

# The Outlook

April 2007



Artwork by Rory Smith, age 8

## 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.*

# Life at Hope

## **10.30 a.m. Morning Worship**

**Visitors are always welcome to join us.**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month we take communion, as we remember that the Lord Jesus Christ died for us  
Coffee and tea are served at the back of the church after the services.

Family services are at 10.30am on the last Sunday of each month

## **Crèche**

A crèche is provided for children under 3 during all 10.30am services except all-age (family) services, which are usually on the last Sunday of each month.

## **Youth@Hope**

Activities for children and teenagers take place on Sunday mornings at 10.30am and weekday evenings. Full programmes of activities are available.

For more information contact Andrew Gardiner on 791993

Prayer groups meet regularly on Tuesday afternoons, before Sunday morning services in the Guildroom and on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7.30pm

Prayer Triplets also meet regularly, for more info contact Jenny on 772809.

Prayer chains are used extensively. Contact Margaret Tripp on 768957

**Mums and Babies** (0 - 8 months) meet on Tuesdays 10 – 11.30  
Kelly Hopwood - 518254

**Coffee Morning**  
Thursdays 10.15 – 12 noon  
in the Church Hall – all welcome.

**Parent & Toddler Groups**  
Meet for 2 sessions each Wednesday and on Tuesday afternoons, term time only.  
Contact Beryl Brown – 778019

**Women' s Rendezvous**  
An informal gathering of ladies from the fellowship and their friends who meet monthly.  
Jenny Weeks – 777416

**Men' s Group**  
A group for all men in the fellowship and their friends, meeting for social events.  
David Brown – 707577

**Open House**  
In the Church Hall on the third Monday of each month at 2.15 – refreshments included  
£1.50 - all welcome

**Fellowship Groups** Contact Andy Saunders on 772809 for details

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## Hooray, at last it' s Spring !!!

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Don' t you just love it...the birds are singing, the flowers and tress and bursting with colour and the days are suddenly warmer (although on the day of writing we have just had sleet and snow! – This is England after all!!)

This is the time of year when all the things that have been planted suddenly emerge and come to life. The results of someone' s very hard labour of planting in the garden (not mine!) are coming to fruition and are there for all to see.

One of the really lovely things about Spring is that it means the barrenness and coldness of the winter period are over. I was not surprised to read in the paper last week that people feel generally happier and begin to smile again in the springtime.

It is not just the earth that goes through seasons, but I was reminded recently that our lives do too. It is important for us, as we come to know ourselves, to recognise what season we are in, and not to be afraid if life seems a little barren and unfruitful. It may be just a time of patiently waiting, to see what is emerging in our lives. perhaps a time of planting not reaping.

Some seasons of our lives, individually and corporately are hard to live with, especially if you are impatient for the “ Spring” like I always am.

As I write this, I am praying that in your life and in my own, really good things will emerge this springtime. Things that have been planted will come to the surface and bloom, to show that God has been at work and is now producing fruit in our lives.

May the gardener (John 15 vs1 - 4) produce much good fruit in us this Spring and Summer.

Andrew Gardiner

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## Prayer Focus for April

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Please give thanks:

- for the appointment of Honoré as our new caretaker
- for our youth workers, Lizzie & Sarah
- for John, Graham & Beryl who are doing well health wise
- for all the 18s-30s now coming to Hope and pray for the best way forward for them to grow in faith together
- that Alpha finally has a starting date – April 15<sup>th</sup>
- for further progress in the building works and pray for all those involved in its completion

Please pray:

- for grants being applied for to renovate the church kitchen
- for those finishing the Growing Leaders course
- for people to find faith in Christ as a result of the Easter services
- that God will guard our unity as a church

**Prayer Meetings**  
**Mondays 2 and 23 April**  
**The Bar 7.30pm – 8.30pm**  
**All Welcome**

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## Mission Update

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Kathryn Rundle and Mark Smith are leading short-term mission teams to Romania and Bosnia respectively in the summer. Various people have expressed an interest in joining them. There's much benefit for individuals and for the church to be involved in such service. Do speak with them if you would like more info.

Our Link Workers in have sent the following prayer points. Their names are abbreviated as the Outlook is available digitally and they work in a vulnerable situation. Emly writes:

- ◆ We have recently sacked some of our staff for stealing and dishonesty, please pray for these people and the rest of the staff to learn from this.
- ◆ We have recently started learning another language. It is the main language of women and the un-educated. It is also quite difficult!
- ◆ We are now the only foreign family here until April. Pray for our small fellowship (4 adults and 2 children).
- ◆ For local people this is the most important time for next year's crops, we really need good rain, in the right amount at the right time.
- ◆ Please pray for my 2 closest friends here, my language teacher who is partially paralysed after trying to kill herself and a friend who is also a doctor. They are both starting to ask more questions.
- ◆ Pray too for Mark's team as they travel to and from the village and stay overnight 2 nights a week.

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## Youth and Children' s Committee

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It is the turn of the Youth and Children' s Committee to update you on their news this month. The biggest piece of news since we last signed in, is the appointment of Sarah Harris as part-time youth worker for the church. We have put some questions to her so you can get to know her better .....

### **Please can you tell us a little bit of background about yourself?**

I grew up in Plymouth, with my mum and her partner. I began attending a Church when I was 17 years old. God spoke to me through songs, preachers, and friends and by the following summer I knew God and had thanked Him for His death for me. I have been training in youth work since 2003, two years in Churches and Schools through South West Youth Ministries. Last year in Canada, at a 9-month discipleship school called LifeTeams. Since returning I have been working part time for Devon Youth Service, which I continue to do while working part time for Hope Baptist Church.

### **How did it feel coming to Hope to get involved in the youth ministry here? What did you expect?**

Great excitement at the prospect of doing youth ministry for a Church again, to invest in the youth and the work, and being able and encouraged to talk about God. I expected it to be harder than it' s been, when in fact both the youth and adults of Hope have been a delight to work with.

### **What were your first impressions when you came in?**

Many people and many rooms! Any apprehension I had when first attending both the youth groups and the Church services was swept away by the friendly and relaxed attitude of both young people and adults alike.

### **Do you have any hopes and dreams for the work you will be involved in with the young people at Hope?**

That we all know God more. As through that the young people, and the rest of us, will become better followers of Him, and better examples of Him. Our families will be more the likeness of His family, our friendships will be filled with more of His friendship, our work will be more effective for good, our daily lives will be more filled with good, love and honour.

### **How can we best support and pray for you?**

Don't be afraid to get involved with anything to do with the youth work, God can use you, and He'll be delighted to do it. I think the young people need as many different examples of Christ follower's in their lives as they can. So please pray for discernment for yourselves and for all of us within the Church. The best way anyone can support me is to trust and listen to God themselves, and pray that I choose to as well.

## **SAFE TO GROW**

### ***Training Course for all Youth and Children's Leaders and Helpers.***

Saturday 28th April  
Hope Baptist Church, Plymouth  
9.15am – 1.15pm,  
Coffee/Tea from 9.00pm.

This course is essential for all those involved with Children's and Young peoples work within our church. It will address such issues as good practice, supervision and support of workers and leaders.

It sets out guidelines for the safety and well being of both adults and children, and raises awareness for the whole church fellowship.

To book your place, or for further information please contact either of the children's advocates:

Chris Houston (709909) [chris.houston15@btinternet.com](mailto:chris.houston15@btinternet.com)

Or Sue Syers (703077) [suesyers@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:suesyers@blueyonder.co.uk)

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## **"Soul Survivor 2007 - 'Into His Likeness'"**

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We are still looking for camping families or teenagers to join us at Soul Survivor.

There are 2 weeks you can go to at Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet

Week A:- 13-17 Aug, Week B:- 18-22 Aug (we have booked week B).

Price after 31st March is £82 or free if you choose to be a village host or steward.

There is a programme for under 12's and costs are cheaper (£17-£67).

Website is [www.soulsurvivor.com](http://www.soulsurvivor.com)

We had the most fantastic time last year - worship, teaching, trendy cafes, skate park, bands, cakes, nightclub, artshed, prayer furnace, talent events, seminars, ministry etc- life changing stuff - we thoroughly recommend it!

If you are interested, we can easily add you to our booking online (if you dare!) or if you want to find out more ask Ron, Am, Dom or Jess Dalton.

P.S. Deanna Clark & 2 French girls are joining us too, if anyone needs to brush up their spoken French!"

**[www.hopebaptist.net](http://www.hopebaptist.net)**  
**information about Hope and  
Christianity throughout the world**

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## **Open House**

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Our speaker this month is Mr Dennis Beadell and his topic is “Coins of Our Grandparents” .This should be a very interesting afternoon as he is bringing along some very old coins to show us and talk to about.

Afternoon tea will be enjoyed as usual after listening to Dennis and I' m sure you will all have many questions for him to answer.

I don' t know if you have any interesting coins you would like to ask him about but do bring them along any way.

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## **BMS Birthday Scheme**

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The total collected for 2006 was £144.50 which goes to the ‘ Medical’ work of the Baptist Missionary Society.

Many thanks to all those who contributed and I will be pleased to add more names to the list! Please have a word with me.

Beryl Chun  
BMS Birthday Scheme Secretary

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## **BMS Birthdays in April**

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23<sup>rd</sup> Mrs Beryl Brown  
(Belatedly, Mr Tim Hart – March 1<sup>st</sup>)

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## The Persecuted Church

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Since Eritrea has been in the world news recently with British diplomats being abducted in that country I thought that I would highlight Eritrea this month.

Eritrea ranks as number 14 in the list of countries known for the intensity of its persecution of Christians. Many thousand Christians are incarcerated in prisons and huge metal shipping containers. It is believed, that up to 20 people are held in each of these containers. The containers stand in the blazing sun during the day and are subject to temperatures dropping to below freezing at night. There is little daylight or fresh air available in the containers and many of the prisoners held in them die of heat exhaustion, or as a result of the extreme difference of temperature at night. Prisoners are often starved and treated harshly. The authorities continuously try to force prisoners to renounce their faith in the Lord Jesus.

In May 2002 a decree was issued which prevented all Christian activity in Eritrea that does not take place in Orthodox, Evangelical Lutheran, or Catholic churches. This led to a series of arrests and it is known that more than 1800 Christians are currently locked away by the military regime. Evangelical churches have been closed and a close watch is kept on all Christians by the authorities.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering for their faith in Eritrea. Pray that they will stand firm and not deny Jesus is Lord of their lives. May they know the presence of the Holy Spirit alongside them in their suffering, giving them comfort and hope. Pray also that the authorities will realise that they cannot brush current human rights abuses under the carpet and that they will bow to pressure from other nations and review and act upon the right of freedom of faith for all men.

Jenny Weeks

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## Saving the Planet

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This month I am going to write about conserving water. I know that in this part of the world we get more than our fair share of the “wet stuff” but with the warnings of global warming and certainly the drier summers that we have experienced in the last few years we should all make an effort to save what water we can if only in an effort to cut our water bills.

We can all take a shower instead of taking a bath. Why not let young children share the same bath water? As a child my family had a tin bath- tub that was placed in front of the fire and filled with water from a hot kettle and saucepans of water heated on the gas hob. It would have been impractical for my mother to empty the tub and refill it when my brother and I had a bath so we shared the same bath water. I must confess that I usually had the first bath as my brother was always much dirtier than me (he played a lot of football and took part in sports which tended to make him covered in mud and such like). Does anyone else remember sharing the bath water with siblings?

Keep water butts in the garden to catch water for watering the plants and flowers. Tap water is not nearly as good for the plants as rain- water, and just think of the cost of watering the lawn or flower beds with a hose pipe or sprinkler.

Only use the washing machine when it is full. Never set it off for just half a load, and the same applies to the dishwasher. A dishwasher is more economical with water than using a bowl full of water to wash up a few dishes several times a day.

I do hope that other readers of “Outlook” will think of sharing their conservation tips with us in the next issue and let the editor know what they are.

Jenny Weeks

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## Women' s Rendezvous

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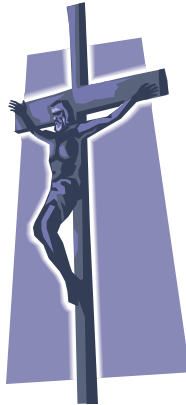
The next meeting of Women' s Rendezvous will be on Wednesday March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Youth Centre. The Reverend David Evans will be leading us in our Easter Celebration meeting. All welcome.

The meeting for April will feature a talk by Elizabeth Pollard on hospital volunteers. This should be an interesting evening and again, all are welcome.

Jenny Weeks

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' For God so  
world that he  
and only  
whoever



him shall not perish but have  
eternal life.'

loved the  
gave his one  
Son, that  
believes in

John 3 : 16

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## Thank you

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Thank you **FROM THE DODD FAMILY**

For the many, many cards & calls and all the practical help of child-minding, meals on wheels, transportation, hospital visits and prayers.

**THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH**

Thank you for all your cards and good wishes, visits, telephone calls and prayers on my recent stay in hospital. Also the beautiful floral arrangement from Women' s Rendezvous. Thanks, too, to the friends who have provided transport for my visits to hospital. I am pleased to say I have had satisfactory results but would still value your prayers as I continue to have treatment.

**Beryl Chun**

This Outlook was compiled by Helen Pugh and printed by our administrator Jackie May.

**May' s Outlook will be compiled by Claire Worrall  
who will need your articles and information  
by Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

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Remember this is your magazine and we rely on you to let us have all the information we need!

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# Churches Together in Plymouth One Church Many Congregations!

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**Set All Free Exhibition – 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> March**

At Methodist Central Hall

**PLUS:** a TALK BY Gerard Wilberforce, the Great, Great,  
Grandson of William Wilberforce  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm

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**Plymouth Hope 08 Launch – 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

12.30 – 2pm

Salisbury Road Baptist Church

With National Leader – Ian Chisnall

All Welcome

RSVP CTiP Office,

Pilgrim Church, St Levan Road, Milehouse,

Plymouth PL2 1HW Tel: 249187

Email: [ctipmail@gmail.com](mailto:ctipmail@gmail.com)

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**Pentecost Picnic - 27<sup>th</sup> May 2007**

Advance notice of the Churches Birthday!!

CTiP would like to invite churches to join together at

**Jennycliff** this year!

Further details to follow!



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## Don Fortner in Devon

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### Honiton Sovereign Grace Meetings

Dear Friend,

We are looking forward, in the will of the Lord, to a visit in April 2007 from Don Fortner to Honiton. We are very privileged and pleased to welcome Pastor Fortner, a faithful preacher of Christ, to preach in this area during his visit to the United Kingdom and would like to invite all those who are able to come along and hear him on this special occasion.

Don Fortner's ministry has been a great blessing to us over the years, a ministry in which the Lord Jesus Christ is always exalted. We trust that others too will find encouragement in hearing this ministry in Honiton. May Christ be glorified in the preaching of His Gospel.

Details of the meetings are provided below.

In Christ and by His Grace Alone, Ian and Rachel Potts

<http://www.graceandtruthonline.com>

You are warmly invited to hear Donald S. Fortner of Grace Baptist Church, Danville, Kentucky, preach the Gospel of Christ in Honiton on the following occasions:-

**Monday 23rd April 2007** at 8.00pm Venue: Honiton Motel Turks Head Corner, Exeter Road, Honiton, Devon

**Tuesday 24th April 2007** at 8.00pm Venue: Honiton Motel Turks Head Corner, Exeter Road, Honiton, Devon

Tea and coffee will be provided following the meetings and there will be a good selection of books, tapes and free material available.

We are very privileged and pleased to welcome Don Fortner, a faithful preacher of Christ, to preach in this area during his visit to the United Kingdom.

Please be sure to mark the dates of this special occasion in your diary!

For further details see [www.graceandtruthonline.com](http://www.graceandtruthonline.com) or email Ian Potts at [ianpotts@graceandtruthonline.com](mailto:ianpotts@graceandtruthonline.com)

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## **About Don Fortner**

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Don Fortner has pastored and faithfully declared the gospel of God's free grace in Christ at Grace Baptist Church of Danville Kentucky for over twenty-five years. Only incidentally is he a widely published author, and conference speaker. Books and commentaries he has written include Basic Bible Doctrine; Grace for Today; Discovering Christ in Revelation; Discovering Christ in Genesis; Discovering Christ in the Song of Solomon; Discovering Christ in Ruth; Discovering Christ in all the Scriptures; Life After Pentecost; and The Church of God. His prolific and endless labour to comfort and feed the people of Christ has resulted in a copious amount of unpublished materials now available and updated routinely at <http://www.donfortner.com>.

"But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God." 1 Corinthians 1:23-24

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## **Plymouth & S.E. Cornwall Baptist District Connections**

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### **Catherine Street Baptist Church April 2007**

Items of prayer for THANKSGIVING:

- 1 To thank God for His continuing guidance in our fellowship.
- 2 To thank the Lord for answered prayer for sick friends

Items of prayer for INTERCESSION:

- 1 In seeking God for His vision, plans and purpose for future building project.
- 2 That pastor, deaconate and members will be guided with wisdom by the Holy Spirit.

Items of NEWS etc:

Please pray for the Easter weekend – that new friends will join with us.



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## April Diary

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<b>Sun</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10.30</b>	Morning Worship Present History (Phil.3:10-11)
<b>Mon</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7.30</b>	Prayer Meeting
<b>Tues</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10.00</b>	Mums and Babies**
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10.15</b> <b>7.30</b>	Coffee Morning** Maundy Thursday Service at Hope
<b>Fri</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10.30</b>	Family Service at St Pancras followed by March of Witness & Soup Lunch
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7.00</b> <b>10.30</b>	Sonrise Service on the Moors Morning Worship Easter Sunday – Tragic Victory (Col 2:8-15)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10.30</b> <b>7.00</b>	Morning Worship Free Indeed (Philemon 1) Alpha course starts
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>6.30–8.00</b>	Hy-Powered*
<b>Fri</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7.00-8.30</b> <b>8.15-10.00</b>	The Hype* (Years 7-9) Re-Act* (Years 10-12)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10.30</b>	Morning Worship & Communion Let My People Go (Ex 3:1-12)
<b>Mon</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>7.30</b>	Prayer Meeting
<b>Tues</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>12.45</b> <b>7.30</b>	Parents & Toddlers* Members' Meeting
<b>Weds</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>10.00</b> <b>12.45</b>	Parents & Toddlers* Parents & Toddlers*
<b>Sun</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>10.30</b>	Family Service Amazing Grace (John 8:31-36)

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

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

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## Advance Notices for May

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<b>Mon</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7.30</b>	Growing Leaders
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We would like to thank everyone who is contributing on Sunday mornings this month:

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## **April**

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### **Coffee**

- 1 Sheila Boddington, Pat Dodd
- 8 Kelly Hopwood, Claire Worrall
- 15 Patrick Cann, Beryl Brown
- 22 Pat Taylor, Sandra Brown
- 29 John Eastcott, Carol Eastcott

### **Crèche**

- 1 Helen Pugh, Kelly Hopwood, Sheena Kingdom
- 8 Jean Bartlett, Julie Harrall, Beverly Townsend
- 15 Jackie May, Leontine Amisale, Luisa Davies
- 22 Jackie May, Merrilyn Duook, Megan Adeney
- 29 Family service (no crèche)

### **3-5s**

- 1 Sandy Lashbrook, Katherine Beard, Shirley Mann
- 8 Amanda Harris, Sheena Kingdom, Shirley Mann
- 15 Barbara Smith, Margaret Underdown, Shirley Mann
- 22 Ann Munson, Mel Hatherell, Claire Knight
- 29 Family service (no group)

### **5-7s**

- 1 Katherine Gardiner, Judy Tregoning
- 8 Sarah Aldersley, Sandra Brown
- 15 Katherine Gardiner, Pam Smith
- 22 Sarah Aldersley, Julie Harrall
- 29 Family service (no group)

### **Flowers**

- 1 Mrs Margaret Tripp. Loving Birthday Remembrance of her husband, Mr Fred Tripp.
- 8 Mrs Kim Brown. Remembering her mother with love
- 15 Flower Fund
- 22 Mrs Estelle Robertson. In loving memory of her father Mr Jack Veal.
- 29 Mrs Judith Pinch. In loving memory of her parents, Mr and Mrs Stevens. (Hilda and Tom).

## **Communion**

### **Set-up**

22 Peter Brown, Beryl Brown

### **Wash-up**

Margaret Underdown,  
Estelle Robertson

### **Communion Servers**

22 Tony Jopson, Richard Simpson, Ron Dalton

### **Duty Steward**

1 Peter Brown

8 Beryl Brown

15 Wilf Smale

22 Nicky Hatherell

29 Ron Dalton

### **Welcome Stewards**

1 Beryl Chun, Marian Brown, Margaret Underdown,  
Katharine Beard

8 Pam Smith, Graham Dodd, Pat Dodd, Robert Canning

15 Andrew Jones, Sheena Kingdon, Val Hart, Holly  
Bowman-Powell

22 Peter Man, Gill Knight, Tim Hart, David Simpson

29 Estelle Robertson, Trevor Fray, Margaret Tripp,  
Jemma Aldersley

### **PowerPoint**

1 Chris Reed

8 Sheila Boddington

15 Cherry Robinson

22 John Eastcott

29 Tim Saunders / Dom Dalton

### **Transport**

1 Mike Lummis / Richard Simpson

8 Mike Munson / tbc

15 Peter Brown / Mike Lummis

22 David Brown / Mike Munson

29 Richard Simpson / tbc

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