

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...

**Julie** leads an All Age Service on 'Love, Love, Love'. Jesus said 'Love each other as I have loved you'

We are going to share a simple lunch together after the service. Do stay and have something to eat with us.

### Next Week...

**Wally** will be leading, and **Geoff** will be speaking on 'The Spirit inspires Scripture'

### Life Headlines...

#### The BEC venue

It was agreed at the Church Members Meeting to further trial The BEC as a venue until the beginning of June. We will hold our Sunday services here from now, except for March 15<sup>th</sup> when there is a previous booking so we will need to come back to the Main Hall on that Sunday.

We have been given a store cupboard in one of the classrooms which should store everything if we work out how to pack it carefully. We can leave anything we don't need in the main cupboard for a few weeks. Hilary and I are hoping to sort out the old cupboard during half term and we may approach some for help in either deciding what to keep, or in taking stuff down the tip.

Could we ask that children's group leaders sort out what they need and transport their boxes, sorted, to the new cupboard. Likewise, PA people - is there anything we need to throw away? Now is a good time!

#### Christ in you

Val Smith (Hilary's sister) who heads up Transformational Leadership Centre has been asked to hold an 8 session fortnightly course starting from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb by a few people who are acquainted with her very good teaching and have asked her to do so. She will be looking at conference material in bite-sized pieces on the theme of Christ in you (Galatians 2:20). Donations would be appropriate to give Val for her time and petrol and a minimum of £5 a session is suggested. Venue still to be arranged. If anyone is interested please speak to Nicky Blatchly.

#### Born to Be Beautiful

##### Ladies Quiet (!) Day Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb at Holmstead Manor

About 15 ladies have signed up to take a day out and seek God together. Please arrive at 9.30 am for coffee and we will leave by 9 pm.

To cover the cost of the venue, lunch and supper we suggest £15 each. If anyone will struggle to afford this please speak to Julie. If anyone who hasn't signed up would like to come it's not too late.

#### FAITH FAIRTRADE AND FREEDOM - Tuesday 3rd March - Martlets Hall, Burgess Hill

A line up of Christian acoustic singer/songwriters

Julie Hall, Andy Flannagan, Gareth Davies-Jones and Rob Halligan

Doors open 7.00 pm (gig starts at 7.30 pm)

Tickets £10.50 from the Martlets Box Office or call 01444 242888

#### RISE - freedom from domestic abuse

Rise is a refuge home for women and their children who are fleeing from abusive home situations. They may come from over the country and be accommodated temporarily, supported and advised in a secret location. I have made contact with the organization and offered my support in any way as a women minister but also asked if there was anything we could do as a church. Often these women and children flee bringing nothing with them. They said the refuge home is always in need of tinned food and toiletries.

Thank you, Julie

#### Faith in Action

The next packing dates are :

Friday 13th February at 9.30 am, and Thursday 19th February 7.30 pm.

We meet at the Fry's' house and everyone is welcome. If you would like more information please speak to Frances, Janine Kelly or Sue Martin.

#### The PA Team Needs You!

(Especially if you aren't also on the worship team!)

The PA Team are becoming so short of people that there may not be enough to cover some Sundays.

Please seriously consider if this highly valuable role is something you could help out with.

All it requires is arriving between 9 and 9:15 am, approximately once a month, and we'll show you how to do the rest.

Please speak to Alan Speer today if you are interested in serving our church this way.

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### Bennetts Field Fun Day 2009 - Sunday May 3rd

As most of you know, Horsham churches have in previous years jointly held a "fun day" in Bennetts Field as part of "Let's Go" week. While "Let's Go" isn't happening this year, Brighton Road and the other churches in the immediate area have agreed to keep the Bennetts Field event going. I am co-ordinating Life's input, and the event has been scheduled for **Sunday May 3rd**, so please put that date in your diaries.

I will need help for a number of things:

- Co-ordination point for "youth" activities such as Dodge ball, Baseball etc. Whoever picks this up must be CRB-checked.
- Input from the Leadership team on the service at the start of the event.
- Contact point for "Face-Painting" activities
- Any other "specialist" talents in our Church - e.g. jugglers.
- Preparation of "promotional material" for display at the information Point..
- Food - we need a Life Rep for the "Cooking Team" to co-ordinate preparation of food for the buffet. We're likely to be asked to cover Desserts of some kind.
- Volunteers to put leaflets through peoples' doors beforehand.
- People to help on the day - manning events etc.

Also is anyone has a marquee available could they please let me know. If you have any questions please speak to me after the service.

*Eric.*

### Crossways

For over 40 years, Crossways Community has been working in mental health helping rehabilitate younger adults to move towards greater independence. They are currently seeking a committed Christian to work in our care home in Tunbridge Wells as a qualified Mental Health Worker. For an application pack, please contact Celia Robertson on (01892) 529321 or from [www.crosswayscommunity.org.uk](http://www.crosswayscommunity.org.uk).

### MORE THAN JUST A CAFÉ!!

The Café @ The Centre was opened in March 1995 in response to a clear call by God during the meetings of the Ecumenical Lent House Groups four years earlier. Since then it has served the community of Horsham by providing a comfortable environment where Christians and non-Christians can meet to enjoy refreshment together. The success of the business has meant that the café is often very busy and the volunteers and staff work hard to maintain the aims of The Centre. In order for the café to continue as it has, there is an **urgent and immediate need for more people** who are willing to offer a few hours to help out. The work is varied and enjoyable; no previous experience necessary, just a willingness to learn. For more details please contact Doug Fletcher on 01403 218821, or call in for a chat.

### Book recommendation: Face to Face with God by Bill Johnson ISBN 978 1 59979 070 1

As a Leadership Team we are reading this book together and using it devotionally at the beginning of our meetings. We are enjoying much of it as it emphasises the ongoing importance of pursuing God and being hungry for more of him and his presence. Although a little waffly at times Bill Johnson writes passionately and expresses himself in such a unique way. He makes experiencing a deep intimate relationship with God a priority for himself and the rest of his congregation. We have all underlined many things in the book for reflection and hopefully action!

It would be good if others would read it too and lets all be encouraged to first and foremost deepen our relationship with God this year.

### Horsham Churches Together Lent Study Groups: 1st March - 4th April 2009

**LIFE ATTITUDES** By Robert Warren and Sue Mayfield. A Study of the Beatitudes (LEARN LESSONS FOR LIFE THIS LENT)  
Sometimes the Beatitudes can sound rather lofty. Nothing could be further from the truth. This course opens up for Christians of all traditions the liberating challenge of these words of Jesus and offers imaginative pointers to how we can live out their message.

Jesus lived out the Beatitudes in his earthly life and his followers are called to do the same. This 5 sessions course encourages Christians to examine their lifestyle in the light of Jesus' radical teaching and to live out these Kingdom values - now.

The course opens up the Beatitudes by: deepening our understanding of Jesus and challenging our fundamental personal values; helping us understand how they should impact on our approach to major global issues, such as environmental pollution and the deep-seated hostilities and injustices that afflict our world.

There are registration forms for this at the Welcome Desk.

Completed forms should be returned to 37 Rusper Road, Horsham, RH12 4BA. Any questions? Call Sheila Rudofsky on 01403 258679.

### 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](http://www.thebigchurchdayout.com) More details about our group booking will follow in the new year.

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

Jenny Jessop is still awaiting more treatment and/or an operation for a possible burst appendix. Please pray for a swift conclusive diagnosis and subsequent treatment.

Please remember Audrey Allen (Colin's wife and Rob's mother) who is recovering from a hip operation.

### **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.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.