

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...

Tim is leading and Julie is finishing our series on the Life of Abraham with A Great Test of Faith Gen 22

## Next Week...

is our Christmas All Age and lunch so do please invite friends and family. Please note there will be no service at Forest on 27<sup>th</sup> December!

## Life Headlines...

Next Week's Breakthrough will be the last edition of this year. Normal service will resume on Sunday 3rd January 2010.

### 2010 - A new decade - a new opportunity to partner God

To encourage one another in prayer at the start of a New Year, we will once again send, via e-mail, topics for prayer each day in January. These will cover our Church, local community, nation and world. If you do not wish to receive these, please let me know. Paper versions will be available. Many thanks Hilary.

### Moldova trip: November 2009

Well: something of a roller coaster for all sorts of reasons, but still a really fantastic trip with lots of exciting opportunities and wonderful times spent with our friends. I've produced a news update with details of all this and how things are moving forward so encouragingly through our partnership with Agape. If you would like a copy I have these available this morning. *Rob*



### Moldovan presidential election: stalemate once again

As expected, Communist deputies again boycotted Monday's vote, which means there will need to be yet another general election next year. This is not, however, likely to be until around the Summer, so although the country is in something of a state of limbo, the ruling Alliance coalition have some time to try and make political progress on the road to start rebuilding the country. So let's continue to pray: you can keep up to date on the Radio Free Europe website. *Rob & Jo*



There is a prayer meeting for Oasis and The Haven pregnancy centres on Monday 14th December at 11 Queen St. Horsham (off Brighton Rd on same side as The Queens Head pub). Starting time 8 pm. If interested speak to me Eileen Gray church contact tel 258697.

### Worship Encounter: An Evening of Contemporary Worship - 8 pm Sunday 3rd January.

A time for spiritual refreshment in God's Presence

Everyone is welcome.

St. John's Church, Broadbridge Heath.

### Fellowship Fund

We would like to use January 3rd at communion time as an opportunity to give to the Fellowship Fund. Special envelopes will be provided.

The Fellowship Fund is to enable us to help those in need in one way or another in our own fellowship and cannot be taken from the general fund.

At the moment the account is very low indeed so please help top this Fund up if you can at the beginning of a New Year so we can help our brothers and sisters when the need arises. Thank you. *Julie*

### 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 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*

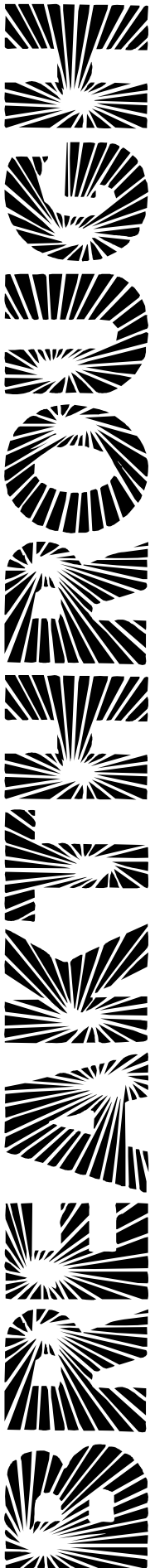
### Christmas at Life

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?

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**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.

#### **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).

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

**Please pray for the Ready Assembled team** ( Sue Hollywell, Fiona Page, Claire Norgate and Frances Fry) as they do their Christmas performances in local schools. A full list of schools and times is on the notice board. If you don't know what Ready Assembled does, please ask Frances.

#### **Another baby!**

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

**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>
Saturday 2nd January	<u>Space to Pray BRBC 8.30 - 9.30 am</u>
Sunday 17th January	<u>Digging Deeper (Creation and Evolution led through by Kevin Tuck)</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>

## **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.