

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...

Rachel is leading, and Julie is continuing our series on The life of Abraham with A Great Change Gen 17,18:1-15,21:1-8

Next Week...

Tim will be leading, and Wally will be speaking on Real Men

Life Headlines...

Baptisms Saturday 12th December at BRBC 3 pm

Jasmine Coleman and Tom Cruickshank have asked to witness to their faith by being baptized. Please make a note in your diaries and come along if you possibly can, to support them. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ then this is an important step of obedience to his command to his disciples. 'Go into all the world and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' Matt 28:19.

Church Members Meeting Wed Nov 25th at the Salvation Army Small Hall 7.45 pm for 8 pm (after Weight watchers has finished! Please drink coffee before you come!)

Wally to chair the meeting

- Membership Applications: Hilary Pollard and Isabel Jackson
- Main topic of discussion: An evaluation and review of Life's Mission Strategy and Ministry at home and abroad. An updated policy paper will be emailed or given out next Monday.
- Procedure for postal votes for leadership team and a proposal for no minimum age for members to be eligible to vote at a church meeting.
- Finance update

Moldovan presidential election update

Of necessity, the ruling Alliance group went ahead with a first vote to try to elect their presidential candidate on Tues. 10 Nov. As expected, the Communist deputies boycotted the vote, meaning there were insufficient votes for the election to be successful. They remain hopeful that a president can be elected on a re-run (provisionally scheduled for 10 Dec.), but if not, it will be necessary to hold yet another General Election next year.

Full details about the election and the challenges facing the country in the current global climate, plus other useful updates, can be found in the Moldova section on the Radio Free Europe, Radio Liberty website:



<http://www.rferl.org/section/Romania+Moldovo/160.html>

Please continue to pray for the fragile political state of the country, as well as its many other difficulties, as the harsh winter approaches. Rob & Jo

Christian Institute seminar: Defending Life and Liberty, Tues. 17 Nov. at Kingdom Faith

Kingdom Faith are hosting a public meeting on behalf of the Christian Institute on the subject of defending religious liberties and freedom of speech. This is in response to a number of recent cases where Christians have fallen foul of new legislation when expressing their beliefs.

This seminar takes place on Tues. 17 Nov., 7:30 pm at the NRC in Foundry Lane.

If you're interested there are a couple of information leaflets on the notice board.

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

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 from Eileen Gray (church contact).

Faith in Action

We will be packing for Malawi on:

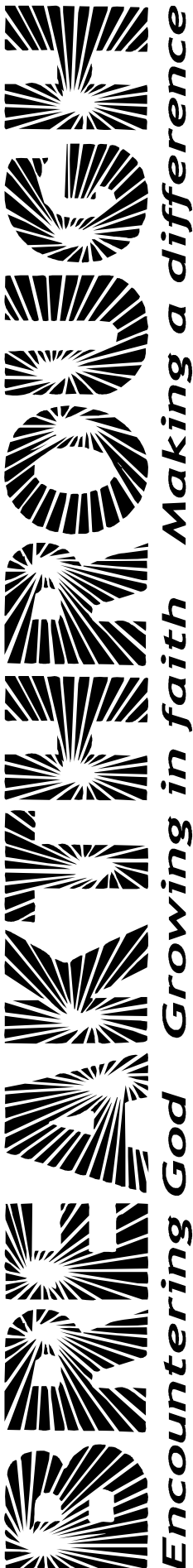
Friday 20th Nov 9.30-11.30 am

Monday 23rd Nov 7-9 pm

Please do come and join us in the packing room @ 76 Hurst Road if you can.

Horsham Churches Together Christmas Celebration - Saturday 28th November

Procession & Carols. Marshals will be needed. If you can help, please contact Terry Garn on 01403 265194.



The Wintershall Nativity Play takes place at Wintershall (the same place that does the Life of Christ and the Acts of the Apostles, off the A281, Bramley nr Guildford). Thursday 17th to Monday 21st December at either 4.45 or 7.30 pm. More information from www.wintershall-estate.com

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Jesus - the reason for the season

As we approach Christmas the shops get busier and busier as everybody rushes around buying Christmas presents and cards. Crown Books is no exception to this and we will, as usual, be able to supply gifts and cards which properly reflect the Christmas celebration. All of our cards are sold in aid of charity - including, for the first time, the Bible Society.

We do have some chocolate Advent calendars but, unlike those you buy on the High Street, ours present the Nativity story.

So, this Advent & Christmas, please do call in and have a look at our

increasingly varied range of gifts, cards, music on CD and DVD, films, Bibles & books.

If you are really stuck for a gift idea, why not give a Crown Books voucher which can be exchanged for any item in the bookshop?

Horsham Christmas Post

It is with a sense of sadness that we confirm that there will be no Horsham Christmas Post this year. The scheme began in our 1st year of business, 1994 and the following charities have benefited from the proceeds; a total of £21,843 has been raised.

West Sussex County Times Children's Appeal; Horsham Christian Centre; Chase & Chestnut House (Children's Hospices); Hospital Chapel; St Catherine's Hospice; TACT; Oasis Pregnancy Advice; Horsham Debt Advice Service; Crawley Open House; Y-Centre; Sussex Air Ambulance; Rainbow Trust. We give sincere thanks to all who have organised the service and those who have delivered the cards - some since the very first year.

Doug Fletcher

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

There are 9 new ladies on the Journey's course. Please pray for them over the next few weeks as they seek to find out more about the Christian faith.

Future Diary Dates...

Wednesday 25th November	<u>Church Members Meeting</u>
Sunday 20th December	<u>All Age Service and lunch together</u>
Sunday 17th January	<u>Digging Deeper (Creation and Evolution led through by Kevin Tuck)</u>
Wednesday 24th February	<u>Church Members Meeting</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), 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.