

Diary

Sunday services at Northmead School

Commence at 10.30 am, with prayer from 9.45 to 10.10 am.

Sunday sermon topics:

June – looking at passages from Ezekiel.

July, August – details to be announced – see also inside page.

Midweek activities

Monday

4th Church Prayer Meeting – 8.00 pm – at Zilda's home, 22 Weyside Road

Tuesday

Morning prayer meeting – details of meeting place in "Bulletin".

Tuesday, Thursday

Home Groups meet – check with *Rob Beaumont* or *Rachel Edgington* if YOU would like to join a Home Group.

TNT (Tuesday Night Thing) – Youth club for Year 7 + children
– details from *Sue Jones*, ☎ 572968.

Friday

1st W.I.N.G.S – Ladies' social and spiritual evening – 8.00 pm
– details from *Nicky Bill*, ☎ 757433.

Fortnightly FNT (Friday Night Thing) – Youth group (year 6 +) meet for fun and games and some spiritual input
– details from *Sue Jones*, ☎ 572968.

Saturday

Monthly Men's breakfast at the *Wilkinsons'* home
– details from *David Wilkinson* ☎ 01483 236174.

Other events

Weekly information is provided in each Sunday's **Bulletin**.
Please e-mail *Lynne Wright*, at lynne@purpleturtle.org,
BY WEDNESDAY EVENING if **you** have any notices you would like to see included.



New Life News

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Community Fun Day

New Life Baptist Church met with the local people on Sunday 23 May. Blessed with fine weather, the afternoon event provided the opportunity to welcome families and visitors, including some folk from Friends International. Crafts, face painting and a "bouncy castle" were popular with the children, and a Christian magician contributed to a memorable time.

New delivery

Susie and Rick Farquhar are happy parents for the second time. Their daughter Sophie Grace was born on 31 May. Young William is also happy and is helping to look after his little sister.

Happy day for Emma and Andy

Emma Buckingham and Andy Cornelius were married on 12 June. The wedding ceremony took place in Hastings, but the reception was held in Godalming. Despite the distractions of the World Cup, the happy couple shared the joyful evening with over 150 guests, with live music and a delightful buffet meal.

Church secures Community Centre

New Life Baptist Church has been successful in its bid to manage the Community Centre on Queen Elizabeth Park. The business plan submitted by the Church was accepted by the estate developer and Guildford Borough Council. Positive support has been received from the local residents' association.

The next step is for the formal granting to the Church of the lease for the Centre, after which the plans for the fitting out of the building can be progressed. The Church is committed wholeheartedly to this exciting venture of faith.

Scouting out for clean cars at New Life

New Life's children helped Jacob Kleboe in a sponsored car washing session on 19 June to help in raising money for his trip to Sweden for the international scouting event in 2011. The children's efforts were generously supported and a total of £140 was contributed.

From the Editor's PC

Living by faith and not by sight

We are living in exciting times. The recent changes in the political landscape have provided a different picture, with much emphasis on the financial difficulties ahead and the need for cutbacks in the nation's finances. On the domestic front, belt-tightening would appear to be likely, with many challenges ahead for people on limited incomes or coping with large mortgages. The moral implications of these and other contemporary situations present big issues for us all.

So as we are entering into a significant new phase in the life of New Life Baptist, how should we be facing this together? Please let me offer you some encouraging Bible passages that will help us in this process.

Psalm 9 verse 10 says, "*Those who know your name will trust in you, for you O Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you*". Psalm 37 verses 3 and 4 state, "*Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart*", and Psalm 52 verse 8 adds, "*But I am like and olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love forever*". These verses indicate that we need to put our faith in God and trust Him to be our provider.

I believe that alongside being faithful we need to be practical. The Parable of the Talents, recorded in Matthew chapter 25, suggests that positive faith is needed in our daily living. We trust God to help us in our daily life, as we submit our gifts and abilities to Him.

Finally, the writer of Hebrews makes strong reference about faith. The well-known verse at the start of Chapter 11 – "*Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see*" – challenges us with regard to trusting God when facing big matters.

Relating this to the Centre, for myself I am making sure that I look beyond the building (and praise the Lord for His wonderful provision!) to believing that God will lead us onwards in the next steps. These are more difficult, as we cannot be sure what we will have to face as we prepare the Centre for occupation. But I am confident that God will make the way plain. We continue to be the people who know this: "*Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their heart on pilgrimage ... O Lord Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you*" (Psalm 84.5, 12).

A final point – we have the example of our leaders to emulate. Hebrews 13.7 encourages, "*Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith*".

Whatever the future has in store, we can be sure of this: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13.8) – what an encouragement to us to live by faith and not by sight!

News 'n' Views

Onward progress towards the Centre

A Special Church Meeting was held at Northmead School on 22 June to take an updated look at progress with the development of the community centre on Queen Elizabeth Park. The opportunity was given for Church members to raise any concerns that they had, but there was positive sense of excitement regarding the next steps for the Church.

Notes of the meeting will be made available shortly.

Summer Sundays schedule

Sunday services during July and August have been planned as follows:

4 July	Normal service
11 July	All Age Service, followed by barbeque after the morning service at Northmead School.
18 July	Normal service, including Communion
25 July	1 hour service
1 August	1 hour service
8 August	1 hour service
15 August	1 hour service, including Communion
21 August	Picnic on the green at Queen Elizabeth Park – gather at 11 am.
29 August	Home Groups to meet
5 September	Normal service at Northmead School

The Community Church

The Church needs to be motivated to become a “community church” to reach the local area. It needs to

- Trust God for its base;
- Be intentionally involved with non-believers;
- Intend to do, to say and to be what Christ would have done in that situation;
- Expect something transformational to happen in the lives of people with whom we interact.

(Notes from Rick Warren's "40 Days of Community")



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EXTRA

Dave Markley is working with Tear Fund in Haiti, helping with the recovery of that earthquake-struck island. Though it no longer features in the news, there is much to be done there. Dave shares some of his current experiences and concerns.

I thought I'd put a few prayer requests down.

Work is always very busy and Haiti Tear Fund is still understaffed. We've had several new joiners arrive in the past week or so and that will greatly help matters but I am still waiting for an ex-pat Finance Office for our field sites and we don't have a Programme Director after the guy who was covering for the first 3 months left.

Prayer wise for me the main things are

Safety – obviously from any further earthquakes (I still haven't felt any after shocks although there have apparently been some)

Road traffic accidents – I'm driving a bit now in Port au Prince – generally only in 1st and 2nd gear, but you have to be constantly aware of everything. Driving is dangerous and we usually have drivers except to and from work, evenings and weekends.

Kidnappings have happened - they don't seem very common but at least one happened in the area where we live. The foreigner was released but the Haitian driver was killed.

Petty crime – The head of one of Tear Fund's partner organisations was shot and killed leaving a bank this week. As part of my job I have to visit our bank far too often and that is a real danger time - especially at pay time.

I've started French lessons - its going ok but I really would value continued prayer that I can take it all in and remember it and start using it.

That I can manage to find time to sort out many things work wise – too much to do and not enough time.

That I manage to make some friends. The people in the team are fine but it would be great to meet more people outside work and to be able to form some good friendships

That I remain healthy. I've been pretty good but did have several days with an upset stomach. We are eating really well – you can get pretty much everything and there are nice restaurants around. We have a great cook at home and another who does lunch in the office. The imported food is from the US. The only thing is that it's expensive – supermarket prices are 50% to double UK prices. I need to get some exercise. Malaria is present.

Many thanks for your prayers.

Best wishes

David

Let us ensure that we do not forget about David. He has an important role with Tear Fund and his experience and expertise is being used positively in the Lord's service in Haiti. Let us support him in prayer.