

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...

Julie is leading and Hilary introduces the new series on The Upside Down Kingdom with Down is Up

Next Week...

There is no meeting at Forest as over 50 of us will be attending (together with hundreds of churches from around the area) the Big Church Day Out at Wiston House. As we will all be arriving there at different times, can I suggest we use our mobiles to find where we all are. Julie's mobile is 07870 932 271. A yellow flag will be held up (by someone!) and waved to indicate where we are based.

Life Headlines...

The Upside Down Kingdom

This Sunday we begin a new series based loosely on the book by Donald Kraybill - The Upside Down Kingdom.

(ISBN 0 - 8361 - 9236 - 2 if anyone wishes to purchase the book)

It takes a look at the Kingdom values as lived out and taught by Jesus. It is our prayer that as we look at these values over the coming weeks we might seek to live them out in our daily lives.

If Life Group leaders would like to have discussions in their groups, you will be able to access the sermon on our website or ask for a copy of the sermon notes from whoever is speaking.

This week the title is 'Down is Up'

Questions to consider:

1. What is your understanding of the Kingdom?
2. What do John the Baptist's and Mary's prophecies regarding the Kingdom tell us about the nature of the Kingdom?
3. Which detours or 'excuses' provide the easiest bypasses for avoiding biblical teaching?
4. Of what you know at the moment of Jesus' teaching, what hinders you from living out the Kingdom values?

Fun Day Feedback

Eamonn from BRBC who coordinated the event writes to say thank you very much to everyone who was involved in the Bennetts Road Fun Day. He would appreciate any feedback by Monday evening so if you do have something constructive to feedback please email Eamonn eamonnsue@talktalk.net

Many thanks of course to our own Eric for his part in organizing Life's contribution.

Pentecost All Age Service and LUNCH -Sun 31st May

After the all age service on Sunday 31st May we are having lunch together. Please sign the list in the foyer if you are hoping to come. Also if you would be able to help with catering i.e. either by making a cake or making some sandwiches I would be very pleased to hear from you. Many thanks - Sue Martin 250907 or 07737218027

Church Members Meeting Wednesday 20th May, 8 pm at the Salvation Army Hall (7.30 for coffee)

(Please give apologies to Anna if you are unable to make the meeting)

This meeting gives us the opportunity for a review, update and consideration of our support for mission - local, national and overseas.

- **Local** - firstly, Horsham Churches Together Development Worker, Richard Webb, will inform us of his role in the community on behalf of the churches over the last 2 years.
- **National** - what we support as a church
- **International** - Moldova and Kenya updates. Copies of the updates for both Moldova and Kenya are available at the Welcome Desk. Please pick one up and read before the CMM.
- A vote on the proposal to officially nominate John Milborrow as Treasurer and therefore a Trustee.

A vote on the proposal to nominate Ray White as Church Secretary (already a Trustee as a church leader)

Updates

- Prayer at 12. An encouragement for people to come to church at 12 on Sundays after the service to be prayed for.
- Leaflet distribution

The future of Life's links with Moldova: Members' Meeting 20th May

On the agenda for the Members' Meeting is the opportunity to discuss and consider the future of our relationships and work with our partners in Moldova.

We have produced a document providing a history of those relationships, and proposals for our future work together, to enable us to be prepared for the discussion. All members should have received a copy last week or in the post, but if you have not please do let us know. If you are not a member but are interested, we can also provide you with a copy.

We've aimed to keep the content brief and to cover the key details, but if there is anything else you'd like to know please do give us a ring and we can chat this through. **Rob & Jo Allen** (01403-257143)

The Old Church Keyboard requires a new home, as there is no longer enough room in the cupboard to store it. This is going free. If you are Interested, please speak to Julie Capas or a member of the PA team.



THANKYOU!

I just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who has prayed for me about my creation/evolution activities recently. The meeting at which Richard Broadberry and I spoke to a Catholic school near Newbury went very well. We spoke to the whole school - all 56 pupils! This was a small and very conservative school with some items of Catholic doctrine which we wouldn't agree with, but they were nevertheless very open to hear the truth about our great Creator and Redeemer and we were asked many questions. We made sure that we included the gospel in our presentations. The pupils and staff took a number of CSM pamphlets and are now talking about having a school trip out to Portsmouth to see our Genesis Expo exhibition as well.

The five-day conference at Brunel Manor last week also went well, though we had much spiritual attack before and during the time there. We had obscure technical problems with equipment during every single meeting - and each time it was a different problem! - but we were able to overcome them all. There were 25 people at the meetings, plus the staff, many of whom are volunteers from other countries. We had many good conversations with people, including two who are not yet Christians (please pray for them) and have developed very good relations with Rick & Helen Hillard, who are now in charge of running Brunel Manor. The remit of Brunel Manor incidentally is to provide rest and restoration for Christians, and I would recommend it as a place to have a short break.

Your continuing prayers for my creation activities would be very much appreciated. I have an invitation to speak at Christ's Hospital, but need to weigh this carefully because of its involvement in freemasonry. I will also be speaking at the Horsham Convention and soon I need to start putting together another issue of CSM's Journal and pamphlet. Anything I am able to achieve has much more impetus through the power of your prayers. Thank you in advance for these. *Kevin*.

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

For those who have already come forward; your deposits would be appreciated asap please.

Easter to Pentecost Life 50 days of prayer

Many found the Life 40 day prayer initiative helpful and many also said they appreciated the day's topic coming through by email. To further encourage extra prayer together as a church we have are doing this again this time for the 50 days between Easter and Pentecost. Paper copies will be available from this Sunday. If you would **prefer not** to have them emailed through as well then please let Hilary know. There will be a joint prayer meeting arranged sometime around the Pentecost. w/e. 'An army advances on its stomach; a church advances on its knees'

New Rotas from May to September are at the welcome desk. Do pick one up.

TV/Video Combi unit available (for free) Please come and see Patrick if you are interested.

Faith in Action

We will be meeting in the packing room at 76 Hurst Road to prepare clothes for Malawi on Thurs 21st May 7-9 pm

If these sessions don't suit you there are a variety of small tasks that are easily transportable and could be done at home.

Newcomers are always welcome and one attendance does not commit you to ongoing participation!

For more information please speak to Frances.

Diary Dates...

Saturday 30th May Healing on the Streets in the Carfax. (Please pray for this)
Life Pentecost Prayer and Praise BRBC Chapel 7.30 - 9 pm
Sunday 31st May Pentecost 'Birthday of the church' All Age Service followed by lunch.

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

Please pray for Colin Allen recovering from his operation last Monday.

Please remember Ethel still recovering from a fall a few weeks ago.

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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.