

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 **Geoff** is continuing our series on Chasing after Meaning with Where can we find wisdom? Ecc 7:1-8:8

Life Headlines...

Church Members Meeting 24th 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 7th. 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.



Prayer cards for our next Moldova visit

It probably doesn't seem that long since Rob was last in Moldova: mainly because it is only 11 weeks ago! However, we are both off again on Friday for another 3 week visit, to continue working with Agape focusing on developing their young leaders and other groups, and sharing time with them and their families.

We've made up some cards for those who'd like to pray for us during this time: the wording is the same on all of them, but there are seven different pictures reflecting the different people and groups we'll be spending time with. If you would like one (or more!), please come and see us after the service.

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 Thanks .

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

Encountering God Growing in faith Making a difference

Horsham Churches Together

The January delegates meeting, delayed because of the snow for two weeks, was eventually held at LRMC on the 28th January. The meeting commenced with opening devotions from Rev. Paul Cockburn, during which a prayer was lifted up to the Rev. Peter Apted's family following his passing away the previous weekend. (His funeral was held at St Mary's on the 3rd. February).

Unity and mission between the churches was highlighted at the United Service and is the underlying theme of HCT, and this was evident in the report from Robin Crosby on last year's Carols in the Carfax, which despite the weather drew the largest attendance from previous years. It also demonstrated the problems that arise when trying to move 2000+ people from one end of Horsham to the other behind a pair of donkeys! This year's service on the 4th.December will be on a different format.

This is only one major event programmed within these twelve months.

- The Women's World day of prayer led by the Women of Cameroon on 5th. March. 10.30am service at LRMC, 8.00pm meeting at Brighton Rd. Baptist.
- Walk of Witness on Good Friday. Service in the Carfax at 11.10 led by St. Andrews and Southwater Methodist Churches. Gathering points are at URC, in Springfield Rd., the Conservatory in the park and St Mary's in the Causeway
- Harvest Festival in the Carfax on the 9th. October. We need a church to lead this service please.
- Open air Sunday morning service in the park in early July. Final details will be forwarded in the next couple of weeks. All churches will be invited to participate.
- Healing on the Streets, each month at the Carfax. March 13th is the next one. Anyone interested in joining the team please contact Rev. Ewen Souter at St. Johns Broadbridge Heath.

Horsham Matters grows from strength to strength, and with it the need for more assistance both in the store and on collection and deliveries. Prayers are required to help us keep these premises as they could be sold from under us.

Those at the meeting were greatly moved with the testimony from Peter and Kathy Hawranek who joined us for the evening from Ramsgate. The story was of their incredible journey from Islam to Christianity whilst living in Malaysia, and how today in the UK, Jesus guides their lives. A summary of their testimony is available to anyone who would like to read of their awesome journey. The unity they have with God is an inspiration to all of us as Christians.

Doug Fletcher is leading a working party for the pre election forum when a confirmed election date is announced.

For further information on the above or any other HCT matters please contact Terry and Brenda Garn on 01403 781 811.

Dalesdown Quiet Days March 2010 - Going Deeper - Jennifer Rees Larcombe

Tuesday 9th or Wednesday 10th or Thursday 11th 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

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.

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.

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 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.*

Igor Gânde (Malcoçi): we had a message last 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 had to go back into hospital. We haven't heard any more since, or about a date for the operation on his other knee, but please continue to pray for him and especially for Veronica and the three children (David, Crina and Cristian), as it has been a very difficult and draining time for all of them.

Nicu Bocăneală (Agape): we also had news about Nicu's health which was not good. He's had an infection and been under treatment for over 6 weeks now. It took many hospital visits and tests (travelling long distances across Romania with the added hazard of temperatures of -20C and below), but they finally diagnosed a severe prostate infection, which had resulted in his getting very little rest. His wife Lili is now home and Nicu should have travelled back home from Cluj over the few days. 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), telephone (01403 262660), or find him in church.

The deadline is Thursday noon. Items received after the deadline will be published the following week.