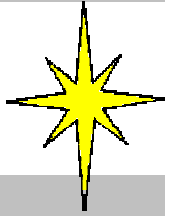


A very warm welcome to our service today. If you're visiting us for the first time, you are invited to fill in a visitors card, which you'll find in the reception area. If you have children under 3, you're invited to take them to our parent & baby room when the other children leave. Please ask someone from the welcome team to show you where this room is. After the service, please feel free to stay



## This Week...

is our Christmas All Age Service followed by lunch. Please do stay and have a bite to eat with us.

The special offering today will be divided between our neighbours Queen Elizabeth 2 Silver Jubilee School and Ingfield Manor School catering for children with cerebral palsy. Please let's give generously to help support less advantaged children at this Christmas season. **Please note:** There will be no service here on Christmas Day or Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>. Please take the opportunity to perhaps visit another church! The Christmas Eve service 11.15 at BRBC is always a special one to go to, to mark the event in a quieter way.

## Life Headlines...



**This Week's Breakthrough** will be the last edition of this year. Normal service will resume on Sunday 3rd January 2010.

### 2010 - A new decade - a new opportunity to partner God

To encourage one another in prayer at the start of a New Year, we will once again send, via e-mail, topics for prayer each day in January. These will cover our Church, local community, nation and world. If you do not wish to receive these, please let me know. Paper versions will be available. Many thanks Hilary.

### Fellowship Fund

We would like to use January 3rd at communion time as an opportunity to give to the Fellowship Fund. Special envelopes will be provided.

The Fellowship Fund is to enable us to help those in need in one way or another in our own fellowship and cannot be taken from the general fund.

At the moment the account is very low indeed so please help top this Fund up if you can at the beginning of a New Year so we can help our brothers and sisters when the need arises. Thank you. *Julie*

### Moldova trip: November 2009

For those who didn't pick one up last week, I have some copies of the report from my visit to Moldova. It was a bit of a roller coaster for all sorts of reasons, but still really fantastic, with lots of exciting opportunities and wonderful times spent with friends. It was so encouraging to see how things are moving forward through our partnership with Agape. If you'd like to have a look at some of the pictures or have a chat I should have my laptop with me too! *Rob*



### A week is a long time in politics...

Since last week, there has been a striking development in Moldova's parliament: four Communist deputies have quit the party.

This seems at least in part a protest against the party's insistence on boycotting the presidential election on 7 Dec., even though Moscow saw a successful election as a positive step to bring stability to the country. How things will progress from here remains to be seen and further elections will be necessary next year, maybe as late as the Summer. So let's continue to pray: you can keep up to date on the [Radio Free Europe](#) website. *Rob & Jo*

### Moldovan presidential election: stalemate once again

As expected, Communist deputies again boycotted Monday's vote, which means there will need to be yet another general election next year. This is not, however, likely to be until around the Summer, so although the country is in something of a state of limbo, the ruling Alliance coalition have some time to try and make political progress on the road to start rebuilding the country. So let's continue to pray: you can keep up to date on the Radio Free Europe website. *Rob & Jo*

### Worship Encounter: An Evening of Contemporary Worship - 8 pm Sunday 3rd January.

A time for spiritual refreshment in God's Presence

Everyone is welcome.

St. John's Church, Broadbridge Heath.

**RAY & MARILYN.** You may notice that Marilyn and I are not around, and will not be around till early January. We are in Northern Italy. This is a "rent free" holiday through Christian House sitters and while there we will be looking after a fabulous sounding house and 2 donkeys. The house is in the foothills of the mountains and the pictures we have seen look fantastic. We praise God for this much needed holiday. BUT I am still available if anyone from the church needs to chat to me about anything and I will be in regular contact with the rest of the Leadership Team. To contact me just use my email address from the members list. *Ray*

### The Drama of Salvation

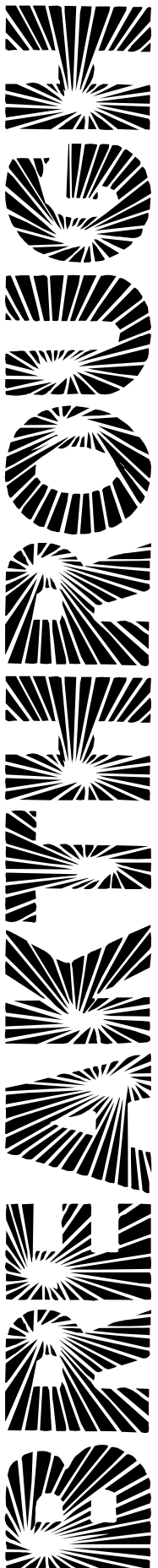
I have been meeting with people from church over the past several years intermittently to do a bible reading course 'The Way of the Spirit' by John Mackay. It is a very encouraging and aims to give us personal revelation from our reading and also inspiration by meeting others in a group.

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](mailto:eileen@eileengray.wanadoo.uk) We will likely start late January 2010.

Thanks, *Eileen*.



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**MEN'S MEETING.** After a very challenging meeting last Friday we will be holding a special Men's breakfast on the 23rd of January. Details to follow but mark the date in your diary.

**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, Eileen Gray. (Church contact).



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



**Please pray for the Ready Assembled team** ( Sue Hollywell, Fiona Page, Claire Norgate and Frances Fry) as they do their Christmas performances in local schools. A full list of schools and times is on the notice board. If you don't know what Ready Assembled does, please ask Frances.

**Another baby!**

Congratulations to Rachel and Gavin Kiley (now living in Eastbourne) on the birth of the 5th child!!! Jonah Zephaniah 8lb 15oz was born on 21<sup>st</sup> November and is a new brother for Eleora, Noah, Eoin and Malachi.

**Please continue to pray for Igor**, the pastor of the church in Malcoci we support, who fell from the church roof and has sustained serious injuries on his back and legs. and is still in hospital awaiting an operation.



**Future Diary Dates...**

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| Saturday 2nd January    | <u>Space to Pray BRBC 8.30 - 9.30 am</u>                                 |
| Sunday 17th January     | <u>Digging Deeper (Creation and Evolution led through by Kevin Tuck)</u> |
| Wednesday 24th February | <u>Church Members Meeting</u>  |
| Sunday 7th March        | <u>Digging Deeper Understanding Islam</u>                                |
| Saturday 27th March     | <u>Life Easter Retreat and Reflection Day at Ashburnham</u>              |
| Wednesday 26th May      | <u>Church Members Meeting</u>  |

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**Breakthrough**

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