

Church Diary for the Week

Monday 19th October

7.00pm Alpha Course Week 3 in the Centre

Tuesday 20th

3.00pm Tea Break meets in the Centre

7.30pm Church Members' Meeting (Prayer from 7.30-8.00pm)

This meeting will be in the Worship Area

Wednesday 21st

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*)

No Small groups on Church Meeting week

Thursday 22nd

10.15am 'Time Out' for Reflection, 27 Ryesland Way, CSM (*see note on page 2*)

from 7.30pm Small groups may meet locally (*check with leaders*)

7.30pm Young Adult Group meets at The Manor House, Thurloxton

Friday 23rd

Start of **Church Weekend Away** at Heatree House, Devon.

Saturday 24th

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

SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER

10.30am Morning Service for All Ages

This service will be led throughout by Mike Strange

6.30pm **NO** Evening Service

As many of our congregations have been on the Weekend Away and are returning during the afternoon, there will be **no service** at CSMBC

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To know Christ and
make Him known

Today's Ministry – Sunday 18th October 2009

10.00am Prayer Time in the Tape Library

10.30am Morning Service

Theme: God's Love has Boundaries

Reading: Psalm 51 (p.573)

Preacher: Gary Birch

Leader: Graham Lunt

Read/Pray: Marcus & Elaine Paul

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 *COSMIC* 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: Worship and Testimony Emphasis

(Any last-minute contributions – see Lance, please)

Reading: John 15:26-16:16 (p.1083)

Leader: Lance Birks

Read/Pray: John Jenkins / 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. **TESTIMONY TIME THIS SUNDAY EVENING:** if you wish to share a testimony of God's dealings in your life at tonight's Communion, please contact Lance.
3. **CHURCH MEETING:** will members please make every effort to attend the Meeting in the Worship Area at 7.30pm this Tuesday 20th October when there will be elections to the Leadership Team. Agendas and past minutes are available in paper copy on the Welcome Desk for those who do not receive them by email.
4. **THE NEW MEMBERS' DIRECTORY:** copies can be picked up from the Welcome Desk. An insert will be available later with updated details of who to contact regarding the church's leadership and activities. The Directory is for internal use only and you are asked to respect 'ex-directory' phone listings.
5. **WEEKEND AWAY:** will those going to Heatree House on Friday please note that while bedding is provided, you must take your own towels. Also, those who have asked for children's cots must take their own cot bedding.
6. **'18-30 GROUP' FOR YOUNG ADULTS NOW EACH THURSDAY:** having started last week this group will continue to meet each Thursday at 7.30pm at The Manor House, Thurloxton. The anticipated pattern is discussion on the book of James on the 1st & 3rd weeks, a 'debate' on the 2nd week and a social event on the 4th week in the month. For more details contact Ben Cavaghan on 01823 413777.
7. **MEALS REQUEST:** If you are able to cook the occasional meal for new mums or folk who have just come out of hospital, please see Michelle Birch (442213).
8. **URGENT NEED FOR DRIVERS FOR TWO MEETINGS FOR RETIRED PEOPLE:**
Tea Break is looking for help with transport to and from the meeting on alternate Tuesday afternoons. One or two persons use wheel-chairs and able helpers are needed to assist them. Please contact Penny Vincent on 01823 442372.
The **Afternoon Group** is also looking for drivers once a month to Priorswood and occasionally to North Petherton, ca. 2.00-4.30pm. Anyone offering help is welcome to attend the meetings. Contact Mary Stephens on 01823 442534.
9. **WEEKLY NOTICES:** Please let Lance have any notices by Wednesday AM.

Leadership Team Nominations

The following have been nominated to stand for election to the Leadership Team at the Church Meeting this Tuesday (20th Oct). Their profiles are available in paper copy from the Welcome Desk and can be downloaded from the Members' area on the church website. Those on our emailing list have received copies.

• Ian Kelland • Graham Lunt • David Pengilly • Di Woosley •

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 (and Alec), Lu Kirby (home but fighting an infection) Gemma Lunt, Peter Turton, Dawn Willcocks.

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

... **and some outside CSMBC:** Andrew Horner, Len Schofield (ex-Pastor, Halcon BC) in MP Hospital for treatment for fluid round the heart/lung following by-pass surgery.

IN CARE HOMES: Gladys Patrick and Nick Smith.

STUDENTS at UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE:

First year: Tim Blackmore; Tom Blackmore; Helen Burke; Ceri Morgan, Alastair Paul and Natalie Stephenson. **Others returning:** Matt Blackmore, Charlotte Burke; Janice Cull; Lauren Fox; Tammy Fox; Gemma Lunt; Jo Lunt; Lily Paul; Naomi Paul and Claire Stephenson.

AWAY FROM THE UK: We remember **Ian & Rosie Tremain** now in China for a month (until mid-November), and **Hannah Cavaghan** enjoying a 1 yr course at the Hillsongs College in Sydney, Australia.

JOHN WARD: please remember John as he returns to Zimbabwe tomorrow that he will know God's strength and peace amid the uncertainties of what he will face there and that he will be led to good, supportive friends and Christian fellowship.

THE Alpha COURSE: sessions continue.

Please pray for all those involved through the weeks: our guests, the catering team, the leadership team and the Prayer team (see Peggy Darch to join the pray-ers).

Mission News for our Prayers

Will & Judith Sawers, Bangui, Central African Republic with Wycliffe: The family have been together for a week with Peter and Rachael back from Yaoundé for half term. Alexander has found a good friend in Bangui so is not so lonely. Judith flies this week to Brazzaville in the Republic of Congo for 8 days of Wycliffe/SIL team meetings. Will is holding the fort in Bangui and will be home-schooling Alexander – as well as getting ready to lead a 'Luke Partnership' translation training course at the end of October. Pray for safe travelling and for time to get all the necessary preparation and schooling done. Pray also for effective, permanent repairs to their vehicle.

John & Sue Wilson, Lyon, France with Baptist World Mission: John has been involved in inducting a new Baptist minister a little way from Lyon and Sue has taken a youth party skiing in the Alps. Pray for Sue's health (had bronchitis). Jessica is settled in Reading and Robina is doing Arabic Studies in Damascus this year. Tommy and Bonnie are at school in Lyon which started two weeks late because of a teachers' strike. Now there is a transport strike in Lyon – for up to 3 months. Pray for God's power to energise John's ministry in a church with growing influence in a very secular city.