

Church Diary for the Week

Monday 7th September

7.30pm *Alpha* Course Leaders' Preparation meeting at North End Villa

Tuesday 8th

3.00pm Tea Break resumes in the Centre

7.30pm Central Prayer time (until 8.30pm)

Wednesday 9th

10.30am Parents and Toddlers Club meets in the Centre

2.30pm Afternoon Group meets (*see Mary Stephens for details*)

7.00pm Noiz have a social evening at West Lyng (*Youth: Sch yrs 10-13*)

from 7.30pm Small groups meet in various venues (*check with leaders*)

Thursday 10th

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Friday 11th

Saturday 12th

7.30am Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Centre (*bring your own food*)

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

10.30am Morning Service

The Endurance before Harvest, Matthew 13:10-17 (p.979)

Preacher: Gary Birch; Read/Pray: John & Jackie Harris

3.00pm Celebration of Community in St Michael's Parish Church, CSM

People representing groups serving the CSM community will be interviewed – including four from CSMBC. A Cream Tea follows. All are welcome

6.30pm Evening Service

The Power of God's Love, 1 John 4:7-21 (p.1227)

Preacher: Lance Birks; Read/Pray: David & Leslie Browse

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To know Christ and
make Him known

Today's Ministry – Sunday 6th September 2009

10.00am Prayer Time in the Tape Library

10.30am Morning Communion Service

Theme: The Expectation for Harvest

Reading: Matthew 13:1-9 (p.978)

Preacher: Lance Birks

Leader: Gary Birch

Read/Pray Rachel Hay / Leadership Team

Children and youth normally have their own activities after the first 25 minutes.

There is a *crèche* for under 3 yrs in a room next to the platform. Above that age to Sch yr 6 there is *COSMIC* which meets in the rooms in the Centre below.

Springboard is for youth in Sch yrs 7-11 and meets in the Village Hall opposite.

6.30pm Evening Service

Theme: God's Loved & Loving Children

Reading: 1 John 2:28-3:10 (p.1226)

Preacher: Gary Birch

Leader: Lance Birks

Read/Pray John & Lorraine Charnley

Prayer Ministry: there is usually an opportunity to pray with a recognised member of our team after most services. The corner of the worship area to the right of the platform is used for this. Team members wear blue-coloured badges or ask a leader.

Refreshments: you are invited to stay for coffee/tea/squash after our Services

We seek to honour God the Father by enabling people to become mature disciples of Jesus Christ, reaching out in the power of the Holy Spirit.

For your information

1. **WE GIVE A VERY WARM WELCOME** to all our Visitors today.
2. **NOMINATIONS FOR THE LEADERSHIP TEAM ELECTION** on 20th October are now welcomed. Forms and associated information are available from the Welcome Desk. All nominations must reach David Browse by noon next Sunday, 13th Sept.
3. **CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETING** 7.30pm on Tuesday 15th Sep. Agendas and Minutes of the last meeting are on the Welcome Desk – or have been sent by email.
4. **NEW MEMBERS' DIRECTORY:** will members please check their details on the proof sheets on the table at the back of the worship area. There is also a 'sign-up' sheet for regular *non-members* who would like their details to be included. Next Sunday is the last day for checking.
5. **RIDING LIGHTS THEATRE COMPANY** are coming to Creech on Friday 16th October with 'Origins & Lemons'. See leaflets and posters for ticket details: call the Box Office on 01904 613000 or book online www.ridinglights.org/o&l
6. **CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY** at Heatree House in Devon (23rd-25th October) still has places available for anyone wishing to book. Pick up a booking form from the Welcome Desk and get your deposit back to David soon. If you wish to discuss financial help for the weekend, please see Gary.
7. **...AND CHILDREN'S WORK LEADERS FOR THE WEEKEND AWAY:** if anyone knows a suitable person(s)/team who might run a children's programme at Heatree House during adult sessions on our Weekend Away, please contact Gary asap.
8. **THE OPEN DOOR** will be dedicating their new premises near to Vivary Park gates, Shuttern, on Sunday 20th September at 2pm. The premises will remain open for viewing until 4pm. Make a note in your diary now if you wish to support them!
9. **FREE CAR!** Anyone need or know of anyone who needs a car, please see Gary.
10. **WEEKLY NOTICES:** Please let Lance have any notices by Wednesday AM.

The Alpha Course for Autumn 2009

A new course will be starting with an Introductory Supper evening on **Monday 28th September** and will then run through to mid-December.

- **Invitation leaflets** and other promotion materials are available from the Welcome desk.
- **Be praying** now if there is someone you could invite and accompany to the Supper evening on the 28th September – and maybe to the whole course.
- **Pray** for the leadership team and planning for the course



PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ARRIVE BEFORE THE SERVICE START TIME
Arriving late detracts from worship for everyone!

Please include in your Prayers...

ILLNESS: We remember especially: Audrey Barber (in Dene Barton), Gemma Lunt, Judy Palmer, Dawn Willcocks (last chemo infusion on Wednesday).

Sarah James has an operation tomorrow and will be in hospital overnight.

... **and not forgetting:** Elsie Coe, Teresa Date, Avis Davison, John Harris, Maggie Kelland, Jean Palfrey, Phyllis Perry, Tracy Samphier, Bill & Gwen Stone.

... **and some outside CSMBC:** Andrew Horner, Len Schofield (ex-Pastor, Halcon BC) who has a heart bypass operation at Bristol Royal Infirmary on Tuesday – change of date again!, Michele Wellington (**NB:** *names included on a rotational basis*)

IN CARE HOMES: Gladys Patrick, Nick Smith and Peter Turton.

FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH: as some start new schools, and new groups at CSMBC. Also, please continue to pray for our teenagers who have been to Christian camps this summer as they start the new term in school/college.

STUDENTS TO COLLEGE: soon we will publish a list here or those who will be away at Uni and College. (Lance would appreciate up-to-date details of courses). But now please pray for those who are making preparations for their first year of studies and others who are completing assignments (as well as working for cash!).

ALPHA INFORMATION & PRAYER BOARD: this is situated by the refreshments hatch and displays prayer information for the new Course. (Thanks Elsie)

FOREIGN TRAVELS: Ian & Rosie Tremain set out this week for a two-month train journey from Bridgwater to Beijing (!) including the trans-Siberian/Mongolian railway. They would value our prayers for safety and God's presence with them.

MINISTERING AWAY TODAY: **Chris Pitman** is at Halcon Baptist Church this morning (10.30)

Mission News for our Prayers

Phil & Cathy Davison (Wycliffe Bible Translators – in Yaoundé, Cameroon). Cathy has spent 6 weeks away in Burkina Faso completing a successful training course for African literacy workers (which has been recognised by UNESCO). Phil was also in BK for a couple of weeks. Pray for them as they spend the next 3 months in Yaoundé before home assignment in the USA. There is much to do in linguistic research (for Phil), mentoring, course development and more teaching (for Cathy).

John & Elizabeth Ntsiful (Christian Service University College, Kumasi, Ghana): John has a heavy academic load in the College and asks us to pray that the Christian foundation of the College will remain clear as it grows. Elizabeth is busy as a teacher and leading the children's work in her church. Pray that all the funding will come for the finishing details of their new home, and remember the family: Nana Eluwa in Accra, Abigail in London (Masters course) and Jonathan in Kumasi (student).