

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...

Simon is leading, and **Wally** is speaking on Upside Authority Part 1

Next Week...

Maureen will be leading, and **Julie** will be speaking

N.B. Sat 24th Ladies Prayer Breakfast 8-10 am at Sue Martin's. Ladies please sign up if you're coming

Life Headlines...



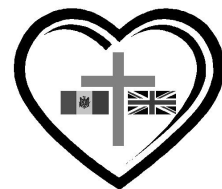
Sponsorship Request

Judith Alexander and Pam Hill are taking part in "The Playtex MoonWalk". This is a marathon (yes 26.2 miles), which takes place in London overnight on 15th / 16th May. It is organised by the charity 'Walk the Walk' to raise money for breast cancer causes. Please sponsor them by either talking to them directly or visiting www.walkthewalkfundraising.org/JudithandPam. Thank you all for your support.

Summer Camp 2010: BBQ and family activities – Sat. 15 May

This event is to help us raise the money we need to enable the Moldovan children and young people to attend our Summer Camp. It will also be a great opportunity to enjoy time together on a farm out in the Sussex countryside (prayers for good weather welcome!). We'll be handing out flyers, and tickets are available from us (Rob & Jo Allen) or Sarah Penberthy.

Also if you haven't had a copy of our Spring update, which also gives a little more information on the Summer plans, as well as a report on our recent visit, please do come and ask us for one. *Rob & Jo*



Bennetts Field "Fun Day" May 2nd - Your Help Required

This note is a reminder of requests for help with this event which you should have received via your Life Group Leader this week:

1. Today there are leaflets on the welcome table for distribution in the local area - please could people take a batch and let me know which street they're covering. The leaflets need to be put through people's letterboxes by the following weekend.
2. Life has been asked to contribute cakes on the day - please could each Life Group let me know their plans. Food should be brought to the main food tent on the day in between 11:30 and 12:00.
3. I need volunteers to help me "man" the bouncy castles between 12:00 and 16:00 - two people for each hour slot. Please let me know which slot(s) you are able to manage.

In addition any help people are able to provide setting up beforehand or tidying up afterwards would be most welcome. Thanks for your help and let's hope that God uses the day to sow some seeds.

Eric

Fellowship Fund

As you are aware we have a Fellowship Fund which we use to support one another in the congregation at various times of need (gifts for each other cannot legally come out of our General Fund). This really does need topping up again and we will use the time we next have communion today to take a separate offering for the Fellowship Fund. Envelopes are available at the welcome desk or put in an envelope clearly marked Fellowship Fund. So please lets give generously to support each other in the church when or should those occasions of need arise. Thank you, *Julie*

Baroness Cox at Brighton Road Baptist Church, Sunday 25th April, 2.00 pm

We are pleased to invite you and your congregation to an open meeting with Baroness Cox at Brighton Road Baptist Church on Sunday 25th April at 2.00 pm. Baroness Cox will be speaking during our morning service but has also agreed to speak more informally at an additional session for a wider audience with an opportunity for questions.

Her presentation will include details of her work with HART (Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust) of which she is Chief Executive. Since 1990, Baroness Cox has also worked with Christian Solidarity Worldwide through which she has visited many countries where there has been, and still is, war, destruction, slavery and oppression waged by governments upon minority groups, often including the persecution of Christians.

Election Forum



A chance for local Christians to hear how their Parliamentary Candidates respond to the questions that matter to them.

Organised by Horsham Churches Together
Tanbridge House School,
Farthings Hill, Horsham RH12 1SR
30th April at 7.30pm

Encountering God Growing in faith Making a difference

Andrew Palau 21 April at CLC

On Wednesday evening 19.30 on 21st April Andrew Palau, son of Luis Palau, is coming to share his testimony at CLC. I have attached a flyer with the details. This is a great opportunity to invite family and friends to hear a powerful story of how he came out of drink and drugs to find faith. If you could please give a notice out and encourage those in your churches to bring along those they feel would benefit from this that would be great. He is very good communicator and is an international evangelist in his own right. It would be really wonderful to see lives changed through this. I hope that some of your members will be able to come and also that they could pray for a fruitful evening.

Many thanks.

Pastor Steve Fishpool - Christian Life Centre, Horsham

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.

Introductory Pilates Course

I have the opportunity to do another introductory Pilates course after Easter on Thursday lunchtimes at Trafalgar Road Baptist Church. Pilates is an exercise method that promotes improved posture, flexibility and balance; strong toned muscles; relief and recovery from injury.

If you would like to know more please speak to Frances on Horsham 261735 or fjfy@btopenworld.com

Prayer For Our Nation - Parliament Watch...

THE CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES BILL

Thank and praise God that the Government on 7th April, bowed to pressure and has withdrawn its highly controversial home education and sex education plans for England, which were in this Bill. The Government was made to abandon these and many other of its key policies in the Bill to make sure it could be passed before the General Election. For full and further details please refer to websites:

Christian Institute

<http://www.christian.org.uk/news/govt-drops-home-and-sex-ed-plans/>

Christian Concern For Our Nation

<http://www.ccfon.org/view.php?id=1050>

If you're not online then speak to Anna Pisani

PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING ONE OR IDEALLY BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING CAMPAIGNS

• **WESTMINSTER 2010: DECLARATION OF CHRISTIAN CONSCIENCE**

Headed by 30 senior Christian leaders, including the former Archbishop of Canterbury Lord Carey, it's a rallying call to UK Christian voters of all denominations "to vote with their conscience, guided by their faith". The document, says Christians should be 'subject to all governing authorities and obey them except when they require us to act unjustly'. It sets out a broad range of policies that unite churches in the UK, including support for marriage, freedom for those of faith to live their lives according to their beliefs and opposition to assisted suicide and euthanasia. If you've not already done so, there are 2 ways for signing this declaration

i) Online at <http://www.westminster2010.org.uk/sign/>

ii) Completing a "Sign Up Sheet" (this will be at the Welcome Desk today)

For further information please visit the campaign website at <http://www.westminster2010.org.uk> which also carries a database of the parliamentary candidates and whether they have signed this declaration themselves or speak to Anna Pisani

• **PROMISE TO VOTE**

This one is being headed by Premier Radio, in order to get the Christians of our nation to vote and make our voices heard in the upcoming General Election. If you've not already "Promised To Vote", there are 3 ways for making this commitment.

i) On line: completing, signing and submitting 'a declaration' at <http://www.promisetovote.com/>

ii) Completing a "Sign Up Sheet" (this will be at the Welcome Desk today)

iii) If you can't get to church to complete the "Sign Up Sheet" then contact Anna Pisani to complete and sign a "My Promise to Vote" Form

For further information please speak to Ben Pickstock.

Prayer Pointers (and if you feel lead, to also fast say once week leading up to the General Election):

For godly principles at the heart of our governance.

If you have any comments or would like to come together and specifically pray for our nation contact Hilary Smith, Eric Tansley, or Anna Pisani.

Future Diary Dates...

Saturday 24th April

[Ladies Prayer Breakfast 8 - 10](#)

Friday 30th April

[Hustings Meeting](#) - An opportunity for local Christians to hear how their Parliamentary Candidates respond to the questions that matter to them

Saturday 8th May

[Space to Pray \(N.B. Changed from 1st\)](#)

Sunday 9th May

[Digging Deeper Christianity and Politics](#)

Saturday 15th May

[Moldova Summer Camp BBQ event \(see Rob & Jo for more details\)](#)

Wednesday 19th May

[Church Members Meeting \(NOTE CHANGE FROM 26th MAY\)](#)

Sunday 30th / Monday 31st May

[Big Church Day Out](#)

Friday 2nd July

[Ladies Social / BBQ](#)

Sunday 4th July

[South-East Baptist Churches - Gatwick network celebration](#), 6:30 pm at Brighton Road Baptist Church

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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.