

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...

Julie is leading our Easter Sunday All age service

'He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen' Matt 28:6

Next Week...

Wally will be leading, and Ray will be speaking

Life Headlines...



Good Friday Gathering in the Carfax

Leadership Team

Last Sunday at the church members meeting after the service, Ray and Wally were both elected back onto the leadership with over the 80% majority required.

We thank them for their willingness to serve us here at Life. Please pray for them and support them as they give of their time, gifts, love and energy for this church.

New Rotas from May to September are at the welcome desk. Do pick one up.

Easter to Pentecost Life 50 days of prayer

Many found the Life 40 day prayer initiative helpful and many also said they appreciated the day's topic coming through by email. To further encourage extra prayer together as a church we have are doing this again this time for the 50 days between Easter and Pentecost. Paper copies will be available from this Sunday. If you would **prefer not** to have them emailed through as well then please let Hilary know. There will be a joint prayer meeting arranged sometime around the Pentecost. w/e. 'An army advances on its stomach; a church advances on its knees'

Please note:

- Julie will be away from April 13 to Thursday 30th April. *(Please remember me in prayer as I preach in my old church in Japan on April 19th)*
- Steve Flashpool (Ray Driscoll not able to come) the pastor of Christian Life Centre and also the chaplain at Tynsley House Detention Centre will be speaking about his interesting work with the Detainees at Life on April 26th
- There is no service at Forest on May 3rd but we will join the other churches 11-11.30 am on Bennetts Field as part of the Funday.

Mandate 2009 - November 14th

If you would like to come, please see Simon. A deposit of £40 secures your place and ticket. For those who have already come forward; your deposits would be appreciated asap please.

The welcome team needs your help!

Is there anyone who feels that they could be on the welcome team? Our numbers are limited and not enough to fill next terms rota. All that is involved is turning up at 10 am and a friendly face! The commitment is only about twice in every 6-8 weeks, but if you could only offer a couple of weeks during the whole term, or be on standby for weeks that need cover then this would be a great help too. Please phone or e-mail Kay Morrish, 731065, kay@morrishonline.com.

Baptisms?

It would be great to have a baptismal service before the summer. If you have not been baptised yet please consider taking this step of obedience to Jesus. He set us the example by being baptised himself (Mark 1:9), he commanded us to be baptised (Matthew 28:19) and we read of no Christian in the NT early church not being baptised. So... please speak to Julie if this has set you thinking about baptism.

"Prophetic Gatherings" - Bookham Baptist Church - Saturday 25th April 2009

Begins at 9.30 for 10 am and finishes with lunch around 1 pm. There is no cost for these meetings but a donation towards the cost of lunch is welcome. For more information contact Elizabeth McArthur, Ministry Team Member (Prayer & Prophetic), Bookham Baptist Church Tel 01372 811313 email elizabethmcarthur@bookhambaptist.clara.net

Bennetts Field Fun Day - Less Than a Month Away!

Thanks very much to all those who have volunteered to help with the Fun Day on Sunday May 3rd. I now need to firm up on people to assist me with the following:

1. *Distribution Of Leaflets.* I need people to cover three streets in the locality (Elm Grove, Eversfield Road, and Compton's Lane / Little Comptons). The leaflets should be distributed preferably on the weekend of the 25th/26th April, but could go out the previous week if that suits people better.

2. *Coverage on the day.* There are hour-long slots to cover from 9:00 - 11:00 to help with set-up, and then from 11:00 - 16:00 to watch over the inflatables. Please talk to me re which slot(s) you can cover.

Also, for those of you who have been kind enough to offer to make cakes/ desserts, these should be brought to the Scout Hut in Bennetts Field before 11:00 on the day. I would encourage you all to bring picnics for your own families.

Thanks for all your help to date - let's pray for good weather and another great day! *Eric*

Editors note: There is a downloadable flyer for the event available at life-baptist.org.uk/bennettsfieldfunday.pdf.

The Big Church Day Out May 24th at Wiston House

About 50 of the congregation are now booked to go to this. If you have decided you would like to go then please book your own ticket from now on. There will be no service at Forest on that day.

They are having some prayer meetings at Wiston Church for this event:

Easter Monday 13th April 7.30 - 9 pm

Sunday 17 May 7.30 - 9 pm Launch of 24/7 Prayer

Thursday 21 May 7.30 - 9 pm Ascension Day Prayer Evening

For more info and future emails re these updates email

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Christian Researcher/Development Officer wanted

Churches Together in Kent (CTK) is seeking to appoint a part-time Christian Researcher/Development Officer for two days per week from the 5th May 2009, on a one year contract. In co-operation with the CTK church leaders, the successful candidate will undertake research to determine the current issues and opportunities for collaborative mission between Christians in Kent. The deadline for applications is April 15th. Please see Alan Cruickshank for more information.

TV/Video Combi unit available (for free) Please come and see Patrick if you are interested.

CREATION UPDATE - PRAYER REQUEST

I would greatly value your prayers for the many Creation / Evolution matters I am involved with this year. As well as editing CSM's quarterly Journal and accompanying pamphlets, I have an exceptional number of other activities taking place over the next few months. Richard Broadberry and I will be speaking on Creation to the children of a Catholic school near Newbury on 3rd April. On 25th April is our six-monthly CSM Council meeting, which is an all-day affair. We have a particularly onerous agenda as, amongst other things, we seek to develop additional exhibition space in the Genesis Expo at Portsmouth by building an extension on the rear of the premises. On 3rd-8th May I will be staying at Brunel Manor, where I will be giving two lectures and no doubt also some informal discussions for a Creation Week conference/holiday. On 11th July I will be giving an extended bible study on creation / evolution to the Horsham Convention. On 24-28th August I may be involved in the 9th European Creationist Congress to be held at Eastbourne. On 19th September I am booked to give a lecture at Pilgrims Hall, Brentwood for their Creation Day. On 26th September is the second of this year's all-day CSM Council meetings. And in October (date tbc) I will be giving a lecture at a church in Ewell. Thank you very much for your help in this way! *Kevin*.

Diary Dates...

Sunday 3rd May
Sunday 24th May

Bennetts Field Fun Day
The Big Church Day Out

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), 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.