



**Water-filter finance**

Simon Harris, our senior Minister, is raising funds to supply water filters to Africa. Pick up the flyers and sponsor him running the London Marathon on 17 April, and also plan to be at the 'Auction of Promises' on Saturday, 2 April, at Coffee Link, Neptune Marina.

**Easter arrangements**

On **Maundy Thursday** the lunch and Communion for older friends will be in the Church Centre at 12:45.

There will be a united Communion service with St Matthew's Church at 7:30 that evening at All Saints Church, Chevalier Street.

Our All-age **Good Friday** Reflection will be in the church at 10 am.

Our **Easter Sunday** Celebration at 10:45 will include Communion.

**Preparation for Easter**

Our Orchestra will be playing on Easter Sunday morning with rehearsals on Wednesdays 13 and 20 April from 7 to 8:30 pm, and at 9 am on Easter morning. All welcome. Please let Andrew Gosden know if you are coming. We will be arranging flowers for Easter Sunday on Saturday 23rd April from 10 am to 1 pm. Please let Elizabeth Gosden know if you can come.

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**Prayer**

BBC step focus - "Step on - towards Maturity"

**Give thanks for the following (at least!):**

- God speaking through His living Word
- Stuart and Conor's baptisms
- John Ducker's time in Bangladesh and now Prague
- Membership Course

**Small Groups**

- Continue to pray for the SG leaders as they lead their groups in SOAP, study and prayer.
- Ask that God will speak clearly in our Small Group sessions as members look to His Word.

**Easter**

- Thank God for his Grace and Mercy! Hallelujah! Christ is alive!
- Pray for services over Easter including Older Friends' Communion, United Maundy Thursday Communion, and Good Friday and Easter Sunday services.
- Ask that many people will contribute enthusiastically to the Easter Art Exhibition. May this speak of the true message of Easter.

**The Trustees**

Please pray for the newly appointed Trustees - Gill Lewis (Secretary), Andrew Gosden (Treasurer), Jonathan Barnes, Jane Hewson, David Thompson and Sarah Walker, as well as Simon and Claire. Pray they will quickly work well as a team, hear God's voice clearly and thus lead wisely.

**Worship Group**

Give thanks for more congregational engagement, including with new songs

Please pray:

- For sensitive but joy-filled leadership week by week which points people towards Jesus.
- That we would lead singing, and not BE the singing!
- For a joyful Easter outreach celebration with the Orchestra.

**Ipswich Items:**

Council workers - remember those who have been made redundant or had their hours and pay reduced as well as those who will be under more pressure as a result.

**Wider World:**

- 'Biblefresh' - celebrating the book of Life in 2011.
- Places in distressing circumstances, e.g., Japan, New Zealand, the Arab world and Asia.

**Family news**

My soul finds rest in God alone, my salvation comes from Him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Psalm 62, verses 1 & 2.

**My soul finds rest in God**

We remember Edna Oxley and Joyce Chittock's brother, both of whom died recently, and ask for comfort for their families and friends.

**God alone is my rock and my salvation**

Several of our church family have been in hospital, have been poorly or are having treatment and investigations.

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| Brian Hill          | Nancy Sloan-Capasso |
| Merle Eastman       | Jack Reeve          |
| Daniel Blackman     | Pam Mills           |
| Andy Sago's brother | Sally Sago's mother |
| Peter Peck          | Naomi Waller        |

**Lots of congratulations:-**

Brian and Joan Boyton after the birth of a grand daughter Grace Tallulah. Elizabeth Calver gained the highest Guide award - the Baden Powell award.

Cyril and Joan Norman celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary and Andrew and Elizabeth Gosden their silver anniversary.

Keith Trevorrow, Graham Dean and John Blackburn have all retired. We wish them a long, happy and healthy retirement.

We all rejoiced with Stuart Reavell and Conor Moore at their baptisms.

**Please continue to pray:**

- For Kim Frost and all her family now she is at home.
- For Rachel Forster as she continues with chemotherapy treatment.
- For Asher Mohood, Chris & Jane Hewson's son-in-law.
- For Kevin Garner having long-term treatment for a broken leg.

**Thanks** for John Ducker returning home from Bangladesh for a short time before going to work with the Salvation Army in Prague for a month.

**Women's Fellowship**

The title for 13 April is 'Thanksgiving Day', while on 27 April the meeting will be a Royal Wedding Tea Party. All ladies are welcome at these meetings

# Diary, April 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 those over 60

### Saturday

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

## Small Groups

Some groups alter their meeting schedule during school holidays. Please check with your group leader when your group is meeting during April.

### Saturday, 2 April

09:30 Revival Prayer, CC, ground floor  
10:30 *Elevenses*, CC, ground floor  
19:00 Auction of Promises, Café Link, Neptune Marina

### Mothering Sunday, 3 April

10:45 Main Celebration. Preacher: George Verwer  
19:00 Special evening celebration. Preacher: George Verwer

### Monday, 4 April

19:00 DofE Awards Group, CC, first floor

### Tuesday, 5 April

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  
19:15 Girls' emerge, 23 Bowthorpe Close  
19:30 Trustees' Meeting, CC, top floor

### Wednesday, 6 April

09:30 Toy Library, CC, ground floor  
19:15 emerge, 23 Bowthorpe Close  
19:30 Romania meeting, CC, ground floor—see notice

### Thursday, 7 April

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

### Friday, 8 April

19:45 Event4Men, Table tennis—see notice

### Saturday, 9 April

10:30 *Elevenses*, CC, ground floor  
19:30 Contact Group, CC, ground floor—see notice

### Sunday, 10 April

10:45 Main Celebration with Communion. Theme: *Solomon—on top of the world* (1 Kings 1-12).  
Preacher: Simon Harris

### Monday, 11 April

19:30 Friendship Group, contact David Gaffer for details  
20:00 Trustees' "Vision" Meeting, cc, top floor

### Wednesday, 13 April

14:30 Women's Fellowship—Thanksgiving Day, CC, ground floor

### Thursday, 14 April

12:45 Lunch Club, CC, ground floor

### Friday, 15 April

19:00 Craft Evening, CC, ground floor

### Saturday, 16 April

09:30 Revival Prayer, CC, ground floor  
10:30 *Elevenses*, CC, ground floor

### Palm Sunday, 17 April

10:45 Family Service. Theme: *Ecclesiastes—all meaningless except...* Preacher: Claire Earl  
19:00 Reflective Communion

### Monday, 18 April

19:30 Eternity leaders' meeting, CC, top floor

### Maundy Thursday, 21 April

12:45 Lunch for older friends, with Communion, CC, ground floor  
16:15 8-11, CC, ground floor  
19:30 United Communion, All Saints Church

### Good Friday, 22 April

10:00 *Celebrating the Cross*, led by Simon Harris

### Saturday, 23 April

10:30 *Elevenses*, CC, ground floor

### Easter Sunday, 24 April

10:45 Main Celebration with Communion. Theme: *Celebrating the Resurrection*. Preacher: Simon Harris

### Tuesday, 26 April

09:30 Lydia ladies' study group, CC, first floor  
11:45 WoW Group, CC, top floor and ground floor  
14:00 Small Group in a home  
Various Small Groups in homes

### Wednesday, 27 April

09:30 Toy Library, CC, ground floor  
14:30 Women's Fellowship—A Royal Wedding Tea Party, CC, ground floor  
19:15 emerge, 23 Bowthorpe Close  
20:00 Small Group in a home

### Thursday, 28 April

12:45 Lunch Club, CC, ground floor

### Saturday, 30 April

10:30 *Elevenses*, CC, ground floor

Please send information for the next issue of *The Month* to David Thompson by 5 pm on Wednesday, 20 April

## Lunch Club—an urgent appeal

Lunch Club is short of a cook for a few Thursdays in the Summer Term. If you are a Church Member who could lead a team in preparing a cooked meal for about 30 people, either as a one-off or regularly, please talk with Tony or Elizabeth Simpson as soon as possible.

## Possible Eternity visit to Romania

There is to be a meeting for teens and parents to explore the potential for a group of "Year 10 plus" young people to visit Romania in the summer, working with Project Ruth. It will be on Wednesday, 6 April, at 7:30 pm in the Church Centre.

## Palm Sunday choral presentation

The choir of Christ Church, Tackett Street is singing the St Luke Passion by J S Bach on Palm Sunday at 6:30 pm. All are invited to this time of worship.

## Event4Men

The next E4M event will be table tennis at Ashbocking. Sons are invited to this meeting. Contact Stuart Oxborrow for travel details and to book in. Cost will be £2 for adults, sons free.

## Contact Group

The next meeting, on Saturday, 9 April, will be a games evening ("Bring-Your-Own" plus lounge bowls), with light refreshments. Please contact John or Linda Blackburn if you plan to be there.

## Preaching engagements

Pauline Bailey	3 April, Whitehouse Baptist Church
David Thompson	24 April, Holly Lodge Baptist Church
David Willson	17 April, Norton Baptist Church