

Church Diary for the Week

Tuesday 15th

7.30pm Central Prayer time (until 8.00pm) followed by **Members' Meeting**

Wednesday 16th

10.30am Parents and Toddlers Club meets in the Centre

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

7.30pm Noiz meet in the Centre (*Youth: Sch yrs 10-13*)

from 7.30pm No Small groups in Church Meeting week

Thursday 17th

from 7.30pm Some small groups may meet (*check with leaders*)

Friday 18th

7.30pm Youth, Children & Families Action Group meet

SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

10.30am Morning Service

The Excitement of Harvest, Matthew 13:18-29 (p.979)

Preacher: Lance Birks; Read/Pray: Phil & Mo Nowell-Smith

6.30pm Evening Communion Service

The Testimony of God in Christ, 1 John 5:1-12 (p.1228)

Preacher: Lance Birks; Read/Pray: Shirley John / Leadership Team

The Alpha Course – 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. Also you can join the Prayer Team (see Peggy Darch)
- **Pray** for the leadership team and planning for the course



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A warm welcome to

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To know Christ and
make Him known

Today's Ministry – Sunday 13th September 2009

10.00am Prayer Time in the Tape Library

10.30am Morning Service

Theme: The Expectation for Harvest

Reading: Matthew 13:10-17 (p.979)

Preacher: Gary Birch

Leader: Lance Birks

Read/Pray John & Jackie Harris

Children and youth 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: The Power of God's Love,

Reading: 1 John 4:7-21 (p.1227)

Preacher: Lance Birks

Leader: Gary Birch

Read/Pray David & Leslie Browse

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. All nominations must reach David Browse **by noon today**.
3. **TONIGHT!! – Evening Celebration at Taunton Baptist Church** with David Kerrigan, General Director of BMS World Mission at 6.30pm. From 4-6pm there is a meeting for any considering mission service. Details on the handbills on the Welcome Desk.
4. **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. We shall be voting on a recommendation to appoint a new Youth Worker.
5. **NEW MEMBERS' DIRECTORY: last day** for members to 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.
6. **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
7. **CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY** at Heatree House in Devon (23rd-25th October) has places available. Pick up a booking form from the Welcome Desk and get your deposit back to David **soon**. Please see Gary re. financial help for the weekend.
8. **...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.
9. **THE OPEN DOOR** will be dedicating their new premises near to Vivary Park gates, Shuttern, next Sunday (20th) at 2pm. The premises will remain open for viewing until 4pm. Make a note in your diary now if you wish to support them!
10. **OPEN DOORS MINISTRY to the Persecuted Church:** we have just sent a cheque for £200 in response to their appeal to help persecuted Christians in Orissa, India.
11. **WEEKLY NOTICES:** Please let Lance have any notices by Wednesday AM.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING 27th SEPTEMBER 2009

Harvest Love Gift this year will go to the TearFund *Make Life Flow* Campaign which seeks to bring healthy water and essential services to some of the poorest areas of the world.

Gift envelopes will be available from **next Sunday**.

Harvest Sunday Lunch after the morning All-Age Service on the 27th.

Harvest Produce brought on the 27th will go to the Open Door Project in Taunton.

A list of requested foodstuffs will be available next week.



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, Dawn Willcocks.

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

... **and some outside CSMBC:** Len Schofield (ex-Pastor, Halcon BC) who had a heart bypass operation at Bristol Royal Infirmary last Tuesday.

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

RUBY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY (*belated*) Congratulations to **Ray & Rona Catherall** who celebrated 40 years of marriage last Sunday (6th Sept).

BIRTH CONGRATULATIONS to Vicky and Craig Gore on the birth of Harry, a brother to Alfie, on Tuesday at Taunton Maternity Hospital. All are well at home in CSM.

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 UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE in the next few weeks:

First year: Tim Blackmore (Cardiff 1), Tom Blackmore (Bournemouth 1); Helen Burke (UWE 1); Ceri Morgan (Cardiff 1) and Alastair Paul (Birmingham 1). **Others returning:** Matt Blackmore (Warwick 3), Charlotte Burke (UWE 3); Janice Cull (Reading 3); Lauren Fox (Sheffield 5); Tammy Fox (Worcester 3); Gemma Lunt (Trinity Music, Greenwich 3); Jo Lunt (York 2); Lily Paul (Plymouth 4); Naomi Paul (Leeds 4) and Claire Stephenson (Worcester 3). Laurence Paul anticipates going up to Uni in 2010.

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

Mission News for our Prayers

Sukesh and Jenny Pabari (Kawangware, Nairobi, Kenya): Attendances at the church and children's work continues well, and we are asked to pray that all will go smoothly in the final negotiations on a piece of land they hope to lease for three years for a church building in Gatina. They would then need to clear the land, put up temporary structures on it – mainly a church building, classrooms for Sunday schools, a church office – and dig pit latrines, etc! All that's on top of writing study materials for African pastors, visiting orphanages and regular ministry at the church. Their children have re-started school well, but Jenny is struggling with her health a little. Power and water cuts remain the order of the day!

And for other Mission contacts: **Paul & Kathryn Hopkins** (YWAM UK), **John & Sue Wilson** (BMS World Mission, Lyon, France) all with busy schedules as the new Autumn programmes get into gear.