

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...

Simon & Rachel are jointly leading, and Hilary is continuing our series on the Books of the Bible with Luke

## Next Week...

Tim will be leading, and Julie will be continuing our series on The life of Abraham with A Great Test of Faith Gen 22,23,25:1-8, Heb 11:17

On Saturday at 3 pm Jasmine and Tom's baptisms at BRBC. Please come and show your support.

## Life Headlines...

### Back by popular demand!

Michelle Howell is putting on another music concert to raise money for Moldova

It is going to be on 6th December from 3 till 6 pm at Forest boys school.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and support this fun event. A collection will be taken and all proceeds will go to Moldova.

### Moldovan presidential election: a critical time

Tomorrow's sees the second attempt by the ruling Alliance group to elect the new president, and to begin the daunting task of reforming the country. However they still need at least 8 votes from the Communist deputies, and in spite of Moscow's support for the stability this would bring, they are expected to again boycott the vote. This would mean another General Election being necessary, probably next Autumn, and effectively the loss of a whole year to political campaigning instead of progress in the process of rebuilding Moldova.

This is a critical time: please remember the country in your prayers. *Rob & Jo*

### Faith in Action

Please remember to accept and save **good quality carrier bags** for us.

We are told that they are helpful in the distribution of the items we send to Malawi but we have almost run out.

The **latest FiA newsletter** and annual statement of accounts is on the **notice board** for general perusal.

If you are having a sort out at home we shall be grateful to receive unwanted good quality clothes and shoes (men's, women's and children's).

This includes things you may not have thought of such as underwear, ties, belts, and flip flops.

We also need sheets, towels and blankets for our linens boxes and a wide variety of items including sleeping bags, notebooks, bags/small rucksacks, cutlery and toothbrushes for our Pastors boxes. A fuller list, for you to take home, is on the notice board. Our next Faith in Action packing sessions will be 7 - 9 pm on Thurs 10th and Mon 14th Dec, and Friday 11th Dec 9.15 - 11.15 am all in the packing room over the garage @ 76 Hurst Road.

You will be welcome for some or all of the time. If you think you might come please let me know.

Thank you. *Frances*

**RAY & MARILYN.** You may notice that Marilyn and I are not around, and will not be around till early January. We are in Northern Italy. This is a "rent free" holiday through Christian House sitters and while there we will be looking after a fabulous sounding house and 2 donkeys. The house is in the foothills of the mountains and the pictures we have seen look fantastic. We praise God for this much needed holiday. BUT I am still available if anyone from the church needs to chat to me about anything and I will be in regular contact with the rest of the Leadership Team. To contact me just use my email address from the members list. **RAY 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.

### Christmas at Life

For your information, it is our general practice not to send Christmas cards to one another but to give the money instead to support a charity (tba) for which we take a collection at our Christmas service.

- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> is our only Christmas service this year. It will be an All Age again with a simple lunch so we can share some time together.
- The Christmas Eve service, 11.15 pm at BRBC, is always a special one to go to mark the event in a quieter way.

Please note also that there is also no service on the 27<sup>th</sup> December at Forest. Maybe you'd like to take the opportunity to visit another church in the town?

### Baby equipment to borrow?

My brother and his family are coming to stay at our house over Christmas and I wondered if anyone had a couple of stair gates and a wooden cot I could borrow for the Christmas week. Many thanks, *Sue Martin 250907*

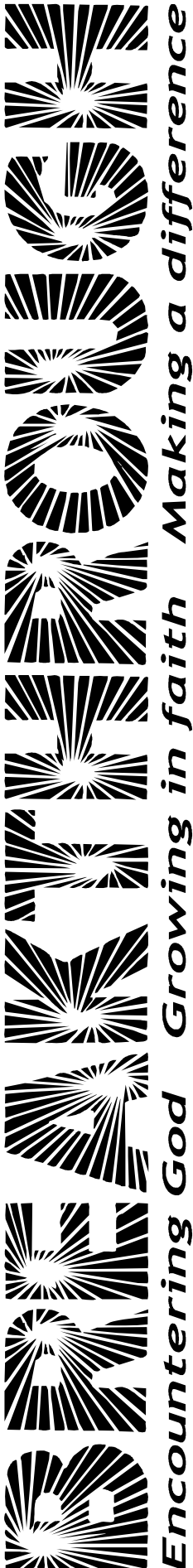
### The Drama of Salvation

I have been meeting with people from church over the past several years intermittently to do a bible reading course 'The Way of the Spirit' by John Mackay. It is a very encouraging and aims to give us personal revelation from our reading and also inspiration by meeting others in a group.

There is a short course over 6 weeks called 'The Drama of Salvation' and if anyone is interested in meeting to do this and meeting around twice a month at a mutually convenient time please speak to me or phone 01403 258697 or email

[eileen@eileengray.wanadoo.uk](mailto:eileen@eileengray.wanadoo.uk) We will likely start late January 2010.

Thanks, *Eileen.*



### The Store

'The Store' in Crawley is a place rented by The Pregnancy Centres Oasis (in Horsham) and The Haven (in Crawley) (both are organisations affiliated to CARE for Life). It is used to provide baby clothes and equipment for pregnant mothers in need. At present there is a need for volunteers to help. It is open 2 hours on a Thursday pm and is always busy and a great place to meet people. More volunteers would help with making the rota more manageable. If interested please phone The Haven on 01293 511211.

The next prayer meeting in Horsham is at 11 Queen St Horsham at 8 pm on Mon 14/12/09 and all are welcome.

Thanks, Eileen Gray. (Church contact).

**The Wintershall Nativity Play** takes place at Wintershall (the same place that does the Life of Christ and the Acts of the Apostles, off the A281, Bramley nr Guildford). Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> to Monday 21<sup>st</sup> 'December at either 4.45 or 7.30 pm. More information from [www.wintershall-estate.com](http://www.wintershall-estate.com)

### **Horsham Churches Together**

The final Delegates Meeting of 2009, took place at the newly refurbished St Leonards Church on 30<sup>th</sup> September.

Two new Ministers were welcomed to the meeting Revd. Paul Cockburn of London Rd Methodist, and Capt Ian Woodgate of the Salvation Army, along with two new delegates.

Rachel Imhoff from kingdom Faith Church gave a presentation of the 'Great Adventure' which is being staged at the Church in December and is an all age story not directly based on the Christmas theme.

Richard Webb, Development Officer for HCT and Horsham Matters Ltd, gave a PowerPoint presentation. The site of Tanfield Motors had its Official Opening on 3<sup>rd</sup> October with the Chairman of Horsham District Council. Richard reported that over the first few weeks of trading, prior to opening over £1,300 each week had been taken. Volunteers are required to keep this busy place open with a minimum of fifty volunteers, nine per day and transit style van complete with Luton Body and tail lift, is urgently sought after, for furniture collection and delivery. Please contact HML at the site on 01403 217381. Or [horshammatters@btinternet.com](mailto:horshammatters@btinternet.com)

If you can help in any way. A Prayer support team is underway, and he is in contact with both the Y Centre and the WSCC for future job funding for young people to work there. Other plans are a new website under Church Insight and planning for the future on a three month plan.

'Greener Horsham' meeting was held at the Drill Hall, which HCT was asked to participate in. A report on this will be circulated.

There is still a vacancy for a Secretary, any Church Member that may be interested please contact email address below.

The Advent Service for Carols in Carfax, held on 28<sup>th</sup> November, went well, with rain and wind holding off for most of the event and thank you to all those who participated.

Healing on the Streets held monthly in the Carfax has had encouraging feedback. Please contact Julie Shimizu for further information.

United Week of Prayer, culminating in the United Service at St Marys is 17<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> January, churches being used for this will be reported shortly. The theme is 'The Mission' and will be available for download.

Lent House groups will be meeting again this year commencing Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, notices will be sent out in December. Everyone is encouraged to join in both of these **together** events.

Unfortunately there will be no Christmas Post this year, as no Charity has come forward to take this on.

Brenda Garn. [Brenda.garn@btinternet.com](mailto:Brenda.garn@btinternet.com)

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

### **Another baby!**

Congratulations to Rachel and Gavin Kiley (now living in Eastbourne) on the birth of the 5th child!!!! Johan Zephaniah 8lb 15oz was born on 21<sup>st</sup> November and is a new brother for Eleora, Noah, Eoin and Malachi.

**Rob** is still on a 3 week visit to Moldova so do remember him in your prayers.

**Please continue to pray for Igor**, the pastor of the church in Malcoci we support, who fell from the church roof and has sustained serious injuries on his back and legs. and is still in hospital awaiting an operation.

## **Future Diary Dates...**

Sunday 20th December	<u>All Age Service and lunch together</u>
Sunday 17th January	<u>Digging Deeper (Creation and Evolution led through by Kevin Tuck)</u>
Wednesday 24th February	<u>Church Members Meeting</u>
Wednesday 26th May	<u>Church Members Meeting</u>

## **The Life Leadership Team**

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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.fslife.co.uk](mailto:break@thru.fslife.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.