



# Hemyock *Baptist Church*

*There is forgiveness with You...*  
*Psalm 130:4*

Derek Tidball, commenting on the recent passing of renowned evangelist Billy Graham, said: “*Although Billy Graham preached a simple gospel he modelled the wholeness of it in his actions.*” It always struck me that in spite of the huge influence he had, Graham always maintained an air of humility. He never forgot that, just as much as anyone else, he was in need of the gospel he preached.

Everyone who honestly examines their own heart recognises that they need forgiveness from God. He lovingly convicts us by His Spirit – yet those who deny the truth in their hearts just keep pretending and relying on their own perceived righteousness. 1 John 1:8 reminds us that: “If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us”. When we know that we’ve done wrong, we know that only the Lord can forgive. As Easter approaches, note that Judas confessed his sins to the religious leaders, but they couldn’t help him, and, overwhelmed, he took his own life. Peter had also sinned, but he wept tears of repentance and settled the matter privately with Jesus.

“Your sins are forgiven”, Jesus declared to the paralysed man lowered through the roof – much to the annoyance of the religious leaders, who accused him of blasphemy. Yet Jesus is God and there is forgiveness with him.

“Your sins are forgiven”, Jesus tells the weeping ex-prostitute (John 7); again offending the religious hierarchy, but giving new life and a fresh start to the woman.

Jesus, Son of God, Saviour of the world, has the authority to forgive. At Easter we remember his sacrificial death on the cross and his glorious resurrection which make it possible for sinners to be forgiven and re-born into God’s family. “In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace” (Ephesians 1:7). This miracle has nothing to do with our ‘good works’; salvation is entirely the gift of God. Grace is love that pays a price to save those who don’t deserve it. In his grace God gives us what we don’t deserve, and in his mercy he doesn’t give us what we do deserve. Jesus didn’t deserve to take the punishment; we did. “As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us” Psalm 103:12.

And God’s forgiveness and reconciliation through the sacrifice of Christ not only offers us new life (and life to the full, *John 10:10*) today, but also the promise of living in God’s presence in eternal glory tomorrow. Praise His name!

“One day you will read or hear that Billy Graham is dead. Don’t you believe a word of it. I shall be more alive than I am now. I will have just changed my address. I will have gone into the presence of God.”

*Billy Graham 1918 - 2018*

## Prayer Diary March 2018

Thurs 1st <i>Tim Atkinson</i>	
Fri 2nd <i>Maureen Aylwin</i>	
Sat 3rd <i>David &amp; Vivien Berkley</i>	Prayer 8am
Sun 4th <i>John, &amp; Bridget Bimson</i>	
9.30 "King's Breakfast"	
7.00 "Time for Prayer"	
Mon 5th (B) <i>Sharon &amp; David Gaskin</i>	Toddlers 9-11
5th-9th Keswick In Devon, All Saints Church Sidmouth	Open the Book
Tues 6th <i>Rob, Luisa, Isa, Zibia Bray</i>	Chapel Café
Weds 7th <i>David &amp; Jill Burton</i>	
Thurs 8th <i>Isaias, Olga &amp; Oliver Calle</i>	
Fri 9th <i>Doug &amp; Sally Cartledge</i>	6.30-7.45 Seekers
Sat 10th <i>Judith Cassell</i>	Prayer 8am
Sun 11th Mothering Sunday <i>Joan Cooper</i>	
From 10.15 Prayer in back room	
11.0 All Age Service	
7.0 Biblical Reflection	
Mon 12th <i>Adrian Cox</i>	
Tues 13th <i>Alice &amp; Gracie Doble</i>	Open the Book
Weds 14th <i>Antonia Doble</i>	Chapel Cafe
	Prayer Team
Thurs 15th <i>John &amp; Edna Doble</i>	
Fri 16th <i>Maggie Doble</i>	6.30-7.45 Seekers
Sat 17th <i>Ray &amp; Monica Doble</i>	Prayer 8am
Sun 18th <i>Mike &amp; Sylvie Eastick</i>	
11.0 Service with Junipor Church & Creche	
7.0 Evening Service with Communion	
Mon 19th <i>Chris &amp; Christine Edmond</i>	Toddlers 9-11
Tues 20th <i>Keith &amp; Kay Farmer</i>	Open the Book
Weds 21st <i>John &amp; Chenda Harris</i>	Chapel Café
Thurs 22nd <i>Harry &amp; Monica Hill-King</i>	
"It Takes Two" - Care for the Family Taunton (See panel)	
Film "History of Hemyock" (See panel)	
Fri 23rd <i>Jonathan, Emma, Hadley &amp; Arlo Hillman</i>	6.30-7.45 Seekers
Film "History of Hemyock" (See panel)	
Sat 24th <i>Jo Howard-Buxton</i>	Prayer 8am
Sun 25th Palm Sunday <i>Chris &amp; Mary Hudson</i>	<b>Clocks Forward</b>
11.00 Service with Junior Church & Creche	
7.0 evening service (Ray Ursell)	
Mon 26th, (B) <i>Richard, Vivienne &amp; Emma Doble</i>	Toddlers 9-11
Tues 27th <i>Christian, Rhoda Hornung &amp; family</i>	Open the Book
Weds 28th <i>David Jones</i>	Chapel Cafe
Thurs 29th (B) <i>Mo Anderson</i>	End of Term
GOOD FRIDAY 30th <i>John &amp; Jan Lewer</i>	
10.0-12.0 Church open for reflection	
3.30 & 6.30 Rosemary Lane—Ian Coffey	
Sat 31st <i>Liz Mackay</i>	
Easter Day, April 1st All Age Celebration, 11am	
Easter Monday Walk ? (See panel)	

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<b>Young Church</b>	Maureen Aylwin
<b>TEAM LEADERS</b>	
<b>Maintenance</b>	Bill Williams
<b>Missionaries</b>	Vivien Berkley
<b>Music</b>	Nigel Atkinson
<b>Outreach</b>	Anne Sworn
<b>Prayer</b>	Vivien Berkley
<b>Youth</b>	Emma Williams
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**Prayer & Care.**  
Please pass news of any needs to Steve Requests for prayer to Steve or David.  
**Confidential** prayer requests to Chenda (662318)

### Home Groups

Mondays 8.0 Manse Men  
Tuesdays 7.30pm Liz Mackay 680095  
Tuesdays 7.30pm Anne Sworn 680057  
Weds 7.30pm Maureen Aylwin 680111  
Thursdays 10am Joan Cooper 680353  
Thursday 7.30 Vivien Berkley 680952  
Thursday 7.30 Anne Sworn 680057

### Mend it!

A "Repair Café" is planned for Hemyock. The plan is to have periodic mornings for folk to bring along things in need of repair instead of scrapping them and buying new. When possible, repairs will be done there & then -free! More complicated repairs may need to be taken away, and may need to be paid for. And it will be Repair Café! So refreshments will be available. More volunteer repairers welcome! Contact Trisha Comrie 01823 602908 or trishacomrie@gmail.com  
**Grand Opening Saturday March 24th 10.0—12.0**  
More details in Parish Pump

**Looking ahead**  
April 29 Film evening  
May 13 Barn Praise  
May 18 Messy Church

Our "No Christmas card" appeal resulted in £688 being given to the work of ShelterBox.  
**Thank you**

**Keswick in Devon 5th—9th March.** See Website for more details  
Mon 5th 7.45 pm Welcome evening  
Tues—Thurs 10.45—1.00 Dr Tim Chester  
"Arise and Shine" Readings from Isaiah  
Fri 7.30 "special" Paul Karensa, Comedian & broadcaster

**FILM NIGHT**  
"The Amazing History of Hemyock"  
Jenny Parsons  
Thurs 22nd & Fri 23rd March  
Parish Hall  
7.30  
Tickets £5  
from Spar or Post office

**Join us for an**  
**Easter Monday walk**

Leave 9.30  
Followed by Brunch Suggested £3 donation to Macmillan Cancer Research

Enjoy—  
Fellowship  
Exercise  
Glorious countryside



Thurs 22 March 7.30-10.0  
Oakwood Church, Taunton  
TA2 7PU  
£4  
To. book -029 2081 0800  
or-cff.org.uk/ittakestwo  
Can pay on the door