

A very warm welcome to our service today which is when our **Life** groups come together for worship. 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...

Maureen is leading and Julie is speaking on 'The Spirit's Gifts'

FROGs are meeting at Sue Martin's house this week

Next Week...

Julie will be leading and Hilary & Wally will be speaking on how 'The Spirit creates Unity'

Life Headlines...

Mobile phones and digital cameras

Thank you very much for your prayers for the Kenya trip. It went very well indeed. The church plants are growing, the children are doing well, and people including Muslims were brought to Christ and some remarkable transformations. There were also numerous healings. To God is the glory. We were all well and protected so thank you.

In order for us to have accurate up to date information concerning the children, any building work, scans of receipts etc it is helpful for them to have a digital camera. Ones we took before for Osare orphanage and the Siaya one we visit and personally support got stolen especially during the violence last year. Does anyone have a digital camera (or two!) they can spare please? Scott is going out in February and will take them for us.

The mobiles are essential for the telephone teaching I do. They get bashed about a bit during all this and don't last for ages.

Again does anyone have spare mobiles?

Thank you. *Julie*

Church Members Meeting Feb 4th at the Salvation Army small hall at 8 pm

Items for discussion:

- Constitutional issues : voting, quorums and leadership structures
- Prayer
- The Business and Enterprise Centre: Is it a better venue?
- Prayer
- Events: those up and coming including Bennetts Field Fun Day and feedback re Prayer Day
- Children's work update
- Prayer
- AOB and date of next meeting which will be March 25th

Horsham Churches Together Lent Study Groups: 1st March - 4th April 2009

LIFE ATTITUDES By Robert Warren and Sue Mayfield. A Study of the Beatitudes (LEARN LESSONS FOR LIFE THIS LENT)

Sometimes the Beatitudes can sound rather lofty. Nothing could be further from the truth. This course opens up for Christians of all traditions the liberating challenge of these words of Jesus and offers imaginative pointers to how we can live out their message.

Jesus lived out the Beatitudes in his earthly life and his followers are called to do the same. This 5 sessions course encourages Christians to examine their lifestyle in the light of Jesus' radical teaching and to live out these Kingdom values - now.

The course opens up the Beatitudes by: deepening our understanding of Jesus and challenging our fundamental personal values; helping us understand how they should impact on our approach to major global issues, such as environmental pollution and the deep-seated hostilities and injustices that afflict our world.

There are registration forms for this at the Welcome Desk.

Completed forms should be returned to 37 Rusper Road, Horsham, RH12 4BA.

Any questions? Call Sheila Rudofsky on 01403 258679



ALPHA

If we have enough guests the joint course with TRBC and Life will run on **Fridays** from 6th Feb until the end of March from 7.30 pm including supper.

Very Important: Could you make a meal please for one of the evenings? We have agreed to supply food for 4 of the 8 evenings: 13th Feb, 27th Feb, 13th March, & 27th March. It can just be simple.

Please speak to Julie if you can serve God (and the food!) in this way.

Do pray about who you could give an invite to. Leaflets available from Welcome.

New Rota Online

The new rota is available for download from our website at www.life-baptist.org.uk/docs.

Paper copies are available at the Welcome Desk. If you would like an emailed copy please email Anna.

Sanctum (:lite) - 8 pm, TONIGHT

This is a short, simple alternative Christian worship service which we are running on the last Sunday of the months when we don't have one of our larger Sanctum (re:connect) events. It's being held in the chapel at Brighton Road Baptist Church and will last about half an hour, with the opportunity to adjourn to a local pub afterwards. For more information, contact Alan Cruickshank.

MORE THAN JUST A CAFÉ!!

The Café @ The Centre was opened in March 1995 in response to a clear call by God during the meetings of the Ecumenical Lent House Groups four years earlier. Since then it has served the community of Horsham by providing a comfortable environment where Christians and non-Christians can meet to enjoy refreshment together. The success of the business has meant that the café is often very busy and the volunteers and staff work hard to maintain the aims of The Centre. In order for the café to continue as it has, there is an urgent and immediate need for more people who are willing to offer a few hours to help out. The work is varied and enjoyable; no previous experience necessary, just a willingness to learn. For more details please contact Doug Fletcher on 01403 218821, or call in for a chat.

Bible Society Action Day - Saturday 31st January 2009

Please come and support this event (come for part of or all of the day), which will be at The United Reformed Church, Springfield Road, Horsham. Our puppets, Acts of Faith, will also be there. The programme includes:
8.30 am The Bible at Breakfast
(A Bible Society speaker will speak about today's Bible Society and breakfast will be available).

10 am Join us for a cup of coffee

10 am Face Painting

10 am Sock puppets - a workshop

11 am Meet the real puppets (Acts of Faith)

12 noon Lunch (and lunch will be available)

1 pm Face painting and sock puppets

2 pm A second chance to meet the puppets (Acts of Faith)

3.30-5 pm The Passion: Scenes from the acclaimed BBC Series and discussions afterwards.

7 pm Quiz Night with Bangers and Mash supper

(rally other people and enter the quiz, in a teams of 4 people)

To help plan the day, if you are attending, please complete a form, which is at our Welcome Desk, and return it to Anna Pisani. Thanks

Book recommendation: Face to Face with God by Bill Johnson ISBN 978 1 59979 070 1

As a Leadership Team we are reading this book together and using it devotionally at the beginning of our meetings. We are enjoying much of it as it emphasises the ongoing importance of pursuing God and being hungry for more of him and his presence. Although a little waffly at times Bill Johnson writes passionately and expresses himself in such a unique way. He makes experiencing a deep intimate relationship with God a priority for himself and the rest of his congregation. We have all underlined many things in the book for reflection and hopefully action!

It would be good if others would read it too and lets all be encouraged to first and foremost deepen our relationship with God this year.

Women's World Day Of Prayer: Papua New Guinea Evening

Friday 6th February, 7:45 pm at The Salvation Army Hall, Booth Way.

Supper £3.50

Tickets from Pam Wadham (Tel: 256515), by 25th January.

(WWDP Services on Friday 6th March)

The Economic Crisis: Towards Sustainable Economies and Livelihoods

This day conference has been organised by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, for Tuesday 20th January 2009, from 10 am - 4 pm at the Methodist Church House, London. The aim of the conference is to reflect theologically on the root causes of the current economic crisis and the response of the churches in terms of their prophetic, pastoral and partnership roles and responsibilities. Contact the Baptist Union on 01235 517726 for more information.

Ladies Event in London 7 March 2009 Westminster Central Hall, London

'Do you have a longing to bring God's love into the world around you? To see lives changed by the transforming power of his Spirit? Come and be inspired, challenged and encouraged to step out of your comfort zone! A day of worship, teaching and ministry especially for women, hosted by Anne Coles - with Nadine Parkinson in Harrogate and Lindsay Melliush in London.' It's not quite Mandate, but if anyone would like to go up to this as a group of Life Ladies, please speak to Julie

Breakthrough Deadline

If you have an item that you wish to include in Breakthrough, could you please ensure it reaches me no later than noon on Thursday.

Any items received after the deadline will be published in the following weeks edition.

If you have an important article that you will not be able to deliver in time, but that must be included that week, please let me know before the deadline, so that I can keep a space open. Thank you, Matt

TheBigChurchDay Out Sunday May 24 2.30-10 pm Advance notice

This will be an all age family initiative for all churches in the region. It is hoped there will be over 10,000 people there. 'TheBigChurchDayOut will be something special. It will be a great festival alternative; with one of the last ever UK appearances from Delirious as well as Graham Kendrick, YFriday, Lou Fellingham, Cathy Burton, and The Kings Chamber Orchestra with many more still to be added. And the location - the beautiful country home of Wiston House in West Sussex - the perfect backdrop for a perfect family day out.' We will not have a Sunday service at Forest that day and we would like for as many as possible of us to go as a church group. It is obviously going to cost the organizers (Tim Jupp from Delirious is heading it up) a great deal and there is a ticket price. However there are discounted tickets for church groups. This will take some organizing and we will want to know early in the year. If you'd like to know more at this stage see www.thebigchurchdayout.com More details about our group booking will follow in the new year.

Ladies Required

Life Ladies Retreat Day at Holmsted Manor, proposed for Monday 16th February 2009. An opportunity to set all your agendas to one side for one complete day and not only spend time with Jesus but with other ladies at Life (those wanting an overnight stay, this will be separately arranged for another time) In order we can get an idea of numbers please sign up, a list will be posted at the Welcome Desk until Mid January. Ideally, it'll be good to get at least 15 ladies for the day. For further details or any queries please speak to Julie Shimizu or Anna Pisani.

Diary Dates...

Wednesday 4th February	CMM at the Salvation Army (small hall) from 8. No coffee this time as we can't get in till 8.
Sunday 8th February	Church lunch following All age service
Monday 16th February	Ladies Away Day at Homestead Manor, Cuckfield

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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.