

A very warm welcome to our service today.

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 **Wally** begins a new series 'Chasing after meaning' from the book of Ecclesiastes. Today it is from Ecc 1:1-11 and entitled 'Is it all meaningless!?'

### Next Week...

**Maureen** will be leading and **Julie** will be continuing the 'Chasing after meaning' series with 'Where can we find fulfilment? Ecc 1:12-2:26

### Life Headlines...



## Happy New Year 2010

A Happy New Year to everyone at Life! May 2010 be one of joy and opportunity as you continue to seek, serve and worship the Lord and make his name known.

#### 2010 - A new decade - a new opportunity to partner God

To encourage one another in prayer at the start of a New Year, we will once again send, via e-mail, topics for prayer each day in January. These will cover our Church, local community, nation and world. If you do not wish to receive these, please let me know. Paper versions will be available. Many thanks. *Hilary*

#### Fellowship Fund Offering

There are special envelopes available today for members and regular attenders to give towards the Life Fellowship Fund. This is so we can give gifts from the church to people within our own fellowship at special times. It has now run out as we have not had an offering for this for some time. We are unable to use money from the General Fund for our own members because of the tax relief we receive. Please help top up this fund if you can so we can be generous to one another when the occasions arise.

#### Thank you!

Thank you to those who gave towards a Christmas gift for me. It was very much appreciated. *Julie*

#### Praise God for his faithfulness!

The water borehole that we were able to get outside funding for, for the Home of Hope orphanage, Kenya is now at last complete, the water has been tested, the pump is working and the children are drinking. There has been a real struggle to get through the rock, find the water, negotiate with the water company and various other difficulties with communication but it is finished! It is already making a tremendous difference to the orphans. We will be dedicating it in February and I will be baptising many people with water from it, who have become Christians through the mobile phone teaching over the past year.

#### Thank You

Just a note to thank you so much for the stunning bouquet of flowers and the Hillier vouchers. I shall enjoy tending to my little garden when the warmer weather comes!! Thank you too, for your love and support whilst I have been on the leadership team, it has been much appreciated. Every blessing as you journey with God in 2010. With love from Hilary.

#### Kenya 2010 Trip

A reminder that there is a team who will be returning to Kenya between 1st - 11th February. Those going will be Julie Shimizu, Hilary Smith, Ray White, John Milborrow, Alan George and Anna Pisani from Life; Pauline Jepps from Brighton Road Baptist Church; Scott Carr and Stuart Parkins from Toddington Baptist Church and Masayuki Shimizu, Julie's son. We will appreciate your prayers as we prepare for the trip.

Those of you who sponsor one of the children at the Osare Orphanage should have received a letter template for you to pen a few words or draw a picture so we can take it to the orphanage when we go. It will be very much appreciated if you are able to return this to me as soon as possible. There will be a basket placed at the front of the congregation each week until 31st January. Please place your letter in there, in the event that you are not able to catch me during the service. Thanks. *Anna Pisani*

**Encountering God**  
**Growing in faith**  
**Making a difference**

### Do you have a spare computer or laptop?

Ray's laptop is on its last legs and needs a new motherboard. A computer is absolutely vital for Ray and he is unable to buy a new one. Has anyone updated theirs and has now a spare please? Or do you know of anyone else who has? Please email Ray directly if you do or speak to me. Thank you, *Julie*

**MEN'S MEETING.** After a very challenging meeting last Friday we will be holding a special Men's breakfast on the 23rd of January. Details to follow but mark the date in your diary.

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

### Journeys Course

7 new people who were on the Journeys course would like to continue fortnightly until Easter on a Thursday evening. Please pray that these people will learn more of the truths of Christianity, meet Jesus and find faith.

### Please, please pray for Melissa. Maureen emailed me (Julie) saying:

'Melissa is still very poorly. The multiple partial seizures continue to dog her. She has been very brave and tries her hardest to make them stop. But she is unable to do it herself. Heather House are endeavouring to keep her comfortable, but some times she is in such pain! They have had to resort to a lot of pain killers and a combination of emergency medication which eventually knocks her out.

Anyhow, we continue to pray for an abatement and for wisdom for the doctor and nurses who are caring for her.

**Igor** (the pastor from Malcoci who fell off the church roof) is still in hospital with various injuries and will be having an operation (at last) on 5<sup>th</sup> January. Please pray that this will be successful and Igor will make a full recovery.

## Future Diary Dates...

Saturday 2nd January	<u>Space to Pray BRBC 8.30 - 9.30 am</u>
Sunday 10th January	<u>Teachers and Worship Leaders Review and Prayer meeting 7:30 pm</u>
Sunday 17th January	<u>Digging Deeper (Creation and Evolution led through by Kevin Tuck)</u>
Sunday 24th January	<u>Horsham Churches Together United Service led by the Anglican churches 6:30 pm at St Mary's</u>
Sunday 21st February	<u>Trustees and Coordinators Meeting 7:30 pm</u>
Wednesday 24th February	<u>Church Members Meeting</u>
Sunday 7th March	<u>Digging Deeper Understanding Islam</u>
Saturday 27th March	<u>Life Easter Retreat and Reflection Day at Ashburnham</u>
Wednesday 26th May	<u>Church Members Meeting</u>

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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](mailto:break@thru.flife.co.uk)), telephone (01403 262660), or find him in church.

The deadline is Thursday noon. Items received after the deadline will be published the following week.