

One thing have I asked the LORD, that I will seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

Psalm 27:4

**Penuel
Baptist Chapel,
Roch
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A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. (Proverbs 18:24)

The Bible states that there is 'a friend who sticks closer than a brother', the infinite, all-powerful God of the universe wants to be your friend. Wow! He wants to have a personal relationship with us and for us discover what it means to walk with Him every day. He wants us to know He is always with us and He desires to have communication with you through His Word and through prayer.

God is there to comfort us when we are upset or anxious and to encourage us when we are dejected or depressed, we only have to ask. He wants to guide us when facing difficult decisions, and He even wants to correct us when you are about to do something foolish or wrong. Jesus wants to be our friend and for us to be His friends as well. Once we understand this, our lives will never be the same.

God created us to be His friends. This was His divine plan, right from the beginning, was to have a relationship with us. When Adam and Eve were created, this was His plan, and it was in foundation of the love of God.

It was, however, a friendship with a difference. On a human level we usually choose friends who are similar to us. However, God and Adam were not equals. God was the Creator; Adam was His creation. God is limitless; Adam was limited. God was independent; Adam was dependent. But in spite of the vast difference between them, God still wanted Adam and Eve to be His friends.

God's plan for Adam and Eve is also true for us. God has not changed — and neither has His purpose. We are not here by accident; we are here because God put us here — and He put us here so we could be His friends forever.

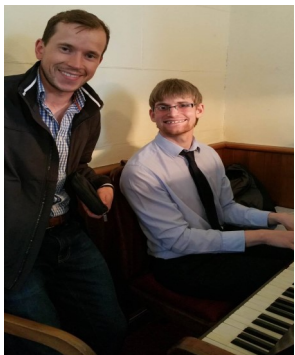
Think of it: God wants you to be His friend!

Songs of Praise

A huge thank you to all who supported our Songs of Praise last month. We were all so blessed. Amazing singing, a great Word from Ian, an inspiring solo from Jeremy, guest accompaniment from Tasha to compliment Fran and Jeremy's playing and delicious food from Rene, Nessa, Gareth and Sarah. We will be holding our next Songs of Praise on: **Saturday 16th July at 5:00pm.**



**I will praise the name
of God with a song;
I will magnify him
with thanksgiving.
Psalm 69:30**



July Ministry

- Sunday 3rd:** 10:30 a.m. service led by Gaius Douglas
4:00pm Worship & Discussion in the vestry
Led by Ian Middlemist
- Sunday 10th:** 10:30 a.m. service led by Lawrence Mitchell
4:00pm Worship & Discussion in the vestry
Led by Ian Middlemist
- Thursday 14th:** Special meeting with Matthew Glass from SASRA
- Sunday 17th:** 10:30 a.m. service led by Ian Middlemist
4:00pm Worship & Discussion joined by the
French Camp Academy Wales Mission Team
- Sunday 24th:** 10:30 a.m. service led by Aaron Davies-Whitefield
Baptismal service held in the afternoon
- Saturday 30th:** Chapel Anniversary Service. We will be celebrating
194 years of ministry at Penuel.
Led by Norman Gilbert of Cosheston Mission.
- Sunday 31st:** 10:30 a.m. service Jea-Hyun, Bethel Evangelical
4:00pm Worship & Discussion in the vestry
Led by Ian Middlemist

French Camp Academy, French Camp, Mississippi

We are very excited to welcome back a team of young people from French Camp Academy, French Camp, Mississippi. They will be coming to Pembrokeshire from 15th July to 25th July. On **Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th at 7:30 pm**, Dennis Cox lecturer at French Camp Academy, Mississippi to lead two nights of ministry at Penuel.

We will also be having our annual Summer BBQ with the French Camp Mission Team on **Thursday 21st at 5:00 pm.**