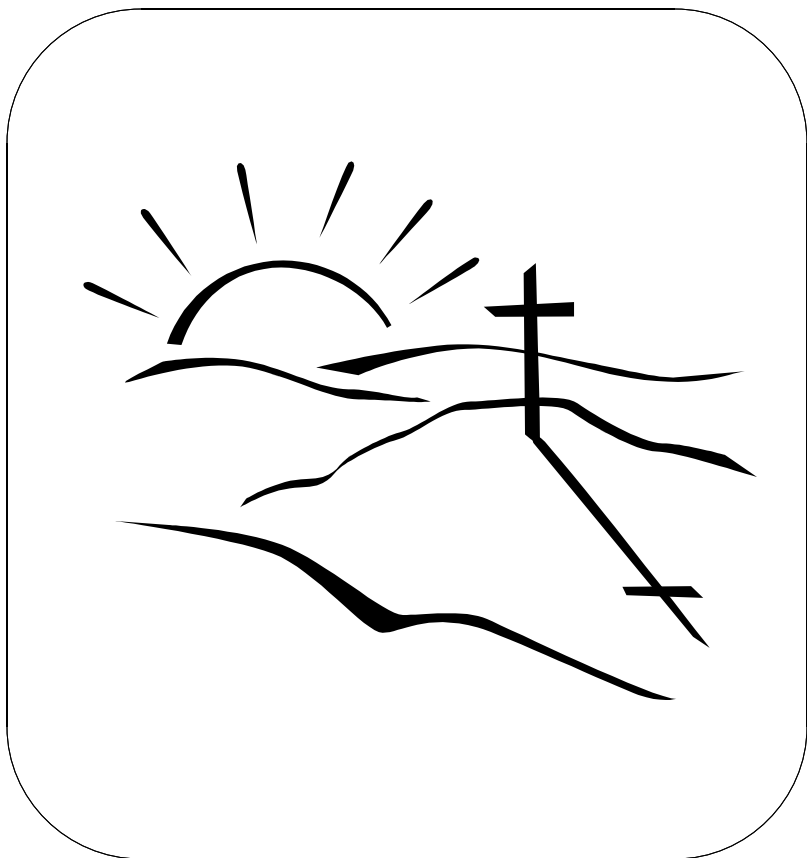


# The Outlook

April 2006



**Magazine of Hope Baptist Church**

*Our mission is to be Christ's body in the community, demonstrating the Kingdom of God and calling others to become his disciples.*

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## Open House

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This month there will be no Open House as it would fall on Easter Monday. So we wish all our regulars a very Happy Easter and hope to see you at 'Open House' in May.

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## Congratulations

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Congratulations to Pat and Charlie Sinclair who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on April 2nd. They will be having a family celebration and are looking forward to meeting their newly adopted grandchild for the first time.

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## River Dart Camping Weekend

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The River Dart Camping Weekend is booked for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> June. Booking forms are available at the back of the church. Completed forms with bank-card payments or cheques for the full amount need to be returned to Katherine Gardiner, Bronia Troughton or Lynda Henagulph.



We only have 22 pitches so they will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

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### *New Church Directory*

New church directories are now available  
from the back of the church.

**Suggested donation, 50p.**

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## Prayer Focus

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### Church

- Pray for our services over the Easter weekend that through them we might grow in understanding and faith.
- Pray too for the special arrangements that are being made to allow the church family to come together at Pentecost.



### People

- Pray for all in the fellowship who for whatever reason are unable to attend services of worship.
- Remember those who are caring for others and pray that they might be given strength and encouragement.
- As efforts continue to sustain the refuge for failed asylum seekers at holy Cross Roman Catholic Church, pray for those who are giving their time to resource this project.
- Pray especially for Norman Kember and his fellow hostages in Iraq that they may be released safe and well from their captors.
- And pray for all those innocent people who are caught up in the conflict in the Middle East that they may be given hope of an improving situation.

### Mission

- Pray for Hope' s Easter outreach that it might raise the profile of the church in Peverell and encourage in people a wish to know about God' s love and its relevance in their lives in today' s world.

***Be persistent in prayer and keep alert as you pray giving  
thanks to God      Colossians 4:2***

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## Wanted!

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At the back of the church there is a green plastic box...  
what is it for?

Devon and Cornwall Refugee Council needs our support.  
This box is for any donations of the following:-

Rice	Soap	Duvet covers
Sugar	Shaving items	Pillow cases
Pasta	Toothpaste	Towels
Tea	Flannels	
Coffee		
Cooking oil		
Tinned fish		
Tinned meat		

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**Also** the soup run which we are responsible for every Monday evening is always grateful to receive donations of cakes, tinned meat, cheese, etc – please give these to Marian Brown.

“Give to the hungry sweet charity’ s bread,  
for giving is living”, the angel said.

“Must I be giving and giving again?”

The weary wondering question came.

“No”, said the angel, piercing me  
through,

“Just stop when the Lord stops giving  
to you.”

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## Fellowship Fund

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Do you know what the Fellowship Fund is?

This is a fund for our ministers to be able to give (anonymous to the rest of the church) help or support wherever they see a need – perhaps for an individual or family going through a crisis. It is totally at the minister's discretion as they see fit.

If you would like to contribute to the fund simply use the Fellowship Fund envelopes, which are available at the back of the church, and put the money into the normal collection on a Sunday.

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## Across the Threshold

*Starting to share your faith in a way that doesn't lose your friends!*

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Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April,  
9.30am – 1pm



This free workshop by Paul Snell will include a presentation on how to tell your story and share your faith in a way that will make sense to the average person, and not make you cringe. It will offer very practical advice in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

This is a follow-on from the workshop that Paul did last year; different content so if you came last year, then come again – if you didn't come then, then come this time!

Refreshments are included

No need to book; just turn up.

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## Good Time Jazz Concert

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The Friends of Emmanuel Church & Jeannie Moore MVO have arranged a concert of GOOD TIME JAZZ for 7.30pm at Emmanuel on Friday 28th April. The group will bring smooth saxophone, groovy guitar, bouncing bass and driving drums to their evening of happiness, rhythm and passion. The programme will include blues, jazz standards and original compositions.

Tickets at £8.50 or £7.00 in advance  
For more info telephone Jeannie Moore on 770345  
or Ron Wheeler on 227003

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## Hope in Action

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During the week leading up to Easter we will be having our first Hope in Action week; an outreach event to some of our local streets. The idea is to show God's love in real practical terms to our community.

The plan is to offer help with decorating and/or gardening to people in the immediate vicinity of the church. Leaflets have already been distributed to invite people to take us up on the offer and teams are in place to do the work, as well as feed those who are doing it.



Please pray that this event will really reach the parts it needs to and that it will help the community to see what God's love really means in today's world.

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## Calling all Christian Singles

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*Do you find it difficult to meet like-minded people?*

*We are in the process of setting up a group where male/female Christians can enjoy social occasions together.*

*Interested? Call Julie on 216858 or Chris on 401145*

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## All Nations Ministries 4-Day International Youth Camp

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All Nations Ministries invites young people to join International Youth Conference and Cultural Extravaganza, which is taking place from 13 – 16<sup>th</sup> April. About 200 young people from Plymouth, Belgium, France, Sweden and Denmark will be involved. This extravaganza will include many cultural activities such as music, dance, African drumming and drama.

Young people will be taking part in street outreach in Plymouth City Centre and there will also be lots of activities for them such as football, volleyball, water polo, games, swimming and a coach trip to Burrator Reservoir or Jennycliff. An exhibition of African arts and crafts will be taking place in the Main Library from 10<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April, which we will be visiting. There will also be morning seminars with discussion groups and evening youth services.

On 13<sup>th</sup> April from 6-10pm we are inviting everyone who wants to attend, to the opening evening of the event in the Main Hall of Plymouth University, which will be opened by the Lord Mayor himself. There will be African singing, dancing, drumming, drama and story-telling and contributions from local youth groups and bands.

**Now – a plea for help!!!** We have arranged accommodation for the young people at Plymouth High School for girls and meals will be provided free of charge, but we need about **200 mattresses or sleeping bags** for the young people to use during their stay. Any assistance would be much appreciated. Please contact Osée Ntavuka on 299832.

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## Striving for Excellence

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Striving for Excellence is a joint venture of Christian Resources Project and South West Baptist Association. Both seek to equip church youth and children's leaders to reach and serve young people.

Part 2 of the course will be run here at Hope on Saturday 8th April from 9.30am to 3.15pm.

If you are interested in attending then please fill in a booking form, which is available from the back of the church.

NB Hope leaders go FREE of charge

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## Care for the elderly

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A group met recently to discuss what might be done to help elderly folk in our congregation and the wider community. One suggestion was that we should compile a list of people willing to give their time to help with certain tasks around the house and in the garden, everything from gardening to ironing.

If you would like to offer your services then please contact either John Pinch on 317611 or Mike Holland on 771911.

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## Plymouth Focus Advice Centre

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A meeting is being held at 7.30 on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April at Mutley Baptist, which will include a presentation on the work of the Advice Centre. It will illustrate the range of work undertaken and clients helped.

If you are interested in going please contact Richard Simpson ASAP on 780214 or richsimpson@blueyonder.co.uk

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## Plastic Milk Bottle Tops

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Doreen Stirling is collecting the red, green and blue plastic lids from milk bottles. The lids will be recycled to make Wellington boots and bin liners and the proceeds will go to Naomi's Hospice in the village of Scott Southney just north of Winchester.

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## Just Life Group

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The 'Just Life' group got off to a good start last month with a high turnout for our first meeting. The group aims to tackle issues of social justice, both globally and on a domestic level. We hope to raise awareness within the local community, lobby local politicians and provide a forum for education and for sharing ideas on a variety of issues, alongside prayer.

Fairtrade fortnight launched the group into action with a tasting-stand outside the Peverell Co-op. You may have seen us tempting passers by with Fairtrade chocolate and bananas. The event was a success, generating lots of interest from shoppers and passing traffic. Thanks to all those who gave their time to help man the stall, especially the youngsters!

An article in this Saturday's Independent newspaper served as a reminder that making lifestyle changes, such as buying Fairtrade, are valuable, but not enough in themselves to bring about the kind of changes needed to tackle the big issues of poverty and climate change facing the world today.

*'Fairtrade cotton T-shirts at Topshop are a good thing' says Deborah Orr in her article (Pg.14, 'How many politicians does it take to change an ethical lifestyle?'), 'But not if the buying and wearing of them becomes a private comfort to citizens retreating from the fearful complexities of the global picture.'*

Individually, we can make small gestures, as a group we can make big signals to those in positions to make the necessary decisions. Don't feel powerless alone. Come along and have a voice.

**The next 'Just Life' meeting is at 8pm on the 18<sup>th</sup> May at 45 Langstone Road, Beacon Park.**

Barbara Smith

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## April Diary

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Sat	1	9.30-1	Across the Threshold, <i>‘sharing faith without losing friends’</i>
Sun	2	10.00 10.30 7.00	Prayer in the Lower Guildroom** ‘Every day with Jesus: Gifts’ John 13:1-17 Newcomers’ lunch at the Gardiner’s Youth Service
Mon	3	7.30-8.30	Prayer meeting in the Guildroom
Tues	4	10.00 1.00 1.30	Mums and Baby Group** Parent & Toddler Group * Prayer Group, * venues vary, please contact Margaret Tripp on 768957 for venues
Wed	5	10.00 & 1.00	Parent & Toddler Group *
Thurs	6	10.00 6.30-8.00	Coffee Morning** H-Y-Powered *
Fri	7	7.00-8.30 8.15-10.00	The Hype, youth group, years 7 to 9* Re:Act, youth group, years 10 to 12*
Sat	8	9.30-3.15	Striving for Excellence
Sun	9	10.30	‘Every day with Jesus: Giving’ Matthew
		6:19-3	
		10-13	Hope in Action
Thurs	13	7.30	Maundy Thursday service at Pennycross Methodist
		13-16	All Nations International Youth Conference and Cultural Extravaganza
Fri	14		Good Friday Family Service at St Pancras
Sun	16	7.00am	Sonrise Service on the moors

		10.30	Easter Family Service
Mon	17	2.15	No Open House this month
Tues	18	7.30	No church meeting this month
Sat	22	9.15-1.15	Safe To Grow Course
Sun	23	10.30	'Every day with Jesus: We Know Him Well' 1Cor:13:1-13
Mon	24	7.30-8.30	Prayer meeting in the Guild Room
Fri	28	7.30	Good Time Jazz concert at Emmanuel Church
Sun	30	10.30	Surprise!

\*These meetings are held weekly **during term time only**

\*\*These meetings meet weekly **all through the year**

Fellowship groups now meet on various nights and in different weeks so check with group leaders when yours is meeting.

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## Advance notices

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### May

1 Car Treasure Hunt, details to follow

### June

2-4 Camping weekend at River Dart

24 Teignmouth, family day out

### BMS Birthdays for April

23rd Mrs Beryl Brown



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**We would like to thank everyone who is contributing on Sunday mornings this month**

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**April**

**Coffee**

**Transport**

2	Pat Dodd & Nicky Hatherell	Mike Lummis
9	John & Carole Eascott	David Brown
16	Sheila Boddington & Tim Hart	Peter Brown
23	Claire Worrall & Christina Carter	
30	Kelly Hopwood & Julie Harrall	Mike Munson

**Crèche**

2	Sheena Kingdom, Merrilyn Duook & Karen Beard
9	Linda Snell, Christina Carter, & Kelly Hopwood
16	Family service – no crèche
23	Jenny George, Julie Harrall & Sarah Quale
30	Jackie May, Leontine Amissale & Claire Knight

**Flowers**

**Powerpoint**

2	Mrs Margaret Tripp <i>In loving birthday remembrance of her husband Mr Fred Tripp.</i>	Chris Reed
9	Kim & Richard Brown <i>In loving memory of Kim's mother</i>	Cherry Robinson
16	Flower Fund	Tim S & Dom D
23	Flower Fund	Sheila Boddington
30	Flower Fund	John Eascott

**Communion**

	<u>Set-up</u>	<u>Wash-up</u>
16	Peter & Beryl Brown	Jenny Weeks

**Collection Count**

2	Marian Brown & Nicky Hatherell
9	Marian Brown & Ron Dalton
16	Marian Brown & Jonathan Ward
23	Marian Brown & Mark Henagulph
30	Marian Brown & Wilf Smale

**Stewards**

2	Peter Brown, Sheena Kingdom, Gill Knight, Trevor Fray, Robert Canning
9	Ron Dalton, Tim Hart, Beryl Chun, Marian Brown, Holly B.P

16 Beryl Brown, Margaret Underdown, Margaret Tripp, Pam Smith, David Simpson

23 Wilf Smale, Pat Dodd, Graham Dodd, Estelle Robertson, Jemma Aldersley

30 Nicky Hatherell, Andrew Jones, Sheena Kingdom, Pat Taylor, Dom Dalton

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## Sabbath Rest

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We are all aware of the potential problems of too many meetings, committees and events; there are many within our fellowship who have a perpetual calendar of demands on their time from the church alone, not even taking into account work and family commitments. But what would we do instead? Go shopping? Have a game of tennis? Go for a drink?

These leisure pursuits are all well and important, but what about true rest?

The temptation is to fill our time with something rather than be still. Gordon MacDonald in his book ‘Ordering your Private World’ which we studied recently draws a distinction between ‘leisure’ and ‘Sabbath rest’.

“What is strange about our general fatigue as a people is the fact that we are a leisure-orientated society..we probably have more time for leisure than we have ever had before. The five day work-week, is after all, a relatively new innovation in history”

Sabbath should be about the following:

Rest should be a time to look back on and interpret our work (past)

True rest happens when we pause regularly to sort out the truths and commitments by which we are living (present)

When we rest in the Biblical sense we affirm our intentions to pursue a Christ-centred tomorrow (future)

Sabbath is not in a sense time off, but perhaps the most important time for the Christian in the midst of a busy life. We need to value it and carve out a regular time for it, that our strength may be renewed and that we would soar on wings like eagles.



"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembly of ourselves together"

HEB 10:24

## Serving Jesus From Morval

19 - 26 August 2006

# "GRACE: Who needs it?"

Speakers: Rupert Bentley-Taylor & John Gillespie



Camp, stay locally  
or visit for the day

Free on site activities  
(donations requested)

Adult, Youth and  
Children's Ministries  
(under 18s must pre-register)

### Our Vision

The Bible Week is "Home Missions" at its best. It is our aim to be able to serve and bless hundreds of friends from far and wide, that God may so touch their lives with Bible truth and His spirit, that they will return to their homes built up, inspired, encouraged and ready to make Jesus Christ famous in their home town. This is the vision of the Bible Week!

This is our chance to give, serve and bless the wider church in this country.

John Gillespie, Senior Pastor, Grace Community Church

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Grace Family Bible Week

# Pentecost PICNIC Spectacular

## Sunday 4 June 2006

College of St Mark & St John, Derriford, Plymouth

### calling



Drama group



Dance groups



Puppet teams



Artists



Entertainers

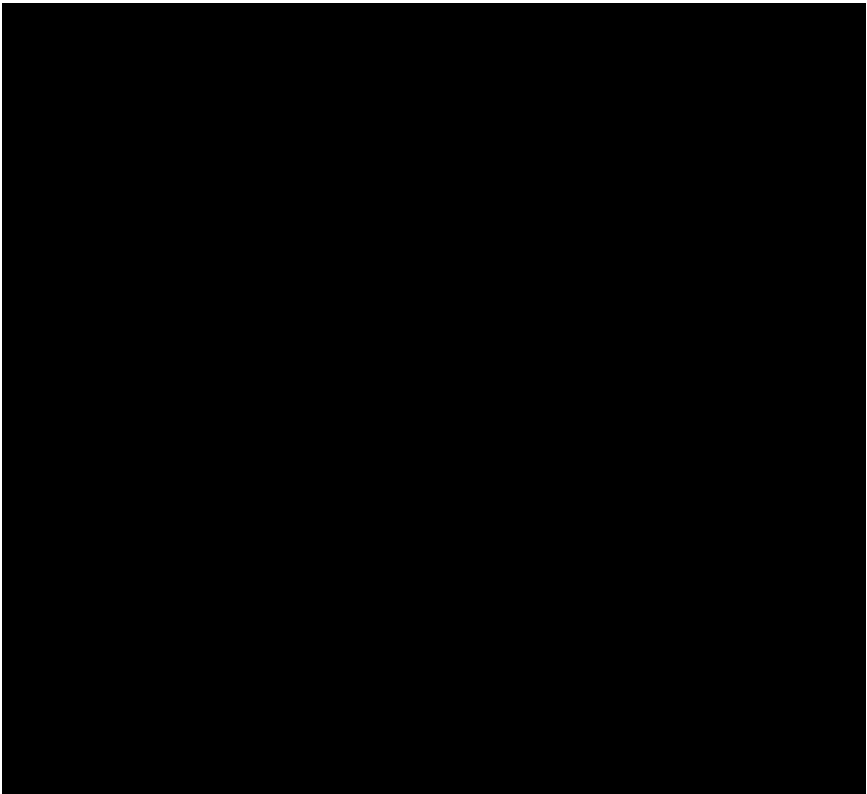
Come and represent your church at the inaugural CTiP Pentecost Picnic Arts Spectacular. Groups of any age and size are invited to perform for up to ten minutes on one of the following themes:

**Creation • Heroes • Prayer/Faith/Trust • Easter • Pentecost**

**Groups must register by Monday 10 April.**

A detailed synopsis and/or scripts (including details of music and staging requirements) must be provided by Friday 28 April.

Please leave a message on 01752 220118 for an application form or register online at [www.lifeplaylearning.com/pps.htm](http://www.lifeplaylearning.com/pps.htm)



Plymouth Churches Green Action Day  
*Respecting the Earth*

Saturday 8 July 2006

10.30am - 3.30pm

The Chaplaincy Centre, College of St Mark and St John

*Drama \* Workshops \* Displays \* Worship \* Action*

Details from Council for Church and Society

01392 278875

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