

Water-filter finance

Simon Harris, our senior Minister, is running the London Marathon to supply water filters to Africa. Pick up a flyer and sponsor him. In addition, there is to be an 'Auction of Promises' at Coffee Link on Saturday, 2 April, with Ben Gummer MP as the auctioneer. Book the date and look out for further details.

Church Weekend

Also book the dates for our Church Weekend at Vauxhall Farm—Friday, 17 to Sunday, 19 June. The weekend, with 'Urban Saints', promises to be a time of spiritual refreshment and blessing. Booking forms will be available soon, and the co-ordinator, Jane Hewson, would also be pleased to receive offers of help.

Antiques, collectibles or junk?

is the title for the Contact Group meeting on Saturday, 12 March. John and Linda Blackburn will be the hosts, but it's Lew and Chris Dyer who you need to contact to log in. John will bring objects for us to check out after a buffet supper, and you can bring your items (at your own risk). Please note that John cannot 'value' your items.

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step into life

Prayer

BBC step focus - "The Questioning Step - exploring the Gospel" and "The Greatest Step - becoming a Christian"

Give thanks for the following (at least!):

- Yet more specific answers to personal prayer requests
- John Ducker being used by God in Bangladesh
- Potential for peace in Egypt, Tunisia and Sudan

SOAP:

- Praise God for a fantastic start to our *The Story* sermon series
- Please pray for Simon and all those who preach, that they will hear God's voice and communicate this clearly to us all
- Praise God that many have committed to read the Bible through this year
- Pray for each person who is daily reading the Bible and asking God to speak to them through it

Baptism focus:

- Pray for more people to come to know Jesus and for the upcoming Baptisms that are planned
- Pray for the Membership course planned for March

Easter is coming...

- As we come to Easter, pray that our church will be a beacon of Christ's light, grace and mercy
- Pray for the planned Easter services and the proposed Art Exhibition

Ipswich Items:

- Give thanks for the *Talitha Koum* launch with revised building plans
- Pray for retail workers - often under pressure from customers and managers alike in the current tight financial situation

Wider World:

- **Biblefresh** - may many continue to read the Book of Life in 2011
- **Sri Lanka** - after a second period of sustained rainfall and floods
- **North Africa and Asia** - in the current period of significant unrest. May God's peace and new life come to the people in these countries
- **New Zealand** - following the earthquake

Family news

May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favour and give you his peace.

Numbers 6:24-27 (New Living Translation)

May our Lord bless and protect those of our family who have been in hospital, been poorly or had tests.

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| Nancy Sloan-Cappasso | Hannah Laithwaite |
| Andy Howard | Doris Grace |
| Betty Brown | Keith Trevorrow |
| Tony Norman | Angela Potter |
| Mari Thompson | Peter Shrinchuk |
| Jack Reeve | Sylvia Potter |
| Peter Peck | Kevin Garner |
| St.Clair Armitage | Doris Grace |

We ask for peace and comfort for Doris Grace and Daphne Reeve following the death of their brother-in-law Bill, uncle to Val Norman.

Please continue to pray for Rachel Forster, Kim Frost and Asher Mahood. They and their families are so grateful for our continued prayer support.

We know our Lord smiles on us and we congratulate

- Barbara and Mike Cahill on the birth of their great grandson, Ethan.
- John and Pauline Long on their Golden Wedding
- Tony and Val Norman on their Silver Wedding

And we ask God's continual blessing on John Ducker as he works in Bangladesh and Jazmin and Justine Shomally as they move to live and work in London

Women's Meetings on Wednesdays

On 2 March the speaker will be Gail Bushell of Age UK Suffolk. Bob Molton of CYM is to speak on 16 March, and the Spring Area Rally will be at Witnesham Baptist Church on 30 March at 2:30.

Event4Men

The next E4M event will be snooker at Rileys, Princes Street on Friday, 11 March, starting at 7:45 pm. Friends, as always, are welcome. See Matt Holmes to book in.

Diary, March 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

Tuesday, 1 March

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 Trustees' Meeting, CC, top floor

Wednesday, 2 March

09:30 Toy Library, CC, ground floor

14:30 Women's Fellowship, CC, ground floor

Thursday, 3 March

12:45 Lunch Club, CC, ground floor

Friday, 4 March

11:00 Women's World Day of Prayer, Hope Church

19:00 Eternity Film Night, CC, top floor

Saturday, 5 March

09:30 Revival Prayer, CC, ground floor

10:30 *Elevenes*, CC, ground floor

Sunday, 6 March

10:45 Main Celebration with Communion. Theme: *Samuel—the word of the Lord* (1 Samuel 1-12). Preacher: Simon Harris

19:00 The Gathering

Monday, 7 March

10:30 Small Group, CC, ground floor

19:00 DofE Awards Group, CC, first floor

Tuesday, 8 March

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 March (first day of Lent)

09:30 Toy Library, CC, ground floor

19:15 emerge, 23 Bowthorpe Close

20:00 Small Group in a home

Thursday, 10 March

12:45 Lunch Club, CC, ground floor

16:15 8-11, CC, ground floor

18:30 Boys' emerge, halls

Friday, 11 March

19:45 Event4Men, Snooker at Rileys—see overleaf

Saturday, 12 March

10:30 *Elevenes*, CC, ground floor

12:45 *Worship Choir* MWF event, church & CC, grd fl

18:30 Concluding worship for MWF event, church

19:30 Contact Group, CC, ground floor—see overleaf

Sunday, 13 March

10:45 Main Celebration including baptisms. Theme: *Saul—Israel's first king* (1 Samuel 9–31).

Preacher: Simon Harris

Monday, 14 March

19:30 Friendship Group, contact David Gaffer

Tuesday, 15 March

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

19:00 Trustee election & Church Meeting, CC, grd fl

Wednesday, 16 March

09:30 Toy Library, CC, ground floor

14:30 Women's Fellowship, CC, ground floor

Thursday, 17 March

12:45 Lunch Club, CC, ground floor

Friday, 18 March

19:00 Craft Evening, CC, ground floor

Saturday, 19 March

09:30 Revival Prayer, CC, ground floor

10:30 *Elevenes*, CC, ground floor

Sunday, 20 March

10:45 Family Service. Theme: *David—young boy to great king* (1 Samuel 15–2 Samuel 5).

Preacher: Simon Harris

19:00 Reflective communion

Monday, 21 March

10:30 Small Group, CC, ground floor

Tuesday, 22 March

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, 23 March

09:30 Toy Library, CC, ground floor

19:15 emerge, 23 Bowthorpe Close

20:00 Small Group in a home

Thursday, 24 March

12:45 Lunch Club, CC, ground floor

16:15 8-11, CC, ground floor

18:30 Boys' emerge, halls

Saturday, 26 March

10:30 *Elevenes*, CC, ground floor

Sunday, 27 March

10:45 Main Celebration. Theme: *David—the greatest king wins away, loses at home* (2 Samuel 7–24). Preacher: Simon Harris

28 to 30 March is a 'Small Groups Extra' week.

Please check if your group is meeting this week.

Monday, 28 March

20:00 Small Group Leaders' Meeting, CC, ground fl

Tuesday, 29 March

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, 30 March

09:30 Toy Library, CC, ground floor

14:30 Women's Area Rally, Witnesham—see overleaf

Thursday, 31 March

12:45 Lunch Club, CC, ground floor

Please send information for the next issue of *The Month* to David Thompson by 5 pm on Wednesday, 23 March

Preaching engagements in March

Pauline Bailey

27 March Stoke Green Baptist Church

David Thompson

6 March Elmswell Baptist Church

27 March Christchurch, Needham Market

David Willson

13 March Norton Baptist Church

20 March Holly Lodge Baptist Church