



# CONNECT

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*'To know Jesus and make Jesus known'*

This week I was sitting in my car at the traffic lights when I heard a very loud horn being sounded. It was not just a quick beep but someone who was so frustrated that he was keeping his hand on it continually. I turned to look and see what the problem could possibly be that could cause such frustration. To my amazement it was me. I had unwittingly half blocked a side street and the man in the car could not get out. His face was very red and he was shaking his spare hand at me. The rage on his face was frightening. He was VERY angry.

Just a day or so later I was waiting at another set of traffic lights when the same thing happened. This time it was not at me but at a driver who was a little slow in moving off as the lights changed to green.

It is easy to condemn and wonder why such small things can create such an intense reaction but were we to look deeper we would probably find people under such intense pressure and anxiety that just the slightest thing causes them to lose control. Such are the times we are living in. People all around us are hurting. Scratch beneath the surface of their lives and you will find many in dire straights and the most difficult of circumstances.

The summer is supposed to be the time when we can relax and maybe have some fun but for many it can be a time of great stress, especially for those with children off school. So remember that Jesus said "Come to me, all you who are weary and heavily laden and I will give you rest." Matt 11:28. Spend time with Jesus and the scriptures and it's amazing what HE can do with our tired and stressed out lives. God Bless. Sue

Part of my role as Church Co-ordinator is trying to keep track of who's doing what at CKBC. I'm not surprised that many of you say you can't keep up because I find it very difficult myself sometimes!

This is an exciting time in the life of the church. In this Connect you can read about "Family Focus", a possible "Family Pastor", "Alpha" and new ideas for the retired and active. Behind the scenes Sue (our pastor) and Brenda (our office administrator) are planning for "Back to Church" Sunday on 28 Sept. Following the experience of other churches, we hope many old friends will join us again for Harvest Festival. Things keep changing.

Of course, the best way for members of the church and congregation to keep up to date is to come to our church meetings (the next one is on Tue 9 Sept at 7.30pm.) but that's obviously not enough. We are trying to make better use of this Connect magazine and our web-site ([www.ckbc.org.uk](http://www.ckbc.org.uk)) and Yvette is in the process of re-vamping our notice-boards. In the meantime, if you need to know who is doing what you can always look at the list of roles, on the far left notice-board as you enter the church foyer, which is updated every month. Or if you need specific information or would like to discuss your own role in the church (perhaps because you are new or just want a change) don't hesitate to contact myself at [KarenH@ckbc.org.uk](mailto:KarenH@ckbc.org.uk).

Karen Haden

### Retired and Active?

We have a big focus on families but don't want to forget others. Peter Guns is currently seeking ideas for how we can use our church/cafe better for the retired and active age group. This could include social, educational and/or specifically Christian activities. If you are in this group and would like to help Peter, please contact him at [PeterG@ckbc.org.uk](mailto:PeterG@ckbc.org.uk).

### Sunday Club Changes

Kev Elliot is now our Sunday Club Co-ordinator and is doing a great job organising the rota of leaders. In addition to Primary and Junior Sunday Club we now have different groups for 10-14 year olds (TRACK B) and 15 and upwards (DAVE - Dreams and Visions Explored). DAVE meets in the Vine each week. We are hoping to run a minimal Sunday Club through August. Please see Kev or Sue Woodley for the latest information.

## Family Focus Re-development

Ideas are progressing well for the revamp of the back of the Church to help us develop a more family focussed ministry. A working party is looking at what we need to do to make the hall and the lounge more comfortable - both for non-Sunday activities and for when we need to hold our services in the hall whilst the re-building of the Church takes place. The group is also looking at developing the Memorial Garden into a more usable space for children to play in and adults to sit in. We hope to bring our ideas to a Church meeting in the Autumn.

## Who, Why, What, How?

What is the point of life? Why do people suffer? What happens when we die? Is forgiveness possible?

If you know anyone who asks these kinds of questions, who is interested in your own faith, or who is just looking for something more in their life, then please consider inviting them to the Alpha course.

Starting in the Autumn, it is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith. It is relaxed, low key, and friendly. The course consists of a series of talks looking at topics such as "Who is Jesus?" and "Why and how do I pray?". After each talk there is a time for discussion and to ask questions.

Please see Beth and Chris Simpson for invitations which you can give to peo-

## Family Pastor

To show our commitment at CKBC to children and families, we are looking into employing a Family Pastor, who can co-ordinate our family activities and help to provide children with fun and meaningful experiences. If you have any ideas about how we can provide for our children and families and what this new role could entail, please speak to Melody. Thank you.

## Invite-a-Nite (for the 'Girls' of all ages)

Come and enjoy a relaxed evening, chilling out and chatting to other 'girls' from Church whom you would like to know better but never find the time.

On Wednesday 3rd September at the really nice (we know 'cos we've checked it out)  
Reservoir Inn up the London Rd.

Contact: Yvette, for your supply of invites

Services for August 08  
Morning Services are 10.30am  
There will be no Evening Services in August

3<sup>rd</sup> August

Communion Service  
"The Nature of Power"  
Phil 2:1-11

10<sup>th</sup> August

"The Nature of Power" Part 2  
Phil 2:1-11

17<sup>th</sup> August

Speaker Chris Simpson

24<sup>th</sup> August

To be confirmed

31<sup>st</sup> August

Speaker Karen Haden

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