



CONNECT

January 2009

'To know Jesus and make Jesus known'

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear All,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful and prosperous New Year. The words may sound trite in the present economic climate but I do sincerely mean them. 2008 was a very difficult year for many people and we don't know what is yet to come. In my own family both my brother and my sister face an uncertain future and the prospect of being unemployed. Their anxiety tinged our Christmas a little with everyone being more than cautious about how much we spent. What struck me most though is how facing difficulties is so much harder when you don't know Jesus. Having faith and knowing that you're loved enables people to cope with their problems far beyond their own strength and capability.

The other essential ingredient though is having family to come alongside and support. That is why I have chosen as our text for this year the scripture from John's Gospel 13:31-38: A command given to us by Jesus to "Love one another as I have loved you. By this all men will know that you are my disciples". Some people will suffer more than others and this is the time to be alert to all that is happening around us. It's a time to be family to each other, to be willing to go the extra mile and as a church to do all that we can to help. The great bonus is that in doing so people will see how much we love Jesus.

As we try to live God's way instead of our own we can rest in His promises that He will never leave us or forsake us and He will provide for all of our needs according to His riches in glory. However it is for you at this moment in time keep your eyes on Him.

Be Blessed

Sue

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Our Strategy for 2009

"We agreed as a church at our Nov church meeting that we will particularly focus on work with 20 to 30 year olds and families in 2009. It is very encouraging to see how our Sunday Club, Brigades and Sonbeams grew in 2008 (and many thanks to all the leaders). We want to build on these and are currently considering "Family Focus" changes to our premises (outdoor play area, improved lounge and hall) and appointing a children's worker. There will be an update at the church meeting on Tue 13 Jan. However, change takes effort and many people are already working very hard. As a church we always seem to have more ideas than people with the necessary time and skills to make them happen, so we continually need to seek God's guidance and sort out priorities. Please pray that we make the right decisions in 2009 and also consider whether God is calling you personally to something different at this time." KH

ALPHA

Are you interested in exploring the Christian faith further? Do you have questions that you'd like to ask? Well Alpha is the place to do just that. Please speak to Sue if you would like to join a future course.

BELIEVERS BAPTISM

If you are wondering if or why you need to be baptised there will be an evening in February at my home to answer all your questions. If you would like to come along please speak to me or call me on 233351. Sue.

Lord, Praise You For Your Angels

To those who trust in God
He will be a sure hope
and a strong defence.
Under the shadow of His wings
They will be safe,
Protected as if by a shield
From the terrors of the night
and the dangers of the day.
In times of sickness of body and soul,
God will be always by their side;
His angels will protect and support them,
so that they will neither stumble nor fall.
God's love will deliver those who call
upon His name;
He will satisfy them
And show them His salvation.
(From Psalm 91)

Sunday Services in January

Morning Services 10.30am Evening Services 6.30pm

Sunday 4th am Communion Service "Love One Another"
pm Prayer Service

This service will set the scene for our week of prayer which begins today.

This month we will be continuing in our sermon series "The Big Picture," trying to understand God's redemptive plan for the human race .

Sunday 11th am "The Big Picture" Preacher Karen Haden
pm Communion Service with Prayers for Healing

Sunday 18th am "The Big Picture"
pm Service at St Mary's for
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday 25th am "The Big Picture"

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