

The Outlook

*Magazine of Hope Baptist church
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*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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Life at Hope

Sundays 10.30 am Morning Worship **Visitors are always welcome!**

On the 3rd Sunday of the month we share bread and wine as Jesus called us to do in remembrance of Him.

Family Services are normally on the last Sunday of each month – please check the diary in the centre pages of this magazine.

Coffee and tea are served at the back of the church after the services.

A **crèche** is provided for children under 3 (except in Family Services).

Realm is a service aimed at 18-30s (but all ages are welcome)

It is held at 5.00 pm on the 4th Sunday of each month

Youth@Hope Activities for children and teenagers take place on Sunday mornings at 10.30am and weekday evenings. A full programme of activities is available. Contact: Andrew Gardiner 791993

Prayer Prayer groups meet regularly as detailed in the termly programme card.

Prayer chains are used to share requests for prayer with the fellowship. Contact: Debbie Houston 709909 or Margaret Tripp 768957

Mums & Babies (0-8 months) Tuesdays 10.00 – 11.30 am Contact: Kelly Hopwood 518254

Parents & Toddlers Tuesday 12.45 – 2.45 pm and Wednesday 10.00 am – 12.00 pm and 12.45 – 2.45 pm term time only. Contact: Beryl Brown 778019

Coffee Morning Thursdays 10.15 am – 12.00 pm in the Church Hall. All welcome.

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

Open House Meet in the Church Hall on the 3rd Monday of each month at 2.15 pm. £1.50, refreshments included. Contact: Pam Smith 219844

Men' s Group Social events for all men in the fellowship and their friends. Contact: David Brown 707577

18s-30s Programme of social activities and a fellowship group. Contact Kathryn Rundle 601013

Fellowship Groups Small groups meet for bible study, prayer and friendship at various times & days throughout the week. Contact: Andy Saunders 772809

I DIDN' T HAVE A MAP!

I' d parked near the Two Bridges Hotel and walked in blissful isolation up past ancient Wistman' s Wood to Longaford Tor. Time for some tea and to check the route to Bellever Tor. Like most modern rucksacks mine has 52 zips and 25 compartments but my map was in none of them.

From my elevated position I could see Bellever Tor and plotted out a route. I skirted along a wall, avoided the worst of a bog where I had once seen a friend disappear up to her waste and crossed the road to enter the forest.

For the first time I couldn' t see my destination. In fact I couldn' t see further than 50 metres ahead. What a relief to see a signpost ahead. Good on the forestry commission! Yet when I reached the crossroads each of the four arms grandly declared the single word ' path' . No hint of which path might lead to the Tor, just four statements of the blatantly obvious.

Thankfully I have a reasonable sense of direction and in faith set out on the path that seemed most hopeful. 15 minutes later the woods opened up and I could see the Tor again.

Quite a few people I know are heading into 2008 without a clear map. Facing illness, family difficulties or tough decisions it is natural at times to feel you are in the dark and uncertain of the way ahead. Wise advice to me in such a situation was ' don' t doubt in the dark what you knew in the light' . If you had a direction or helpful habits before then keep them going now.

Sometimes the best you can do is to keep walking in faith, hanging on to prayer and trusting the One who said ' my grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness.'

There are two kinds of friends to those who are feeling lost. One stands on the hillside and says, ' I can see the way, just keep going, you' re heading in the right direction' . The other comes alongside and says, ' If you will let me I will come where you are and I' ll share in the fears and uncertainty of this experience with you. Can I walk with you?' .

When you become a Christian you are not given a map to find your own way out of every problem, no such map exists. But you do come to know a faithful guide and join a company of friends – I know which I' d rather have.

WOMEN' S RENDEZVOUS

At our November meeting we were pleased to welcome Dr Linda Voss, co-ordinator of the Early Bird Diabetes Trust. Dr Voss gave an interesting talk about the research the Trust is doing into diabetes in children. 300 children were selected at random in the Plymouth area and since the age of 5, they have been undergoing various tests and observations by the research team at Derriford Hospital. This research is vital in the quest to find a common denominator, which causes diabetes in children, and also why there has been an upsurge in childhood diabetes in the last 10 years.

Cindy Hedges presented Dr Voss with a cheque for £400 on behalf of the ladies of WR for the Early Bird Trust. This sum was raised at the coffee morning and autumn fair held on 10th November.



Our thanks to everyone who contributed and helped to make the event such a great success. Dr Voss was delighted with the cheque and surprised at the amount, which will be used to fund the very important research being done by the Trust. She explained that the Trust receives only £50,000 from Government funding each year and the research costs at least £200,000 a year, so every penny that is given to the Trust is gratefully received.

Jenny Weeks

NEWS FROM OLGA IN KURSK

I am in constant communication with Olga and she would like all her friends at Hope to know that she is attending Kursk university and doing a degree course in English with a view to becoming an interpreter.

She is having to work very hard and attends the university 6 days a week. Her day starts at 6am and she has to travel by bus to the university, a journey which takes an hour to complete. She has 6-8 lectures a day and several hours homework when she arrives home at 6pm. She is finding it difficult to keep up all her church activities, singing in the choir and playing in the orchestra.

She has asked me to request your prayers, that she will continue to do well in her course, and that she will not become overburdened by the sheer amount of work that is expected of her.

One of her sisters, Violetta, is to be married next summer and the family are looking forward to the celebrations. The family is most grateful for the financial help they have received from friends at Hope and would like everyone to know that the bathroom and indoor toilet are now complete. What a difference this will make to them all, especially now that the winter has started with temperatures below freezing. There will be no need now to go outside to visit the toilet.

We are looking forward to having Olga visit us again next year when her course finishes for the summer recess.

Jenny Weeks

Luncheon Club

After the successful lunch, which was served to 18 of our senior citizens in November, it was decided to invite folk from the church and some elderly people from the neighbourhood to come along to a Christmas lunch on Monday 3rd December.

A grand total of 48 attended the lunch, which consisted of roast turkey with all the trimmings, raspberry meringue nests or traditional Christmas pudding for dessert followed by mince pies with cream and tea or coffee. The hall and tables were seasonally decorated and Christmas music in the background and crackers added to the festive atmosphere.

The meals were prepared and mainly cooked on the premises by the enthusiastic Luncheon Club team. Our thanks go to everyone who helped in any way to make the meal such a success.

Both events proved to be very popular and enjoyed by everyone. It is hoped to make the lunches a regular event when the work on the kitchen has been completed.

Your prayers would be appreciated for this project so that we can reach out to the elderly, lonely, disabled folk within the church and local neighbourhood.

Jenny Weeks



Hope for our Nation – Hope for Peverell

2008 sees one of the biggest combined church campaigns for many years as churches across the UK unite under the HOPE 08 banner for their year of outreach activities.

Here on Peverell Corner, we have one of the best named churches in the nation (!) to make the most of the advertising and resulting publicity for this venture.

Hope 08 is an umbrella for churches to unite and do acts of service in their local communities in order to show that we care, and that we have a life-changing message to share.

During the first half of this year we have a programme of events all being organised through our church, to help us engage with the local community & witness to the fact that we care about the people who live in the area around Hope C: Please get involved with these ones to start with:

Sat 26th January : Dinner with Debra Searle speaking

Sat 9th February : Peverell Community Fun Day

Sat 15th March ; Community Quiz Night

Good Friday 21st March: March of witness & gifts

Sat 26th April : Peverell' s Got Talent !

NOW – Does your house group or group of friends in the church have other ideas about how they can reach out to people they know, or have an act of kindness you could perform. Let' s get on with it.

**Needs Ideas? See Andrew or Lynda
Borrow the CD Rom to look at in your group**

Once again what a year! We are encouraged by the fact so many want to come to our three Toddler Groups. This is both a blessing and at times a 'headache' but what a privilege to be in the frontline of the Church in meeting so many families. Within our sessions we endeavour to offer a safe, warm and caring environment for parents and carers to meet and form friendships. We have a bookstall which offers Christian as well as practical help. We encourage families to join us for Family Services throughout the year, Christmas Services (especially for the children to join in the singing at the Toy Service), Easter and other Church events.

During the year we have:

- Supported the Meningitis Society, given gift boxes for Smile International, the Women's Refuge and some mums who took part in the Race for Life.
- Hunted for Easter Eggs around the Church
- Visited the Donkey Sanctuary and Pony Centre
- Been photographed by Top Hat Photography.
- Held a sale of Usborne Books
- Enjoyed social events for helpers and mums both in homes and at Christmas a meal in a restaurant
- Enjoyed the Christmas parties when we had a Bouncy Castle and Santa visited with gifts for the children (he even got one himself). Over 70 families came to the parties.
- Financially been able to support the Church

We have struggled with leadership and sufficient help over the year but despite this God helped us to make it through to the end of the year. At one time there was the doubt whether we could continue with three sessions. Jenny Saunders who led the Wednesday am group left last Christmas and Sarah Aldersley who took over left in October to study which meant this group was leaderless. We did a little temporary juggling to take us

through to Christmas – Anne-Marie Dalton went from Tuesday to Wednesday and Lynda Henagulph took on Tuesday – we give thanks they were willing to do this and that Marilyn Fray has felt led to lead this group. However, Marilyn does need support as she cannot do the lifting and shifting of the toys. We hope that some of this support will come from the mums but we do need more helpers.

We are fortunate to have dedicated leaders and helpers who support Toddlers each week, there is not sufficient room to name them but they are appreciated and valued. Having the Toy Store has been so wonderful; we just cannot explain what a great help and difference it has made.

Toddlers is a great means of outreach to the community we trust that through our activities we are showing the love and care of Jesus and also that of Hope Baptist Church. We ask you to pray that we will know God' s direction, be a blessing to families and the help we need will be provided.

Beryl Brown

Church Fun Day on February 9th 2008

Last year, the cakes you provided for the fun day proved to be very popular with our visitors. So this time we hope even more of you will volunteer to bake one. Either a large cake or individual buns would be gratefully received. Please let Pam Smith know if you would be happy to bake one.

On Sunday 27th January there will be a “bring and share lunch” after the morning service. A list will be placed at the back of church for you to sign up and join in. There will be a box for you to indicate if you are bringing a sweet or savoury dish.

Pam

Rowing Alone!

One Woman + Two Oars + One Mighty Ocean
= One Huge Journey of Discovery

On Saturday 26th Jan 2008 there is a great opportunity to hear Debra Searle speak about her journey rowing single handed across the Atlantic.

A media frenzy broke out over the story of the 5'5" young lady who carried on rowing alone across the Atlantic when her husband, a 6' 5" international oarsman, left the boat after developing an uncontrollable fear of the ocean. The 3000 mile journey that was supposed to take 6 weeks took Debra a staggering 3½ months.

Debra recounts the beauty and mystery, dangers and trials that the Atlantic held during her solitary days at sea. She speaks passionately and from the heart about her personal journey of discovery. If you had a dream that life seems to have got in the way of then be ready to be inspired into action!

Debra is a Christian and will share how her relationship with God impacted on her adventure. The event is supported by I vor Lander' s Jazz Trio.

Saturday 26th Jan 2008 7:30 – 8pm

Devonshire Health & Racquet Club

Tickets £6

Available from Hope Baptist Office 708090 price includes buffet and live music from Jazz Trio.

Organised by Pennycross Christians Together

Open House

Christmas is over once again and a new has year started. So we take this opportunity to wish you all good health, happiness and a peaceful 2008.

We will be welcoming Andy Saunders to our first “Open House” of the year on Monday 21st January to tell us about a recent walking holiday he and Jenny had in Nepal. He will be bringing along photographs and telling stories about their trip to reveal the very different culture they have there. Donations will be going to Andys’ chosen charity which is, International Nepal Fellowship.

Then in February Norman Hiens is joining us to tell us about Millbay in its’ hey day when large cruise liners came into Plymouth Sound on a regular basis. Again there will be photographs to illustrate the history of Millbay. He sounds quite a jolly person so it should be an interesting afternoon. Donations for the tea will be going to a charity of Normans’ choice. The date for your diary is Monday 18th February

Our meetings start at 2.15 pm and after listening to the speaker we serve a selection of sandwiches and cakes with tea or coffee.

If you require a lift to Open House, please phone me, Pam Smith, on Plymouth 219844, to arrange a pick up time.

January Diary

Tue	01		New Year' s Walk	
Sun	06	1030	Family Service at Pennycross Methodist	
		1900	When god Speaks Part 1	Malachi 3&4
Sun	13	1030	Morning Worship	
			When God Speaks	Joel 2
Tue	15	1930	Church Members Meeting	
Sun	20	1030	Holy Communion	
			Visit of Jez Brown	John 7:3 7-44
Mon	21	14.15	Open House	
Sat	26	1930	Rowing Alone with Debra Searle	
Sun	27	1030	Family Service	
			Bring and share lunch after the service	
Tue	29	1930	Just Life – Film	<i>An Inconvenient Truth</i>

Fellowship Groups meet 8 and 22 January

February Diary

Sun	03	1030	Morning Worship	
			Our Father	Matt 6: 5-18
Sat	09		Fun Day at Hope	
Sun	10	1030	Morning Worship	
			Hallowed be Your Name	Matt 4:1-11
Mon	10	14.15	Open House	
Sun	17	1030	Holy Communion	
			Your Kingdom Come	Matt 13:24-46
		1900	Alpha Course Starts	
Sun	24	1030	Family Service	

Fellowship Groups meet 5 and 26 February

Weekly Events

Tuesday	1000 – 1130	Mums and Babies
Thursday	1015 – 12 noon	Coffee Morning in the Hall

Weekly Events, term time only

Parent and Toddlers

Tuesday	1245 – 1445
Wednesday	1000 – 1200 1245 – 1445

HY-Powered (school years 3 - 6)

Thursday	1830 – 2000
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Friday	1900 – 2130
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RE-ACT (school years 10 – 13)

Friday	2015 -2200
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Every Fourth Sunday

' Realm' 1700 18 30' s Worship, teaching, friendship & food

The Outlook

This edition of the Outlook has been edited by Claire Preston.
The deadline for articles for consideration for the March/April
Outlook is:

8.00pm Monday 18 February 2008

Please send articles for consideration for the next issue to
Helen Pugh

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Please note, all articles forwarded by email will be acknowledged.

An interview with Mark Lang

Where did you grow up and go to school?

I was born in Plymouth and I grew up in Ernesettle. I went to school in Honicknowle and left there at 16 with no qualifications.

What type of work have you done?

I started work as a painter and decorator/labourer and then I worked in the Dockyard. I lived with my mum and my step-dad up until I was about 20 years old. I've had several jobs since then - I've worked as a mobile shot blaster- I did that for 4 or 5 years - and I've also worked on building sites.

What happened then?

I was still living in Ernesettle when I was made redundant. That was a bad period in my life. I was taking street drugs, going to raves and I was quite depressed at that time. I was using drugs to keep in with other people and to block things out as well. Then I started having bad come-downs from the drugs, getting anxious and panicky and I thought it was time to stop. I stopped using drugs for 2 years but I was still having panic attacks and feeling pretty rotten really. The doctor had given me antidepressants. I was still drinking alcohol now and again but I was never a big drinker.

On my birthday I had a drink and I was lying on my bed and I was at the very bottom; there was no worse I could be and I was saying, ' God, help me' , those were my exact words, ' God, help me' . I was searching– I knew something was missing in my life. It wasn't long after that that I had a breakdown. I had felt locked away from everyone – I didn't want to hang around my mates because they were still doing drugs and I wasn't particularly close to my family at that time. I took an overdose which I regretted not long after and I was admitted to the Glenbourne Unit up at

Derriford Hospital. I was thinking about God while I was in hospital – I wanted to know why this was happening, why there had to be so much pain in life. I left the hospital but I still wasn't feeling right really.

It wasn't long after this that I was thinking about my dad. I hadn't seen him for years because my parents had divorced when I was younger. One day I was more or less walking past his house and he was outside working on his coach, cleaning it. He asked me how I was doing and I said, 'Alright Dad, yes, not too bad, but I've not long come out of the Glenbourne Unit. I've had a breakdown.' He invited me to stay with him for Christmas. He said 'Don't stay down in the flat on your own, come and stay with us.' I knew he was married again and had a new daughter. I'd met his wife a couple of times before many years ago.

So how did you become a Christian?

I went to stay with them because the previous Christmases I'd been on my own and I thought it would be nice to stay with someone. I was still pretty nervous and anxious from the breakdown, my head was spinning around. In the end I thought I couldn't stay there because it wasn't really fair for me to be like that. I don't know how my dad felt – I don't think he knew how to deal with it. I told him I was just going to go home for a few days – it wasn't far. He said, 'Okay' and after a few hours, just as I was about to leave, his wife gave me a booklet about Christianity to take home with me. I knew it was about Christianity because it had Jesus on the front. I've still got the booklet now.

I'd never had anything to do with church previously and at first I thought that I didn't want to read the booklet, but there was something nagging me to read it. I put it beside my bed and when I woke up the next morning I opened it up and read it. It was just brilliant – it talked about how I could have a new start in life and that there is a lot of suffering but there is still a hope. The booklet was written by a German evangelist and on the cover it

said, ' Turn your life from aminus to a positive' and I thought, ' I really, really need something' . There was a picture in it of a girl taking cocaine and that really stuck with me. At the end there was a prayer asking if I would like to invite Jesus into my life, a repentance prayer. I said the prayer and straight away I felt different. Something inside me changed, I felt like there was something there. That was the start of my Christian life.

I went back to my Dad' s house and as soon as I walked in his wife said, ' You seem diferent' and I said ' Yeah, I' m okay, I' m alright' . I told her that I' d read the booklet and she was really pleased. I told her that I wanted to start going to church. I wanted to meet this Jesus, to carry on.

So I started going to church with her. I went 2 or 3 times and I started an Alpha course but then things started getting negative again – I was feeling anxious again and kind of sceptical. I was avoiding things like I had done before. I started going to another church in Plymouth which was closer to me but I still felt anxious. I was still involved with day therapy at the Glenbourne Unit and I stopped seeing my Dad and my step-mum; I didn' t see them again for 12 months. At the new church I met with the vicar every morning at 7am in the church. We used to pray together and every morning he would light a candle and I used to say this verse, ' Jesus said, "***I am the light of the world, he who follows me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life***". We met up every morning for about 3 months.

Someone from the Glenbourne Unit suggested I go to a Salvation Army youth group which was for people who had had depression or other problems. I did that and I went to the services on Sundays as well. I stayed there for 6 years.

I started to come to Hope Baptist Church in September 2006 and I' ve beenhere ever since.

*John 8:12

Chrismons Project

As I write this the Chrismon trees have been decorated for their debut Christmas season. By the time you read this they will all be packed safely away awaiting next Christmas!

When I first had the idea of a Chrismon project at Hope I was not at all sure of how it would work. Since I have been at Hope I have felt God saying to me WAIT – during my waiting period it has become increasingly clear to me just how important it is to be Christ focused and have him at the centre of absolutely everything that you do.

I prayed about the Chrismons asking the Lord to make it really clear if this was what he wanted for our church not just a fun craft project for me and pretty decorations for our tree. In July my bible study included the words from HAGGAI

“ I am with you; I will bless you.”so they gathered in early September....and volunteered their help.

Soon after that Ann Munson phoned to remind me that I had promised to talk to Open House about Chrismons. One day, I was particularly discouraged as I felt some people were missing the point of the project's whole vision. My bible passage for that day included DEUT 31:8

“ The Lord Himself will lead you and be with you. He will not fail or abandon you, so do not lose courage or be afraid.”

I could not believe it - I took a deep breath and decided not to worry because God had it all under control! This was obviously going to be a faith journey.

Six weeks, 2 craft mornings and a lot of work by many hands later, we have a beautiful tree that tells its story of all that Jesus is and can be to each and every one of us.

The 'Chrismon team' has been made up of anyone who has helped in any way. We hope they have been an inspiration, a focus point, a witness to all who have seen or heard about them. If you have enjoyed the trees this year then thank the Lord.

Finally, my personal gratitude, to Ann and Mike Munson, and all those who have been involved or encouraged us on our way. A highlight for many of us was when two Chrismons arrived from Ascension Lutheran Church in America, where I had order the books and Chrismons began some 50 years ago. You ALL made a difference. Perhaps next year you will come and make a Chrismon.

Philip Troughton

A letter was received from Steve M. Cooper, Chrismons Secretary of the Ascension Lutheran church in Danville Virginia, who wrote...

Enclosed are two Chrismons I promised you for your Church Tree. I do hope you and your church are enjoying making Chrismons. Thank you for your support of this ministry of Christ. May the peace of Christ which goes beyond all understanding be with you.

Flowers for February 2008

- 03 Ron and Jenny Weeks. To celebrate their Wedding Anniversary.
- 10 Mrs Iris Punchard.

- 17 Pam and Adrian Smith. To celebrate their Wedding Anniversary.
- 24 Mrs Kathleen Pritchard. In loving memory of her husband Stanley.

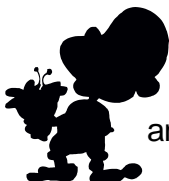
Mums and Babies Report – December 2007

Mums and babies is a brilliant outreach voluntarily run facility for mothers with children from birth to eight months of age to come along to. This enables them to meet other mums, discuss any medical issues with our Health Visitors, Trish and Sara, and the babies also get to communicate together. All in all, everybody benefits in the Peverell and surrounding area from having Mums and Babies, which is a great feeder to the three Mums and Toddler Groups on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesdays.

The group has been going now for some seven years, of which I have been involved around four. This year my role changed, as sadly Kate left and I took on responsibility. Judith, who started the group with Kate, has been a great help and we have Christine who joined at Easter and has quickly become an integral and invaluable member of the team.

Sessions run from 10 am until 11.30 am. We have activities such as baby signing from time to time, and Trish provides weekly baby massage activities, which most mums eagerly join in. We now charge £1.00 (from January) to each mum to cover tea and coffee, and during the autumn we have grown in number having some twenty mums and babies per week in attendance!

The Mums and Babies Group is a much needed lifeline for all mothers who can feel isolated when they have just had the baby. We have mums of many different cultures, with different needs, hopes and fears etc., and it is for this reason we endeavour to provide a



great service to the community of Peverell. Long may this facility continue.

Kelly x

Moth and rust proof investments

Here we are again looking into a new financial year having come through 2007 completing the building project and keeping income the right side of expenditure. To do this required general offerings to be around 15% up on 2006 figures – praise God.

Looking at the 2008 budget, we see the need to increase general offerings again, especially with gift aid tax relief being reduced from 22% to 20% from 6.4.08. The budget for 2008 is summarised below:

Income		£
Offerings	72,000	(2007 estimate - £65,000)
Gift Aid Tax reclaimable	14,000	
Rents from buildings	30,000	
Other income	6,000	
T otal		122,000

E xpenditure		£
Ministry & staff costs	79,000	
Mission support	10,500	
Buildings costs	21,000	
Administration & other sundry	11,500	
T otal	122,000	

I can only remind people of Jesus' words in Matthew 6 verses 19-21 – Jesus advises storing up for ourselves treasures in heaven rather than on earth. One way of doing this is to sow funds into gospel preaching ministries of which Hope Baptist Church is one.

As I may have mentioned before the administration of the finances is made easier by the receipt of regular donations by standing order. This makes budgeting easier and saves time counting and banking cash. There are always blank Standing Order forms near the Treasurer's pigeon hole at the back of the church building, both for new and increased giving. This is a great way to regularise your commitment to being a partner in the ministry at Hope and is a good way of applying 2 Corinthians 9:7 – *“each person should give what he has decided in his heart to give”*.

Thank you to all who stand with us financially in this commitment to building the Kingdom of God in this area and beyond.

God bless

Tony Jopson

Chinese Fellowship

Year 2007 is the most challenging year since the start of our Chinese Christian Fellowship here at Hope Baptist Church. We started as a small group and although we worked very hard to bring the fellowship together, we're yet to have our own pastor. Without full-time dedication into building the fellowship, lack of support from COCM, and a number of outside group leaders moving away, the fellowship is really struggling.

We had to cancel our annual “University Student Welcoming Party” due to the lack of helpers to organise the event, and as a result, not one new student join the fellowship this year.

Satan was at work in March and it almost broke up our fellowship. Jealousy, lies, dishonesty, and bad mouthing (gossiping) behind people' s back, lots of bad things took place. The newly re-started weekly Bible Study had to be stopped because people were criticising that we' re not " fit" to run Bible Study sessions. Although a small number of regular members were affected/influenced and stopped attending the fellowship, our numbers reduced but not our spirits and believe. This actually provided an opportunity for the remaining members to grow stronger and closer, with more obvious commitments demonstrated during the difficult times.

After the storm, I can start to see the rainbow, we have 7 new local people come to join us, although they are not Christians yet, they are all willing to know more about Christ and most attend our weekly meetings regularly. Our Fellowship, for the very first time, organized the wedding for brother Tung and sister Ming (both were students and had been with the fellowship for some years); they married on the 2nd September by Pastor Andrew Gardiner. I must say, Andrew did a very good job, he doesn' t know much of our Chinese customs, but managed to put them at ease and married the couple in a very professional manner.

I would like to express a very sincere thanks to all at Hope who prayed for the Fellowship during the difficult times, specially thanks for the " prayer group for the Chinese Fellowship" Judith and John Pitch, Jean Potter, Beryl Brown, David Brown, Wilfred and Thelma Smale, and Val Hart.

I felt as if I' ve been broken into small pieces, but with Christ in our hearts, and all with the help, care, support and encouragement from the Hope congregation, I feel like I' ve now been " glued" back together and am able to face the challenges in front and continue to serve the Lord. Praise the Lord!

In Christ

Karine Yuen

Community Quiz Night

Following on from the success of our previous Community Quiz Nights, we would love to invite you to enter a team into the 2008 event, which will be held on Saturday 15 March 2008, at 7.15pm.

Teams of 6 can be made up from anyone you would like to represent your business / organisation / community group (e.g. friends or neighbours), but no under-16' s please.

The cost is £12 per team, which will include a pasty and soft drinks.

RSVP

For catering purposes teams need to be registered...
please telephone either
Debbie Houston on 709909 or Nicky Hatherell on 770186

Who' s Who at Hope

Minister	Andy Saunders	772809
Minister	Andrew Gardiner	791993
Secretary	Beryl Brown	778019
Treasurer	Tony Jopson	781792
ALPHA	Andy Saunders	772809
Administrator	Justine Spence	708090
Caretaker	Honore Iyakaremye	
Booking Secretary	via Church Office	708090
Youth@Hope	Andrew Gardiner	791993
Parent and Toddlers	Beryl Brown	778090
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Women' s Rendezvous	Jenny Weeks	777416
Prayer Chain	Margaret Tripp	768957
Open House	Pam Smith	219844
Men' s Group	David Brown	707577
Minibus Bookings	Paul & Nicky Hatherell	770186
Mums and Babies	Kelly Hopwood	518254
The Outlook	Claire Preston	700739
	Helen Pugh	767124
Flower Co-ordinator	Pam Smith	219844

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