

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:

This week **Rachel** is leading and **Julie** introduces a new series 'We fulfil our destiny yes by yes!'

Life Headlines...



Happy New Year

Life Prayer Day January 10th at BRBC Chapel

Please pick up a green sheet at Welcome which outlines the day. The day concludes our 40 days of prayer. Please try and come to at least one of the sessions and the Communion together at 7 pm.

The Business and Enterprise Centre (The BEC)

Last week after the service we all trooped across to the BEC to see if might be a more suitable venue for us to meet as a church. There are different challenges there to the ones here and in order to weigh up whether we should stay where we are or change our venue we will have booked two trial services there - Sundays 25th January and 1st of February. We can then have a discussion on 4th February at the CMM and weigh up the overall pros and cons and seek to discern what God is saying to us. Please be in prayer about this.

Kenya Trip 11th-20th January

Next Sunday evening we will take the overnight flight to Nairobi and then on down to Kisumu. Anna and Pauline Jepps (from BRBC) are playing with and teaching the children and updating our sponsored children's photos and paper work, while I am teaching at the pastors conferences and mission crusades. The schedule is as follows:

13th/14th January (Siaya Pastors conference and affiliated orphanage)

15th (Julie teaching at the two new church plants and dedicating the new church building at one of them)

16th Ladies meeting

17th/18th Conference at the Bible school at Osare Orphanage

19th Children's party and travel home

This trip is self funded (apart from £200 each for Anna and I for our customary church support for those going on mission trips) We haven't had a specific Gift Day for this trip but if you feel you would like to contribute towards the cost of the trip and the incurring expenses and also towards gifts for the children and bibles and discipleship materials for the new churches please give to John Milborrow. More importantly please cover this trip in prayer as it is hard work, emotionally, physically and spiritually!

Thank you,
Julie



DOGs are not at Forest next Sunday! (11 January)

Don't forget that DOGs are meeting at Rob & Jo's next Sunday morning from 10:00 am (starting with breakfast), so don't turn up here instead!! *Rob and Jo*

Alpha

There will be a short Alpha meeting at TRBC 7.30 to 8.30 pm on Wed 7th re a joint February Alpha. This will be to ascertain when, where, if, who wants to help in some way or even host. If you may like to be involved in some way or have someone to invite please speak to Julie before Wednesday.

New Rota

The new rota is at the Welcome Desk. If you would like an emailed copy please email Anna.

Open Doors Prayer Group will be meeting on Thursday 8th January, 2:30 pm at 48 Homestream House, to pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ. Do come if you can

Diary Dates...

Monday 5th January Life Leaders 8 pm at Julie's
Saturday 10th January Life Prayer Day at The Chapel, BRBC

The Economic Crisis: Towards Sustainable Economies and Livelihoods

This day conference has been organised by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, for Tuesday 20th January 2009, from 10 am - 4 pm at the Methodist Church House, London. The aim of the conference is to reflect theologically on the root causes of the current economic crisis and the response of the churches in terms of their prophetic, pastoral and partnership roles and responsibilities. Contact the Baptist Union on 01235 517726 for more information.



Ian Andrews is in Horsham

Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th January 2009
'Heal the sick....'

Ian has travelled in over 50 nations bringing the good news that every believer can and should heal the sick.

Ian and Rosemary's primary burden in these days is to see the healing ministry restored and fully functioning in the body of Christ, so that everyone can move in healing.

Their focus is on equipping people and releasing the anointing so that they have the confidence,

knowledge and faith to move ahead in praying for people and seeing them healed.

Thousands have receive healing, when Ian teaches people how to pray effectively and then allows them to pray for each other.

This has happened across all Christian denominations.

Come and spend an evening with Ian and Rosemary Andrews and learn how you can effectively pray for the sick and see them healed.

Contact : www.healinginhorsham.org.uk or Gary/Joyce Jenkins on 01403 254604.

Venue : Horsham YMCA, The Y Centre, Albion Way, Horsham, RH12 1AH

Wednesday 7th Jan 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm

Thursday 8th Jan 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm

Become equipped and released.

Welcome Team

Please consider if this small, but valuable role is something you could help with.

All it requires is arriving at 10 am, approximately every 3 weeks, and a friendly face!

The new rota starts in January and we would love to have extra help in the New Year.

Please see Kay Morrish after the service or phone 731065.

Ladies Required

Life Ladies Retreat Day at Holmsted Manor, proposed for Monday 16th February 2009. An opportunity to set all your agendas to one side for one complete day and not only spend time with Jesus but with other ladies at Life (those wanting an overnight stay, this will be separately arranged for another time) In order we can get an idea of numbers please sign up, a list will be posted at the Welcome Desk until Mid January. Ideally, it'll be good to get at least 15 ladies for the day. For further details or any queries please speak to Julie Shimizu or Anna Pisani.

Beginners Pilates Course

A new 12 week introductory course will be starting on 9th January at Trafalgar Road Baptist Church.

The sessions will be held on Fridays 12.30-1.30 pm.

Places are limited and bookings are already being taken.

Pilates is a floor mat based exercise method which offers: improved posture, flexibility and balance; strong toned muscles; relief and recovery from injury.

For more information or to book a place please contact Frances on 01403 261735 or fjfrv@btopenworld.com or 07973 285913

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18th January - United Reformed Church

19th January - St Johns the Evangelist, Roman Catholic

20th January - London Road Methodist Church

21st January - St. Leonards Anglican Church

22nd January - Brighton Road Baptist Church

23rd January -Trafalgar Road Baptist Church

24th January -St Johns Anglican Church, Broadbridge Heath.

All of these meetings will be from 7 pm - 8 pm, you may come and go as you please. Material will be provided and can be downloaded free from

www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer

25TH JANUARY - UNITED SERVICE AT ST.MARYS CHURCH. 6.30PM.

Horsham Churches Together

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.

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

Re: Book Review: The Shack

I read Kevin's article in this weeks Breakthrough (14th December 2008) with great interest and would like to add my own thoughts on this best selling book.

As Kevin points out, this is a novel and as such is not intended as a Christian thesis in any way. Its target audience are both established Christians and more importantly, non Christians whose interest has been piqued by the author daring to explore the very issues that most would use as a reason for not believing in God.

To me, this book was inspirational and heart warming. To take one of the points raised by Kevin, namely that Jesus was portrayed as clumsy, demonstrated a heart attitude that I often struggle with. Rather than get upset and angry when we have a mishap - my usual initial reaction - we should make more light of it. The issue here is about the response, not the act itself.

Our relationship with God is a personal one so we all meet God in our own unique way. The author clearly explains in the book the reason why God chose to appear as a woman to the character (Mac) and as such, the author is merely providing an insight into Mac's own very personal relationship. In my view, the book should be viewed in a holistic way and its value as a potential evangelistic tool should not be undermined. Alan George

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

Eric's New Personal Mobile no. is 07833 207277.

Marilyn is recovering from a stomach operation. Please continue to be in prayer for her.

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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.