



NEWS

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**DATES FOR YOUR
DIARY**

PILGRIMS

Pilgrims 1 and 2 are now meeting jointly. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 14th February, 2012 at 12.45 pm
Favourite Hymns

All are welcome to attend.
Please let Linda Greening know if you will **not** be attending on 417748.



THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club will meet on Tuesday, 21st February 2012 at 2.30 pm.



T-SET

T-Set will meet on Tuesday, 28th February 2012 at 2.30 pm.

The Rainbow Lounge
at Crawley Baptist Church

is open on
Wednesdays & Thursdays
Between 11am & 1.30 pm
(last serving at 1.15 pm)

Come along for tea, coffee, freshly made cakes and light lunches

Everyone welcome!

ITEMS FOR THE MARCH 2012 NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the next newsletter to Ms Tasneem Soloman at news@CrawleyBaptistChurch.org.uk or items can be placed in the tray in the Church Office on or before **Sunday, 19th February, 2012.**

Any items received after the above date will either be excluded or, where relevant, included in the following edition.

Please limit articles to a maximum of one A5 page i.e. approx 500 words and include your name and telephone number in case of any queries. Contributors are encouraged to send items by email, wherever possible.

NOTICES

CRAWLEY FLORAL ARRANGEMENT GROUP

The group welcomes visitors and new members for the next flower arranging demonstration on Thursday, 9th February 2012.

"Nature's Charm"
with wonderful Spring flowers and lots of useful tips by the demonstrator, Elsie Chaplin.

Venue : Crawley Horticultural Hall,
Ifield Avenue, West Green, Crawley.
Doors open 7.30 pm.
Info from: 01293 402905

BOOKSTALL

How is your Bible study going?

Newer people at CBC may not know the range of daily readings available from the Bookstall, where I supply the following for regular purchase:

"Every Day With Jesus"

"Inspiring Women Every Day"

"Lucas On Life"

"Daily Bread"

"Closer To God"

"Encounter With God"

"New Daylight"

"Day By Day With God"

There are also a number of readings published for younger people.

In early February I will order daily studies which begin in March and will hopefully be on the shelf for you from mid to late Feb. If you would like to join a large group of readers please feel free to ask or drop me a note.

Mary Rochford

MENS MINISTRY : TRADITIONAL SKITTLES & PIZZA NIGHT

Come along and enjoy an evening of skittles followed by a pizza feast at The Bull Inn in Henfield on Wednesday, 28th March 2012.

This popular event now in its 8th year is open to all men of all ages. It is an excellent event to invite non-church family and friends to. It is a matter of debate whether any skill is required, so if you haven't been along before why not give it a go?

Further details will be in the March News.

'IN STEP' WOMENS EVENT

King's Church, Horsham is running a women's event on Saturday, 4th February 2012 at St John's Church, Broadbridge Heath, West Sussex.

There are 2 sessions. You can go to either one or both at a cost of £5 each. The ticket price includes food and drink.

The first session is for married women or those about to be married, starting at 12.15 pm including lunch. The Speaker, Nori Chesney will be speaking on the following :

Spiritual Intimacy – In Step with the Spirit

Emotional Intimacy – In Step with Each Other

Physical Intimacy – In Step with Each Other in Marriage.

The second session is for all women, starting at 5.30 pm including a meal. Nori Chesney will be speaking on 'In Step with Our World'.

Book online at <http://kchshop.org.uk/events/> or speak to Kym Powell on 01403 254241

MONEY (FOR CBC) FOR NOTHING

Do you shop online? If so have you registered with easyfundraising .org with Crawley Baptist Church as your chosen charity? Easyfundraising is a simple way to raise funds for CBC. You shop online with your favourite stores and you raise money at the same time. It's that easy. They work with thousands of well known retailers including, M&S, Argos, Amazon and many more. The retailers want to support good causes and will donate a percentage of your spend to CBC when you shop with them through the easyfundraising site.

We now have 23 registered supporters who between them raised £53.21 for our funds in the last quarter, so why not join them and get money for CBC for nothing.

PRAY FOR YOUR PASTOR

Pray....that....words may be given me... Ephesians 6:19.

Paul wrote to the believers in Ephesus: Pray... that whenever I open my mouth, words be given me.... that I will fearlessly make known... the gospel. 'Do you pray for your pastor? You should!'

After Wilbur Chapman's first sermon at Bethany Presbyterian church in Philadelphia, a man said, 'You're pretty young to be a pastor of this great church. We've always had older men. I'm afraid you won't succeed, but since you preach the gospel I'm going to help you all I can.' Chapman thought, 'What a crank.' But the man continued, 'I'm going to pray for you, and a few others have covenanted to join me.' Later Chapman wrote, 'I didn't feel so bad when I learned that they were going to pray for me.' Soon the three became fifty, and the fifty became two hundred who met before every service to pray for me. In another room eighteen elders knelt so closely around me that I could put out my hand and touch them. I always went into my pulpit confident that I would have God's anointing in answer to the prayers for those people. It was easy to preach, a real joy. And what was the result? Eleven hundred people were saved and joined the church in the next three years, and six hundred of them were men. It was the fruit of the Holy Spirit in answer to prayer. Church members have much more to do than go to church as curious, idle spectators to be amused and entertained. It is their business to pray mightily that the Holy Spirit will clothe the preacher with power and make his words like dynamite.'

Taken from UCB word for today.

Clare.

BREAKTHROUGH COURSE

Are you or a friend going through a divorce or separation? Does it feel that your relationship has gone pear shaped?

If so, a new course is commencing on Monday, 27th February 2012, at 7.30 pm at Crawley Baptist Church starting in the Oasis room for 6 weeks to offer companion-ship, support and a new direction for those in need.

There is a small adminis-tration fee of £10 to assist to cover the costs. Les and Barbara Bennett will be co-ordinating the course which is taken from the material of the Aquila Care Trust. Anyone who wishes to enrol or discuss any matters please contact Les or Barbara Bennett on 01293 524307.

We would also value your prayers for this course and the participants.

HANDBOOK UPDATE

Please notify any changes to Mavis Poole on:
Tel: 01293 514066

'New Homes' cards available from the office or the Welcome Team can be used to greet anyone who has moved in near you.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Demonstrate Christian Love

Love one another as I have loved you.

Please pray for those who are not able to get out as much at this time and encourage them with a note, card or a phone call.

Those unable to get about:

- Doreen Brooker
- Betty Le Feurve
- Barbara Frost
- Doreen Holley
- Mair Keeping
- Win Sampson
- Christa Stevenson
- Joy Tilley
- Barbara Tupper
- Ethel Wilkinson
- Bernard Worrell

Those recovering from surgery or unwell:

That they would know God's love, peace and healing.

- Brendan Cerff
- Geoff Marks
- Brian Wilkinson
- Brian Carmen

Please pray for:

Daniel and Anna-Marie's little girls Evelyn and Miah.

Sadie and Stuart's little boy Nathan, now at home. Praise God.

Those who mourn:

Alan Whitaker on the death of his father.

The family of Phyllis Weeks on her death. The funeral is on 3rd February 2.30pm at the Crematorium.

Ethel Wilkinson on the death of her daughter-in-law.

Declare God's Praise

We will be seeing significant changes in the lives of people.



Please remember in your prayers:

- Frances Banks-Broome, part of Oasis counselling team (pregnancy & abortion)
- Les & Barbara Bennett for their work in serving those in broken relationships through Breakthrough.



THANK YOU

Dear CBC,

My family and I would like to say a big thank you for all the prayers, flowers and support whilst I deal with the loss of my mum.

I've still a long way to go, but at least my mum can rest in peace now. Thank you to Girl Fridays and Ian Phillips. It's not until something like this happens, do you realise how loved and special you are. I think we all need to take time to remind someone just how special they are, don't leave it till there is a crisis or death, then it's just too late.

May God continue to richly bless CBC.

Liz Newman.

REFLECTION

Happy New Year to you all. President Barack Obama gives a 'state of the nation' address once a year so I thought I would take a leaf out of his speech and give you my 'run down' of 2011. Are we ready?

What a year it has been for Crawley Baptist church with so many functions and events. The young peoples time away, getting to know each other – from that under the auspices of Sue Lindridge and her fantastic helpers we had the most amazing Baptism Service young people gave their lives to God. How wonderful was that – Meghann Phillips, Emily Durrant, Shane, Lauren Thomas, Aiden Banks Broome, James Hamilton, Jessica Voak - how proud your parents must have been, congratulations to you all.

We have also had some lovely outings, Pilgrims went off for a week, Golden Oldies another week. A lovely day was enjoyed when Sandra and Ian organised a trip and a beautiful meal at Barnsgate Manor. It was a bit overcast when we set off through Ashdown Forest. We went in a sort of convoy, Ian was the last away with his guests but managed to deviate somewhere and ended up getting there first. We had various stops waiting for others to catch up, Alexandra, my daughter, was with us – she so enjoyed it when we stopped in the forest, a hundred or so sheep were wandering loose around the cars (not something you see in Crawley) Ian and his group were enjoying their coffee when we arrived looking a little smug. A good couple of hours were had by us all and a super lunch followed by a visit to the little gift shop where I bought yet another canvas bag in a lovely pink. (I can't resist them must have at least 8!) Then home we went reaching Turners Hill in the rain but by the time we reached CBC we were dry.

The outstanding event for me was the ladies weekend at Pilgrim Hall, organised by Sandra with her wonderful helpers Anne, Carol, Frances, Linda and Valerie. I had a wonderful experience that is still with me. I also became a member of PUSH – Jean Herring's small group, what a delightful friendly group of ladies and gentlemen - they made me feel so welcome from the first day, how I appreciate them - I was feeling a bit lost, so thank you so much for your warmth and fellowship. Sandra and her loyal team then organised a special meeting and lunch for the ladies of the church, we listened to stories from each other, we had

open and silent prayer time, we were given the opportunity to write a play or a poem, that's always a challenge' you will find my "effort" I hope in the next copy of Spotlight. It was a beautiful time, thank you Sandra you are such a gift to us all at CBC.

And now at the end of the year we have the Carol's by Candlelight, to those who came, wasn't it just beautiful? Our choir seems to have got bigger and bigger and how they can sing! It is so joyful and they give up so much of their time to rehearse to put on two performances, they are truly wonderful, so thank you to Marian for all the time you give so that we can have the concert which is a highlight of our Christmas.

Ian, just to say that this year your Christmas message was so right, its not all the glitter balls on the tree and the presents underneath, yes that is lovely and some of my decorations are precious and quite old, my tree is actually 36 years old and the angel on top is very precious to my family she sort of represents the daughter we lost, her dress is a bit creased, her white cotton wool hair is a little grey, her wand is as old as the tree but we wouldn't change her.

As a family we think about the precious baby born on that cold winter day, to be the saviour of the world. What a journey Mary had, just stop and think for a moment, a mother near the final day of pregnancy sitting on a donkey, nowhere to rest her back, no fresh bottled water to drink, little food and no rest until they reached Bethlehem. There is no room for them they are turned away from even the cheapest Inn, we cannot really imagine it can we? Then after the birth the adoration of the shepherds, the visit from the three wise men – and it didn't end there, they had to continue their journey by fleeing to Egypt from King Herod. Still today we celebrate that precious tiny baby who survived to become our saviour. Ian your talk brought us all to thinking of the real meaning of Christmas so thank you.

To end my story our Christmas day was wonderful, a beautiful service, Ian once again had a lovely message for us, then we all went our different ways, some to go home, others like myself and Alexandra and Caroline my two girls stayed for a beautifully cooked Christmas dinner. Thank you so much to all you lovely people who, shopped, cooked and served a first class meal, you all gave up your Christmas day and the day before to do that, we owe you a special thanks you really are a fantastic team.

I want to say a special thank you to some of the youngsters who helped at tables, Georgie, Marcus, John, Mehann and Zac, I know there were adults as well but these few were kind and helpful, gentle and polite. They emptied plates, fetched extra drinks and chatted to us. We must remember that it

was their Christmas day as well that they gave up for us. Thank you to you all.

God Bless you all
Have a wonderful New Year

Best wishes and many blessings from Monica and my two precious daughters Caroline and Alexandra.

THE BLESSING LIST

(The following items are being donated. If you are interested in them, please contact the owners directly.)

Item Description

Contact Details

*1 Black and 1 colour cartridge (both new) for an HP Officejet printer which takes 901 cartridges	Joe Martin Tel : 07886226153
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Various books residing on Clare's desk on reception.	Mick Poil Please speak to Clare.
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Item details can be sent by email to: news@CrawleyBaptistChurch.org.uk or placed in the tray in the church office. Please let us know when items from the blessing list have been exchanged successfully – we can then delete them from the list.

Thank you.

PREACHING PROGRAMME FOR FEBRUARY 2012

Morning Service (9.15 and 11.15 am)

- 5th In the Mess
Why Go On? Job Chs 3-7
(Children start in church and then go to their classes)
- 12th All Age Worship
Joining together as the family
***Service at 10.30 am**
(Children stay with their parents for the entire service)
- 19th In the Mess
Don't Be Fooled ! Job Chs 8-12
**Communion*
(Children start in church and then go to their classes)
- 26th In the Mess
Having Your Say ! Job Chs 13-14
(Children start in church and then go to their classes)

Evening Service (6:30 pm)

- 5th Joint Service at 7 pm
- 12th Prayer and Praise
For God so Loved ...
- 19th Prayer and Praise
For God so Loved...
- 26th Service with Greenfields
**Communion*