

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...

Wally is leading, and **Julie** is continuing our series on the Books of the Bible with Acts

Next Week...

Tim will be leading, and **Hilary** will be teaching on "Just how important is Prayer?"

Life Headlines...

New member of the Leadership Team

Last Sunday at the church meeting Tim Jackson was elected onto the Leadership Team for a term of 3 years. We thank God for Tim's willingness to serve the Lord and us here at Life in this way. Please pray for Tim and Isabel as he takes up this new role.

Ladies

Please note that there will be a Ladies Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 24th April and a Ladies Social Evening on Friday July 2nd

The Mandate 2010

If you are planning on coming to this years Mandate Conference, your money for the ticket would be greatly appreciated as soon as possible. Please see Simon.

Many thanks.

sanctum (re:connect)

Sunday 28th March, 8 to 9 pm - the back hall, next to the Chapel @ Brighton Road Baptist Church

www.sanctum.org.uk

Christian worship done differently - on the last Sunday of every month

For more information about Sanctum, please ask Alan Cruickshank.

Faith in Action

The remaining times we have planned to prepare clothes for Malawi this term are :

on the morning of Friday 19th March from 9.30 - 11.30 am and on the evening of Thurs 25th March from 7.30-9 pm.

You would be very welcome to join us in the packing room at 76 Hurst Road.

Please let me know if you think it's likely you will be coming.

With thanks, *Frances*.

We want your clothes!

It's never happened before, but the Life Packers are running short of clothes, linens etc. to prepare and send to Malawi.

We generally need good quality summer weight items. Do you have any you would like to donate?

If you want more details a list is on the notice board in the foyer or just ask Frances, Janine or Sue Martin for the fuller story.

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.

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*

National Day of Prayer for the Christian trade. Friday 26th March

The Upper Rooms of The Centre will be available for prayer from 9:30 – 5:00.

Please come along at any time for as short or as long a time as you like.

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THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT!

It is great to be able to share some more encouraging news with you this month! Representatives of Crown Retailers recently met with the new CEO of STL (our major book supplier, most recently reported as having gone into administration and been bought by John Ritchie) and he shared his vision for the Christian trade in the UK. The new STL will concentrate on distribution and aims to revert to the service we became used to prior to the debacle in October 2008. Already there are significant improvements in the speed of deliveries and, in many cases, books ordered are supplied the very next day! We are promised that this will continue to improve and, coupled with our new relationships with other suppliers, Crown Books is looking forward to being able to offer you, our customer, the very best deals and the first class service you deserve. So, do please give us the opportunity to demonstrate this by calling in or contacting us by 'phone or e-mail.

Across the country several Wesley Owen shops recently closed because of the problems in IBS-STL. The good news is that many of these have now reopened, or will soon, under the ownership of Nationwide Christian Trust. Over the years we have made some good friends within Wesley Owen and we are so pleased for the staff and the customers in those areas affected.

PRAYER, PLEASE

On 27th March Christian retailers, suppliers, publishers, authors, artists, and everyone else involved in the UK Christian trade, shared in a Day of Prayer for the trade. By the time you read this that day will have passed but we do ask you to pray for everyone involved in Christian retailing; times are difficult with the changes that have occurred and challenges from the internet and other technologies. Please pray that we will be open to the challenges and that we will learn to trust even more in our wonderful, reliable God. *Doug Fletcher*



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 .

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

Igor Gândeă (Malcoci): Igor is back home again, although he spends most of the time in bed recuperating. He suffered some nerve damage as a result of the back injury, which is affecting his bodily functions (enough said) and this and his left leg will take some months to heal. He then still needs the operation on his right knee, which will involve re-breaking it as it has not set straight. Please continue to pray for him for rest and healing, and for his wife Veronica and the three children (David, Crina and Cristian).

Nicu Bocăneală (Agape): praise the Lord we have some positive news – recent tests in Cluj for cancer have come back negative. This was a major concern, especially as he has had a previous bout related to the fallout from Chernobyl. He is certainly looking better, but there is still a way to go: the prostate infection remains under treatment and as said before he has lost 10Kg (22lbs), and is run down physically and mentally. So please continue to remember Nicu and Lili in your prayers.

Please remember Pam Hill who is still in a lot of pain in your prayers following a fall and a dislocated jaw a few weeks ago.

Future Diary Dates...

Saturday 3rd April	<u>Space to Pray</u>
Saturday 24th April	<u>Ladies Prayer Breakfast 8 - 10</u>
Saturday 8th May	<u>Space to Pray (N.B. Changed from 1st)</u>
Sunday 9th May	<u>Digging Deeper Christianity and Politics</u>
Wednesday 19th May	<u>Church Members Meeting</u>
Sunday 30th / Monday 31st May	<u>Big Church Day Out</u>
Friday 2nd July	<u>Ladies Social / BBQ</u>

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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), telephone (01403 262660), or find him in church.
The deadline is Thursday noon. Items received after the deadline will be published the following week.