

Services for November

1st November

10.30 Church Anniversary Speaker Ken Payne
Communion Service followed by bring and share lunch
6.30 Prayer Service

8th November

10.30 Morning Worship – Remembrance Day
6.30 Bible Study on Daniel chapter 3

15th November

10.30 Baptismal Service
6.30 Charlton Kings Churches “Songs of Praise” at CKBC

22nd November

10.30 Morning Worship – Dedication Florence Ann Price
6.30 “Open to God”

29th November

10.30 Morning Worship “Signs of the Times”
6.30 Baptist Advent Service at Salem

Dads Sonbeams 10-12 Saturday 7th November

Helpers needed.

Church Meeting Tuesday 10th November 7.30 in the sanctuary

Friendship Club at Coopers Court Friday 13th November

Eastwood Park Prison Tuesday 17th November leaving at 5.30pm

Saturday 21st November 11am – 1pm Sanctuary

Call to Prayer by Baptist Union to pray for REVIVAL

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 25th of the month at
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CONNECT

November 2009

‘To know Jesus and make Jesus known’

Dear All,

We have now completed our sermon series on “The Kingdom of God” which has been part of the overall series of “The Big Picture.” We are now looking at the “Church in Action” based on the book of Acts. The early church changed the world in thirty years. How did they do it?

When people are looking for a church they are often looking for a church that will meet their own personal needs. This is not a particularly bad thing but on occasion I have met people who have asked a different question “Where does God want me to serve?” They have found themselves in churches which were not their particular preference, but obedience to God was more important to them. The reality is we are His Kingdom builders on earth and if we don’t play our part it doesn’t get done. The Church in Action Series will present us with a challenging question “Am I a Contributor or a Consumer in the Kingdom of God?”

The local church is “The Hope of the World” but it is often desperately short of workers for the harvest. Just giving a small but regular amount of time to something can make such a difference.

Our vision to be a church for the community and to reach families for Jesus is a huge commitment. To do this we have to present the Gospel in a way that is relevant to our society today, and that is a challenge we have to accept and rise to.

“Messy Church” is one way that has engaged families throughout the country. It presents a Bible story through creative activities followed by a short service with children’s songs, followed by sandwiches and cake. We would love to begin a “Messy Church Sunday” but before we can launch this new initiative we desperately need some “contributors” to commit to helping. As it would only take place once a month the commitment would not be huge and could be on a rota basis. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to help in some way. Please speak to Lara or Sue if you would like to know more.

God Bless Sue.

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Family Focus Project

The Family Focus project has shown that it is possible to make big changes to our premises and outlook – shifting more from *maintenance* (preserving the church as it has always been) to *mission* (serving outside needs initially children/families) - but it takes considerable resources (time, skills, money, stamina) and causes stress to many people.

The Family Focus project is still on-going and, in addition to all the other activities of the church, we are working on 6 further premises-related projects (Hall Acoustics, Hearing Loop, FF Minis, Top-Up Chairs, uPVC and Re-branding) and two mission-related projects (Thursday Night and Simplified Ministry Areas). The latest information about the premises projects can be found at the back of the chapel, along with the list of comments/ideas. These are continually updated but we currently have 114 items on the list but only 4 people to lead such projects so progress cannot be quick and this is again stressful.

The proposed simplifications to our Ministry Areas (separating our activities into *Core Church*, *Community*, *Wider Mission* and *Vision & Support*) will give more opportunities to lead and Thursday Nights will provide training opportunities. We need people who will take up the challenge to become stronger Christian leaders if we are to progress further towards being “a church for the community” and “to know Jesus and to make Jesus known”.

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New Year's Eve Party!

New Year's Party with entertainment at Church which includes a pig roast! See Sue Goold for details or read the fundraising board.

Please sign up soon if you would like to come - we need another 20 to book the meat!



A Reason to believe

Apologetics is the defence of the faith. Sometimes it is nice to know that the faith we have is not blind faith but actually reasonable faith. There are genuine logical, philosophical and scientific reasons why Christianity is true. If you want to explore that then there are many good sites out there. A few are listed below.

- 1) God and Science— www.godandscience.org
- 2) Reasonable Faith— www.reasonablefaith.org
- 3) Reasons to Believe— www.reasons.org

All of the above look at apologetics from a scientific and philosophical perspective and from experience certainly have broken down many obstacles I have had to my faith.

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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