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# INTRODUCTION

by Amanda Allchorn - BUGB Communications, Head of Department



## EMPOWERING

A favourite passage of the bible for me is Isaiah 35 – the Joy of the Redeemed. It talks about new life, of hope, of lives changed and renewed by the Spirit of God. 'Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For the waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water'.

It is so exciting that what Isaiah wrote about thousands of years ago is happening in so many churches in the Baptist Union thanks to the incredible creativity, vision and commitment of church members that God uses to touch people's lives. As you serve God in your community through events, practical mission and caring initiatives, speaking and acting out the gospel by drawing alongside the marginalised you are 'his hands and feet' empowering others.

During the early autumn many churches traditionally decide on their budget expenditure for the following year. If we are honest, when we get to deciding on how much to give to Home Mission, it is easy for us to make it a 'financial decision', rather than one that really 'stirs your heart'. The stories about Jacob's Well, Grays Baptist Church and Greenhill Community Church in this issue of *Baptist Life* could not have happened without your generous

support for Home Mission. They bring to life how Home Mission is an enabler – churches dream dreams with God and Home Mission funding breathing life into them.

Even though it is October, I am sure that some of you have started to plan for Christmas! This edition of *Baptist Life* contains imaginative resources to bring Christmas alive in a new way this year including street nativity scenes (Get in the Picture), a 'Baby Scan Jesus' poster campaign (Church Ads), to the traditional Christingle services. There is also a great competition to create a Christmas radio advert. Our 'Opinion' article by Viv O'Brien offers some reflective thoughts about Advent and encourages us to take 'time to listen and take stock' as we journey through darkness to the birth of Christ; the light of our world.

Enjoy reading this edition of *Baptist Life*, but more importantly do engage with the stories and include them in your prayers. Do look up more information online where suggested so you can wrestle with the issues more and attend events that will benefit your church's ministry and mission. I hope and pray that this magazine will encourage you about how you are empowering others by giving to Home Mission and give you ideas so 'the eyes of the blind' are opened where you live.

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Amanda." with a flourish underneath.

In this feature we focus on churches or ministries that have received a BUGB Mission Grant from Home Mission. Everything we feature in *Baptist Life* benefits from Home Mission in some way. For more on Home Mission go to:  [www.baptist.org.uk/homemission](http://www.baptist.org.uk/homemission)

## Freshly baked, freshly grown church plant



At Jacob's Well, an experimental church plant in Yate, Gloucestershire (West of England Baptist Association), the focus this year has been on food. On a plot at the community centre where they meet they have been growing vegetables. In July the church took part in the national community initiative, The Big Lunch, at which they served some of their produce. Since November 2009 the church has


run a weekly morning where people can make their own bread and soup. A core of six people has taken ownership of the group, nearly all of whom do not normally attend Jacob's Well. "One of the group, an unemployed man, before he started coming had never peeled a carrot in his life, had never cut vegetables," says Baptist minister Jenni Entrican, who leads Jacob's Well and is supported by a BUGB Mission Grant. "He says the group 'gets me up in the morning, sets me up for the week and is teaching me skills I never had.'"

## Home Mission pays church to party!



Grays Baptist Church in Essex (Eastern Baptist Association) is 125 years old this year and to help them celebrate they have received a BUGB Mission Project grant. Why, you may ask, is Home Mission funding a church to party? The answer is that the church is encouraging the local community to celebrate the anniversary with them. As there are many low income families in the area, the anniversary events are being subsidised by Home

Mission to enable more people to attend. It seems to be working as many have come to the celebrations so far which have included a Songs of Praise evening, quiz night, three barbecues, and a flower and hobby festival, with more events to come. Minister, Colin Baker, says the church has really valued the Home Mission funding to help build stronger relationships with people living close to the church. "It has been a great encouragement for us to receive this support from the wider Baptist family," he says.

 Grays Baptist Church is known as the 'black bin bag' church. Find out why in a short film now online at [www.baptist.org.uk/baptistlife](http://www.baptist.org.uk/baptistlife)

# LIVING ON THE EDGE

**When attendees of Leading Edge 2010, the Baptist summer festival held in Warwick, gathered for the final morning of this year's event, they were asked what had been their highlight of their week. 'I feel restored,' said one, 'My 12 year old has asked to go on an Alpha course when we get back,' said another. It was obvious that God had been speaking into many people's lives.**



This is not new. Ever since Leading Edge (LE) began in 1996 people have told of how they have been blessed by the event which has offered each year time for learning, worship, fun and relaxation for all ages. The Prior family from Chatteris in Cambridgeshire have been coming for many years. "As a family we have all been blessed by LE," says Richard Prior. "Both girls made commitments to Christ and then were challenged about baptism at LE. We have all had the opportunity to serve as volunteers and have made a network of friends all over the country by being involved. I believe many are in Christian service because of LE who might otherwise have not had the opportunity to hear God's call and respond to him."

Due to a combination of factors, the directors of Leading Edge announced in mid July that this would be the last year of the event in its current form. Since the announcement many that attend have said that they want Leading Edge to continue in some way and directors will be meeting this autumn to discern what happens next. BUGB General Secretary, Jonathan Edwards, asks for prayer. "There is a great sense of sadness that the event is unable to continue in its present form," says Jonathan. "People understand the financial difficulties and the fact that the Baptist Union could no longer administer the event, but are keen to find other ways to run the event in future. If Leading Edge can be reshaped and relaunched then that would be splendid and we would all be thrilled, but we recognize that there are many hurdles to be overcome. We want to know God's will for the future of this very precious event."

## SET THE CHILDREN FREE

Did you know that the UK Government has been detaining the children of those seeking sanctuary here? The imprisonment of families awaiting an outcome to their asylum appeal has caused physical and mental trauma for hundreds of young people. Things however may be about to change. Following campaigning from groups including the Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Coalition Government announced that it will be bringing to an end the detention of children - they have yet to say what will replace the current system. Rosemary Kidd, from BUGB's Faith and Unity Department, says we should be encouraged by the Government's announcement but continue to keep up the pressure for transparent justice. "Ideally we hope that our Coalition Government will put an immediate end to detaining children without further damaging these families," she says.

[www.jointpublicissues.org.uk](http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk)



## BEING GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Are you a house group leader? Would you like to lead your group through an interesting and challenging study series? The Mission Department have just launched a new study guide for house groups called Good Neighbours. Written by members of the Joppa Group, the Baptist Inter-Faith Network, it gives biblical examples and practical suggestions on how we as Christians can build relations with people from other faiths and be able to discuss with them what we both believe in a non threatening way. Nick Wood is one of the writers of the guide. "How we relate to our neighbours of other faiths is a vital issue for many of us in Britain today. We hope this study guide will encourage Baptist Christians to extend the hand of friendship and hospitality in the name of Christ."

[www.baptist.org.uk/resources/interfaith.html](http://www.baptist.org.uk/resources/interfaith.html)



## GET IN THE PICTURE THIS CHRISTMAS

Has your church started planning for Christmas yet? How about doing something new, interactive and fun this year? Get in the Picture is an exciting initiative from the BUGB Mission Department where churches set up a nativity scene in a prominent location and invite individuals and families to dress up as Mary, Joseph etc. A photo is then taken and uploaded to the Get in the Picture website for participants to print off or email to friends as well as find out more about the Christmas story and Christmas services happening in their area. Churches Together in Rothwell and District took part in 2009 and, according to coordinator Rob Hall, found it was 'really good fun'. "Not only did the participants get something out of it, so did the onlookers as it reminded them what Christmas is really about," he said. See page 15 for more details on how you can get involved.

[www.getinthepicture.org.uk](http://www.getinthepicture.org.uk)





## HOME MISSION: CHANGING LIVES

You may remember a Home Mission slogan of a few years ago – changing lives and transforming communities. In 2010 it is still true. The money your church puts aside in its church budget, the money you raise in Home Mission services and collections is being used to impact people’s lives with God’s love.

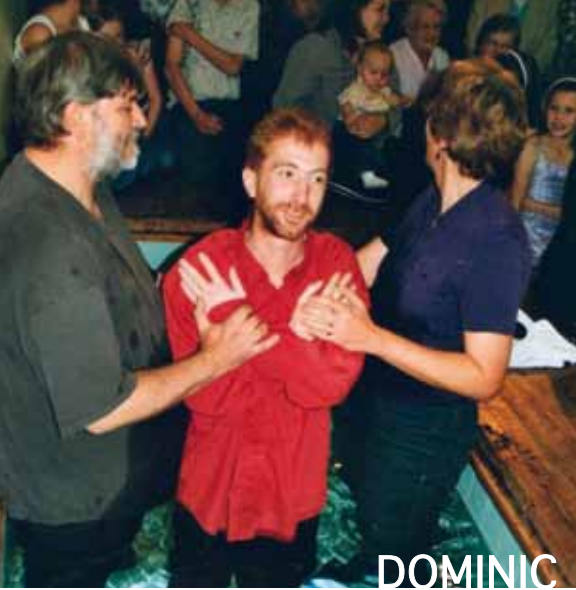
Greenhill Community Church on a council estate on the outskirts of Coalville, Leicestershire (East Midlands Baptist Association) receives a BUGB Mission Grant for their minister, the Revd Jill Willett. Jill says the grant is vital for the mission of the church. “Most of the people in our church are unwaged. The church has grown significantly in the last few years but it has come from people living on the estate who are not rich. Without Home Mission support we could not continue.”

Many in Coalville have been unemployed for two, sometimes three generations. “There is an increased hopelessness amongst people on the margins,” Jill says. “When people are being made redundant, they are saying, ‘What chance do I have of getting a job?’” In the last two years Jill and the church have

built up relationships on the council estate with the homeless and those struggling with alcohol and drug problems. Jill and her husband even had a homeless man come to stay at their house for a period, which she said opened their eyes to a community they had not been aware of, those living on the margins, and the challenges they face. To respond to the needs they discovered, Jill and the church started a drop-in called the Kingsgate Project which each week provides a hot meal, games to play like pool and air hockey and a food parcel for all who attend. They also rent two houses on the Estate to provide supported accommodation for those who were homeless.

“It took a while to build up trust and to get over suspicion that we would be preaching to them,” says Jill. “We have a rule at drop-in. We do not talk about Jesus unless we are asked. Many have. They have asked questions, some have walked into prayer meetings and we have invited them to church events. As trust built up many have become involved in church activities.”

Over the last two years, nine men and two women from the homeless community in



DOMINIC



HANNAH

JILL

Coalville have become Christians. Here are the testimonies of two of them, Dominic and Hannah:

Dominic: "I lost my mum at the age of five, which has had a massive effect on my life, although I've always been comforted by knowing how much she loved me. I split up with my ex-wife through alcohol and cannabis abuse, which left me homeless for nearly three years, and I felt that my life was falling apart around my feet. My mate Phil told me about the difference Jesus had made to his life. I went to the house where Phil was staying (the Church Manse), and I talked to Ian (Associate Pastor) and Jill (Willett) about the problems I was having. They prayed for me to receive Jesus into my life. After that, I couldn't believe that God had forgiven me, but I felt so warm and overwhelmed, and have learned that he has forgiven me. My life now feels complete. I have become part of the Church family, and have my own place, which is amazing. I know that Jesus is walking with me."

Hannah: "I wasn't brought up a Christian - my parents didn't have this amazing faith they taught me about when I was young.

But when I broke up with a long term partner and had nowhere to live, I got help from the last place I expected, a church. They put me up in a church-run house, bought me food and got me back on my feet. I didn't know anyone here but everyone was so welcoming I soon made friends. It wasn't long before I started to feel something I had never felt before, a love for God. Before I came here there was always something missing, and now I know what it was, it was God. He was always there - I just didn't know it. Coming to God and getting baptised were the best days of my life. It wasn't easy but I got there with God guiding me all the way. Praise be to God!"

Thank you for giving to Home Mission and allowing us to support the life-transforming mission of Greenhill Community Church and hundreds of other church ministries across England and Wales. In this time of recession, we are receiving more grant applications than ever before. Please continue to give so we can support more churches in their mission and by God's Holy Spirit more will come to know the love of Christ.

## ADVENT - Viv O'Brien, BUGB Ministries Adviser

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I'm trying to rationalise why I love Advent. Part of it is the anticipation; the atmospheric journey from the first Sunday, through to communion on Christmas Eve which is my favourite night of the year.

Then there are the candles. Light in the darkness: from the flicker of the first one on Advent Sunday evoking the lone voice crying in the wilderness; to the candlelit wonder of Christmas Eve; on to the celebratory lighting of the Christmas candle in praise of the Saviour's birth.

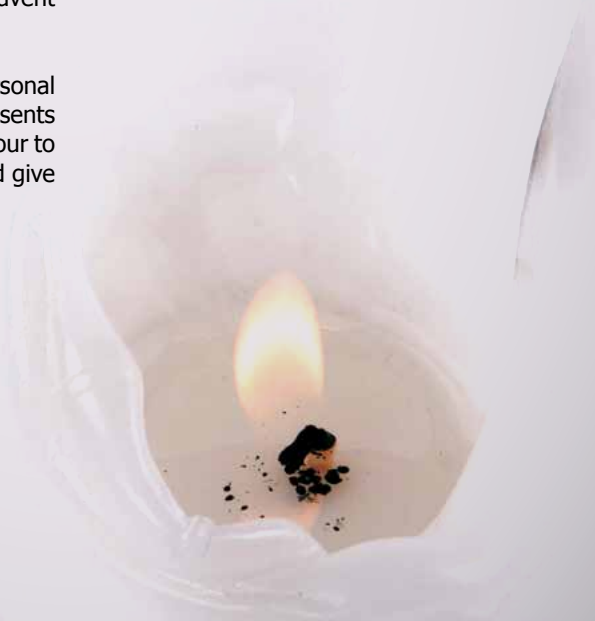
I love the music; the old Advent carols sadly now in danger of being forgotten, the wonderful choral music and the excellent contemporary songs and liturgies from the Iona Community and others, all of which help to open up the season meaningfully and creatively. It can be so much more than the Advent ring and the chocolate calendar!

For me, Advent is a season for personal preparation. Instead of buying presents in the pre-Christmas rush, I endeavour to try to use the time to de-clutter and give

things away. I put on the Advent CD's and set about clearing out drawers and cupboards, it is a spiritual discipline, a reordering of the old and a making room for the new, with the added bonus that when it's time to put up the decorations there is always space!

Of course I recognise that not everybody has the luxury of being able to avoid the rush; but it might be possible to take time out from the hustle and bustle, perhaps by agreeing with others to read the same passages from Scripture each day, or to work through a book written especially for the season.

However you spend Advent, I hope it proves to be meaningful, with opportunity to listen and time to take stock as you journey through the darkness to the birth of Christ - the light of the world.



# Christian events - October to December

## October

- 16 **The Gathering** [www.baptist.org.uk/training\\_events/thegathering\\_10.html](http://www.baptist.org.uk/training_events/thegathering_10.html)  
17 **Healthcare Sunday** [www.healthcaresunday.org.uk/](http://www.healthcaresunday.org.uk/)  
17 **Micah Sunday** [www.micahchallenge.org.uk/get-connected/micah-sunday](http://www.micahchallenge.org.uk/get-connected/micah-sunday)  
17-24 **One World Week** [www.oneworldweek.org/v2/](http://www.oneworldweek.org/v2/)  
24 **Bible Sunday** [www.biblesunday.org/](http://www.biblesunday.org/)

## November

- 1 **Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer**  
8-10 **Baptist Union Council**, Swanwick, Derbyshire (East Midland Baptist Association)  
14 **Remembrance Sunday**  
21-27 **Prisons Week** [www.prisonweek.org/](http://www.prisonweek.org/)  
21-27 **Inter Faith Week** [www.interfaithweek.org/](http://www.interfaithweek.org/)  
28 **Advent Sunday**

## December

- 12 **Baptist World Alliance Human Rights Day** [www.bwanet.org/](http://www.bwanet.org/)  
25 **Christmas Day**

## Dulcea's Diary

### Entry Number 437

Dear Diary

Well diary, I can't believe the summer is over already. The cruise seems such a distant memory. How I miss the sun and the Caribbean sea, especially now it's raining outside. Can you hear that diary, good ark building weather? But I did feel guilty. There I was living in the lap of luxury, sunning myself on the ship's deck (even though the tan has now faded) when on the other side of the world there were millions facing disaster in Pakistan. It just seems so cruel and so unfair. But the church has been marvellous - we raised over £2000 for the BMS World Mission relief appeal and we are teaming up with the local Hindu Temple to send clothes, blankets and medical equipment to the victims. It's strange how things like this bring you together with people you didn't have anything much to do with until now. And now there's famine in Niger. There just seems to be so much suffering in the world. But Pastor Steve made us bring all the souvenirs we brought on holiday to church. I brought a coconut carved in the shape of a monkey, a set of coasters shaped like Jamaica and a Bob Marley toilet roll cover. Looking at it all in the church along with stuffed donkeys, a set of pink flamingo garden ornaments, and of all things, an inflatable of Barack and Michelle Obama, I realised just how wasteful we are. So we've agreed to sell them by having a car boot with all the proceeds going to Niger. What comes over us on holiday that we have to bring all this tat back? It made me realise I've got you diary and my photographs, which the children help me upload onto Facebook, to remind me of what a fantastic time I had. I'll keep the bottle of rum though. Well I will need it when I'm baking my Christmas cake after all.

# Prayer Guide



## For Peace

God of hosts,  
yours is the battle against evil,  
yours is the victory over death.

We come to you  
with memories of war and death,  
with scars of victory and defeat.

By your Son Jesus  
who bears the scars of his victory  
won not for himself but for others,  
grant us this day healing for the past,  
and resolution for the future.

So may your world discover and know that peace  
which is your purpose for all;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Taken from Gathering for Worship (Code BU318) available from BUGB Publications  
(telephone 01235 517708 or go to [www.baptist.org.uk/resources.html](http://www.baptist.org.uk/resources.html))

**Welcome to the final quarter of the 2010 Prayer Guide – your opportunity to pray for the wider Baptist family over the next three months.**

✚ If you would like more prayer resources, contact your Baptist association or go to [www.baptist.org.uk/prayer\\_worship.html](http://www.baptist.org.uk/prayer_worship.html) where you will find a range of materials including monthly prayers of intercession.

# October

## 3-9 October **Spurgeon's College**

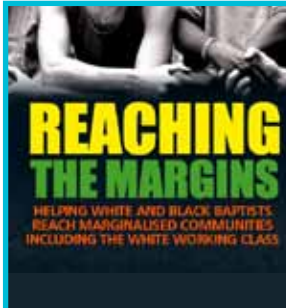
Pray for the college staff and students at the start of what is likely to be a particularly challenging year including two major inspections. Pray for wisdom for governors as they make important and strategic decisions, for new and departing students undergoing major transitions and for financial provision after two years of large deficits.



[www.spurgeons.ac.uk](http://www.spurgeons.ac.uk)

## 10-16 October **The Gathering**

This Saturday The Gathering, a multicultural conference organised by the BUGB Racial Justice Committee, is being held in London. The event will explore how black and white Baptists can be equipped to reach marginalised groups including the white working class. Pray that those who attend will be inspired to act on what they learn.



[www.baptist.org.uk/training\\_events/thegathering\\_10.html](http://www.baptist.org.uk/training_events/thegathering_10.html)

## 17-23 October **South Eastern Baptist Association (SEBA)**

From 22 to 31 October SEBA are holding the first MAD (Make a Difference) outreach week in Ebbsfleet. Please pray for the team of young people taking part, for the difference they will make and for Mission Enabler Penny Marsh and the ongoing work in the Kent Thameside area.



[www.seba-baptist.org.uk](http://www.seba-baptist.org.uk)

## 24-30 October **Baptist Union of Scotland**

The Baptist Union of Scotland together with BMS World Mission is holding the Baptist Assembly in Scotland from 28 to 30 October in Dunfermline. As they consider the implications of Baptist identity, pray that they might be strengthened and encouraged to be a bold and faithful community. Pray too for those working behind the scenes.



[www.scottishbaptist.org.uk](http://www.scottishbaptist.org.uk), [www.baptistassemblyinscotland.org](http://www.baptistassemblyinscotland.org)

# November



## 31 October - 6 November **North Western Baptist Association (NWBA)**

A number of NWBA churches are sensing a need to re-explore how they relate to and share faith with their Muslim neighbours. Please pray for these churches as they develop this with support from BMS World Mission. Please pray for the NWBA team as they seek to allocate time and resources appropriately after a reduction in staff.

[www.nwba.org.uk](http://www.nwba.org.uk)



## 7-13 November **BUGB Council**

The Baptist Union Council meets this week. The Council consists of some 200 members drawn from churches, associations, colleges and co-opted delegates. Pray for God's guidance on the decisions to be made at Council. Pray that discussions will be inclusive and accessible to all and that mission will be at the heart of them.

[www.baptist.org.uk](http://www.baptist.org.uk)



## 14-20 November **Chaplains**

Over 200 Baptist ministers across England and Wales are involved in full or part-time chaplaincy, some of which are supported by Home Mission. Pray for chaplains in the various sectors, that they will demonstrate the love of Christ in action and that the people they interact with will be drawn to find out more about the Christian faith.



## 21-27 November **Scottish Baptist College**

Give thanks for all who share in the life of the College Community. Pray that new students quickly feel a sense of belonging, and all students are enabled to fulfil their calling through their studies. Pray that important partnerships with churches, the Baptist Union of Scotland and University of the West of Scotland are strengthened.

[www.scottishbaptistcollege.org](http://www.scottishbaptistcollege.org)



## 28 November - 4 December **Connexion**

Connexion is a support network for men and women married to UK Baptist ministers and missionaries. Pray for ministerial marriages and the welfare, education and faith of ministers' children. Pray for ministerial student families coping with the demands of study alongside church life. Pray that the Connexion Executive Committee will be led by God's will.

[www.baptistconnexion.org.uk](http://www.baptistconnexion.org.uk)

# December



## 5-11 December **Home Mission**

Home Mission is the Baptist national purse and as such is the way that the Baptist family can support and enable one another in mission. It funds the national resource centre in Didcot, the thirteen associations and BUGB Mission Grants to churches and projects. Pray for the Home Mission Appeal, that it will be reached, despite the difficult financial climate.

[www.baptist.org.uk/homemission](http://www.baptist.org.uk/homemission)



## 12-18 December **Southern Counties Baptist Association (SCBA)**

Pray for SCBA as new regional ministers take up their posts in 2011. This will involve the regional team bonding together and addressing the fundamental task of relating to ministers and churches. Special emphasis is planned for children, youth and family; mission; and the ongoing support and development of leaders.

[www.scba.org.uk](http://www.scba.org.uk)



## 19-25 December **Christmas**

Pray for carol services held this week in Baptist churches especially for visitors who do not regularly attend church. Pray for those for whom this Christmas will be a difficult period. Pray for ministers and those who are especially busy at this time, that they will have opportunity to relax and be refreshed by God.



## 26 December - 1 January **Baptist House**

Baptist House in Didcot, Oxfordshire is home to the BUGB's national resource, BMS World Mission, *The Baptist Times* and The Girls' Brigade (England and Wales). Pray for the team running Baptist House (receiving visitors, despatching post, cleaning and maintaining the building) and the restaurant staff. Pray that bookings of the conference rooms will increase in 2011.

# BAPTIST PORTRAITS

INTERVIEWS WITH PEOPLE FROM ACROSS THE BAPTIST UNION OF GREAT BRITAIN.

THE BAPTIST UNION OF GREAT BRITAIN



Lewis

**Lewis Fry is minister at Bryn Sion Baptist Fellowship in Aberdare (South Wales Baptist Association). He has just started his third year of ministerial training at South Wales Baptist College.**

**Favourite hymn or chorus:** *Thank You For Saving Me*, by Martin Smith

**Do you like Guy Fawkes Night? If so, how do you celebrate it?**

I could happily be mesmerised by a good fire until my eyebrows were singed though I haven't been out on Guy Fawkes Night for a couple of years because it's a bit late for my son who's only two - perhaps this year.

**What from your studies at South Wales Baptist College have you been able to apply as minister at Bryn Sion Baptist Fellowship?**

My studies have challenged me to consider what the heart of the gospel is really about. I have also found 'Baptist principles' lectures to be particularly helpful in helping me to evaluate why we do what we do as churches and where we might be able to do better.

**You receive a BUGB Mission through Ministry Grant from Home Mission. How important is it to your ministry?** Essential - without it I could not do what I am doing without being provided for by some other unforeseen means. I am very grateful!

**Emma Walsh is a Baptist minister from Australia who is the College Librarian at Regent's Park College, University of Oxford (Southern Counties Baptist Association) which holds The Angus Library and is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain**

**Favourite hymn or chorus:** *Be thou my vision, Oh Lord of my heart*

**Do you like Guy Fawkes Night? If so, how do you celebrate it?**

I love fireworks so Guy Fawkes Night is the perfect celebration for me and we celebrate it in our village. I find it fascinating that the English celebrate someone who tried to blow up their own parliament and failed.

**What kind of books does the Angus Library have?**

The Angus is the leading collection for Baptist History and Heritage and therefore the majority of books are in this area. It also holds church histories, church records, association and denominational archives, and archive material of key Baptist people and organisations dating back to the 1700's.

**Is it important to archive Baptist and church history and why?**

Absolutely - it is important! If we don't have the information to understand where we have been, it is very difficult to know where we are going, in areas such as theological reflection, policy development, or simply understanding historically who we are as a denomination.



Emma

# RESOURCES: CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

**Christmas is coming! Here are three resources your church could use to share the good news of the birth of Jesus this December:**

## Get in the Picture 2010

Get in the Picture seeks to involve all kinds of people in the Christmas story, encouraging them to participate and experience being part of the nativity in a fun way (see story on page 5 for more). Register online at [www.getinthepicture.org.uk](http://www.getinthepicture.org.uk) - cost per church/group of churches in your town is £50 (this includes access to the website to upload photographs and details of your Christmas services, and 300 cards to hand out to those who take part).

## Church Ads

The Church Advertising Network run a poster and radio ad campaign every Christmas to encourage people to reflect on the birth of Christ and its implications for the world. In 2009 the campaign was supported by over 700 churches and reached 20 million people. This year's campaign poster is Baby Scan Jesus. Why not club together with other local churches to get posters on your local bus stops and the advert on your local radio station? Go to [www.churchads.org.uk/](http://www.churchads.org.uk/) for more.

## Christingle

Each year the Children's Society produces excellent resources to help churches to plan their Christingle service, and this year's theme is 'God's Good Gifts'. It's a great opportunity to welcome local families to your church. For more information, and to order resources, see [www.childrengsociety.org.uk/what\\_you\\_can\\_do/fundraising\\_appeals/christingle/1369.html](http://www.childrengsociety.org.uk/what_you_can_do/fundraising_appeals/christingle/1369.html)

## COMPETITION: CREATE A RADIO AD

Linked to Get in the Picture, the BUGB Mission Department are organising a competition for churches to create a radio advert for Christmas. The challenge is to create an effective advert that communicates something about the Christmas message and church. Any person or group from any Baptist church in membership with one of the Unions can take part with a trophy awarded to the best entry from each of the three Unions (BUGB, BU Scotland, BU Wales) and a first prize trophy for the overall winner. See [www.baptist.org.uk/resources/mission\\_evangelism/radio\\_Ad0809.pdf](http://www.baptist.org.uk/resources/mission_evangelism/radio_Ad0809.pdf) for more details.





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