

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...

Rachel is leading and Ian and Pauline Jepps from BRBC are speaking about their involvement with the Leprosy Mission - Excluded Included.

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners. Isaiah 61:1

Next Week...

Breakthrough will be on it's traditional summer break over August.
Normal service will resume from Sunday 6th September.

Life Headlines...

FUTURE DIARY DATES - please make a note!

Life Group Leaders Meeting Monday 7th 8 pm at Julie's.

Men's Prayer Breakfast Saturday September 12th 7.30 am at The Hill's home.

Ladies Away Day now Saturday October 24th (not 17th due to a double booking on their part!) at Ockley

Space to Pray - first Saturday morning of each month

Prayer nurtures our relationship with God and must precede and accompany all we seek to do for him as a church and as individuals. To encourage prayer Life have asked to use the Chapel at BRBC once a month on a Saturday morning 8.30 - 9.30 am. We will have silent prayer - making time to come apart for a while to meet with God and then pray together for the last 20 minutes or so.

So, unless BRBC have something special on that day, the dates will be Sep 5th, Oct 3, Nov 7th, Dec 5th, Jan 2, Feb 6th and then we'll review this.

Please make a note of these dates and set aside the time to come for all or part of the hour.

Easter Retreat and Reflections at Ashburnham Saturday March 27th (TBC)

We are planning to have a day for as many as wanted and could come together, to retreat, walk, pray, reflect and spend time together.

All Age Services and lunch together

September 20th (note change from Sep 13th)

November 1st

December 20th

Future Church Members Meetings dates

September 16th

November 25th

February 24th

May 26th

Digging Deeper evenings

We would like to have occasional group evenings where we have an opportunity to discuss, explore, question, and dig a bit deeper into certain topics for those who are interested to do so. One person, who is more informed on the topic, will introduce it and then be there to answer questions and guide the discussions.

The first for your diaries will be:

Sunday 13th September: Israel and the Church led through by Wally

Sunday 8th November: The New World Order? led through by Geoff

Sunday 17th January: Creation and Evolution led through by Kevin Tuck

The time will be 7.30-9 pm venues are to be arranged and ideas for future topics are welcome. Please speak to one of the LT.

Our Team in Romania!

Hopefully when you read this we will be enjoying our first full day of the camp at Lacu Rosu, Romania with the young people from Moldova. We may be half-way up a mountain, engaged in some other fun activity or preparing for the afternoon's teaching and worship time!

The principal aim of the camp is to provide leadership and personal development opportunities and discipleship for the group, which is mainly older teens / young people, particularly for those who will be helping us organise the daily activities and leading the groups.

Please pray that the Lord will use the time we have all set aside and prepared for to impact everyone, but especially the young people, to encourage and strengthen them for the challenges they face in life back home. Our teaching will focus on our place in the Body of Christ and the work and power of the Holy Spirit to bring freedom in our lives. We're also planning to have the opportunity for individuals to discuss issues and provide prayer ministry where they would like this.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support.

Lacu Rosu 2009 Team (Rob, Jo, Brian, Caroline, Sarah and Amy)



Encountering God Growing in faith Making a difference

What would you do if the fire alarm went off at Forest?

Here's a reminder now that we have moved to the BEC:

- The fire alarm is a continuous bell or a repeated long ringing of the bell. If it sounds, always treat it as an emergency and evacuate the whole building immediately using the nearest available safe route. Please close doors and windows if you can as you leave. Everyone should assemble on the grass area between the large oak trees behind the BEC, so that we can establish if anyone is missing.
- The leader of each children's group is responsible for ensuring that the children in their group are evacuated in the case of a fire or emergency. With the exception of parents or carers of crèche age children, parents and carers should not attempt to retrieve their children from the groups. Parents or carers of children in the "crèche" should, if it is safe to do so, help those supervising it to evacuate the children from the building.

Please note that the signs in the BEC recommend other assembly points but, given their distance from the BEC and the need to protect access for emergency vehicles, we will use the area behind the BEC for our assembly point.

If you discover a fire, please shout 'Fire' to warn everyone, raise the alarm by breaking one of the fire alarm break-glass panels, and get out of the building closing doors and windows if you can.

If it is safe to do so, help everyone else get out of the building and phone the Fire Brigade on 999 as soon as you can. Only if you believe you can do so safely should you tackle the fire using an appropriate extinguisher or other appropriate means.



WHAT IS MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER?

A 'Marriage Encounter' is a weekend away from home, family. In a comfortable, distraction-free environment, a couple is encouraged to develop their communication skills.

It is not a retreat or seminar, but a programme designed to give couples the

opportunity to examine their lives together, their strengths and weaknesses, and their attitudes toward each other. It is a positive and affirming weekend. Couples share privately with their spouse and *do not* share any aspects of their marriages with the group.

ABOUT THE WEEKEND

The weekend is presented by a team of lay couples and a pastoral couple who have all experienced the weekend themselves. These couples share their own experiences and deal with issues important to all marriages. The weekend begins on Friday evening and ends on Sunday afternoon.

WHAT DOES THE WEEKEND COST?

The weekend will be paid for by donations from couples on previous weekends. There is only one fixed charge, the registration fee at the time of booking. On the weekend itself, costs are explained and you have the opportunity to make an anonymous donation of whatever you can manage. So there is no need to miss out on a weekend because you think you cannot afford it.

Weekend Dates are as follows:

Oct 2-4 2009 Oast Houses, near Hastings.

Nov 6-8 2009 Hothorpe Hall, Leicestershire

Feb 12-14 2010 Glenfall House, Cheltenham, Glos

Jul 9-11 2010 Bawtry Hall, near Doncaster

Sep 24-26 2010 Glenfall House, Cheltenham, Glos

Sermon Recording

All the sermons from 2009 are now available to listen to, or download online from our website at www.life-baptist.org.uk/mp3.

They can also be found by selecting 'Life Latest' from the top menu and selecting 'Sermon mp3'.

Please bear in mind, some of the earlier recordings are more distorted than the later ones as they were recorded ambiently, rather than using the speaker's microphone.

Matt

The summer holidays are almost here and there is an urgent need for people to help with the young people during the holiday period. If you are willing to help, even for one Sunday morning please chat to Janine Kelly urgently.

Sanctum

sanctum (summer:break)

July and August - No sanctum in Horsham. We return on last Sunday of September

sanctum (re:connect) at Greenbelt

Sunday 30th August, from 1.30 to 2.30 pm

New Forms, Cheltenham Racecourse

Greenbelt Festival

christian worship done differently - on the last sunday of every month

www.sanctum.org.uk

Leading Edge - August 10-16th 2009

It's not too late to book for the Baptist Union's Leading Edge event this year and have your summer holiday in £ instead of €. Don't miss out on this great week where you can be refreshed spiritually with speakers including Ian and Ruth Coffey, Mark Greene, Fran Beckett, Kingsley Appiagyei and Jonathan Edwards while your children and youth have their own exciting programmes. Then you have the afternoons free to really relax and be refreshed physically with rest, sport and/or entertainment. There is also much to see and do in the area around Warwick. We aim to keep costs to a minimum to allow this event to be as accessible to as many as possible. Come alone, with your family and or with a group. See the website for more information at www.baptist.org.uk/leadingedge.

Household Items Wanted

We have been asked to collect some basic kitchen equipment for families (typically at least 6 - 15 people and sometimes more) in Malawi.

The list of required items is very specific but if you have any of the following items you no longer use, either Frances, Sue M or Janine would be happy to take them from you on behalf of the Life Packers.

Plastic / Enamel / Stainless Steel

Plates, Bowls, Tumblers, Mugs.

Large Bowls, Large Jugs, Large Teapots, Large Kettles.

Knives, Forks, Spoons, Teaspoons, Serving Spoons, Kitchen Knives.

"GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY"

Saturday 19 September 2009 from 9.30 am - 4.30 pm

This day of encouragement, information and re-sourcing for people looking to share their faith with, and to meet the spiritual needs of older people, has been organised jointly by PARCHE and Victoria Baptist Church, Eastbourne. There will be workshop sessions on the spiritual care of the terminally ill, evangelism in residential care homes, Alpha for Seniors, and working with the elderly mentally infirm. The cost is £5 per person to include teas/coffees/etc - please bring a packed lunch. For further information and a registration form please contact the office at Victoria Baptist Church, Eldon Road, Eastbourne, BN21 1UE, telephone number 01323 737974 or email office@victoriabaptist.org.uk.

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

We have been asked to pray

Please can you pray for a child called Lilia. she is 3 years old & the daughter of a couple who are connected to one of our churches through the work of their toddler group.

Lilia has been having chemo treatment for cancer in her ear & the church toddler mums have been giving support & continuous prayer for the child & her family during this time. Although Lilia suffered from many of the usual side effects like hair loss the treatment had been continuing & hopes were high, over the weekend it has become apparent that Lilia now has cancer of the brain fluid & the prognosis is sadly not at all favourable & 6 weeks has been mentioned by doctors to the parents; Lilia is now in intensive care at the Royal Marsden. Through the witness of toddler group this family's first thought has been to turn to the friends made there for support & aware that people have been praying & are now requesting prayer themselves.

As you will imagine this has been a blow for the family & the church, please can I ask you to pray for a miracle but most of all that God will be glorified through all of this. The parents are called Clare & Warren & there is an older sister called Eloise.

Craig has a new mobile number: 07826 519432

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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 this will be published in the following week's edition.