

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 **Alan** continues our series in Ecclesiastes with What is the value of work?

Ecc 2:17- 26

Tonight there is the Horsham Churches Together United Service at St Mary's 6.30 pm. Different people are giving testimonies of what is happening in Horsham and there will time for prayers for the town. Do come and represent Life if you can.

Next Week...

We have an All Age Service, followed by lunch. The theme is based on Daniel - even in the lions den Daniel is still in God's hands. Do take this opportunity to invite people and families.

N.B. Space to Pray BRBC next Saturday 8.30 – 9.30 am

Life Headlines...



The Big Church Day Out 2010

Fixture details are being advertised for the 2010 event. They are planning to have 2 days at Wiston House, last years venue, which will be on Sunday 30th May and Bank Holiday Monday 31st May 2010. The exact same programme with all the same performers, worship leaders and fun, will run on each of the days. Gates open at 11 am with the event starting at 2 pm until 10 pm on both days The line-up at the moment includes HILLSONG UNITED, SWITCHFOOT, TOBY MAC (DC Talk), ISRAEL HOUGHTON, TIM HUGHES (Worship Central), BRENTON BROWN, GRAHAM KENDRICK, LOU FELLINGHAM, TOM & OLLY,

LZ7, THE KINGS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, STUART PENDRED and TRENT.

Life plan to have a church service, as usual, on the Sunday and propose, as a church, to go to the event together on the Bank Holiday Monday. However, it is accepted that there maybe those who may want to go to Wiston House on the Sunday instead or alternatively there may be some who may want to attend the church service in the morning and then go onto the event or they may want to attend the event on both of the days.

Tickets are on sale and as usual there are "early bird" and group booking offers if booked early For the 31st May event, Group ticket costs are i) Up to 10 people £18 per day ii) 11- 20 people £17 per person per day iii) 21 - 40 people £16 per person per day plus booking fee (check out the website to see if it'll work out cheaper for you to book either a "family ticket" or an adult and child if you have children. This year they also have tickets for "Camping" Visit their website <http://www.bigchurchdayout.co.uk/> to get the full details).

With the event being on two separate days and with people's preference being spread over the two days this means that it makes getting group tickets a little more complicated and it may not even be viable to get them. Therefore, at this stage, it will be good to gauge interest for those wanting to buying tickets, for which day and numbers for each day. Please send your response to Anna Pisani, who will collate the feedback (either speak to or email on pisanianna@hotmail.co.uk Thanks



Kenya 2010 Trip

A reminder that there is a team who will be returning to Kenya between 1st - 11th February. Those going will be Julie Shimizu, Hilary Smith, Ray White, John Milborrow, Alan George and Anna Pisani from Life; Pauline Jepps from Brighton Road Baptist Church; Scott Carr and Stuart Parkins from Toddington Baptist Church and Masayuki Shimizu, Julie's son. We will appreciate your prayers as we prepare for the trip.

Those of you who sponsor one of the children at the Osare Orphanage should have received a letter template for you to pen a few words or draw a picture so we can take it to the orphanage when we go. It will be very much appreciated if you are able to return this to me as soon as possible. There will be a basket placed at the front of the congregation each week until 31st January. Please place your letter in there, in the event that you are not able to catch me during the service. Thanks. *Anna Pisani*

Gifts

Each year before we go on the Kenya trip there are those who feel they would like to give in general or specifically towards the work of the orphanages, bibles for the churches, the widows or something else God may lay on your heart. If you would like to give a gift please put in an envelope marked Kenya trip by Sunday 24th if possible please so we can plan our finances and where our giving should go. *Thank you so much.*

Lifts to the airport

We will need another 2 cars to take 8 of us from Horsham to the airport on Monday 1st February to be at Heathrow Terminal 4 by 4 pm and also to pick us up at 6 am on Friday 12th February (a very antisocial hour!!!). Would anyone be available, able and find it in their hearts to do this for us please? Please let Julie know. Thank you.

Old digital cameras?

Does anyone have an old digital cameras they are no longer using? Both orphanages take regular photos of receipts etc to update us and be accountable for any money sent out. The cameras don't last for ever with the dust etc and the ones we have given before are now broken. Please give to Julie by next Sunday if you have one. Thank you.

Dalesdown Camps

This year Children Worldwide will be running camps at their centre, Dalesdown, off the A24 at Dial Post from 24th July - 30th July for school years 11,12&13, 31st July - 6th August for school years 8,9&10 and 7th -13th August for school years 4,5,6&7. There is also a Sports and Activities Weekend 7th-9th May for youngsters in school years 4-7. The phone number for enquiries is 01403 711032 and there are leaflets on the notice board. There is also a Camp Taster Evening on Wednesday 4th March between 3 and 7 pm offering the opportunity to meet some of the team and find out more about the activities available.

Please turn out your toiletries for the Women's Refuge

Last year we collected toiletries e.g. shower gel, soaps, shampoos etc for the refuge that takes in women who are running away from abusive home situations. Ladies, can you take a look at what you have at home or buy something and let's collect for them again to show God's love to them. and I'll get them picked up around Valentines Day to be given out. They'll be a box at Welcome for the next few weeks. Lets fill it up! Thanks, *Julie*

Bennetts Field Fun Day 2010 - Sunday May 2nd

Following on from last year, we are again working with Brighton Road and other local churches to put on another Fun Day on Sunday 2nd May. The event will start with a service at 11:00, with the Bouncy Castles etc. being available from 12:00 onwards. The content will be similar to last year, although the distribution of the food will be managed more carefully to ensure it doesn't run out so quickly! There will also be some additional inflatables.

As ever I will need assistance from you all to help make this a success, in areas such as publicity (mail-drops), food, and various tasks on the day.

You'll hear more on this in future weeks - for now please note the date in your diaries and pray that many hearts will be touched on the day. We are also looking at ways of following this up with further cross-church events to provide continued engagement with the local community. *Eric*

Guidelines on Child Protection

We have revised the church's Guidelines on Child Protection which set out the way in which we should support the children and young people we have contact with as a church. The Guidelines are based on the latest advice from the Baptist Union and also explain what we should do if we discover or suspect abuse. Everyone who is beginning to work with Life's children or young people will be given a copy of the Guidelines, but let Anna Pisani or Alan Cruickshank know if you want a copy.

Life Ashburnham Easter Reflection and Retreat Saturday March 27th

We have a room booked there now with at 15 places reserved. This will be a day where a few thoughts on Cross, Resurrection and Ascension will be shared, then there will be space to reflect, time to pray alone or together in the beautiful grounds of Ashburnham. A good opportunity to set aside and make time to consider the real meaning of Easter and have a quiet day away as a church. Please could you let Anna know ASAP if you are planning to come. The cost will be £20 per person including coffee/teas and lunch.

Fellowship Fund Envelopes

These will always be available at the Welcome Desk and an opportunity and reminder given at each communion service so that we continue to support one another at Life as and when the need arises.

Faith in Action

This term we have planned to prepare clothes for Malawi in the packing room at 76 Hurst Road at the following times:

Friday 19th Feb & Friday 19th March, 9.30 - 11.30 am, and 7.30 - 9 pm on:
Thurs 28th Jan, Mon 1st Feb, Thurs 11th Feb, Thurs 25th Feb, Tues 2nd March,
Thurs 11th March, Thurs 25th March. You would be very welcome to join us. Please let me know if you think it's likely you will be coming.

I have been asked to pass on thanks "to all those who contributed to the prepared boxes, that recently went to the shipping container, particularly to all those who had a part in the preparing, packing and filling of the boxes. Many people are greatly blessed as a direct result of your time and energy." Our next packing session of this term is on Thursday evening (28th Jan) from 7.30-9.00 pm and you would be welcome to join us at 76 Hurst Road. With thanks. *Frances*

Equality Bill – Pray and Act Now

Some of you may be aware of the Equality Bill 2009, which was passed in its final reading in the House of Commons in December and is now going through the Lords. In many ways this is a positive and compassionate bill for which we should give thanks to God. However, it contains a key change in employment law which presents a major threat to the freedom of all Christians and indeed to the core principles of liberal democracy.

The change concerns the ability of Christian organisations and Churches to restrict employment to those who commit to a lifestyle consistent with The Bible's teaching. Under the existing 2003 bill various exemptions apply to churches, who are able to decline to employ people in senior roles on the grounds e.g. of sexual practice if this would compromise doctrine or give offence to significant numbers of members. These exemptions are now being narrowed and the law applied more widely, making Churches considerably more open to prosecution than under the 2003 bill. For further information consult www.ccfon.org.

On Monday 25th January a key amendment raised by Baroness O'Cathain is being debated in the House Of Lords. This would have the effect of restoring the 2003 regulations and thus removing the additional constraints. Please pray that this amendment is accepted, sign David Skinner's petition on the Downing Street website, and write to people in the Lords. In this election year it is crucial that we let the Government know that Christians will stand up for the Word Of God. *Eric*

Introductory Pilates Course

There are still a few places available on my introductory Pilates course at 12:30 pm on Thursday lunchtimes.

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 (H 261735)

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

An update on Pastor Igor from Malcoci who fell off the church roof.

- He had reconstructive surgery on his left knee on Tues. 5 Jan. (that was the third date we'd heard for that op!) – this seems to have gone well as he may now be in a position to try and put a little weight on the leg.
- He can now sit up in bed, which is useful to start re-building his back muscles – bear in mind he's now been in hospital for over 2 months.
- He still needs an operation on his right knee, but this has suffered much less damage than the other one – he's starting with a little physio on this and they might actually let him go home for a bit in a couple of weeks before operating.
- The whole thing's obviously taken its toll on Veronica and the family – the implication is that whilst Igor at least outwardly has maintained his cheery disposition she's found it emotionally draining, and of course there are still months of rehabilitation to go.
- It also appears he's had sufficient financial support from a variety of sources, to enable him to receive the necessary treatment, so that does not seem to be an issue for concern.

Please do keep praying.

Please, please pray for Melissa. Maureen emailed me (Julie) saying:

'Melissa is still very poorly. The multiple partial seizures continue to dog her. She has been very brave and tries her hardest to make them stop. But she is unable to do it herself. Heather House are endeavouring to keep her comfortable, but some times she is in such pain! They have had to resort to a lot of pain killers and a combination of emergency medication which eventually knocks her out. Anyhow, we continue to pray for an abatement and for wisdom for the doctor and nurses who are caring for her.'

Future Diary Dates...

Saturday 30th January	<u>Space to Pray 8.30 - 9.30 am at BRBC</u>
Sunday 31st January	<u>All Age and Lunch</u>
Sunday 21st February	<u>Trustees and Coordinators Meeting 7:30 pm</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>
Sunday 30th / Monday 31st May	<u>Big Church Day Out</u>

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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.