

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...

Rachel is leading, and **Wally** is continuing our series on the Books of the Bible with John

## Next Week...

Tim will be leading, and **Geoff** will be continuing our series on Chasing after Meaning with Where can we find wisdom? Ecc 7:1-8:8

## Life Headlines...

### Please note:

As Julie and Ray will be on the Kenya trip from 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Wally will be your only Leadership point of contact. Brian White (TRBC) and Tim Carter (BRBC) have been notified to be of help to Wally should there be any major problems (not anticipated at all of course!)



### Kenya 2010 Trip 1-12<sup>th</sup> Feb

A reminder that the team will be going out to Kenya tomorrow. Those going will be Julie, Hilary, Ray, John, Alan and Anna from Life; Pauline Jepps from BRBC, Scott Carr and Stuart Parkins from Toddington and Mark, Julie's son. We would so appreciate your prayers. There is a prayer sheet available from the Welcome Desk.

### Church Members Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> Feb (Advance notice) 7:30 pm coffee for 8 pm start at the Salvation Army Hall

The main item for the agenda will be an overview of our church organization, (to remind ourselves and for the new people's benefit - no proposals for change!) various roles and appointments, and a consideration of ways to further improve communication, support and accountability. This will include the Leadership Team, Coordinators – (Prayer, Finance, Administration, Welcome, Men's, Worship, Children and Youth, Mission) Life Group Leaders, and Children's Advocate and Ambassador.

Tim Jackson has been nominated to be on the Leadership Team and will speak to the meeting and share why he is willing to stand. There will be a short church meeting to vote on this appointment after the service on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Tim and Isabel have lived in Horsham for 30 years. They have been at Life for 18 months and were formally members of TRBC for 17 years and Tim served on the leadership there for 2 of those. Tim is a Compliance Manager for an IFA network giving advice to Financial Advisors.

### A step forward for Moldova?

There have been a number of articles and commentaries on the web about the recent signing of a \$262M aid package with the U.S. government's Millennium Challenge Corporation and the new opportunities for change, both politically and economically it may bring for Moldova. One of these can be found at: [www.businessweek.com/globalbiz/content/jan2010/gb20100127\\_814046.htm](http://www.businessweek.com/globalbiz/content/jan2010/gb20100127_814046.htm)



Let's pray that this and the new found hope within the country will see things move forward. You can also keep up to date with events in Moldova (and many other countries) on the **Radio Free Europe** website at [www.rferl.org/section/Romania+Moldovo/160.html](http://www.rferl.org/section/Romania+Moldovo/160.html).

Rob & Jo

### Life Fellowship Fund Cheques

Thank you to all those who have given to the Life Fellowship Fund this year. This is just to inform any future donors that the bank are no longer accepting cheques for this account written out to "Life Community Baptist Church" as this is not the name on the account. Please make out future cheques to the Fellowship Fund to "J Shimizu Life Fellowship Fund". Cheques for the standard offering can, of course, continue to be made out to "Life Community Baptist Church". Thanks for your help and generosity. *Eric*



### The Big Church Day Out 2010

Fixture details are being advertised for the 2010 event. They are planning to have 2 days at Wiston House, last years venue, which will be on Sunday 30th May and Bank Holiday Monday 31st May 2010. The exact same programme with all the same performers, worship leaders and fun, will run on each of the days. Gates open at 11 am with the event starting at 2 pm until 10 pm on both days The line-up at the moment includes HILLSONG UNITED, SWITCHFOOT, TOBY MAC (DC Talk), ISRAEL HOUGHTON, TIM HUGHES (Worship Central), BRENTON BROWN, GRAHAM KENDRICK, LOU FELLINGHAM, TOM & OLLY,

LZ7, THE KINGS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, STUART PENDRED and TRENT.

Life plan to have a church service, as usual, on the Sunday and propose, as a church, to go to the event together on the Bank Holiday Monday. However, it is accepted that there maybe those who may want to go to Wiston House on the Sunday instead or alternatively there may be some who may want to attend the church service in the morning and then go onto the event or they may want to attend the event on both of the days.

Tickets are on sale and as usual there are "early bird" and group booking offers if booked early For the 31st May event, Group ticket costs are i) Up to 10 people £18 per day ii) 11- 20 people £17 per person per day iii) 21 - 40 people £16 per person per day plus booking fee (check out the website to see if it'll work out cheaper for you to book either a "family ticket" or an adult and child if you have children. This year they also have tickets for "Camping" Visit their website <http://www.bigchurchdayout.co.uk/> to get the full details).

With the event being on two separate days and with people's preference being spread over the two days this means that it makes getting group tickets a little more complicated and it may not even be viable to get them. Therefore, at this stage, it will be good to gauge interest for those wanting to buying tickets, for which day and numbers for each day. Please send your response to Anna Pisani, who will collate the feedback (either speak to or email on [pisanianna@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pisanianna@hotmail.co.uk) Thanks .

### Praise God for a victory in the House of Lords

Three amendments tabled by Baroness O'Cathain were passed by the House of Lords tonight. The first amendment was voted through 216 votes to 178, the second was conceded by the Government and the third was voted through 177 votes to 172.

The Government also tried to pass an amendment which would have further restricted the freedom of Churches. Thankfully this amendment was defeated by 195 votes to 174 and the law has not been narrowed any further.

We at CCFON are delighted with the result and are thankful to all of you for your prayers and action in writing to peers and signing the petition. We are also thankful for the many Peers who supported Baroness O'Cathain's amendments and spoke in favour of religious freedom throughout the debate.

Although the Government has consistently maintained that the effect of their provisions would not alter the current situation, it is the opinion of CCFON and many other Christian organisations that the proposed Governmental provisions contained within the Equality Bill would have further reduced the freedom of Churches. We are therefore grateful that the status quo has been maintained and the law has not been narrowed any further.

Andrea Minichiello Williams, director of CCFON said:

"This is a great day for religious liberty in the UK. We are thankful that the law has not been changed and the freedom of Churches to control their own affairs has not been restricted any further. The results show what can happen when Christians pray and take action. Let us be encouraged that even in an increasingly secular society, the voice of the Church can still be heard."

Most of all we are thankful to God for answering our prayers. We serve a mighty God!

Andrea Minichiello Williams - Christian Concern for our Nation

<http://www.ccfon.org>

### Dalesdown Quiet Days March 2010 - Going Deeper - Jennifer Rees Larcombe **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

(Coffee served from 9:30 am)

We are really looking forward to Jennifer's visit and hope that you will be able to join with us. *Cliff Powell, General Manager*

Tel: 01403 710712 Website: [www.dalesdown.org.uk](http://www.dalesdown.org.uk)

### Bennetts Field Fun Day 2010 - Sunday May 2nd

Following on from last year, we are again working with Brighton Road and other local churches to put on another Fun Day on Sunday 2nd May. The event will start with a service at 11:00, with the Bouncy Castles etc. being available from 12:00 onwards. The content will be similar to last year, although the distribution of the food will be managed more carefully to ensure it doesn't run out so quickly! There will also be some additional inflatables.

As ever I will need assistance from you all to help make this a success, in areas such as publicity (mail-drops), food, and various tasks on the day.

You'll hear more on this in future weeks - for now please note the date in your diaries and pray that many hearts will be touched on the day. We are also looking at ways of following this up with further cross-church events to provide continued engagement with the local community. *Eric*

### Life Ashburnham Easter Reflection and Retreat Saturday March 27th

We have a room booked there now with at 15 places reserved. This will be a day where a few thoughts on Cross, Resurrection and Ascension will be shared, then there will be space to reflect, time to pray alone or together in the beautiful grounds of Ashburnham. A good opportunity to set aside and make time to consider the real meaning of Easter and have a quiet day away as a church. Please could you let Anna know ASAP if you are planning to come. The cost will be £20 per person including coffee/teas and lunch.

### Please turn out your toiletries for the Women's Refuge

Last year we collected toiletries e.g. shower gel, soaps, shampoos etc for the refuge that takes in women who are running away from abusive home situations. Ladies, can you take a look at what you have at home or buy something and lets collect for them again to show God's love to them. and I'll get them picked up around Valentines Day to be given out. They'll be a box at Welcome for the next few weeks. Lets fill it up! Thanks, *Julie*

### Dalesdown Camps

This year Children Worldwide will be running camps at their centre, Dalesdown, off the A24 at Dial Post from 24th July - 30th July for school years 11,12&13 , 31st July - 6th August for school years 8,9&10, 7th -13th August for school years 4,5,6&7.

There is also a Sports and Activities Weekend 7th-9th May for youngsters in school years 4-7 .

The phone number for enquiries is 01403 711032 and there are leaflets on the notice board.

There is also a Camp Taster Evening on Wednesday 4th March between 3 and 7 pm offering the opportunity to meet some of the team and find out more about the activities available.

### Guidelines on Child Protection

We have revised the church's Guidelines on Child Protection which set out the way in which we should support the children and young people we have contact with as a church. The Guidelines are based on the latest advice from the Baptist Union and also explain what we should do if we discover or suspect abuse. Everyone who is beginning to work with Life's children or young people will be given a copy of the Guidelines, but let Anna Pisani or Alan Cruickshank know if you want a copy.

### Faith in Action

This term we have planned to prepare clothes for Malawi in the packing room at 76 Hurst Road at the following times:

Friday 19th Feb & Friday 19th March, 9.30 - 11.30 am, and 7.30 - 9 pm on:

Thurs 28th Jan, Mon 1st Feb, Thurs 11th Feb, Thurs 25th Feb, Tues 2nd March, Thurs 11th March , Thurs 25th March. You would be very welcome to join us.

Please let me know if you think it's likely you will be coming.

I have been asked to pass on thanks "to all those who contributed to the prepared boxes, that recently went to the shipping container, particularly to all those who had a part in the preparing, packing and filling of the boxes. Many people are greatly blessed as a direct result of your time and energy."

*Frances*

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

**Update on Igor Gânde** (Malcoci): we had a message this week from Igor's wife Veronica to say that although he was able to come home for a few days, he contracted an infection and has had to go back into hospital. This is obviously a disappointing setback, on top of which he still needs an operation on his other knee. Please continue to pray for him and especially Veronica and the three children (David, Crina and Cristian), as it has been a very difficult and draining time for all of them, and will continue to be so for some time.

**Nicu Bocăneală** (Agape): we've also had news about Nicu's health which is not good. He's had an infection and been under treatment for about 6 weeks now. It has taken many hospital visits and tests (travelling long distances across Romania with the added hazard of temperatures below -20C), but they have finally diagnosed a severe prostate infection. This has resulted in his getting very little rest recently, on top of all the associated medical 'costs' you incur in those parts. His wife Lili is away for a few weeks at a conference so he is staying with his son and daughter-in-law in Cluj. Please also remember Nicu and his family in your prayers.

### Melissa

We are so thankful to God that following our day of prayer for Melissa her condition has improved greatly and the fitting has abated. Please do keep remembering Melissa, Jasmine and the whole family in prayer.

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

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>
Sunday 30th / Monday 31st May	<u>Big Church Day Out</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 the deadline will be published the following week.