

Services for August

There are no evening services during August

2nd August

10.30 Communion Service

"Investment in the Kingdom" Matthew 25:14-30

9th August

10.30 "Healing in the Kingdom" Sue Woodley

16th August

10.30 Chris Simpson

23rd August

10.30 Kieron Davies

30th August

10.30 "A Dream Church" Sue Woodley

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 mellerina@tiscali.co.uk

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CONNECT

August 2009

'To know Jesus and make Jesus known'

Dear All

Over the last few weeks I have received many letters from various Christian organisations asking for financial gifts as due to the recession people are reducing their giving and many worthwhile projects are in danger of being axed.

As I write the work on our hall and lounge has finally started and I hope we are all both excited and amazed at what we have accomplished. Over three years we have raised over £200,000. For the size of our congregation that is indeed a miracle but I also believe that it shows sacrificial giving. In the times that we are living in when bills are high and money is tight, to have raised so much indicates that we are committed to being that light in Charlton Kings that Jesus says we should be.

I know also that some will feel embarrassed that they have not been able to give more. We might well ask what difference our small contribution will make when we need so much. In Mark 12:41-44 Jesus tells us about a widow who could only put two very small copper coins into the offering but he was more impressed with her gift because out of her poverty she had put in a sacrificial gift. You see He is not looking at the amount but at the heart. It was easy for the rich to throw in large amounts for they had plenty more, but the widow gave her all. If she had been ruled by her circumstances she would have held on tightly to those two coins, fearful that she might never eat another meal. Instead she chose to put God first and trust herself to his care.

Over the course of many years I have discovered that God is no man's debtor. When we put him first we never go without. The Lord has promised that when we sow seed in faith, we will reap a harvest. That is an unfulfilling, eternal promise that cannot be broken. In answer to those who are worried about their needs and finances Jesus said "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

God Bless. Sue

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Family Focus

The hall and lounge building work has started! Markey Builders from Gloucester are the main contractor, with James Wilkins of Evans & Jones overseeing on our behalf. We thank God that we've reached this stage and can now begin to see how different our premises will look. Please continue to pray for our grant applications, planning application and all the work.

The official end date for the main work is still 28 Aug 09 but the new windows and special hall radiators may need to be fitted later and we will also have other work in September. Ian and Sarah Chad are now preparing designs and quotes for the outdoor play area. Please see the list (on the foyer notice board) of other potential "mini-projects" for making our rooms complete. The list has been compiled from ideas from the congregation. If you have any further ideas or concerns please let Karen know by the end of August so the diaconate can plan in September.

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Friendship Club

On Saturday the July a group of us went to the Bacon Theatre to see the musical "Carousel". Transport was provided by the Charlton Kings mini bus and paid for by Church Neighbours and we would like to say a big thank you to them for helping us give folks an afternoon out.

For me personally it brought back many childhood memories as my mum and dad both loved the music and after seeing the film saved up to buy the LP. Some of my earliest memories are of the songs filling the house. Thank you to Mary Jones for organising the trip.

Sunday Club's

Summer Special

Psalm 95vs1-2 "Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord, let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music."

4-18 yrs

26th July Dance Worship

2nd August Puppet Praise

9th August Percussion Praise

16th August Craft Madness

23rd August Digi/ Techno Stories

30th August Sporty Fun

Crèche facilities will be available upstairs in the Paint Pot room.

Kolkata 2009

Leanda and Barbara fly out to India on August 3rd to spend time teaching and working with children in different schools. We thank God for this opportunity to share His love, and we pray for good health for Barbara and Leanda and that they will feel God's presence with them as they do His work.