

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...

**D.o.g.s** and **F.r.o.g.s** take our morning service with **Jo** leading

*'Remember your Creator in the days of your youth'* Ecclesiastes 12:1

## Next Week...

**Simon** will be leading, and **Hilary** will be continuing our series with 'The Spirit builds up the body in love'

*Please note: we are back at the BEC from next week*

## Life Headlines...

### Church Members information

- Leadership Elections

These will take place at a Special CMM after the service on April 5<sup>th</sup> following a 'meet the candidates' meeting at the CMM on Wed March 25<sup>th</sup>. Please be in prayer for those you think should be serving God in this way. Ray and Wally are both willing to stand again following their 6 month appointment. They would need to be formally nominated again together with anyone else by Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>.

- The new constitution will also be voted on Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Administrator On Wed March 25<sup>th</sup> we will take a simple majority vote on the proposal to affirm Anna Pisani in the continuing role of part time administrator for a further year.
- Applications for membership: Val and Don Stewart, Marilyn White.

### Mandate 2009 - November 14th

It's that time again.

If you would like to come, please see Simon. A deposit of £40 secures your place and ticket.

### HOUSE: The Latest

Your continued prayers will be appreciated. A purchase offer has been received which is not unreasonable in the current economic climate and is acceptable to all the main parties involved. The current position is that, as Trustees of the Church, Julie and Hilary have signed the sales Contract and Transfer Forms and these have been returned to our solicitor. The Contract will now also need to be signed by Scott and Fliss and the Baptist Union. Once this process is complete our solicitor should be in a position to provide an Exchange and Completion date.

### Faith in Action Packing Dates

You are invited to join us and help prepare clothes for Malawi on Friday 20th March between 9.30 & 11.30 am and on Thursday 26th March from 7.30 to 9.30 pm We meet in the Packing Room at 76 Hurst Road For more information speak to Frances

### Moldova 2009: update on Spring and Summer plans

There's a new Moldova update out, with details of our visits in the Spring to support our partners and the plans for a camp at Lacu Roșu in the Summer. Make sure you've picked up a copy - if you can't lay your hands on one please let us know.



### Lifts to/from Heathrow

We could do with some help with lifts to/from Heathrow for the Spring trips. Would you be able to do one of the following? This would be much appreciated:

- Thurs. 19 March, leaving Horsham 9 am (for 2 people)
  - Fri. 3 April, pick up from Heathrow about 12:30 pm (1 person)
  - Mon. 6 April, leaving Horsham 9 am (for 3 people)
  - Tues. 14 April, pick up from Heathrow about 12:30 pm (4 people)
- Rob and Jo (01403-257143)

### Bennetts Field May 3rd "Fun Day" Update

As you know this year's Bennetts Field "Fun Day" will be held on Sunday May 3rd and is being put together by Brighton Road in conjunction with Life and four other local churches. A number of activities are already underway, and I'd just like to remind you all of some key areas where we have a contribution to make :-

Publicity. Life will be covering streets in the vicinity, and I'll be needing volunteers to distribute these in April.

Food. I have asked the Life Group leaders to give me a list of which dessert items (cakes etc.) people will be able to provide.

Musicians. The event will start with a half-hour service, and I have asked the musicians amongst us if they wish to be part of the worship band.

Supervision on the Day. I'll be needing volunteers to supervise bouncy castles. etc. on the day. I envisage hourly shifts with two people on each shift.

If you need further information please speak to me in church or contact me on 07833 207277 / [erictansley@aol.com](mailto:erictansley@aol.com). Thanks.

Eric

**The Interim Advisory Group** met for the last time on Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> and notes of the meeting are available from Alan Cruickshank ([alan.cr@homecall.co.uk](mailto:alan.cr@homecall.co.uk), H.251618). The meeting notes include a summary of the Group's work, and an update will also be provided at the March 25<sup>th</sup> CMM.

### **Easter events**

**Maundy Thursday** 9 April Life Prayer Day for the lost.

Three opportunities to choose from to pray specifically for people to come to know Jesus and for our local church outreach.

6.30 -7.30 am At Wally's

2.00- 3.00 pm At Julie's

8.00- 9.00 pm At Eileen's

**Good Friday**

Horsham Churches Together 11 am at the Bandstand

**Easter Sunday**

All age Easter Breakfast 10 am

We will have breakfast together (warm bacon and egg wraps and Danish pastries!) and a short service suitable for non Christian families and friends.

There will be an Easter egg hunt outside with clues for children to bring back to the service. The focus of the service will be on post resurrection appearances of Jesus.

### **DO YOU WANT TO BE PART OF THE YOUTH SUPPORT TEAM (YST) 2009?**

YST is an established, multi agency project, now in its third year, developed by BRBC in conjunction with the Anglican Parish of Horsham, Horsham District Council and the West Sussex County Council Youth Service.

Every Friday evening during May and August, 150 young people gather in Horsham Park to meet their friends and have fun. The main aims are to build relationships, provide support and advice and where required signpost people to other agencies that can provide them with the resources they need. Volunteers are required to join one of the teams. If you are interested and can offer 8 Friday evenings of your time, or for further information, please contact Ray Driscoll on 07732 525551 or by email at [ray@brbc-horsham.org](mailto:ray@brbc-horsham.org). Professional training will be provided as well as ongoing support throughout the project

### **A Worship Day for all ages**

**Sat 21<sup>st</sup> March 11- 4 pm at Crawley Baptist Church**

This will be their 4<sup>th</sup> worship day for all local churches. There will be workshops for all ages from 5-95 this year.

For more information there are flyers at the Welcome Desk or go to

[www.crawleybaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.crawleybaptistchurch.org.uk)

### **TheBigChurchDay Out Sunday May 24th 2.30-10 pm**

**at Wiston House, Steyning.**

Several of our young and not so young people are now booked to go to this event. Who else would like to go please? It looks to be a really good time out together for families too. It will cost £15 each if we can book in groups of 10 plus. There will be a clip board for you to sign up at Welcome and we will book the tickets in advance before April. If you would like more info go to [www.thebigchurchdayout.com](http://www.thebigchurchdayout.com)

we will not be having a service at Forest on that day.

**For Sale: 'R' Reg. White 3 door Honda Civic.** If anyone interested please speak with Hilary.

## **Diary Dates...**

Saturday 21st March	Men's Breakfast at Wally's 7.30 am (Speak to Ray)
Sunday 3rd May	Bennetts Field Fun Day
Sunday 24th May	The Big Church Day Out

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

**Pat Bradshaw** celebrated her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday last week. She continues to be in great pain with her leg and is now housebound. Please pray for discernment for her as to whether to have a hip operation.

### **The Life Leadership Team**

Rev. Julie Shimizu	Tel. (01403) 218842
Hilary Smith	Tel. (01403) 210453
Wally Fahrer	Tel. (01403) 276040
Ray White	Tel. 07801 250061

### **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](mailto:break@thru.flife.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.

### **Rise - freedom from domestic abuse**

*'I am writing to say very many thanks for the donations recently given to the Refuge by the church. I would be most grateful if you could pass on our thanks to those who contributed and assure them that their kindness is much appreciated'* Elaine Taverner, Project Worker, North Sussex Refuge Service.

### **Healing Rooms Update**

It has been 5 years since we started the Healing Rooms. We have seen some people come to faith, we have seen a number of miraculous healings, some healed when they got home and others over a period of time. Many were not healed. But nearly all who came in testified to experiencing the peace and presence of God. The team has been made up from 5 different churches and we have worked so well together. There have been Sundays when we have been rushed off our feet and other times when no one has come in. Even then our prayer times together and for each other have been great and we have looked forwards to being together.

For a variety of reasons however, we feel as a team that the season is now to end for the time being. Crawley Healing Rooms are going to be starting up an evening in Roffey so it is a good time to hand over the baton and pray God's blessings on them and their continuing ministry in Horsham.

The last date for the Healing Rooms at the Y centre will be April 5<sup>th</sup>. We thank God for all he has taught and shown us and we are even more encouraged to pray for people and see them healed in the name of Jesus. Some of our team are keen to take healing more out onto the streets and will be praying for people over Easter. (See Healing on the Streets below).

### **Easter Healing on the Streets - Training morning**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 9.30 am-12.30 pm**

Ewen Souter and Julie Shimizu are holding a training morning for those who would like to be involved in offering to pray for people on the streets over the Easter weekend. If you are interested you will need to complete a form and have it authorized and signed by your Church Leader. If you would like to know more please contact Rev Ewen Souter on 265238 [ewen@souter.me.uk](mailto:ewen@souter.me.uk) or Rev Julie Shimizu on 218842 [julieshimizu@homecall.co.uk](mailto:julieshimizu@homecall.co.uk)

### **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: Rock - The Story of Simon Peter" @ The Hawth, Crawley 7.30 pm - Tuesday 24th March 2009**

Told in music, dance and drama in Roger Jones latest musical. Follow the story of Simon Peter, a man who experienced more than the usual ups and downs in life common to everyone. But through it all he found that Jesus Christ was the Rock on which his faith was built. The musical shows how Christ is still the Rock on which everyone can build their lives. Ticket price £10 (Concessions £8) are available from The Hawth Box Office (01293 553636).

### **All those letters and official documents!!**

You should have either been either emailed or have received a paper copy of 5 letters/documents. Sorry they all came at once. Even though it may take a bit of time, please wade through them and be prepared to feed back within a couple of weeks if you feel strongly about something that has been proposed or suggested.

There will be a drop in and ask any questions concerning the constitution at Julie's 7.30 pm on Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> should anyone want to talk things through.