

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 Wally is continuing our series on the life of Abraham with 'A Great Decision' Gen 12:10-20,13

## Next Week...

Tim will be leading and Hilary will be continuing our series on the books of the Bible with Mark

## Life Headlines...

### Leadership Team Nominations

Hilary is now taking her required 'break' after 9 faithful years on the leadership team. Who then is God now calling to be part of the team to continue to lead this church?

Please pray about this and if you have someone in mind and heart that you would like to nominate please speak to a member of the leadership team.

Nominations must be in by November 1<sup>st</sup> so there is time to put the name/names in the Breakthrough for 2 weeks preceding the church meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> November. Those nominated will then be voted on at a special church meeting after the service on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Horsham Matters Community Charity Centre

This is an exciting new development of Horsham Churches Together. The Community Charity Centre is the base for operating the furniture and white goods reusing project which has been donated by members of the churches and members of the public. The primary purpose is to make items available to the homeless who are being housed or the vulnerable or needy in the community. A minimum of 10 volunteers a day to enable the Centre to be open from 10-2 at the moment. People are needed who can help the store, the office and those who can be part of the transport team. The Community Charity phone number is 0143 217381 or [horshammatters@btconnect.com](mailto:horshammatters@btconnect.com) if you can offer any help at all.

With the furniture given out, will be a card suggesting a follow up visit to see if people need further help and churches will be asked if they can help with these visits.

### Horsham Matters Community Charity Centre PRAYER INITIATIVE

I (Julie) have been asked if I might organize a prayer room and a team in the above premises to be open once a week for a couple of hours at the moment. There are many people with whom the Charity Centre come into contact with through furniture deliveries, collections and the people who come into the store. There are office rooms vacant upstairs at the former garage which are perfect for this. We have several people already trained for Healing Rooms and Healing on the Streets (HOTS) and some are available and willing to be involved with this on a rota basis once a week on a Wednesday for 2 hours from November.

This is a great and exciting opportunity to 'marry' the practical and the spiritual side of this already very successful charity initiative by the churches and to reach out to many who are needy in the community. If anyone else would like to be involved on a rota basis on this prayer team on a Wednesday morning please speak to me. Basic training will be necessary for those who have not already had this before for the Healing Rooms or HOTS.

### Electing the next president of Moldova

If you've been keeping up with political developments, you will be interested to know that the date for electing the next Moldovan president is set for Fri. 23 October. This is critical, because if the new government fails twice, as did the Communists, the country will be thrown into political limbo again. However, they require the support of at least 8 Communist MPs to achieve this.

Irrespective of your political leanings, we believe that electing a president is key to securing some stability for the country's future, so please do pray about this. We saw Nicu and Lili last weekend and they tell us there has already been a significant change in the atmosphere of the country. We must pray that this and the sense of new hope will continue. *Rob & Jo*

### The Baptist Union's "Home Mission"

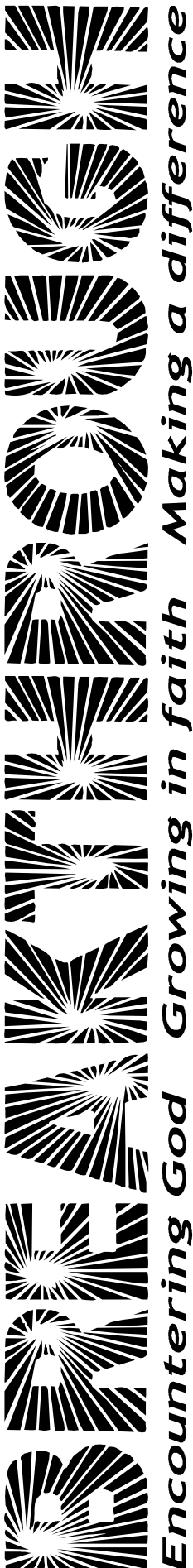
You probably know that Life makes donations each year to Home Mission. But did you know that, apart from helping to support ministers in 276 smaller Baptist Churches, funds chaplaincies, some staff at regional associations, and a whole variety of mission initiatives known as 'special ministries'? It also makes grants to help churches set up and develop innovative evangelistic and social action projects. Through the generosity of local churches in 2008, 345 ministry grants were given, totalling around £1,750,000 as well as 43 grants totalling around £85,000. A recent letter from the BU said: "When your church gives to Home Mission, you are actually enabling the dreams and visions of other Baptist churches to become a reality, as they respond to God's calling where they are".

### CHANGE OF VENUE - LADIES AWAY DAY.

Please note the change of venue for the Ladies Away Day on Saturday 24th October 2009. For the ladies who will be coming to the Ladies Away Day, we have heard from the couple at Ockley that the gentleman there is not well at the moment. Therefore, they have asked us to find an alternative venue. **NB: This will now be at The Coach House, Holmsted Manor, Staplefield Road, Cuckfield, West Sussex. RH17 5JF.** Please arrive at 9.30 am for coffee, ready for a 10 am start. If you have any queries then speak to Anna Pisani. Thanks.

### 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.



**Faith in Action Packing sessions** have been planned on a variety of days which highlights how one off attendances are fine and no regular commitment is required unless you wish to give it. If any of these dates suit you we shall be happy to have you join us at the packing room above the garage @76 Hurst Road. If you want to know more please speak to Frances, Janine or Sue M. Evening sessions 7-9 pm on **Thursday 22nd Oct** Morning sessions 9.30-11.30 am on **Friday 23rd Oct**

#### **Journeys - a 5 week video and discussion course exploring the Christian faith**

We have 2 or 3 ladies at least, wanting to do this non threatening course so we plan to do so over a meal on Thursdays 29<sup>th</sup> October, 5<sup>th</sup> November, 19<sup>th</sup> November, 3 December and 10<sup>th</sup> December. If you have a friend who might be interested please speak to Julie or Sue Martin.

#### **An Evening With The Briscoes**

7-9 pm, Friday 23rd October, Westminster Chapel, London. Join Stuart, Jill and Pete Briscoe from Telling the Truth, for an evening of teaching with guest worship leader Lou Fellingham and Phatfish. The Briscoes are the founders of the international bible-teaching ministry Telling the Truth, which shares God's Word through the radio and the internet. Gifted with wisdom, discernment and a bit of English humour, the Briscoes bring the Bible to life. The tickets are free but they still need to be booked either on line or by calling 08456 52 52 52. If you are interested refer to Anna Pisani.

#### **The Wintershall Nativity Play**

This 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 17<sup>th</sup> to Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December at either 4.45 or 7.30 pm. More information from [www.wintershall-estate.com](http://www.wintershall-estate.com)

## Future Diary Dates...

Saturday 24th October	<a href="#"><u>Ladies awayday now at Holmstead Manor, Cuckfield</u></a>
Sunday 1st November	<a href="#"><u>All Age Service and lunch together</u></a>
Saturday 7th November	<a href="#"><u>Space to Pray 8.30 - 9.30</u></a>
Sunday 8th November	<a href="#"><u>Digger Deeper at Tim and Isabel's home 7.30 - 9 pm (The New World Order? led through by Geoff)</u></a>
Wednesday 25th November	<a href="#"><u>Church Members Meeting</u></a>
Sunday 20th December	<a href="#"><u>All Age Service and lunch together</u></a>
Sunday 17th January	<a href="#"><u>Digging Deeper (Creation and Evolution led through by Kevin Tuck)</u></a>
Wednesday 24th February	<a href="#"><u>Church Members Meeting</u></a>
Wednesday 26th May	<a href="#"><u>Church Members Meeting</u></a>

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

#### **Sierra Leone**

Stephen Fry and Emily Miles whilst they are in Sierra Leone, with a small group from their school. They have a varied and flexible itinerary including some teaching at the link school they shall be visiting in Freetown. Your prayer support would be greatly appreciated.

#### **Praise God For Answered Prayer**

Sam Potter, Tony's eldest daughter, has sent an email thanking us for all our prayers for "the holiday and the strength to get through it all". She said "all the children behaved beautifully on holiday and I am finding the strength from somewhere to carry on". She also mentioned some really good news in that Alfie has been accepted into Ingfield Manor for his complete school life not just for pre-school. Although this news came through just after Tony passed away she acknowledges that "dad would have wanted to know that because he prayed alot for that too". Another piece of good news is that Sam has been awarded a substantial grant for an Electric Standing Frame for Alfie (this news came through just before Tony passed away) and this is currently being manufactured to Alfie's personal specifications. This is exiting news as it will make such a difference to Alfie's life. Both Sam and Suzanne will want to meet up with a few of us at some point, date yet to be agreed but likely in November or December when Alfie is at Ingfield Manor. We thank God that there is Life out of death.

## 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](mailto: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.