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March 2009

'To know Jesus and make Jesus known'

Dear All,

At the beginning of February I went to Sidmouth to the Baptist Ministers annual conference. It was my first time at this particular conference and I was not really sure what to expect. I set out on a beautiful sunny morning and arrived in Sidmouth to enjoy blue skies, sunshine and uplifting teaching.

The speaker for the conference was Kingsley Appiagyei, currently vice president of the Baptist Union. He completed his studies at Spurgeon's in 1988. Then the Lord led him to begin Trinity Baptist Church in South Norwood. He began with just eight people. Today its membership exceeds 2000, making it the largest church in the Union.

Kingsley's heart was clearly for revival. He prayed that God would burden us with a ministry which would seek God's direct intervention in the affairs of our society. His words were inspirational:

"When our personality is aflame with commitment to Christ and with a burning vision of what he purposes to do for us, our whole life and leadership comes alive with life and becomes vibrant with power. We need another visitation from heaven – when the Holy Spirit will set our hearts aflame, and when self-centredness will be consumed by a passion for the master and the end time harvest. Even though revivals are determined solely by God, the Church must be consumed with a fresh passion to see it happen".

He went on to talk about the importance of prayer in the life of the Church. Everyone left that lecture buzzing with fresh passion, new life and new hope.

Prayer meetings are often poorly attended with little passion to see God's Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Yet it is clear from the example of Trinity Baptist Church that God answers passionate heartfelt prayer that has at its centre the desire to see people having a real encounter with Jesus. May He set our hearts on fire to see a struggling world touched by the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless. Sue

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AGM 2009

On Tue 10 March we have our Church AGM (for members) which includes our annual deacons' election. The deacons share the leadership of the church with our pastor Sue and deacons are elected for a three year period. This year we have one candidate, our Treasurer Derek Palmer.

Straight after the AGM we have an ordinary Church Meeting (for everyone in the congregation too). The Family Focus team have prepared proposals for making our premises more suitable for family activities, including changes to the lounge, outside area, hall and heating. The meeting will be an opportunity for everyone to understand the proposals and also begin to consider the financial implications, including our re-development tithe. We are very grateful to all the Family Focus team members for their contributions.

As a church we also need to start considering a new church Governing Document to replace our existing constitution. The church is registered as a charity and we need a new Governing Document to meet the requirements of the Charity Commission. In preparation for this please read the Baptist Union documents on the notice board in the foyer that explain this further.

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Junior Sunday Club

Over the last month we made a decision to change the name of the "Juno's" group. The children were set a task to come up with a new name and also a logo for it. They put a lot of thought and effort into it and came up with some good ideas. The new name that was chosen for the group is "Bright Stars" and Jim is has worked on the logo.

We also took the group out for "a social". Kev and I went along with them to see a pantomime which they thoroughly enjoyed, especially when they volunteered us to go on stage and sing!!! The day was rounded off nicely with a "slap up" meal at Macdonalds.

Jo Hook

Sunday Services in March 09
Morning Services 10.30am Evening Services 6.30pm

1st March

10.30 Communion Service
"The Big Picture"
6.30 Prayer Service

8th March

10.30 Brigade/Family Service
6.30 Communion Service with Prayers for Healing

15th March

10.30 Speaker John Palmer
6.30 Bible Study on Job - Karen Haden

22nd March

10.30 "The Big Picture"
6.30 Open to God

29th March

10.30 Victory Outreach
No Evening Service

This month we welcome another visit from **Victory Outreach**. If you have never heard them then I encourage you to come along and bring your friends. Their testimonies are inspirational and I'm sure they will give us all a tremendous boost in our spirits. Don't miss it!

REVIVE

Wednesday 25th March 8pm

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THE CHURCH REBUILD

SATURDAY 28th MARCH 2009 10:30 - 2:30
AT CHARLTON KINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

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HAM LUNCHESES
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KITEMAKING
LITTLE LAMBS
MENS STUFF
NOTHING OVER £5
ODDS & ENDS AT £1
PLANTS & PLAYDOUGH - (animal making)
QUIZZES
RAFFLE
SWEETS
TOMBOLA
UNDER £1
VINE CHIPS
WOODEN GIFTS
XPENSIVE/eXOTIC/eXTRAVAGANT
YOUNG PEOPLE'S STALL
ZEBRAS (BLACK & WHITE) STALL

Entrance by programme 50p (accompanied children free)

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