

The Old Baptist Chapel,  
Nuxley Road,  
Belvedere

**Services:**

**Sunday** 11.00 a.m.  
3.00 p.m. Sunday School  
6.30 p.m.

**Thursday** 2.30 p.m. Ladies' Rest Hour  
7.45 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study

The Old Baptist Chapel is by far the oldest place of worship in Belvedere. It was founded as a Strict Baptist Chapel, and we still are. The word "Strict" doesn't imply severity, but that the Lord's Table is "strictly" to be taken by those who upon profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, have in obedience to the Word of God, been baptised by total immersion.

The Lord's Table is taken by such baptised believers on the first Sunday evening (after the service) and the third Thursday of each month.

Come and worship with us.

## DEAR NEIGHBOUR



The Minister and members of  
The Old Baptist Chapel, Nuxley Road,  
(opposite the Public Car Park)  
invite you to join with us for worship  
on the following occasion:

**SUNDAY 29th JUNE AT 11.00 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.**

Hello,

I have been asked to write for this quarter's "Dear Neighbour" and tell you the difference that knowing Christ Jesus as my Lord and Saviour makes in my life, and the life of my family.

My circumstances have probably been very similar to your own. I have lived in the Belvedere area all my life. I first worked for a short while in my father's hairdressing shop in Erith and then went into teaching. Like you, I have known the sorrow of bereavement, and like you I have known real happiness. In our case this includes the gift of four children, with our eldest studying now for her "O" levels. I MUST STOP! This is beginning to sound like a party political pamphlet.

In my early teenage years I was once asked by an elderly gentleman, "What do you want to do when you leave school?" Having replied, I was then asked "And what then?" . . . . that wasn't too difficult. But then he asked again . . . . "And what then?"

I am thankful that, by that age, I had already faced the evidence of God in the Creation and the fact that we are moral, spiritual beings. I had recognised that God is Holy and Just. It was impossible for Him to ignore my sin. I sought His forgiveness, trusting the Word of God, which says "If we confess our sin He is faithful and Just to forgive us our sin, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Jesus says to His disciples, "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

Yes, I could answer his "and what then?"

It is amazing what a change that knowing God's unmerited love, has made to my life.

First, the peace of knowing that nothing can separate me from God's love. You read Romans 8 verses 38-39. In Psalm 23, David says "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." Yes, God will be loving me even in the "valley of the shadow of death."



Secondly, in the area of personal relationships. If I really grasp the fact of God's love to me when, in His sight, I was so sinful, objectionable and selfish; then I must evaluate my love for my fellowmen against this standard. I find that a real challenge!

Thirdly, in judging priorities.

We live in a world that is materialistic and commercialised. God's word asks, "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" I have peace in knowing that material gain is insignificant compared with Eternal Life in Christ.

I have tried to show that faith in Christ not only has a spiritual dimension, but that it has had profound and wonderful implications for the whole of my life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting LIFE."

*Paul Orchard (Church Secretary)*