

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...

**Maureen** is leading, and **Julie** is speaking on Mephibosheth, Samuel 9

## Next Week...

...is Bennetts Field Community Fun Day. There will be no service at Forest, but please make every effort to attend the churches united 30 minute service with Tim Carter leading and Julie speaking at 11.00 am on the field. *Please* lets have some Life-ers joining with the other churches to honour God together.

## Life Headlines...

### Baroness Cox at Brighton Road Baptist Church, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

Open Doors Prayer Group will be meeting on Thursday 6th May, 2 pm, at 48 Homesteam House. We shall be praying for Christians in North Korea, China and Nigeria who are suffering severe persecution. Do come and join in prayer for them if you can.

*Ethel*



### Summer Camp 2010:

#### BBQ and family activities - Saturday 15th May

This event is to help us raise the money we need to enable the Moldovan children and young people to attend the 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!).

Activities will include:

- Food!
- Outdoor games
- Craft
- Tractor rides and woodland walks

We have flyers for those who didn't get one last week and tickets are available from us (Rob & Jo Allen) or Sarah Penberthy – come along and help us make this Summer Camp happen for our friends in Moldova!

*Rob & Jo*

### SKATE PARK EVENT

If anyone picked up some advertising/promotional material from our Welcome Desk about an outreach event at Horsham Skatepark on Mon 26th April, please note that this event has been cancelled due to the skaters and the BMX guy not being able to get a flight over to the UK in time.

### Bennetts Field "Fun Day" May 2nd (Next Week) - 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*

## 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  
30<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm

**Encountering God Growing in faith Making a difference**

## Dalesdown

Sports Weekend May 7th - 9th.

There are still places available on this fun weekend for all 8 to 11 year olds. Go to [www.dalesdowncamps.co.uk](http://www.dalesdowncamps.co.uk) to download the application form and book now to avoid disappointment!

### Dalesdown Camps

Teens Plus July 24th -30th

A challenging week for all 16 & 17 year olds based on 'Red Letters - the words of Jesus'

Teens July 31st - August 6th

For 12 - 15 year olds, an exciting week of activities and fun, themed 'Life Actually'

Children's August 7th - 13th

A week of good food and lots of fun with all your friends in a safe and very pleasant environment.

Especially for 8 to 11 year olds.

All the Leaders Teams are all fully vetted and are led by experienced Children's Workers.

Go to [www.dalesdowncamps.co.uk](http://www.dalesdowncamps.co.uk) for more details and to download application forms.

There are still places available on all three weeks of Camp so book now to avoid disappointment!

Check out the discounts that are being offered!

Peter Goodall, Manager - Children Worldwide

## Faith in Action

The Life Packers would welcome your company this week on **Tuesday** (27th) and/or **Wednesday** (28th) **between 7 and 8.30 pm.**

They will be processing clothes for shipment to the poor people of the Lower Shire region of Malawi in the packing room at 76 Hurst Road.

Please tell Janine, Sue M or Frances if you think it likely you might come or ask them if you'd like to know more about the project.

The latest Newsletter is on the notice board.

## 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 [ffry@btopenworld.com](mailto:ffry@btopenworld.com)

## **Prayer For Our Nation - Parliament Watch...**

### The General Election

It can be difficult to know how to pray for the General Election and what the different parties stand for, particularly on moral and ethical issues.

The Christian Institute has produced a very thorough Election Briefing which can be found at:

<http://www.christian.org.uk/wp-content/downloads/electionbriefing2010.pdf>

Alternatively it can be sent to you if you phone the Christian Institute on 0191 281 5664.

The Christian Institute believe there are three key issues for Christians in 2010 which are:

- Religious liberty
- Sanctity of marriage
- Sanctity of human life

The Briefing provides a detailed summary of the main UK parties stance on a wide range of moral issues. Those parties covered include the main political parties and the Christian Party, Green Party and UKIP. There is also information in the Briefing on current legislation and public policy, including medical ethics, marriage and the family, education, religious freedom and public morality.

Although the Briefing is lengthy, it is probably best used as a reference document for checking out the different parties views on specific issues. It would also be useful in helping to guide people on key questions to ask representatives of the different parties.

As Christians, we have both a responsibility and an opportunity to pray in an informed way in this Election, this is one of many different resources to help us be more effective in this. Looking at the Briefing could be half an hour well spent.

The Hustings meeting on 30 April will provide one such opportunity to address some of these issues in more detail with local parliamentary candidates.

## **Future Diary Dates...**

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 26<sup>th</sup> 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

## **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.flife.co.uk](mailto: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.



**Free Family Fun Day**

**Saturday 19th June**  
**1-4pm**  
**Dalesdown Centre**  
**near Horsham**

bouncy castle ... adventure trail  
obstacle course ... balloon typhoon  
sports and games ... face painting  
puppets ... music ... crafts  
cakes ... refreshments ... BBQ!

Everyone welcome!  
Entry and all activities free.

The Family Fun Day is being hosted at the Dalesdown Centre in partnership between Family Foundations Trust, Splash! and n:vision.

We're delighted that n:vision will be joining us this year, bringing a mix of puppets, stories and songs for you to enjoy during the afternoon.

Entry and all activities are free, but there will be a small charge for food.

Donations welcome in aid of the Dalesdown Sports Hall Building Project.