



Easter NewsLetter 2026

FERNHILL HEATH BAPTIST CHURCH

www.fernhillheathbaptist.org.uk

O'Keys Lane WR3 8RL (alongside the Post Office)



A young boy was sitting on a porch, with a dog next to him. A salesman approached the porch and asked the boy, "Does your dog bite?"

"Nope," said the boy.

The salesman stepped on the porch to ring the doorbell and the dog viciously bit his leg. "I thought you said your dog didn't bite!" screamed the salesman.

"My dog doesn't bite," said the boy. "But that's not my dog."



Sometimes asking the right question is important, because depending on the answer, it might have a big impact on your life!

I was recently speaking to a friend who was an IT teacher, about the influence of AI. I mentioned how impressed I was that when I asked AI theological and biblical questions time and again it gave me thorough answers that I agreed with.

"It would do" said my friend "because AI has built a picture of your beliefs and is giving you an answer that it knows you agree with... you need to ask the right questions."



It made me realise why Jesus in his teaching asked so many questions, because the right question gets you thinking and brings into focus what you really believe.

I've just asked AI how many questions did Jesus ask in the Gospels... apparently he asked 307.

As we approach Easter, I think one of the greatest questions Jesus asked was recorded in Matthew chapter 16 verse 15

"But what about you?" he asked.

"Who do you say I am?"



It's a great question. The disciple called Peter replied

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God"

What would your answer be?

May God bless you this Easter

Jeff Porter (Minister)



We extend a very warm welcome to you to join us for

Good Friday
Reflections at the Cross

7.00pm

(not being livestreamed)

Sunday, 5th April

Easter Sunrise Service

Meet at the church just before 6.30am to walk to Bull Meadow

Easter Praise

11.00am

led by our minister

Rev Jeff Porter

Or join via livestream by clicking on the link from the FHBC Website

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Sunday Worship

Takes place at **11.00am** each Sunday but you can also join us via livestream or view a recording via YouTube

See the church **facebook** page for updates on church life

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This Easter we are supporting **Hearing Dogs for Deaf People** who train dogs to alert deaf people to important and life-saving sounds they would otherwise miss. We take many sounds for granted - doorbells, alarm clocks and even danger signals like the fire alarm. Being aware of these - thanks to a hearing dog - makes a real difference to deaf people's lives, and can even save them.

Any gifts that people may wish to make to help support their work can be forwarded to FHBC, O'Keys Lane, WR3 8RL (Please make any cheques payable to Fernhill Heath Baptist Church.) Thank you.



Cakes, Easter shortbread, apple pies & marmalade: Orders can be placed with Margaret up until Sunday, 29th March - please telephone 01905 457696 if you're interested. Margaret is happy to deliver items to homes within the village. Monies raised will go to support the Easter Appeal.

Snack & Chat

The Church will be open for people to drop in to take the opportunity to chat over a coffee and a snack on **Saturday 11th April & 9th May**
Look out for details of future dates



St Richard's Hospice
Caring for life

A huge thank you to everyone who made gifts at Christmas and helped to raise £930 for **St Richard's Hospice** who care for around 1000 patients, loved ones, carers and bereaved people every day. Over £980 was also raised for **Baptist Home Mission.**

Looking Ahead... We are planning to hold a **Songs of Praise** on the Brum again this summer. Look out for information nearer the time.



Uganda Well Project - Completed! Many will know that FHBC has had links with Emmanuel Cathedral in Uganda for a number of years. We've been raising money to help dig a well to supply water to their Nursery/Primary School.



'Water House'



Installing an electric pump to pipe water to the school and building a 'water house' to protect the well enabled the project to be completed just before Christmas.

Since the well was dug in 2024, the school cooks

have been carrying all the water needed 200m uphill.

The cooks now have a new kitchen and water on tap.

Their response? "It's simply the best!"



Above - the old kitchen

Left - the new kitchen

If you would appreciate **someone to chat to** or would like to **ask for prayers** for a particular situation, then please contact us via admin@fernhillheathbaptist.org.uk or phone Jeff on 01905 453190

We hold **services** at 11.00 every Sunday and these are also available via YouTube. There is **Junior Church** and a **Creche** for younger children.

Prayer, Bible Study & discussion groups are held on most Wednesday evenings.

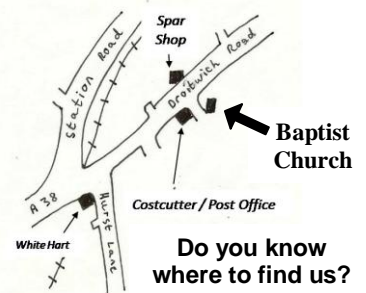
Ladies Keep Fit is held on Wednesday mornings at 10.15 - with the opportunity for a cup of coffee & a chat afterwards.

The **Grumpy Men's Club** meet fortnightly for activities & games - Fridays 7.30-9.00pm.

Thursday Diners meet last Thursday of month. 2-course lunch: £5.00. Booking essential.

Fernhill Heath Toddler Group meets Tuesdays (termtime only) 9.45-11.45am.

SHAPE (Self-Help Achievement & Personal Empowerment) meets most Tuesdays 4.00-6.00pm.



Do you know where to find us?

