

## Services for October

### 4<sup>th</sup> October

10.30 Communion Service  
6.30 Prayer Service

### 11<sup>th</sup> October

10.30 Speaker John Akua  
6.30 Bible Study on Daniel chapter 2

### 18<sup>th</sup> October

10.30 Baptismal Service  
6.30 Communion Service with Prayers for Healing

### 25<sup>th</sup> October

10.30 Morning Worship  
6.30 "Open to God"

### Church Anniversary Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Speaker Ken Payne  
Bring and Share Lunch

### Friendship Club at Coopers Court Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October

Speaker Barbara Rainbow

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 25<sup>th</sup> of the month at

[www.ckbc.org.uk](http://www.ckbc.org.uk)



# CONNECT

October 2009

*'To know Jesus and make Jesus known'*

Dear All

The Christian experience is amazing because everyone has their own story to tell. Next week we have two speakers coming to share their testimonies and the mission that God has given to them.

John Akua has been a missionary in Ghana for the past eight years. He has also written a book called "Alcohol Thriller or Killer". He was a criminal and an alcoholic for thirty years.

His co-worker, John Hayes, was born into a Christian family and recently retired after forty years as a Senior Court Clerk in a local magistrates court. Their lives took very different paths but they converged through the life-changing experience of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. They are both members of Bethesda Evangelical Church Warrington.

The following has been said about them

This remarkable story of two very different lives brings home how the indwelling Power of the Holy Spirit can cause opposites to become one in Jesus Christ and can use them to show the liberating joy and victory that the highest and lowest can experience. This book will challenge all who read it." **Canon Noel Proctor M.B.E M.A. Ex Chaplain to Dartmoor Prison & Strangeways Prison, Manchester.**

"A fascinating story line that weaves together the threads from two very different men's lives into a beautiful tapestry that pays eloquent tribute to God's incredible grace" **Dr Sam Gordon-International Bible Teacher and Author**  
**Please use this Sunday to invite a friend or a neighbour to hear the Good News through these two men.**  
**God Bless. Sue**

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## Family Focus Project

The hall and lounge renovations have now passed "practical completion". During the current "bedding in" period, please keep adding your comments, questions and/or ideas to the list in the church. The Family Focus Project team are currently preparing for the Outdoor Play Area and getting the rooms back into a basic working state, particularly for the children/family activities. In November we will schedule genuine "snagging" work with the builders and the deacons will start to assess whether we need any further follow-on "mini-projects" arising from the list in the church (e.g. furniture, storage, acoustics). Please pray for our grant application to the Garfield Weston Foundation which we hope will help pay for part of the project.

In September the deacons and church meeting looked again at our "Full Scheme" building ideas. This is an area where there are many different opinions but the most widespread understanding appears to be that we would move ahead if we had the necessary finance and leadership but without these we will devote ourselves to prayer and seeking the Lord's guidance for our next step.

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## The Smiles Foundation

Last month the Pudding and Quiz Night really went with a swing, raising lots of money for the Smiles Foundation which helps those in need in Romania. Thank you so much to Mary and Joy for organising the evening, and well done to Leanda, Tim and Steve who were the victorious team! Thanks also to those who donated puddings and raffle prizes. If you would like to find out more about this charity, have a look on their website, [www.thesmilesfoundation.org](http://www.thesmilesfoundation.org).

### **REVIVE 3**

Becoming a disciple of Christ is a lifelong experience. There are a number of courses which can help us do this. If you would be interested in participating in any of the following please speak to Sue.

Alpha – exploring Christianity

Journeys – exploring faith

Freedom in Christ – becoming a child of God

Baptism

Nimbus Photography Course

Hot Potatoes Discussion Group

Leadership Training

Church in the Community

## Safe to Grow

There have been some media items recently relating to changes to UK child protection laws and the Independent Safeguarding Agency. The basic requirement (for everyone working with children to pass a Criminal Records Bureau check) is not changing but the church will notice some differences. From 12 Oct 2009, if we discipline someone for misconduct relating to children the church has a legal obligation to report this to the ISA. From 26 July 2010, all those wishing to work in the church with children for the first time and those reaching the 5 yr renewal point (or 3 yrs for BB) need to personally pre-register with the ISA. The church will then apply for a CRB and ISA check together.

Some may find this a nuisance but we want to have good children's care and CRB checks are a necessity. It is recommended that anyone considering work with children makes an application now ahead of the changes.

## News from Lara

Dear All ,

Wow it has been 3 months since I started working here at CKBC. How the time has flown by. The Sunday Club's Summer Special was a great success and seemed to be enjoyed by the kids (and the leaders). I would like to say a massive THANKS to all who helped out over the summer whether you planned to or not. It would not have been successful without your help.

The new term has begun with many amazing things in the pipe line and a chance to build on the activities that are already in place. Sue Woodley, Jenny Palmer and I went to a Care for the Family Playtime conference in Luton on the 19th Sept which was hugely encouraging. It was really good to know that we are heading in the right direction with the Sonbeams group and it has also given us a few more ideas of things that we can do.

Sue Woodley, Brenda Simpson and I have also joined an "Open the Book" group that goes into Charlton Kings Junior School on a Thursday morning. It is a real joy to be able to share God's Word with the kids in an interactive way and a great way for the kids to get to know us.

The BIG event to look forward to this month is The Light Party on Saturday 31st October right here at CKBC. Keep your eyes peeled for more information in the near future.

Blessings , Lara