

Church Diary for the Week

Tuesday 22nd

- 3.00pm Tea Break meets in the Centre
- 7.30pm Central Prayer time (until 8.30pm)

Wednesday 23rd

- 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 Small groups meet in various local venues (*check with leaders*)

Thursday 24th

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SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER – HARVEST THANKSGIVING

10.30am Morning All-Age Service

Led by Gary Birch

12.30pm Bring and Share Lunch in the Centre (*see foot of page 2*)

6.30pm Evening Service

'Compassionate Harvest', Matthew 9:35-38 (p.974)

Preacher: Stewart Ashcroft; Read/Pray: Michael & Di Woosley

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 20th September 2009

10.00am Prayer Time in the Tape Library

10.30am Morning Service

Theme: The Excitement of Harvest
Reading: Matthew 13:18-29 (p.979)
Preacher: Lance Birks
Leader: Gary Birch
Read/Pray: Phil & Mo Nowell-Smith

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 Communion Service

Theme: The Testimony of God in Christ
Reading: 1 John 5:1-12 (p.1228)
Preacher: Lance Birks
Leader: Lance Birks
Read/Pray: Shirley John / Leadership Team

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. **THE OPEN DOOR** will be dedicating their new premises near to Vivary Park gates, Shuttern, **today** at 2pm. The premises will remain open for viewing until 4pm. Make a note in your diary now if you wish to support them!
3. **6.30pm TONIGHT!! – Celebration at Taunton Baptist Church** with David Kerrigan, Gen Dir of BMS World Mission. Details on the handbills on the Welcome Desk.
4. **NEW YOUTH WORKER:** at Tuesday's Church Meeting the members (*nem con*) invited Matt Bradley to become our new Youth Worker. We are delighted to know that he has accepted the invitation. Starting date etc. will be available soon.
5. **CREECH MEN GO ON A SPACE ODYSSEY** on Friday 9th October, 7.30pm at the church. Come and enjoy an amazing hi-tech planetarium presentation in the mobile Voyager Dome. With the use of the world's most advanced projector, we'll experience a voyage through the Solar System and beyond, touring some of the planets and moons. Presented by Simon Ould who is a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society. Cost £4pp. Limited numbers so book now with Gary.
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. **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** are now available.

Harvest Sunday Lunch after the morning All-Age Service on the 27th. There is a sign-up sheet on the welcome desk: say what you'll bring.

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

Here is the list of foodstuffs which would be valued to help give good meals to local homeless people: **Tins of:** minced beef, steak, curry, chilli, stew, ravioli, macaroni cheese, new potatoes.

Packets of: instant mash, crumble mix, pastry mix, granulated sugar.

Jars of: instant coffee and **Bottles of:** squash



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 (hoping to leave Dene Barton on Thursday), Gemma Lunt, Dawn Willcocks.

... **and not forgetting:** Richard Allen, 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) now home, well but sore, after a successful heart bypass operation 2 weeks ago.

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

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.

A NOTE FROM AUDREY & ALEC BARBER: they wish to thank everyone for their prayers and practical help over the last few months – for cards, visits and support for Alec at home on his own. (*hopefully not for much longer now*)

FOREIGN TRAVELS: Ian & Rosie Tremain value prayers for safety and God's presence with them on their journey to Beijing and time in China. Back mid-November.

PREACHING AWAY TODAY: **Michael Woosley** is at MP Hospital Chapel (10.30), **Alec Barber** is at Hatch Beauchamp Bapt (10.30) and **Gary Birch** is at Halcon Bapt (6.30).

Mission News for our Prayers

Will & Judith Sawers (Wycliffe BT/SIL, Bangui, Central African Republic): Will & Judith are picking up the reins again in Bangui. Will is adjusting to funding cuts in his projects and Judith is adjusting to home schooling Alexander on his own while Peter and Rachael are settling in well at school in Yaoundé, Cameroon. Pray for speedy and effective repairs to their car which has a mechanical problem and suffered bodywork damage while they were away in the summer. Their trusted mechanic died a few days ago, so please pray for his family and also that a new mechanic will be found.

Halcon Baptist Church, Taunton: pray for them as they discern their future as BU Home Mission funding stops. Len Schofield (ex-pastor) has had a successful by-pass operation (see above). Pray for a speedy recovery in these early (very sore) days.

Pabari family in Nairobi, Kenya: continue to pray that negotiations for a plot of land on which to erect church buildings will be speedily completed. Also pray for stable good health for Jenny