



CONNECT

September 2008

'To know Jesus and make Jesus known'

Dear All

I hope you all had a really restful summer even if it was very wet. Roger and I had a few days in Chichester staying in a log cabin on a lake. Although it rained incessantly it was a time of complete peace. It made me realise how caught up in life we can become even to the point of losing our perspective on what is really important. In the lodge we had a picture window which looked out over the lake and I sat marvelling at God's creation while at the same time reading a book by Richard Dawkins called "The God Delusion."

It was this book that has inspired the themes for our sermon series for the coming year. For it led me to ask myself have I spent a very large part of my life being deluded in thinking that there is a God. The answer I am pleased to tell you is that I don't just think that there is a God but I know that I know that I know that there is. How? Because He has transformed my character and my life. He has given me reason to live and get up every morning and time after time after time He has made a way for me where there has seemed to be no way. The Bible is not just another book - it is God's inspired Word that tells the whole of God's plan for the world. We don't need fortune tellers to tell us the future. We have God himself who has made everything clear from the beginning to the end. Over the next year we will study this plan which would make a wonderful blockbuster movie.

Warning – much of the plan has been completed. We are living in the end of the end times. Jesus is coming back. We do not know the exact time but we can watch the signs. Jesus said "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" Luke 18:8. Don't be caught out. The series will begin on Sunday 28th September.

God bless

Sue

Different types of churches make major decisions in different ways. Our Baptist way is for all the church members to come together at regular church meetings. We believe God guides us in a special way when we meet together, better than we can determine individually. We have already made a commitment together to be a “church for the community” and as we meet in Sept we will be looking at what this means in more detail and considering related issues such as the future of the pastorate, a possible part-time children’s worker and our “Family Focus” plans.

If you are not a church person, have never been to a service and/or haven’t been for a long time, please consider joining us at 10.30am on Sun 28th Sept for our Harvest Festival service. It’s called “Back to Church” Sunday and many people will be venturing into churches across the country in the same way that day. Despite the various images in the newspapers, Christians are human and you’ll probably enjoy this straightforward service. (Please consider Alpha if you want to explore Christian things in a bit more detail.)

Please contact myself at KarenH@ckbc.org.uk if you have any general queries about the church.

Karen Haden – Church Co-ordinator

Retired and Active?

Don’t forget that Peter Guns is currently seeking ideas for how we can use our church/cafe better for the retired and active age group. If you are in this group and would like to help Peter, please contact him at PeterG@ckbc.org.uk.

Family Pastor

To show our commitment at CKBC to children and families, we are looking into employing a Family Pastor/Children’s worker, 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.

Two Alpha Courses at Charlton Kings

This year we will be running two Alpha courses:

Alpha Wednesday: Lunchtimes

Starting at 12.15pm on 1st October at the Church

Alpha Thursday: Evenings

Starting at 7.45pm on 2nd October at Chris and Beth's home.

Alpha is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith - whether you're new to it, or perhaps you just have some questions you'd like to talk through. It's relaxed, low key and friendly.

To register for a place, or for more information, please see Beth or Chris.

Fancy a walk round Cheltenham?

In 2000 we walked the Round Cheltenham Walk over several Sunday afternoons. Would you like to do it again this autumn? Each afternoon would be about a 5 mile section of the walk, starting about 2 pm finishing by 5. If enough people would like to do this Jenny Palmer (John's wife) will organise it. Just let her or John know.

Drama at CKBC

No not the roof collapsing but drama used in worship Sue is hoping to use more drama in church services and has asked me (John Palmer) to co-ordinate it. As a start if you would like to be involved in any way just let me know. It wouldn't be every week and the form it will take will vary. I'd like us to build up a library of material so if you have anything you think would be worth including, let me know.

Services for September 08

Morning Services are 10.30am

7th September

Communion Service

"A New Covenant" Hebrews 8:1-13

6.30pm Prayer Service

14th September

"Nothing is impossible with God" John 6:1-13

6.30pm Prayers for Healing

21st September

Reflections on summer mission to Kolkata and Romania

Led by Barbara and Leanda

No Evening Service

28th September

Harvest Celebration (All gifts will be donated to "The Open Door")

John 12:23-32

Back to Church Sunday – We warmly invite anyone who has in the past had a connection to CKBC to come and join us for this celebration and to meet old friends and acquaintances.

6.30pm Open to God

CKBC Lunchclub

HARVEST SONGS OF PRAISE

Thursday 25th September

1.30pm

All Welcome

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