

20th July 2008

Our Church exists:

To introduce people to Jesus Christ, equip people with a faith that works in real life and encourage people to make an impact wherever God sends us.

If you would like to visit one of our essential Life Groups where the above takes place then speak to one of the leaders after the service.

Before Service Prayer Time

Please feel free to join those who pray before the service at 10:15 am in the coffee lounge.

After Service Prayer

The Prayer team are available to pray individually with people after the service, so please go to the back at the end of the service.

Weekly Prayer Diary

If you have any important Prayer needs for a particular day and would like them added to the weekly Prayer Diary, please see Paul Stacey.

Contact Info

If you have any articles, stories or any other item that you wish to include in Breakthrough, please contact Matt, either by snail-mail, e-mail, telephone, or find him in church.

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www.life-baptist.org.uk
featuring: Life message board

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Today's Service

This week Julie is leading and Wally is speaking from Psalm 62

The Moldova teams leave on Thursday so please be in prayer for them over the next few weeks.

A very warm welcome to our service today which is when our Life groups come together for worship.

If you're visiting us for the first time, you are invited to fill in a visitors card, which you'll find in the reception area. If you have children under 3, you're invited to take them to our parent & baby room when the other children leave. Please ask someone from the welcome team to show you where this room is. After the service, please feel free to stay behind and join us for a coffee.

'Trust in the Lord forever, for in God the Lord we have an everlasting Rock' Isaiah 26:3,4

Life Latest...



Moldova 2008: the final countdown! (we still need one or two drivers for lifts!)
We're heading off to Moldova on Thursday this week, 24 July, so it's time to get the last few bits sorted. You should have had a copy of the latest news update, with all the details about what we're doing and things to pray for, but if not please see Rob or Jo today.

We still need a few volunteers to ensure we have enough cars to get us to and from Heathrow on 24 July and 5 August: **if you can help with this please also let Rob or Jo know ASAP.** Alternatively, if you can pick up Rob, Caroline and Paul on 12 August that would be great.



So that's about it! We're finalising all the things we need now, so please pray for us as we do this, that we'll all get to Heathrow and then Moldova on time (and with everything!), and that the Lord will keep us safe and work powerfully during our visit. He has used these projects over the last four years to do so much and we're expecting great things again this time.



If you see one of us today (we should be resplendent in our fetching pistachio green t-shirts!) do have a chat and give a word of encouragement.
One piece of exciting breaking news: we may be meeting the British Ambassador to Moldova at the end of our trip! We'll let you know all about it when we get back.....
Moldova 2008 Team

Life Church Administrator

Anna Pisani has applied for the job of the part time Church Administrator we agreed we would employ at the last church meeting. Hilary and Julie interviewed Anna and would like to recommend her for this position. As Anna would be an official employee, the church needs to vote on this and we will therefore have a brief special church meeting after the service and before the lunch on Sunday 3rd August. If the proposal is passed (50% of a 25% quorum), then Anna would start from 4th August. We researched payment for Church Administrators and £10 an hour was the going rate so we have agreed on that. The role is for 10 hours a week - the days and times to be decided after the appointment. If anyone would like to see a copy of the job description or have further questions please speak to Julie before the special meeting on the 3rd. **Please be in prayer about this appointment proposal.**

Leadership Team - men wanted!

As a result of Paul coming off the leadership team after 6 years and then Scott's move to Toddington, Hilary and I will be the only leaders left. Our ideal number is 5 so this is clearly not a balanced team and whilst we are in the process of putting an interim support and advisory group in place, we still do need, one, preferably, two men at least to come onto the team from the autumn. Normally a leader seeks to serve for 3 years and this may seem too long for those with other commitments, but after consultation with Alan Cruickshank (who is helping put the new constitution as required by the charities commission in place by Easter) we may be able to consider a way at the next church meeting (Sep 10th) of asking people to come on the team for an initial period until we have to implement the new constitution. **Please be much in prayer about this** and if you feel God has laid someone on your heart to help lead the church and provide spiritual oversight for at least these next few months, please speak to Julie, Scott or Hilary as soon as possible.

Future Diary Dates

Tuesday 22nd July
Wednesday 13th August
Wednesday 10th September

Next Faith in Action packing session
Life Prayer Meeting at Eileen Gray's 8 - 9 pm
Church Members Meeting

It's in Christ we find out who we are and what we're living for

Carr Family Farewell lunch on August 3rd

Please do come if you're not away so that we can send the Carrs off with our blessing and in a fitting way. Jenny Tuck, Sue and Carolyn are organising the food and will advise what to bring so please speak to them if you are going to be there and can contribute.

If you haven't yet and would like to give towards a farewell monetary gift please do so by next Sunday 27th by putting a marked envelope in the offering bag or by giving it to Hilary.



Supporting Families in Seaford

WAVES are seeking a MANAGER to take responsibility for the day to day running of their Christian based Charity. This is a key role in assisting WAVES to maintain its vision and promote its aims and objectives within the community.

Our work is to provide practical support for all families in need in the Seaford area who are not able to access this elsewhere.

The successful candidate will work with professional agencies, staff and volunteers to deliver a caring and practical service to the community. The position is based at the WAVES Centre in Church Street, Seaford for 25 hours per week.

Job description and application form can be obtained from the Centre or telephone 01323 873797. Email: wavesseaford@btconnect.com

A French 'holiday'

If you've some time to spare this summer and fancy using it for the sake of the Kingdom then you might like to consider the following. The churches of Lille in France are running an outreach event, centred on a Giant BBQ from Mon 19th - Saturday 23rd August. Some folk from Sheddingdean Baptist Church, West Sussex will be supporting this. If you fancy joining them (and speaking French not essential), please contact Rev Ed Kaneen 01444 242548 edkaneen@sheddingdean.org.uk

Benidorm Mission 2008 Report

If anyone would like to read a report of our Mission Trip there are now a few hard copies at the welcome desk. Alternatively, you can ask Anna for a copy or you can read it by visiting the Life website at www.life-baptist.org.uk/benidorm_2008.html

Ready Assembled

Over the next 3 weeks the Ready Assembled Puppet Theatre Company will be presenting their summer assembly in local infant and junior schools. The theme is 'TRANSFORMERS' and the Bible base is the story of Zacchaeus. The performance schedule is on the notice board and the team would appreciate your prayers. If you want to know more, please talk to Frances.

The Welcome Team needs you

Anyone interested - please apply now. With me taking time out we could do with some new faces to join us. Its so easy - 10 am start - you say hello to whoever comes through the door, you then smile. You may shake hands, or even hug within reason. For those who turn up late, you may ask why, and tell them not to do it again (No smacking though... Not Godly... yes I am joking).

If you feel called and believe that this important ministry is for you, then please let me know, or alternatively just turn up and one of my able assistants will show you the rope. It also comes with a free cup of tea (mainly if Rhona is there). I would like to take this opportunity to say many thanks to those of you who already serve in this important area. You are a very special team and I praise and thank God for you all.

So, as the welcome team, we look forward to more of you joining us in the coming weeks. Much love to you all. *Paul*

Breakthrough Summer Break

Next week's Breakthrough will be the last one until September, whilst it takes it's traditional summer break over August.

Normal service will resume on Sunday 7th September.

Please ensure that any article you wish to place has reached me by no later than noon on Thursday 4th.

Thanks,
Matt

Mandate 2008

If you have not yet paid for your ticket or flight, early payment would be appreciated.

Horsham Churches Together

Everyone is invited to the A.G.M. at 8 pm, Thursday 24th July in The Barn, Causeway. Refreshments will be available from 7:30 pm.

Mike Checkland will be speaking on the Y Centre.

Men's Prayer Breakfast - forward notice and plea for venue

Last men's breakfast before the autumn on Saturday 2nd August at 7.30 am. Any offers for a venue, greatly appreciated, just let Scott or Paul know if you can host - Guys put it in your diary now.

Scott's Induction at his new church.

The induction of Scott as minister at Toddington Baptist Church has been confirmed at Saturday 13th September in the afternoon and will include tea for all guests. Of course all at Life are welcome to join us and be part of the celebrations. :)

THE CENTRE NEEDS YOUR CUSTOM!

The Centre is the most visible witness of the unity of the church in Horsham. If the Christians in the town do not support it by buying their books etc there it will perhaps not be able to continue for more than a year or two and that would be a great shame. PLEASE lets remember the Centre and its important ongoing witness when we are tempted to buy from Amazon or elsewhere on the internet. If they don't have what we want they can order it for us.

Resource partner churches - Churches are asked to run a small sale or return table once a month or so on Sundays.

Life Church has been a partner for the last 10 years and have received a 10% discount on all we buy as a church there. From this month however this privilege is only for those churches who run a sale or return book table even occasionally at their services. It would be helpful for us too to have a book table at church but it needs coordinating. Would anyone be prepared to serve God in this way - helping out the Centre and making recommended books easily available to us? Is this a project for someone from the existing Life Book Club perhaps?? Speak to Julie if you feel you could do this for an initial period of a year perhaps.

THE CENTRE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

Doug Fletcher has sent me a letter containing an urgent request for more volunteers to work at The Centre for a few hours on a weekly, fortnightly or even monthly basis, either in a role within the Café or the Bookshop. I know that many of you currently do work there, or have done so in the past, but for those of you who would like to try something new, I have a supply of volunteer forms, which also provide more information about the work undertaken.

Apparently 2008 is the year The Centre hoped to expand into No. 3 South Street. However this plan has had to be delayed for a further 2 years due to a number of "challenges" - sales in the bookshop have fallen due to the Internet, increased prices have reduced profitability in the Café and a reduction in the number of volunteers has meant more staff have to be paid. Doug feels that if there is any chance of The Centre expanding, or even surviving, more volunteers are desperately needed. *Karen*

Horsham Healing Rooms every Sunday 4 - 5:30 pm (except bank holidays) at the Y Centre

Church Family Life...

This section of the Breakthrough is a place where you can place prayer requests, house moves, phone number changes and general information and news. Please contact the editor with entries.

Please pray for Marilyn White, who is awaiting further tests and treatment.

Melissa

Please pray that they will find the right medication to stop the seizures and lets increase our prayers for her healing.

The Life Leadership Team

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