



CONNECT

July 2009

'To know Jesus and make Jesus known'

Dear All,
 The end of the school summer term is approaching quickly and many of us are looking forward to a time of winding down and rest. For me personally it's more than just the end of another term. It's the completion of six years of academic study for Baptist ministry. This Wednesday I attended Bristol Baptist College for the very last time as a newly accredited minister and I have to say it was a great relief. The six years of essay writing, book reviews and theological reflection has been very worthwhile and I have enjoyed it immensely but it has been very intense and very pressured. When they signed me off I felt like throwing all my papers in the air and leaping round the room. By God's wonderful grace I did it!

I am not expecting life to get very much quieter though. As I write the quotes are coming in for the refurbishment of the hall and lounge. It's going to be difficult over the summer period as the work gets underway but it will all be worth it. Please pray that God will give us favour with the grants we have applied for so that we can continue to improve our premises and bring them up to the standards required.

We have much to be thankful for, in particular, last week we appointed Lara Peacock as our new children's worker. Already she has started to put in place a summer programme for Sunday mornings which looks very exciting. Having Lara will ensure that our children are well provided for as our Sunday Club leaders take time off for a well deserved rest. Please take time to welcome her.

Jesus was always very keen on having time out so I hope for all of us the summer will be a time of rest, refreshment and fun. Look out for dates for the church barbeque and church picnic in particular.

God Bless. Sue

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Family Focus and Children's Worker

In accordance with our current focus on 20s/30s/families, the Special Church Meeting on 28 June voted unanimously for Lara Peacocke to join us as our new part-time Children's Worker. We're excited about this and thank God that He has brought her to us at this time.

We also thank Him because the main Family Focus work (to improve the hall, lounge and heating) is nearing the end of the tendering stage. James Wilkins (our Buildings Expert from Evans & Jones) is compiling his tender report. If everything goes according to plan, James will manage the work on our behalf, starting on Mon 20 July. Please see the small display on the notice-board in the foyer and/or join us at the church meeting on Tues 14 July to meet James and learn more. (The outdoor play area work will follow later.)

We are seeking planning permission for changes to the windows, have completed two grant applications and started the process for a third. Many thanks for all those involved behind the scenes in fund-raising, giving, praying and preparing the premises, especially to Sue and Roger who opened up the premises for numerous potential contractors and sub-contractors over a two week period.

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Kolkata, India

Barbara Rainbow is again spending three weeks of her summer holiday leading a BMS world mission voluntary team to India, working with street children in Kolkata. Leanda Morris will also be a member of the team. The Good News Children's Education Mission — the organisation they will be working with, runs educational programmes for children not able to have the advantage of full time formal education. The team will be assisting in teaching in the schools, helping in a pre-school, and visiting the families living on the streets taking them food, medicines and clothing.

Barbara and Leanda are organising a fundraising event for the work in Kolkata, and would love to see anyone who is able to come along –

Jazz and Quiz Evening — with Alex Steele & Band

Friday 10th July — 7.30 PM

Charlton Kings Working Men's Club

£5 per team of 4/5 people. There will also be a raffle with various prizes.

This poem was written by a young offender, and you may find it encouraging!

FAITHFUL!

You think you see innocent eyes,
But these are just a deep disguise.
Sadness, anger lie within,
A shattered smile, broken wings.

A chain of sadness, a lifetime of sin.
When will my true life ever begin?
People talk such badness about me,
But they have no idea about the jealousy.

The jealousy that grips the strings of my heart,
The jealousy that tears me apart,
The jealousy that breaks my mind,
The jealousy that's always bang on time.

A broken house, a broken home.
No parents that love you, to welcome you home.
A smack of the hand inflicts so much pain,
Not knowing how much it messes you up
In the brain.
No friends to turn to when you're in need.
They've been stolen by the jealousy.

So I'll try and spread my faithful wings
And try and embrace what lies within.
Trust myself to be strong and fear not.
Because nothing can go wrong
If I believe and trust in God.
He'll lead me on the path of passion and faith
And watch me succeed every step of the way.

Suzy Tayler

Services for July

5th July

10.30 Communion Service
"Weapons of the Kingdom"
6.30 Cluster Service at Cambray

12th July

10.30 Family Service
6.30 Communion Service with Prayers for Healing

19th July

10.30 Speaker Jonathan Hill
6.30 Bible Study on the book of Job

26th July

10.30 Morning Worship Karen Haden
6.30 Open to God

Dads Sonbeams

10.00am Saturday 4th July

Friday Friendship Club at Coopers Court

Friday 10th June 2pm

Eastwood Park Prison

Tuesday 21st June. We leave Cheltenham at 5.30pm
Names to Sue by Monday 20th please.

If you would like to:

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

OR

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

Then please email me before the end of the month at
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