



CONNECT

June 2008

'To know Jesus and make Jesus known'

Dear Friends,

May has been the best month of the year for me so far. Roger and I fulfilled a longed for dream to visit the land of Israel. On May 9th we flew to Jerusalem, with many other Christians, in answer to a call to all nations to go there to pray. While we were queuing at the check in we had a conversation with a young woman. She told us how excited she was to be going to Israel and that she knew that while she was there God was going to do something wonderful in her. She was going to return home changed. Her whole attitude was inspiring. She was expecting God to act in her life and was submitting herself to him in total trust.

Meanwhile back in CKBC on May 11th a group of ex-offenders called "Victory Outreach" were leading the Sunday service. Many of them gave sad but inspiring testimonies of how discovering Jesus had transformed their lives, enabling them to turn from drugs, alcohol and abuse, and to live in peace with themselves and with God. Many were touched.

Jesus did not just die so that we could go to heaven. "He came that we might have life and have it to the full"
John 10:10.

We have such a loving and powerful God that his church should be overwhelmed with people who want to know more about him. Sadly it is not. In our broken, hurting world let us resolve together to know him better and to share him more with others that they too would know his transforming power.

God Bless
Sue

Charlton Kings Festival

During the Bank Holiday weekend, the Charlton Kings Festival took place on the village green near the library. Members of the village celebrated this with music, games, food etc and our Church had its own display stall. This event helped to bring together all who live and know our lovely village.

Hillhouse Weekend

13th—15th June

Many of us are looking forward to spending time together as a church. The theme of the weekend is 'Prayer' and will be led by our very own Rev. Sue. If you are interested in coming please speak to her or Sur Gould.

Charity Bike Ride

At this very moment, Simon Woodley is cycling from John O'Groat's to Land's End to raise money for HEAL Romania. Our prayers are with him and we wish him as comfortable a ride as possible!

Fundraising Party @the Working Men's Club

Saturday 28th June, 7.30 p.m.

There will be a fundraising party for HEAL Romania and GNCEM, who work with the street children of Kolkata. There will be music from the Revels, and food will be served too. Tickets will be £5 per. Please see Leanda or Barbara if you would like to come.

Puppet training day - 7th June

If you are interested in being part of a puppet team and would like to attend, please speak to Sue.

Reasons to be Thankful

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish somewhere, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death, you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.

If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.

If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder, you are blessed because you can offer healing touch.

If you can read this message, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

Revive

June 10th sees the second 'Revive' evening. This is an evening of contemporary worship with a fantastic band who have a gift of helping people to draw closer to God.

Everyone is welcome. The worship starts at 8 p.m., but come along just before that for tea, coffee and chat.

Tuesday June 10th 8 p.m. REVIVE

Services for June

Sunday 1st June

"Baptised into One Body" 1 Cor 12:12-26

Prayers for Prodigals

Sunday 8th June

"Know Your Enemy" Eph 6:10-12

Healing School

Sunday 15th

Karen Haden

No Evening Service

Sunday 22nd

"Don't Just Sit There" Matt 28:19

Open to God

Sunday 29th

Visiting Speaker Sue Lord from "Mercy Ships"

No Evening Service

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