

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...

Tim is leading, and **Wally** is speaking on Elijah - Setting the Scene

Next Week...

Simon is leading, and **Julie** is speaking on Elijah - Shaping for Significance

Life Headlines...

Leadership Team 2 day retreat at Ffald y brennin in Wales

God is moving in a quiet but powerful way in this off the beaten track retreat centre in Pembrokeshire. As a leadership team plus Hilary as Prayer Coordinator we felt it right to make the journey there for two days of prayer from Thursday 9th to Saturday 11th September. Please be in prayer for us for a safe journey and most of all that we would meet with and hear from God for this church.

Thank you.

All Age Service plus lunch on 19th September – The Human Body!

As it's around Harvest Time we would like to contribute towards the homeless and needy in the area. Please could you bring one or more cans or jars on this particular Sunday so we can collect them and give them to those who distribute.

Church Lunch following Family Service Sun 19th September

We are having a Church lunch following our Family Service on Sun 19th September. Sue Martin is co-ordinating this and would be grateful for offers of plates of food. Many thanks for your help.

Horsham Matters Ltd - Report by Development Officer Richard Webb

The charity set up as 'Horsham Matters Ltd' has been running now for 12 months and become well established at the Tanfield Community Centre. It is an 'Aladdin's Cave' due to the generosity of the people of Horsham. God is blessing this work mightily as it has been busy from the start. Vida Lyne, Janet and John are the managers, who between them have had years of experience running Charity shops in the town. David Sheldon has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer, which is paid employment for 3 days a week. HML have their own van and a new logo, which comprises of green, purple and blue intertwined circles. The Charity's primary function is to help the needy in Horsham & District, by supplying them with cheap good condition furniture and essential goods. The aim is to become self-sustaining and tithe 10% to the community chest, with a view to possible employment for young people in the future.

Help required for Horsham Churches Together Events in the Carfax

Harvest Festival - Saturday 9th October

Carols - Saturday 4th November

If you can assist please contact Terry Garn on 01403 265194

Kenya 2011

At least Anna, Pauline Jepps (BRBC) and I are planning to make another trip out to Kenya in February 2011 to visit the churches, pastors and orphanages. I'm not sure whether there will be any viable practical work to be involved in this time, however if anyone else feels they would like to go and there is something specific they can do or want to be involved in please speak to me as flights will need to be being booked soon and plans made.

Thanks, *Julie*

Queen Elizabeth 2 School

As our neighbours to where we meet at Forest, we try to support the QE2 School in Comptons Lane. The performing arts are very important to the school and greatly encourage the development of the children there. Representing the church, I was invited to the opening of their new arts studio on Wednesday and was so moved at the performances of the children. They do a great work at that school and I count it a privilege that as a church we can be supportive of them.

Babysitting Anyone?

Is anyone in need of a Babysitter? If you are then please contact Naomi Fry on 01403 261735. Thank You.

Prayers for the children

A kindly reminder to all of you who have offered to pray for the children in the church: now might be a good time to make contact with them or their parents/grandparents to find out if they have any specific prayer needs before the school holidays. Be encouraged! Your prayers are really appreciated and do make a difference.

Bless you for your faithfulness, *Hilary S.*

Encountering God Growing in faith Making a difference

Velvet Elvis, Repainting the Christian Faith. Rob Bell

Rom 10:3. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

Velvet Elvis, Repainting the Christian Faith, has generated a lot of comment, from delight to horror, but why?

The subtitle Repainting the Christian Faith is misleading, what he sets out here is not the christian faith repainted, rather, it is the belief system of Rob Bell.

In this review of the book I aim to show that he preaches another gospel, that he is in the place of Mark 7:7, Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

There are so many places where one could pick examples to illustrate the case it is easy to get bogged down in detail. He has a great dislike for Evangelical Christianity, similar to Ron Sider, and likewise uses the conduct of some christians to try and rubbish Evangelicalism.

In pondering how to proceed, Bell's closing pages speak volumes, on p171 line 4 we read, We are not going somewhere else at the end of time, because this world is our home. And our home is good.

In a few words he has dismissed the whole understanding of the new heaven and earth, of the clear intent of the passages in John 14: 2-3, in my Father's house there are many mansions, and Hebrews, 11:10, a city which hath foundations, 11: 16, [God] hath prepared for them a city, 12: 22, the heavenly Jerusalem, 13:14, For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

On p150 L5 we read, The goal isn't escaping this world but making this world the kind of place God can come to. In contrast we read in 2Cor 5:1-3, For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

P124 from top, these 5 paragraphs condense beautifully the core of the book The Myth of God Incarnate, ed John Hicks, a series of essays purporting to prove that Jesus was not, God manifest in the flesh, 1Tim 3: 16.

Under the heading My Soul, on p111 at endnote93 we are recommended to read Glittering Images, by Susan Howach, a lascivious and in parts pornographic novel of descent into moral and psychological collapse and `recovery` through mystic/monastic counselling and disciplines, which both deny and denigrate the work of Jesus in his atonement and the work of the Holy Spirit in sanctification. 1Tim 2:3-6, Heb 9:26, Jn 16:7-13, Eph 1:13-14. P91-2 Recognising God. L12-16, It is not that passion and love and exhilaration are in one place and Jesus is somewhere else. Wherever you find those, you find God. In affirming all that they did that day on the cliff, my friends are closer to Jesus than they could ever imagine.

Creation is not God and God is not creation, in the words of the apostle Paul, Rom 8:20-22, For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

2Pe 3:13, Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. (Rev21:1)

On p80-81 a notion of Truth is floated, but is wilfully confused with opinion, fact and true, he uses it then as a base for syncretism, a universal notion of truth being God. When Jesus said, I am the way, the truth and the life, he was speaking of salvation, not Mathematics, Science or Philosophy, he was speaking of the eternal destiny of the soul. 1Jn 5:12, He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

On page 21 L12 we read, And God is the ultimate reality. There is nothing more beyond. In lines 13-23, he explains away the person of Jesus shown in the Bible as God incarnate and leaves us with just another guru, though in his economy a better one. Quote ...he was telling those who were following him that his way is the way to the depth of reality.

In endnote 143 we are told to `set aside three months to read Ken Wilber's A Brief History of Everything`. This is a thesis of evolutionary philosophy, the ascent of `being` from sub-atomic to Spirit. The understanding of the word `nooma` is revealed, it has absolutely nothing to do with the Holy Spirit in greek pneuma, e.g. in Lk4:1.

On p41 of A Brief History at line 21-24. Depth increases from subconscious to self-conscious to super conscious, on the way to its own shocking recognition, utterly one with the radiant All, and we awaken as that oneness. P43 L24-5, Supernovas come into being within your heart, and the sun shines inside your awareness. Because you transcend all, you embrace all.

Having built to this point, on p44 L 5-6, So there is an overall continuity to evolution, from physiosphere to biosphere to noosphere.

We have in Velvet Elvis a religious philosophy that talks of the Bible, Jesus, God, the Church and salvation, but looks outside of the Scriptures for its authority.

To close we should bear in mind the warning recorded for us in Mat 18:6-7, and pray that Rob Bell's eyes may be opened and that he may be saved. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. (7) Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!

R Baker July 2010.

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

Please pray for Eileen Gray recovering from a recent small seizure/stroke.

Please pray for Lyn Pickstock recovering from a gall bladder operation.

Future Diary Dates...

Sunday 19th September

Passion for Prayer Meeting 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Wednesday 22nd September

Church members meeting 7:30 pm for 8 at the Salvation Army Hall (briefing note out next week)

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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 the deadline will be published the following week.



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