

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.

This Week...

Julie is leading and **Hilary** and **Wally** continue our series on Yes to the Spirit filled church with 'The Spirit creates Unity'

D.O.G.s are meeting at Rob and Jo's this morning

Next Week...

Julie will be leading an all age service, which will be followed by lunch together as a church.

Life Headlines...

The PA Team Needs You! (Especially if you aren't also on the worship team!)

The PA Team are becoming so short of people that there may not be enough to cover some Sundays.

Please seriously consider if this highly valuable role is something you could help out with.

All it requires is arriving between 9 and 9:15 am, approximately once a month, and we'll show you how to do the rest.

Please speak to Alan Speer today if you are interested in serving our church this way.

Church Members Meeting - February 4th (THIS WEDNESDAY) at the Salvation Army small hall at 8 pm

Items for discussion:

- Constitutional issues : voting, quorums and leadership structures
- Prayer
- The Business and Enterprise Centre: Is it a better venue?
- Prayer
- Events: those up and coming including Bennetts Field Fun Day and feedback re Prayer Day
- Children's work update
- Prayer
- Budget update
- Prayer
- AOB and date of next meeting which will be March 25th

The 'Cession

Evening of prophetic worship Saturday 7th Feb 7.45 at Christian Life Centre led by musicians/singers from CLC.

Anyone welcome from any church to spend extended time in worship together.

No Alpha this time

Sadly no one has come forward to go on Alpha from either TRBC or Life. How do we best to reach people with the Good News in Horsham? This challenge must really drive us even more to our knees in prayer. Lets remember that Jesus himself said he came to 'seek and save the lost' Luke 19:20. His mission must also be a priority of ours.

Faith in Action

The next packing dates are :

Thursday 5th February at 7.30 pm, Friday 13th February at 9.30 am, and Thursday 19th February 7.30 pm.

We meet at the Fry's' house and everyone is welcome. If you would like more information please speak to Frances, Janine Kelly or Sue Martin.

Bennetts Field Fun Day 2009 - Sunday May 3rd

As most of you know, Horsham churches have in previous years jointly held a "fun day" in Bennetts Field as part of "Let's Go" week. While "Let's Go" isn't happening this year, Brighton Road and the other churches in the immediate area have agreed to keep the Bennetts Field event going. I am co-ordinating Life's input, and the event has been scheduled for **Sunday May 3rd**, so please put that date in your diaries.

I will need help for a number of things:

- Co-ordination point for "youth" activities such as Dodge ball, Baseball etc. Whoever picks this up must be CRB-checked.
- Input from the Leadership team on the service at the start of the event.
- Contact point for "Face-Painting" activities
- Any other "specialist" talents in our Church - e.g. jugglers.
- Preparation of "promotional material" for display at the Information Point..
- Food - we need a Life Rep for the "Cooking Team" to co-ordinate preparation of food for the buffet. We're likely to be asked to cover Deserts of some kind.
- Volunteers to put leaflets through peoples' doors beforehand.
- People to help on the day - manning events etc.

Also is anyone has a marquee available could they please let me know.

I'll be saying more at the CMM next week - if you have any initial questions please speak to me after the service.

Eric.

RISE - freedom from domestic abuse

Rise is a refuge home for women and their children who are fleeing from abusive home situations. They may come from over the country and be accommodated temporarily, supported and advised in a secret location. I have made contact with the organization and offered my support in any way as a women minister but also asked if there was anything we could do as a church. Often these women and children flee bringing nothing with them. They said the refuge home is always in need of tinned food and toiletries.

Next week, in the all age service with a general theme of Loving God Loving our neighbours, as an initial way of supporting them, I wondered if we could bring some of the above items and donate them to Rise. Soaps, bubble bath, towels, tins of any kind of food would be welcome. This is a practical way we can show the love of God to very lonely, desperate and their children people in our community.

So please bring NEXT SUNDAY MORNING 8th if you can. Thank you, *Julie*

Crossways

For over 40 years, Crossways Community has been working in mental health helping rehabilitate younger adults to move towards greater independence. They are currently seeking a committed Christian to work in our care home in Tunbridge Wells as a qualified Mental Health Worker. For an application pack, please contact Celia Robertson on (01892) 529321 or from www.crosswayscommunity.org.uk.

MORE THAN JUST A CAFÉ!!

The Café @ The Centre was opened in March 1995 in response to a clear call by God during the meetings of the Ecumenical Lent House Groups four years earlier. Since then it has served the community of Horsham by providing a comfortable environment where Christians and non-Christians can meet to enjoy refreshment together. The success of the business has meant that the café is often very busy and the volunteers and staff work hard to maintain the aims of The Centre. In order for the café to continue as it has, there is an **urgent and immediate need for more people** who are willing to offer a few hours to help out. The work is varied and enjoyable; no previous experience necessary, just a willingness to learn. For more details please contact Doug Fletcher on 01403 218821, or call in for a chat.

Book recommendation: Face to Face with God by Bill Johnson ISBN 978 1 59979 070 1

As a Leadership Team we are reading this book together and using it devotionally at the beginning of our meetings. We are enjoying much of it as it emphasises the ongoing importance of pursuing God and being hungry for more of him and his presence. Although a little waffly at times Bill Johnson writes passionately and expresses himself in such a unique way. He makes experiencing a deep intimate relationship with God a priority for himself and the rest of his congregation. We have all underlined many things in the book for reflection and hopefully action! It would be good if others would read it too and lets all be encouraged to first and foremost deepen our relationship with God this year.

Ladies Event in London 7 March 2009 Westminster Central Hall, London

'Do you have a longing to bring God's love into the world around you? To see lives changed by the transforming power of his Spirit? Come and be inspired, challenged and encouraged to step out of your comfort zone! A day of worship, teaching and ministry especially for women, hosted by Anne Coles - with Nadine Parkinson in Harrogate and Lindsay Melluish in London.' It's not quite Mandate, but if anyone would like to go up to this as a group of Life Ladies, please speak to Julie

Open Doors Prayer Group will be meeting on Thursday 5th February, 2 pm at 48 Homesteam House, to pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters in India, in Pakistan, in Nigeria, and in China, Do come if you can. Please note the earlier start time.

Mobile phones and digital cameras

Thank you very much for your prayers for the Kenya trip. It went very well indeed. The church plants are growing, the children are doing well, and people including Muslims were brought to Christ and some remarkable transformations. There were also numerous healings. To God is the glory. We were all well and protected so thank you.

In order for us to have accurate up to date information concerning the children, any building work, scans of receipts etc it is helpful for them to have a digital camera. Ones we took before for Osare orphanage and the Siaya one we visit and personally support got stolen especially during the violence last year. Does anyone have a digital camera (or two!) they can spare please? Scott is going out in February and will take them for us. The mobiles are essential for the telephone teaching I do. They get bashed about a bit during all this and don't last for ages. Again does anyone have spare mobiles? Thank you. *Julie*

Horsham Churches Together Lent Study Groups: 1st March - 4th April 2009

LIFE ATTITUDES By Robert Warren and Sue Mayfield. A Study of the Beatitudes (LEARN LESSONS FOR LIFE THIS LENT) Sometimes the Beatitudes can sound rather lofty. Nothing could be further from the truth. This course opens up for Christians of all traditions the liberating challenge of these words of Jesus and offers imaginative pointers to how we can live out their message.

Jesus lived out the Beatitudes in his earthly life and his followers are called to do the same. This 5 sessions course encourages Christians to examine their lifestyle in the light of Jesus' radical teaching and to live out these Kingdom values - now.

The course opens up the Beatitudes by: deepening our understanding of Jesus and challenging our fundamental personal values; helping us understand how they should impact on our approach to major global issues, such as environmental pollution and the deep-seated hostilities and injustices that afflict our world.

There are registration forms for this at the Welcome Desk.

Completed forms should be returned to 37 Rusper Road, Horsham, RH12 4BA. Any questions? Call Sheila Rudofsky on 01403 258679.

TheBigChurchDay Out Sunday May 24 2.30-10 pm Advance notice

This will be an all age family initiative for all churches in the region. It is hoped there will be over 10,000 people there. 'TheBigChurchDayOut will be something special. It will be a great festival alternative; with one of the last ever UK appearances from Delirious as well as Graham Kendrick, YFriday, Lou Fellingham, Cathy Burton, and The Kings Chamber Orchestra with many more still to be added. And the location - the beautiful country home of Wiston House in West Sussex - the perfect backdrop for a perfect family day out.' We will not have a Sunday service at Forest that day and we would like for as many as possible of us to go as a church group. It is obviously going to cost the organizers (Tim Jupp from Delirious is heading it up) a great deal and there is a ticket price. However there are discounted tickets for church groups. This will take some organizing and we will want to know early in the year. If you'd like to know more at this stage see www.thebigchurchdayout.com More details about our group booking will follow in the new year.

Verse For The Week...

Jesus prayed '*I pray for those who will believe in me...that all of them may be one*' John 17:20

Church Family Life... for prayer requests, house moves, phone number changes and other general information and news.

John Coleman's mother Phyllis went to be with the Lord on Monday 26th. Please remember John, Maureen and the family at this sad time. Jenny Jessop is still awaiting more treatment and/or an operation for a possible burst appendix. Please pray for a swift conclusive diagnosis and subsequent treatment.

Please remember Audrey Allen (Colin's wife and Rob's mother) who is recovering from a hip operation.

Diary Dates...

Wednesday 4th February CMM at the Salvation Army (small hall) from 8. No coffee this time as we can't get in till 8.
Sunday 8th February Church lunch following All age service
Monday 16th February Ladies Away Day at Homestead Manor, Cuckfield

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Breakthrough

If you have an item that you wish to include in Breakthrough, please contact Matt, either by post (29 Lambs Farm Road, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 4DB), e-mail (break@thru.flife.co.uk), telephone (01403 262660), or find him in church. The deadline is Thursday noon. Items received after this will be published in the following week's edition.