



# ***NEWS***

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## **CRAWLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**

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## **PILGRIMS**

Pilgrims 1 and 2 are now meeting jointly. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2011 at 12.45 pm.**

Speaker : Rev Ian Phillips

All are welcome to attend.

Please call Jean Wright on 529112 or Mavis Poole on 514066 or Clare Sage at Reception to book your place.



## **THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

The Friendship Club will meet on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2011 at 2.30 pm.



## **T-SET**

T-Set will meet on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2011 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)

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

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Everyone welcome!

## **ITEMS FOR THE MAY 2011 CHURCH NEWS**

Please forward items for the next newsletter to Tasneem Soloman at [news@CrawleyBaptistChurch.org.uk](mailto:news@CrawleyBaptistChurch.org.uk) or items can be placed in the tray in the Church Office on or before **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2011.**

*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**

#### **ROOM USE**

Could I remind Church groups and team leaders that if they wish to use the church premises for a meeting, they must first ensure that a room is available by booking with either myself or Clare Sage.

Last month we had a situation on a Monday evening where a team who had not booked were forced to use the Reception area for their meeting as all other rooms were in use. We do not wish to disappoint anyone so please give us a ring and check first!

Ian Warner

#### **FIRE SAFETY**

I am still looking for volunteers to become Duty Fire Officers and go onto a rota to ensure that the building is evacuated safely in the event of the fire alarm sounding.

During the week, staff members will perform this function but I am asking church members to come forward and cover Sundays and so far only two of

you have volunteered. You will not be asked to tackle a fire! This role is simply to ensure that people leave the building in an orderly manner and then to prevent them returning until it is safe to do so. Providing we have sufficient volunteers you will not be on duty every week, and it doesn't matter if you are already serving in another capacity on a Sunday, as when the fire alarm sounds, all other activities will of course stop.

Full training will be given so please consider getting involved in this very important area of service, you could help save a life!

Ian Warner

## **MEN'S MINISTRY**

### ***WHO LET THE DAD'S OUT?***

*Joint Men's Event with parents and toddlers on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April from 10 am to 11.30 am.*

This is a chance for the men of the church to meet and chat with the dad's of pre-school children who normally attend one of the Parent & Toddler mornings each week. This gives the dads an insight into what their children get up to each week at P&T. Therefore, we would like as many men as possible to come along, even if you don't have children or they are outside of the P&T age range. We will be serving bacon butties and other refreshments.

### ***THE GATHERING***

*The men's camp for you, your church and your mates... at Lynt Farm near Swindon from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> June 2011.*

We are hoping that a group of men will attend this national Christian Vision for Men (CVM) camping event.

The plans include:

- a massive bonfire night
- 50 aside football carnage
- climbing wall and other challenges

- engaging and fun talks on life, the universe and everything
- plenty of downtime to catch up with your mates
- the opportunity to discuss what this Christianity thing is all about over a pint
- lots of food
- bands
- comedians
- sumo wrestling challenge
- a huge mess tent/bar area

Speakers include:

- Rev Carl Beech – CVM Director General
- Rev Andy Drake – CVM National Ministry Director
- Worship will be led by Graham Kendrick and his band

Cost: £75 per person

Age: 18+

Accommodation: Bring your own tent, sleeping bag, etc.

Food: Bring your own. However, food vans, etc. will be on site all weekend to enable hot and cold food to be purchased. Free tea and coffee will be available all weekend in the mess tent.

Further details can be obtained from Graham Poole or <http://www.cvmen.org.uk/the-gathering.html>

### ***MEN'S BREAKFAST***

*Joint Men's Event with other Crawley churches on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2011 from 8 am to 9.30 am.*

This is a chance for the men of Crawley Baptist Church to meet, chat, worship and pray with men from other Crawley churches. We will be serving

bacon butties and other refreshments. Further details will be in next month's news.

A copy of the 2011 programme is available in the stands in the foyers.

## **LOOKOUT FOR THE NEXT NETWORK COURSE**

The next *Network* course will be run by Nikki Larkham and Joe Lansdell on Tuesdays 26th April and 3rd, 10th and 17th May from 7.30 pm to 9.45 pm here at CBC. If you are new to the church or if you have yet to experience the benefits of *Network*, you may not be aware of what it's all about, so *what is Network?*

The *Network* course is a six-session programme spread over four evenings that explores the things that are important to us as individuals, looks at what our particular gifts may be and considers the way God has wired us to best serve Him and those around us. It also looks at the very practical issues of how busy (or not!) we may be at present, our availability, our maturity within the Christian faith and our personal preferences. The course is completed with a personal discussion with members of the leadership team here at CBC to explore further the best way forward in order to serve the LORD. In a nutshell, *Network* enables the right people to be in the right place at the right time, serving God and the community aright.

Are you interested in attending the next *Network* course or just inquisitive? For further details about the course, please speak with either Nikki or Joe who will be pleased to help! And if you have expressed an interest in *Network* in the past and have yet to attend the course, please do remind us!

## **TOMATO PLANTS FOR SALE**

I hope to have some tomato plants for sale this year (all profit to the Church Redevelopment). There are three varieties— cherry (for greenhouse or sunny patio) and beefsteak (greenhouse preferred but will tolerate a sunny, sheltered position outdoors) at 75p each and salad at 50p each. They should be available around the middle of May or thereabouts (provided we

don't have any more frost or snow!) either for hardening off prior to outdoor planting or for growing in a greenhouse. Please place your orders with me, Joe Lansdell, as soon as possible to avoid disappointment!

## **CRAWLEY FLORAL ARRANGEMENT GROUP**

If any of your congregation are involved in arranging the Church flowers they may be interested in our forthcoming demonstration on Thursday, 14th April 2011.

Jean Plaskett will be giving a floral demonstration at Crawley Floral Arrangement Club. Jean has appeared on television and exhibited at Chelsea Flower Show.

There will be lots of fun and wonderful flowers.

Visitors always welcome.

Do not miss this special evening at the Crawley Horticultural Hall, Ifield Ave, West Green.

Doors open at 7.30 pm.

Phone : 01293402905

01293 402905

for information

**HANDBOOK UPDATE**

### **Gone to Glory:**

Mrs Eileen Wilson

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 recently.

## 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 Feuvre
- Barbara Frost
- Doreen Holley
- June Moffatt
- Mavis Poole
- Win Sampson
- Christa Stevenson
- Alexandra Thornton
- Monica Thornton
- Phyllis Weeks
- Ethel Wilkinson
- Bernard Worrell

### **Those recovering from surgery or unwell:**

- Anne Bevan
- Betty LeFeurve

## **Those who mourn :**

Linda and David Molden - on the death of Linda's mum.

Friends and Family of Eileen Wilson.

Please pray for Jim and Sheila Tyson at this time. Jim has now moved in to Deerswood Lodge Care Home – full time. Pray for them both as they adjust to change, may he know God's love and peace in a very special way.

Please hold in your prayers Sandra and Ian Warner, as Sandra's Mum is very ill in hospital.

Please pray for Steve and Lyn Farley's son Stephen, as he flies to Afghanistan with his regiment on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> May until the end of August.

## **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**



Roland and Anne Bevan thank everyone at CBC for all their loving support and prayers since Anne's accident.  
Every blessing to you all.

**Thank you**



Ladies Weekend away  
Pilgrims Hall  
"Living Well"

I am not going to introduce myself, you know me anyway – I am the lady who writes an article often after a particularly lovely event at church – now you remember, so hello. "I welcome you, I honour you, I ask God's blessing upon you." That was the lovely welcome we got when we arrived at Pilgrims Hall for the ladies weekend away. So let me explain what this is all about.

Our dearest friend, Sandra had a dream for many years to have a special weekend for us ladies and she gave it a name, "Living Well" we could sign up for this and give her an idea of how many would be going. My daughter and I sent in our names as did many more and shall we say 'So began a spiritual weekend of such wonderment that a week later I am still "high." ' Sandra and her team; Frances Banks-Broome, Anne Bevan, Valerie Fentiman and Carol Chamberlain were our carers, companions and friends for the weekend, and believe me nothing was too much for them, from helping carry bags and giving a hand to get tea and coffee – oh so many things. Thank you from the bottom of my heart ladies.

We settled in and then went into dinner, beautifully cooked and served in a lovely warm dining room, six to a table we were soon introducing ourselves and chattering away. Then off to the conference room where we were greeted again by Sandra who then went on to tell us what we would be doing for the rest of the evening and the weekend, it was all very informal with 2 rows of chairs in a sort of half circle. The theme for the weekend was the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm and the four team

ladies were each going to bring a piece of it to life, and so started the most amazing weekend.

Anne Bevan introduced herself and took us through the Psalm - you probably won't know this and I am sure she won't mind me telling you, but as a young woman she was a "shepherdess" on her father's farm – she showed us a picture of herself (via the medium of TV) feeding a sheep with a bottle of milk, she even told us that there was a call noise that you made and the sheep came because they knew that call was their shepherd. Do we listen for the call of our 'Shepherd' and do we heed what he says to us?? Anne's translation of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm was so lovely, we had been given sheets of notes beforehand to help us follow – thank you Anne it was wonderful.

Then there followed our friend Frances, with another version of the Psalm, (you must forgive me if I don't have this in the right order.) We had the Psalm in various versions, one of them from The Message, it is so simple to read – "God my Shepherd I don't need a thing, you have bedded me down in lush meadows, you find me quiet pools to drink from." Once again thank you Frances for your lovely interpretation and the time you gave us. From Valerie Fentiman we went through another version, it was very interesting in as much as we listened to the story of how "real sheep" suffer and are cared for, intermingled with how our "shepherd" cares for us. I became more and more "spiritually" awakened, if that is the correct way to put it. Let me tell you something; I suffer from acute spinal arthritis, I was nervous about the weekend as I know I can't sit on a straight or hard backed chair, and although Sandra had said, we were free to stay as long as we wanted, or just move about, I didn't want to disturb the others. Well at the meetings "I sat" I never moved, but Brothers and Sisters, for all the time I was at the weekend my backache went, hand on heart, I was free of pain and I was comfortable, it was wonderful! So thank you Valerie, you gave me such a wonderful insight into Psalm 23. Lastly we had our Carol Chamberlain on Sunday morning, she made the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm come alive, I could see the Psalm unfolding in front of me, it was also a beautiful sunny morning and to look out of the window in my minds eye I could see it all happening. Thank you dear Carol.

This was followed by some testimonies, and the ladies airing their views. Then Sandra told us what was going to happen next, we could – if we wanted to – have our foreheads anointed with oil, the team did the anointing saying a short prayer, this turned out to be very emotional for us all. We then took Holy Communion, what a wonderful end to a beautiful spiritual weekend. Thank you Sandra for your dream that came true, I am going to call you "God's messenger" because you surely are.

Now I have to backtrack and add a P.S. – on Saturday morning we were handed a piece of paper with these words on it. “You will see the word Shepherd down the side, perhaps you would like to consider writing your own Psalm using the letters to start you off.” Well I looked at the letters and thought, that’s not for me, I can’t write Psalms or verses full stop. Then.... I picked up my pen and looked at the letters waiting for some inspiration. WELL! I put pen to paper and all of a sudden my pen “at speed” was writing my version of a Psalm, my daughter who was sitting next to me said “Where did that come from, I though you were never going to stop!” I looked at what I had written, I was shaken, the lady on the other side of me asked if she could read it, Sandra came over and asked if I would read it to the group, perhaps you would like to read it too, here goes.

Shepherd of my heart

Hear my tired prayer

Ease my burden by showing me your love

Place your loving arms around me

Hear the fear that flows through me so often

Ease my way to your heart, so that I may know your peace

Remind me when I forget you and try to go it alone

Dear Father in heaven, be with me always so that I may know your everlasting peace.

Amen

I know that I was spiritually uplifted on one of the most beautiful and peaceful weekends I have ever been on and I was uplifted for many days after. If you would like to know more about the things we did please come and ask me, there is more to tell. I would just like to say “God Bless you Sandra” for the words you gave us from God that weekend. They will always stay with me, through this weekend you have given me hope and strength for the work that God has given me to do.

God Bless you all

Monica.

## **THE BLESSING LIST**

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

### ***Item Description***

### ***Contact Details***

*Brita Water Filter Jug (new shape Cartridge) as new, without a box	Barbara Tupper Tel : 01293 571833
*Old style Brita Water Filter Cartridges – 1 Box	
*4 foot Rabbit/Guinea pig hutch and separate run	Valerie Hill Tel : 01293 515154

Item details can be sent by email to: [news@CrawleyBaptistChurch.org.uk](mailto: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 APRIL 2011

### ***Morning Service (9.15 am and 11.15 am)***

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Love Actually  
*Spur One Another On! Heb. 10 v 24-25*  
*\*Mother's Day*  
(Children start in church and then go to their classes)
- 10<sup>th</sup> All Age Worship  
*Joining together as the family*  
*\*Service at 10.30 am*  
(Children stay with their parents for the entire service)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Love Actually  
*Pampering Over the Cracks! Luke 19 v 28*  
*\*Communion \*Palm Sunday*  
(Children start in church and then go to their classes)
- 24<sup>th</sup> Love Actually  
*Love Actually! Mark 16 v 1-8*  
(Children start in church and then go to their classes)

### ***Evening Service (6:30 pm)***

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint Service at 7 pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Prayer and Praise  
*Hear the Spirit*
- 17<sup>th</sup> Prayer and Praise  
*Hear the Spirit*
- 24<sup>th</sup> Service with Greenfields  
*\*Communion*