

## Sunday Services in February 09

Morning Services 10.30am Evening Services 6.30pm

1<sup>st</sup> Feb

- 10.30 Communion Service  
"Our Story in His Story" Ruth 1:1-22
- 6.30 Prayer Service

8<sup>th</sup> Feb

- 10.30 The Big Picture
- 6.30 Communion Service with Prayers for Healing

15<sup>th</sup> Feb

- 10.30 Speaker Patrick Wheaton
- 6.30 Bible Study on Job - Karen Haden

22<sup>nd</sup> Feb

- 10.30 Speaker Nigel Scotland
- 6.30 Open to God

### Baptism

If you are considering baptism or just simply want to know more about it please come along to Sue and Roger's house; Firbank, Balcarras Road on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 8pm.

If you would like to:

- advertise an event on this newsletter;
- submit an article;

Or

- tell the world about how God has answered one of your prayers;

Then please email me before the end of the month at [mellerina@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:mellerina@tiscali.co.uk)

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# CONNECT

February 2009

*'To know Jesus and make Jesus known'*

Dear All,

January and February are generally quite unexciting months of the year for me. So much so that I was not sure what I was going to write this month. Then I heard this story from my daughter Karen who is studying Psychology at Balcarras. It concerns a man named Clive Wearing and his wife Deborah.

Clive was once a talented musician and choir master who did everything with passion. Then in 1985 he was struck down with a virus that destroyed a part of his brain essential for memory. Not only were all his memories from the past destroyed but he is unable to recall even that which has been spoken thirty seconds before. Every time he sees Deborah it's like seeing her for the first time, even if she's only been away for a few minutes.

Because of his illness their whole lives changed. Clive had to go and live in a care home and Deborah tried to carry on, but after nine years of trying to cope she decided to leave Clive and start a new life in America. She filed for divorce and tried to start afresh. Some years later unable to forget him she returned to Britain.

She often tried to make sense of all that had happened to her. She loved Clive but she couldn't live with him and she couldn't live without him. She wanted children but she couldn't live with anybody else.

On March 10<sup>th</sup> 1999 she phoned a Christian friend and asked her to pray for her. That phone call changed her life, she says; "During the call I felt like this force was with me. I was drained and it was like life pouring into me". Three years later on Easter Sunday Clive and Deborah renewed their wedding vows.

It's so hard when we don't understand and it's sad that it sometimes takes a tragedy to make us turn to God. The GOOD NEWS is though that anytime is always a good time to turn to the one who can help us.

God Bless. Sue

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## Family Focus

We have committed to be a "church for a community" and are beginning to see some positive results. It is great to welcome new friends and plan for baptisms again. However, the implications for our premises are complex. The diaconate hoped to bring proposals for the first "Family Focus" phase to an extra February church meeting but this is now postponed. We apologise and appreciate your prayers and patience as we try to seek God's will in this difficult area.

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## Gloucestershire Police Male Voice Choir *in Concert*

**Venue: Sacred Hearts Church Hall  
Charlton Kings, Cheltenham**

**Date: Friday 6th February, 2009**

**Time: 7.30pm Bar open from 7pm**

**Tickets: £6 obtainable from CKBC, The Vine, Sue Goold**

***All proceeds to Baptist Church Redevelopment Fund***

Help raise funds for...

## A Bigger Church, A Better Church

Spend a Saturday exploring the alphabet! We are holding an ABC fete at CKBC with, yes you've guessed it, 26 stalls: one for each letter of the alphabet. A is for Art, B is for books, etc. There will be things to buy for your children or yourself, activities to do, games to play, prizes to be won, and stalls to help you prepare for Easter. There will be many activities to keep the children occupied. Entry forms for the Animal Art Competition are ready to collect from church. Drinks and lunches will also be available. Please come along to support our "Church for the Community" and have a great day out! It is being held on **Saturday 28th March, from 10.30 a.m. Until 2.30 p.m.**

We are currently collecting items for the fete, and encourage you and your friends and family to have a 'spring clearout' and donate items. We are particularly looking for books, men's and women's gifts, things to be sold in different price categories (under a pound, a pound and over a pound), wooden items, anything black or white, items for the tombola, gifts, toys and games for young people.

If you can donate anything, or would like to run a stall or help in any way, please leave a message on the church answer phone.

Thank you

Yum yum!

The Thursday Alpha Group would like to say a huge 'THANK YOU' to all the wonderful people who were kind enough to provide main courses and puddings for our meetings. What a great way to start and finish our evenings! We really appreciate your time, effort and generosity, and everything was so delicious! Thank you!