddler Group (Monday), Caterpillar Preschool, Prayer for Middle East and Israel (second and fourth Thursdays at 2pm). For football updates see fixtures on our website. All as usual, plus:

Sunday, July 18th.

10am: CHAPEL MEETING, plus Sunday Club and crèche. (Refreshments after)•

4pm MANNA HOUSE MEETING, plus Sunday Club and crèche (Refreshments after)•
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Tuesday. 9am: Healing Prayer Group. At 10.30am the prayer-ministry team will be available for anyone who comes for personal prayer. • **THE LAST Twelve 'til One Soup-and-Dessert Lunch.** *Come if you can, and stay for . . .* • 2pm: Tuesday Fellowship. Speaker: Dennis Nolan. *All are invited.* • **7.30pm: MEMBERS' BUSINESS MEETING at the Chapel.**



Wednesday. 7.30pm: Bible Study in the Youth Room. *Come if you can.*

Friday. 7am: Early Prayer followed by a do-it-yourself breakfast. • 9.15am: "Chatterbox" for parents, carers and young children. • 10.30am: Coffee Club. • 12.30pm: Lunch at the Manna for retired people. (Advance booking *essential* on 772192, weekdays between 6pm and 7pm.)

Saturday. 8.15am: Breakfast and Golf at Beauport Park for all who have booked.

Sunday, July 25th.

10am: CHAPEL MEETING, plus Sunday Club and crèche. (Refreshments after) •
6.30pm: Youth-style Meeting at the Chapel. *Open to all.* (Refreshments after)
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TRIP TO ISRAEL

Derek White is exploring the possibility of taking a group of about six to Israel for 10-11 days in November to encourage Christian believers and leaders — Jews, Arab, Palestinian and others. The group will stay in guesthouses or homes. • Visits to Galilee, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Beersheba and Arad in the Negev; also visits to historical and devotional sites. Cost: around £800 to £900 each, including flights. • Contact Derek soon as possible, please: (derekchester@hotmail.co.uk), or by phone or letter. His address is in our Members' Directory.

***God, who got you started in this spiritual adventure,
shares with us the life of his Son and our Master Jesus.
He will never give up on you. Never forget that.***

— 1 Corinthians 1:9, *The Message* paraphrase —



BOOK NOW!

GOLF DAY organised by our Football Club **Saturday, July 24th at Beauport Park**

Breakfast at 8.15 (bacon roll, tea or coffee) Cost: £25. (Buggies available at £15 – £7.50 per person if shared: book these in advance.)

Please confirm a.s.a.p. with Garry Walsh that you'll be there!

This week please pray for: our elders and deacons; our Members' Business Meeting on Tuesday evening. *Thank you.* •

Brenda Picknell writes: "My thanks to everyone who made my last official day as Children's Ministry Coordinator at Claverham so special. After a lovely time with the children (we took 40 minutes to re-enact Moses and the Israelites 40 years in the desert!) it was lovely to receive the beautiful card and gift. **Jim** and I will greatly enjoy browsing the garden centres for suitable shrubs to remind us of this day long into the future. A BIG 'thank you' to all the team and children, past and present, for making my role such a pleasure. *Love, Brenda.*"

HELP INVITED

Last year **about 1,000 delicious cakes** were donated for our residential youth-event **Soul Survivor**. *This year Pat and Dennis are looking for 750 small cakes and cookies.* Cakes and cookies (if in tins, you'll not want them back) at The Manna House on July 28th and 29th. Thank you! •

If you'd like to help with refreshments from September at our **Thursday After School Club**, please speak with **Andy Garlick** a.s.a.p. (Also, see poster.) •

Football. If you can wash the kit for our new Youth Team from September 10th to April 11th (expenses paid), please contact **Gary Walsh**. *Thank you!*



They might tolerate a Revival...!

With some it would seem that if they could control God's operations and manipulate His actions they might tolerate a revival; but to allow God a free hand fills them with indignation and horror. If only God would respect their dignity and decorum and beautiful order of service and ways of running the church, they *might* condescend to have a revival.

— *William P. Nicholson*; edited.

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