

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 is leading and Wally continues our series on Yes to the Spirit Filled Life with 'The Spirit's fullness'

The DOGs group are meeting at Rob & Jo's this week

Life Headlines...

Breakthrough Deadline

If you have an item that you wish to include in Breakthrough, could you please ensure it reaches me no later than noon on Thursday.

Any items received after the deadline will be published in the following weeks edition.

If you have an important article that you will not be able to deliver in time, but that must be included that week, please let me know before the deadline, so that I can keep a space open. Thank you, *Matt*

The Business and Enterprise Centre (The BEC)

A couple of weeks ago after the service, we all trooped across to the BEC to see if might be a more suitable venue for us to meet as a church. There are different challenges there to the ones here and in order to weigh up whether we should stay where we are or change our venue we will have booked two trial services there - Sundays 25th January and 1st of February. We can then have a discussion on 4th February at the CMM and weigh up the overall pros and cons and seek to discern what God is saying to us. Please be in prayer about this. More detailed information about how we will organize a smooth venue change on the 25th, next Sunday.

Kenya Trip 11th-20th January

This evening we will take the overnight flight to Nairobi and then on down to Kisumu. Anna and Pauline Jepps (from BRBC) are playing with and teaching the children and updating our sponsored children's photos and paper work, while I am teaching at the pastors conferences and mission crusades. The schedule is as follows:

13th/14th January (Siaya Pastors conference and affiliated orphanage)

15th (Julie teaching at the two new church plants and dedicating the new church building at one of them)

16th Ladies meeting

17th/18th Conference at the Bible school at Osare Orphanage

19th Children's party and travel home

Please cover this trip in prayer as it is hard work, emotionally, physically and spiritually!

Thank you, *Julie*



ALPHA

If we have enough guests the joint course with TRBC and Life will run on **Fridays** from 6th Feb until the end of March from 7.30 pm including supper.

Very Important: Could you make a meal please for one of the evenings? We have agreed to supply food for 4 of the 8 evenings: 13th Feb, 27th Feb, 13th March, & 27th March. It can just be simple.

Please speak to Julie if you can serve God (and the food!) in this way.

Do pray about who you could give an invite to. Leaflets available from Welcome.

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.

New Rota Online

The new rota is available for download from our website at www.life-baptist.org.uk/docs.

Paper copies are available at the Welcome Desk. If you would like an emailed copy please email Anna.

Sanctum (:lite) - 8 pm, Sunday January 25th

This is a short, simple alternative Christian worship service which we are running on the last Sunday of the months when we don't have one of our larger Sanctum (re:connect) events. It's being held in the chapel at Brighton Road Baptist Church and will last about half an hour, with the opportunity to adjourn to a local pub afterwards. For more information, contact Alan Cruickshank.

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.

Bible Society Action Day - Saturday 31st January 2009

Please come and support this event (come for part of or all of the day), which will be at The United Reformed Church, Springfield Road, Horsham. Our puppets, Acts of Faith, will also be there. The programme includes:
8.30 am The Bible at Breakfast
(A Bible Society speaker will speak about today's Bible Society and breakfast will be available).
10 am Join us for a cup of coffee
10 am Face Painting
10 am Sock puppets - a workshop
11 am Meet the real puppets (**Acts of Faith**)
12 noon Lunch (and lunch will be available)
1 pm Face painting and sock puppets
2 pm A second chance to meet the puppets (**Acts of Faith**)
3.30-5 pm The Passion: Scenes from the acclaimed BBC Series and discussions afterwards.
7 pm Quiz Night with Bangers and Mash supper
(rally other people and enter the quiz, in a teams of 4 people)
To help plan the day, if you are attending, please complete a form, which is at our Welcome Desk, and return it to Anna Pisani. Thanks

Women's World Day Of Prayer: Papua New Guinea Evening

Friday 6th February, 7:45 pm at The Salvation Army Hall, Booth Way.
Supper £3.50
Tickets from Pam Wadham (Tel: 256515), by 25th January.
(WWDP Services on Friday 6th March)

The Economic Crisis: Towards Sustainable Economies and Livelihoods

This day conference has been organised by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, for Tuesday 20th January 2009, from 10 am - 4 pm at the Methodist Church House, London. The aim of the conference is to reflect theologically on the root causes of the current economic crisis and the response of the churches in terms of their prophetic, pastoral and partnership roles and responsibilities. Contact the Baptist Union on 01235 517726 for more information.

Ladies Event in London 7 March 2009 Westminster Central Hall, London

'Do you have a longing to bring God's love into the world around you? To see lives changed by the transforming power of his Spirit? Come and be inspired, challenged and encouraged to step out of your comfort zone! A day of worship, teaching and ministry especially for women, hosted by Anne Coles - with Nadine Parkinson in Harrogate and Lindsay Melluish in London.' It's not quite Mandate, but if anyone would like to go up to this as a group of Life Ladies, please speak to Julie

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18th January - United Reformed Church
19th January - St Johns the Evangelist, Roman Catholic
20th January - London Road Methodist Church
21st January - St. Leonards Anglican Church
22nd January - Brighton Road Baptist Church
23rd January - Trafalgar Road Baptist Church
24th January - St Johns Anglican Church, Broadbridge Heath.
All of these meetings will be from 7 pm - 8 pm, you may come and go as you please. Material will be provided and can be downloaded free from www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer
25TH JANUARY - UNITED SERVICE AT ST.MARYS CHURCH. 6.30PM.
Horsham Churches Together

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 More details about our group booking will follow in the new year.

Ladies Required

Life Ladies Retreat Day at Holmsted Manor, proposed for Monday 16th February 2009. An opportunity to set all your agendas to one side for one complete day and not only spend time with Jesus but with other ladies at Life (those wanting an overnight stay, this will be separately arranged for another time) In order we can get an idea of numbers please sign up, a list will be posted at the Welcome Desk until Mid January. Ideally, it'll be good to get at least 15 ladies for the day. For further details or any queries please speak to Julie Shimizu or Anna Pisani.

Verse For The Week...

Ephesians 5:18,19 ..*Be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ'*

Diary Dates...

Wednesday 4th February CMM at the Salvation Army (small hall) from 8. No coffee this time as we can't get in till 8.
Sunday 8th February Church lunch following All age service
Monday 16th February Ladies Away Day at Homestead Manor, Cuckfield

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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), 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.