

The Month



Bible-reading plans

Details of the Bible passages for the next two months will be available soon, both online and as printed copies.

Contact Quiz Night

Everyone is invited to the next meeting of the Contact Group, which will be a Quiz Night, with Quiz Master Steve Sheldrake. You can arrange a team in advance, or form a team with others when you arrive. The quiz is on Saturday, 12 February in the Church Centre at 7:30 pm.

Please let Elizabeth or Tony Simpson know if you plan to come.

Talitha Koum,

the local initiative to bring healing, Christian hope and practical support for women caught up in addictive behaviour, is holding a Prayer Concert in our Church Centre on Friday, 18 February at 7:30 pm. All are invited to join in praise, worship and prayer for the project.

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step into life

Prayer

BBC step focus - "The Discovery Step - getting to know the Gospel"

Give thanks for the following (at least!):

Encouraging start to the use of SOAP for personal Bible Study - with people hearing God speak
The big Biblical themes coming out so clearly from Genesis

Specific answers to prayer on the Prayer Chain
John Ducker's arrival in Bangladesh - pray for a really effective time of ministry with BMS World Mission
Tiddlywinks (see Margaret Hill for more details)
Pray for ongoing great welcome and strong relationships to continue to be made with adults.
From February half term Dianna Swale is taking over as leader. Pray that she will enjoy leading and will be surrounded by a supportive and enthusiastic team.

Emerge (see Claire Earl for more details)

Praise God that this term has started well with three solid groups meeting.

Pray for each group as they do SOAP together, listen to God and teach each other from God's word.

Pray for new members for each group.

"8:11" group (see Heather Barrington for more details)

Give thanks to God for increasing numbers of children, many of whom do not come on Sundays.
Pray for wisdom for Katie Ruffles and Heather as they lead the group, and for each child to grow closer to God and experience His love.

Junior Church (see Heather Barrington for more details)

Please pray for the children to come to know their Father, not just know about Him.

Pray every Sunday, for God to speak and touch each child; and for the leaders of each group - anointing and wisdom in helping children connect with God.

This year, as with the adults, the focus is on the Bible in a fresh way. Please pray that parents would help their children to use the SOAP approach to applying what they read in the Bible, expecting to hear God speak.

Ipswich Items:

Give thanks for the "Crown Him" event attended by a broad spread of local churches keen to see God at work in the Ipswich area in 2011

CYM - pray that God will continue to impact young people's lives through CYM personnel and related groups

Family news

When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers - the moon and stars you set in place; what are people that you should think of them, mere mortals that you should care for them. Yet you made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honour.

(Ps.8:3-5)

We are so grateful, Father God, that you should think of us when we are in hospital or poorly:

Linda Pepper	Merle Eastman
Rachel Healy	Margaret Cribb
Kim Frost	Jean Potter
Jack Reeve	Mike Cahill

And Father that you should care and comfort us when we grieve for those who have died:

- Yvonne Millar's mother
- Pat Smith's father
- Tony Norman's brother
- Daphne Reeve's nephew, Geoff Durrant

Congratulations to:

- Naomi and Tony Waller on the birth of their daughter, Lily Rose, a granddaughter for Les and Margaret Bloomfield and niece to Caren Elwis
- Pat and Peter Smith on the birth of a new granddaughter, Tegan Grace

Please continue to pray for:

- Rachel Forster
- Kim Frost
- Asher Mahood
- Suzanne Welham, who is undergoing radiotherapy
- Alyson Ellis, who has had her operation and is awaiting chemo- and radio-therapy
- Alistair Rudd, whose tumour was malignant and who is undergoing chemo- and radio-therapy
- Alastair Speedie, who did not lose his job, but still needs prayer for his situation at work

Prayer chain update:

- Jade's tumour was benign
 - Tilly Shinkins is home and improving.
- The families involved in these situations are so grateful for our prayers

Diary, February 2011

Weekly Meetings in the Church Centre

Tuesday

Tiddlywinks is our carer & toddler group
The Lydia ladies' group meets for Bible study
The WoW Group is our childbirth ministry (with crèche)

Wednesday

Toy Library is for pre-school children and their carers

Thursday

Lunch Club is for the over-60s

Saturday

Elevenes is the place to meet friends for a cuppa, a cake and a chat

“CC” is the abbreviation for “Church Centre”

Tuesday, 1 February

09:30 Tiddlywinks group, CC, ground floor
09:30 Lydia ladies' study group, CC, first floor
11:45 WoW Group, CC, top floor and ground floor

Wednesday, 2 February

09:30 Toy Library, CC, ground floor
14:30 Women's Fellowship AGM, CC, ground floor

Thursday, 3 February

12:45 Lunch Club, CC, ground floor
20:00 WoW evening meeting, CC, ground floor (see church website for more information)

Saturday, 5 February

10:30 *Elevenes*, CC, ground floor

Sunday, 6 February

10:45 Main Celebration with Communion. Theme: *The Lessons of the Desert* (Numbers). Preacher: Simon Harris
19:00 The Gathering

Monday, 7 February

10:30 Small Group, CC, ground floor
19:30 Friendship Group, contact David Gaffer

Tuesday, 8 February

09:30 Tiddlywinks group, CC, ground floor
09:30 Lydia ladies' study group, CC, first floor
11:45 WoW Group, CC, top floor and ground floor
14:30 Small group in a home
19:15 Girls' emerge, 23 Bowthorpe Close
Various Small Groups in homes

Wednesday, 9 February

09:30 Toy Library, CC, ground floor
19:15 emerge, 23 Bowthorpe Close
20:00 Small Group in a home

Thursday, 10 February

12:45 Lunch Club, CC, ground floor
16:15 8-11, CC, ground floor
18:30 Boys' emerge, halls

Saturday, 12 February

10:30 *Elevenes*, CC, ground floor
19:30 Contact Group Quiz Night, CC, ground floor

Sunday, 13 February

10:45 Main Celebration. Theme: *Into the Promise* (Joshua). Preacher: Simon Harris

Tuesday, 15 February

09:30 Tiddlywinks group, CC, ground floor
09:30 Lydia ladies' study group, CC, first floor
11:45 WoW Group, CC, top floor and ground floor
19:30 Church Meeting, CC, ground floor

Wednesday, 16 February

09:30 Toy Library, CC, ground floor
14:30 Women's Fellowship with Margot Bafende, retired BMS missionary, CC, ground floor

Thursday, 17 February

12:45 Lunch Club, CC, ground floor

Friday, 18 February

19:30 Talitha Koum Prayer Concert, CC, ground fl

Saturday, 19 February

10:30 *Elevenes*, CC, ground floor

Sunday, 20 February

10:45 Family Service. Theme: *History repeats itself* (Judges). Preacher: Claire Earl
19:00 Reflective communion

Monday, 21 February

10:30 Small Group, CC, ground floor

Tuesday, 22 February

14:30 Small group in a home
19:15 Girls' emerge, 23 Bowthorpe Close
Various Small Groups in homes

Wednesday, 23 February

19:15 emerge, 23 Bowthorpe Close
20:00 Small Group in a home

Thursday, 24 February

12:45 Lunch Club, CC, ground floor
16:15 8-11, CC, ground floor
18:30 Boys' emerge, halls

Friday, 25 February

19:30 Craft evening, CC, ground floor
20:00 Event4Men, Curry Night at Maharani

Saturday, 26 February

10:30 *Elevenes*, CC, ground floor

Sunday, 27 February

10:45 Main Celebration. Theme: *Ruth—the secret of blessing* (Ruth). Preacher: Simon Harris

Please send information for the next issue of *The Month* to David Thompson by Wednesday, 23 February

Women's World Day of Prayer

This year the main meeting will be at Hope Church, Fore Hamlet on Friday, 4 March at 11 am. Please let Chris Peck know if you will be attending.

Event4Men

The next E4M event will be a Curry Night at Maharani on Friday, 25 February, starting at 8 pm. Friends, as always, are welcome. See Jon Chalmers to book in.

Thank you (1)

Many thanks to all who contributed to my "Retirement" gift and the beautiful flowers. I was very touched by your generosity and kindness. I have bought a new camera with the money, so be warned - I haven't retired from 'snapping' you all! Thanks again, and much love to you all. Margaret (Smith)

Thank you (2)

Maureen Reynard sends very grateful thanks for the generous gifts from members of the congregation to the FIND Christmas Appeal. Over 800 gifts were given to needy folk in the area.

Preaching engagements in February

Pauline Bailey
13 February Stowmarket Methodist Church
David Thompson
27 February Old Newton Methodist Church
David Willson
7 February Bethesda Eventide
27 February Holly Lodge Baptist Church