

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...

...is Palm Sunday. **Rachel** is leading and **Geoff** is preaching.

We will have a short Church Members Meeting after the service to vote on the proposals to elect Wally Fahrer and Ray White to the leadership team for a further 3 years. We will also vote on the new constitution.

Please be in prayer before this meeting to discern God's will for these proposals.

Julie is taking the service at BRBC tonight.

*Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest*  
Luke 19:38

## Next Week...

We are having an all age Easter service, starting with breakfast together at 10 am. Sign up today if you'd like to eat!

## Life Headlines...

### Welcome back!

We welcome Andrew and Amy Joannou visiting us from USA today. Andrew was a much loved member of our church for several years and it's great to see him and Amy again. Andrew has Tourettes syndrome which causes him to shout out so please do not be unduly surprised by that.

### Easter events

Maudy Thursday: 9 April Life Prayer Day for the lost.

Three opportunities to choose from to pray specifically for people to come to know Jesus and for our local church outreach.

6.30 -7.30 am At Wally's

2.00- 3.00 pm At Julie's

8.00- 9.00 pm At Eileen's

Good Friday: Horsham Churches Together 11 am at the Bandstand

Easter Sunday: All age Easter Breakfast 10 am

We will have breakfast together (warm bacon and egg wraps and Danish pastries!) and a short service suitable for non Christian families and friends.

There will be an Easter egg hunt outside with clues for children to bring back to the service. The focus of the service will be on post resurrection appearances of Jesus.

### Easter to Pentecost Life 50 days of prayer

Many found the Life 40 day prayer initiative helpful and many also said they appreciated the day's topic coming through by email. To further encourage extra prayer together as a church we have are doing this again this time for the 50 days between Easter and Pentecost. Paper copies will be available from this Sunday. If you would **prefer not** to have them emailed through as well then please let Hilary know. There will be a joint prayer meeting arranged sometime around the Pentecost. w/e. 'An army advances on its stomach; a church advances on its knees'

### Please note:

- Julie will be away from April 13 to Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April. (*Please remember me in prayer as I preach in my old church in Japan on April 19<sup>th</sup>*)
- Ray Driscoll, the youth minister at BRBC will be speaking at Life on April 26<sup>th</sup>
- There is no service at Forest on May 3<sup>rd</sup> but we will join the other churches 10-10.30 am on Bennetts Field as part of the Funday.

### A note from Ray White

Hi All, I am sorry that I can't be at Life this morning for the special church meeting but I am preaching at the Lancing Tabernacle both this morning and again this evening. This is a booking I took many months ago, long before the meeting was arranged for after church this morning, and I feel it would be wrong to let them down. Ray White

### Mandate 2009 - November 14th

If you would like to come, please see Simon. A deposit of £40 secures your place and ticket. For those who have already come forward; your deposits would be appreciated asap please.

### A note from Paul Stacey

Hi All, I have been hacked by someone on my Facebook. I have changed the password, but it has happened again, so I've decided to come out of it. Just wanted to say that some of the things that came through, some of you may have already seen, so apologies for that, and just to say they had nothing to do with me. If you need to contact me just use this e mail; [staceyp66@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:staceyp66@yahoo.co.uk). Once again, sorry if you came across this rubbish, but thankfully it will not happen again. Keep in touch, Blessing to you all, Paul xx

### Scott, Fliss, Joshua & Simeon

**THE GOOD NEWS:** The Carrs are planning to visit Horsham on the weekend of 17-19<sup>th</sup> April and they will be at our Service on that Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April  
**THE BAD NEWS:** A house update: All seemed to be on course for imminent exchange and completion but regrettably circumstances outside our control have come in to thwart the process (yet again!). The prospective purchasers of our buyer's flat have decided to pull out (at this moment we do not know the reason for them pulling out). This has meant that our buyer have had to withdraw their offer on "our house" due to the sales chain being broken. In effect we'll now need to start from "square one" again and we have had to put the house back on the market for sale again. This is obviously a very frustrating time, especially for Scott and Fliss and your continued prayers will be appreciated for them and to discern the way forward. In the meantime, should you know anyone either wanting to buy a house or wanting to rent then please urgently contact either John Milborrow or Anna Pisani, initially.

### Bennetts Field Fun Day - Less Than a Month Away!

Thanks very much to all those who have volunteered to help with the Fun Day on Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. I now need to firm up on people to assist me with the following:

1. *Distribution Of Leaflets.* I need people to cover three streets in the locality (Elm Grove, Eversfield Road, and Compton's Lane / Little Comptons). The leaflets should be distributed preferably on the weekend of the 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> April, but could go out the previous week if that suits people better.

2. *Coverage on the day.* There are hour-long slots to cover from 9:00 - 11:00 to help with set-up, and then from 11:00 - 16:00 to watch over the inflatables. Please talk to me re which slot(s) you can cover.

Also, for those of you who have been kind enough to offer to make cakes/ desserts, these should be brought to the Scout Hut in Bennetts Field before 11:00 on the day. I would encourage you all to bring picnics for your own families.

Thanks for all your help to date - let's pray for good weather and another great day! *Eric*

*Editors note: There is a downloadable flyer for the event available at [www.life-baptist.org.uk/bennettsfieldfunday.pdf](http://www.life-baptist.org.uk/bennettsfieldfunday.pdf).*

### Christian Researcher/Development Officer wanted

Churches Together in Kent (CTK) is seeking to appoint a part-time Christian Researcher/Development Officer for two days per week from the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2009, on a one year contract. In co-operation with the CTK church leaders, the successful candidate will undertake research to determine the current issues and opportunities for collaborative mission between Christians in Kent. The deadline for applications is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please see Alan Cruickshank for more information.

### "Prophetic Gatherings" - Bookham Baptist Church - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2009

Begins at 9.30 for 10 am and finishes with lunch around 1 pm. There is no cost for these meetings but a donation towards the cost of lunch is welcome. For more information contact Elizabeth McArthur, Ministry Team Member (Prayer & Prophetic), Bookham Baptist Church Tel 01372 811313 email [elizabethmcarthur@bookhambaptist.clara.net](mailto:elizabethmcarthur@bookhambaptist.clara.net)

### TV/Video Combi unit available (for free)

Please come and see Patrick if you are interested.

### TheBigChurchDay Out May 24<sup>th</sup> at Wiston House

About 50 of the congregation are now booked to go to this. If you have decided you would like to go then please book your own ticket from now on.

There will be no service at Forest on that day.

They are having some prayer meetings for this event:

Easter Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 - 9 pm @ Wiston Church

Sunday 17 May 7.30 - 9 pm Launch of 24/7 Prayer @ Wiston Church

Thursday 21 May 7.30 - 9 pm Ascension Day Prayer Evening @ Wiston Church

For more info and future emails re these updates email

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### CREATION UPDATE - PRAYER REQUEST

I would greatly value your prayers for the many Creation / Evolution matters I am involved with this year. As well as editing CSM's quarterly Journal and accompanying pamphlets, I have an exceptional number of other activities taking place over the next few months. Richard Broadberry and I will be speaking on Creation to the children of a Catholic school near Newbury on 3<sup>rd</sup> April. On 25<sup>th</sup> April is our six-monthly CSM Council meeting, which is an all-day affair. We have a particularly onerous agenda as, amongst other things, we seek to develop additional exhibition space in the Genesis Expo at Portsmouth by building an extension on the rear of the premises. On 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> May I will be staying at Brunel Manor, where I will be giving two lectures and no doubt also some informal discussions for a Creation Week conference/holiday. On 11<sup>th</sup> July I will be giving an extended bible study on creation / evolution to the Horsham Convention. On 24-28<sup>th</sup> August I may be involved in the 9<sup>th</sup> European Creationist Congress to be held at Eastbourne. On 19<sup>th</sup> September I am booked to give a lecture at Pilgrims Hall, Brentwood for their Creation Day. On 26<sup>th</sup> September is the second of this year's all-day CSM Council meetings. And in October (date tbc) I will be giving a lecture at a church in Ewell. Thank you very much for your help in this way! *Kevin*.

### Healing on the Streets over Easter

About 12 people from about 5 churches ( 6 from Life) will be involved in praying for people in the Carfax Good Friday 12-2 and Easter Saturday 12-2. Please be in prayer with us and for us in this healing mission.

### Baptisms?

It would be great to have a baptismal service before the summer. If you have not been baptised yet please consider taking this step of obedience to Jesus. He set us the example by being baptised himself (Mark 1:9), he commanded us to be baptised (Matthew 28:19) and we read of no Christian in the NT early church not being baptised. So... please speak to Julie if this has set you thinking about baptism.

### The welcome team needs your help!

Is there anyone who feels that they could be on the welcome team? Our numbers are limited and not enough to fill next terms rota. All that is involved is turning up at 10 am and a friendly face! The commitment is only about twice in every 6-8 weeks, but if you could only offer a couple of weeks during the whole term, or be on standby for weeks that need cover then this would be a great help too. Please phone or e-mail Kay Morrish, 731065, [kay@morrishonline.com](mailto:kay@morrishonline.com).

### The London Premiere of Re:creation

This is a new oratorio for soloists, chorus and orchestra which will be performed on 22<sup>nd</sup> April at St John's, Smith Square, London. This church work tells the biblical story of God's initiatives in creation and his restoration through Jesus. See the poster on the notice board for more information.

## Diary Dates...

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Bennetts Field Fun Day  
The Big Church Day Out

## The Life Leadership Team

Rev. Julie Shimizu Tel. (01403) 218842  
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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 this will be published in the following week's edition.