

# The Outlook

July & August 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.*

# Life at Hope

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Sunday</u></b></p> <p>10.30 a.m. Morning Worship</p> <p>Visitors are always welcome to join us.</p> <p>On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month we join together in taking communion, as we remember that the Lord Jesus Christ died for us</p> <p>Every Sunday morning coffee and tea are served at the back of the church after the service</p> | <p><b><u>Prayer groups</u></b> meet regularly on Tuesday afternoons, before Sunday morning services in the Guildroom and on the 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7.30pm</p> <p>Prayer Triplets also meet regularly, for more info contact Jenny on 772809.</p> <p><b><u>Prayer chains</u></b> are used extensively. Contact Margaret Tripp on 768957</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Crèche</u></b></p> <p>A crèche is provided for children under 3 during all morning services <u>except</u> all-age (family) services, which are usually on the last Sunday of each month.</p>   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Discussion Group</u></b></p> <p>Thursday mornings 10.00– 11.30.<br/>Contact Lin Pringle 767366</p>   |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Youth@Hope</u></b></p> <p>Activities for children and teenagers take place on Sunday mornings and weekday evenings. Full programmes of activities are available.</p> <p>For more information contact Andrew Gardiner on 791993</p>   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Coffee Morning</u></b></p> <p>Thursday's 10.15– 12 noon<br/>In the Church Hall – all welcome.</p>  |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Fellowship Groups</u></b></p> <p>Contact Andy Saunders on 772809 for details</p>   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Parent &amp; Toddler Groups</u></b></p> <p>Meet for 2 sessions each Wednesday and on Tuesday afternoons, term time only.<br/>Contact Jenny Saunders – 772809</p>   |
|   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Women's Rendezvous</u></b></p> <p>An informal gathering of ladies from the fellowship and their friends who meet monthly.<br/>Jenny Weeks – 777416</p>   |
|   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Men's Group</u></b></p> <p>A group for all men in the fellowship and their friends, meeting for social events.<br/>David Brown – 707577</p>  |
|   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Open House</u></b></p> <p>In the Church Hall on the third Monday of each month at 2.15 – refreshments included. £1.50 - all welcome</p>  |
|   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Mums and Babies</u></b> (0 - 8 months)</p> <p>meet on Tuesdays 10 – 11.30<br/>Kate Brown - 216868</p>  |

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## Are you ready?

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Passports? Suntan lotion? Swimming costumes? Sunhats? Kids?  
For many of us, going on holiday is a major evacuation procedure and having everything in place and sorted for departure seems to be more of an achievement as each summer vacation comes round!

Getting ready to move off and live in a different place for a short period of time brings all sorts of pressures, demands and “family discussions”. If any of you have moved house over the last year you will know similarly what an ordeal it can be.

Just imagine then, being camped alongside the Jordan River, in full flood, with tens of thousands of men, women and children and having to prepare for “the off” ... which means crossing over the River and entering into a new land, making camp, providing food, etc for everyone when they get there, creating a long term home. Just because God has told you to go!

That’s the position that Joshua and the nation found themselves in back in Joshua Chapter 3 that we looked at a few weeks’ ago...and one verse struck me above all the others as something God was specifically saying to us here at Hope.....Verse 5: **GET READY !!**

Get ready, as in...“Consecrate (prepare) yourselves for tomorrow the Lord is going to do amazing things among you”. This has been confirmed through others too..that we are about to face **new things** that God is going to do amongst us, as we walk in His ways and learn to trust Him.

Getting ready in these terms means being “sanctified”, being made Holy, addressing the wrong things in our lives, getting things straight with God... THEN..AND ONLY THEN...“The Lord will do amazing things amongst you”.

Now, I don’t know exactly **what** God is going to do. I don’t know exactly **when** He is going to do it. What I do know is I am excited by the prospect of Him doing “amazing (new) things” amongst us. And I do know something else..He wants us to be prepared for it. **R U ready?**

Andrew Gardiner

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## Open House

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Our annual ‘ Open House’ cream tea is on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at Endsleigh Garden Centre. There are other cakes, etc available if you would prefer. We have booked the Terrace Room from 3pm until 4pm, so please be prompt. There is a list to book on at the back of church, or contact Marian Brown or Pam Smith.

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July we will be having a beetle drive and summer quiz in the church hall at 2.15pm. This is our annual ‘ rifle tea’ , so forget the diet and come along. If you require a lift on the day please contact me, Pam Smith on 219844 to arrange a pick up time.

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## OASIS Pregnancy Crisis Centre

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A number of people from some local churches are planning to set up a Christian centre in Plymouth to offer counselling and support during the time of a crisis pregnancy. The aim is to offer unconditional, non-judgemental, confidential support and advice to women and their partners, and also to support those suffering after an abortion.

A meeting is planned for Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 7.30 – 8.30 pm at Carmel Church in St Levan Road.

For more info please call either Julia on 896430 or Jane on 767085.

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## Visit from the Allen’ s

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We are looking forward to a visit from our link workers in Afghanistan, Mark and Emily Allen on the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July. Following the Sunday service there will be a fellowship picnic in the park with an opportunity to get to know them informally. We only have the chance to meet them once every 4 years, so don’ t miss out!

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## Prayer Focus

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### **People**

- Pray for Mark Smith, Rob Canning and Holly Bowman-Powell that they will have a fruitful visit to Bosnia from 21-31<sup>st</sup> July.
- Vivian-Anne Kelly who will be going to Israel for 2 weeks.
- Our young people on their weekends away in early July and at the end of August, that they will enjoy their fellowship together.
- For those awaiting exam results, that they would seek God' s guidance for their future.
- Be constant in prayer for those in our fellowship who need God' s healing and those who have suffered bereavement.
- Pray for David Pendock as he comes to terms with the loss of his wife Valerie

### **Building Project**

Pray that this will start in July as planned and that arrangements for holding our Sunday services will go well in July, August and September.

### **Give praise and thanks**

For the glorious River Dart Camping Weekend and the unity of love at the Chinese Fellowship 10th Anniversary.



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## The Screwtape Letters & The Hiding Place – Saltmine Theatre Company

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The Saltmine Theatre Company came to Plymouth last month with two productions on show, *The Screwtape Letters* by C S Lewis and *The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom.

Having read the first few chapters of the *Screwtape Letters* book just after making my commitment, I began to learn who the devil was and how he worked. I wanted to see how this would be portrayed on the stage. Watching the play, we saw how the senior devil, *Screwtape*, instructed his junior apprentice and nephew, *Wormwood*, in the art of tempting Christians away from goodness towards evil. The play clearly gave the message of how evil can and does enter our lives, often without us realising. How often does the phone ring when we are about to start praying or ‘I did start reading it, but fell asleep half way through!’? It was amazing how many of the examples I could relate to. Fantastic entertainment with a clear and simple message, by a very talented and gifted team.

Not having read *The Hiding Place* (which will be rectified on holiday this year), I have to admit my main motivation for going was the toffee ice cream during the interval. But once again, the Saltmine team did not disappoint. Set in Holland during the Second World War, we saw the true story of how Corrie and the Ten Boom family bravely defied the Nazi occupation by hiding Jews in their home. Without ration cards they did not have food. What were they to do? Each time they faced a problem or a dangerous situation, which were numerous, they prayed. And God did not disappoint. He provided both food and guidance. This was a story showing us we can survive even the most horrendous situations when we have God as our rock. And we saw a brave family who remained committed to their faith in a situation most of us cannot even imagine. This was another fantastic performance and I even survived without an ice cream during the interval!

Two tremendous performances and I look forward to the next visit of The Saltmine Theatre Company.

Paul Hatherell

Plymouth Churches Green Action Day



# Respecting the Earth

Meeting Environmental Challenges  
Through Our Churches

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2006  
10.30a.m. – 4.00p.m.

The Chaplaincy Centre, College of St. Mark & St. John,  
Derriford, Plymouth PL6 8BH

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

Organised by the Council for Church and Society

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## The Interview with God

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I dreamed I had an interview with God.

*“So, you would like to interview me?”* God asked.

*“If you have the time,”* I said.

God smiled,

“My time is eternity. What questions do you have in mind for me?”

*“What surprises you most about humankind?”*

God answered...

*“That they get bored with childhood, they rush to grow up, and then long to be children again.”*

*“That they lose their health to make money...and then lose their money to restore their health.”*

*“That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live in neither the present nor the future.”*

*“That they live as if they will never die, and die as though they had never lived.”*

God’s hand took mine and we were silent for awhile.  
And then I asked...

*“As a parent, what are some of life’s lessons you want your children to learn?”*

*“To learn they cannot make anyone love them. All they can do is let themselves be loved.”*

*“To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others.”*

*“To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness.”*

*“To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in those they love, and it can take many years to heal them.”*

*“To learn that a rich person is not one who has the most, but is one who needs the least.”*

*“To learn that there are people who love them dearly, but simple have not yet learned how to express or show their feelings.”*

*“To learn that two people can look at the same thing and see it differently.”*

*“To learn that it is not enough that they forgive one another, but they must also learn to forgive themselves.”*

*“Thank you for your time,”* I said humbly.

*“Is there anything else you would like your children to know?”*

God smiled and said,

*“Just know that I am here....always.”*

**Author unknown**

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Our Chinese Fellowship' s 10th Anniversary  
Sunday 4th June 2006

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A big thank you to our Chinese Fellowship for the wonderful time we spent with them, on their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Over 60 of us were part of the service in Church where different people were able to bring them greetings in Chinese and English. The singing is always a joy to behold as we have Cantonese, Mandarin and English all praising Our Lord at the same time!

After the service we all gathered in the Hall for an excellent meal, provided by a local restaurant. We were all able to sample many different Chinese dishes.

On behalf of all of us from Hope who were there, thank you so much for giving us a magazine covering 10 years, a coaster and some of us a mug, all to commemorate your day. It' s a privilege to have you all as part of our church.



Many thanks to Shirley, Peter, Karine and Harry for all their hard work. May God bless you all in the work you do among the Chinese people in Plymouth, and within your fellowship.

Judith Pinch.

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## Just Life

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The Just Life Group met one Thursday evening in June in the post-victory glow of the England v Trinidad and Tobago match. Ann Munson played host, the weather was kind and BBQ was enjoyed by all; many thanks to Ann and Mike for their hospitality.

Lucy Waldron, a representative from Christian Aid, came to talk to us about the ‘ Make Poverty History’ campaign, what it had achieved and where we go next. There have been gains, it seems, in more and better aid to developing countries and there has been some debt cancellation, but there is room for much more to be done and we also need to be vigilant to ensure that pledges made are carried out.

With regard to trade justice however, it seems very little progress has been made. World leaders will be meeting in September to discuss the issues and with this in mind Christian Aid, supported by other aid organisations, are staging 2 days of demonstrations to ‘ bang’ home the message that people in this country are committed to trade justice in the Third World.

This campaign goes under the heading ‘ The Beat Goes On’ ; on July 8<sup>th</sup> across the country people will gather in town centres to beat out a simple African rhythm to let Gordon Brown know we haven’ t gone away. A list of signatures of those attending will be gathered and presented to Mr Brown in London prior to the September meeting. The September day is also to include a procession of drumming through the streets of London.

We are hoping to join a demonstration in Plymouth city centre on July 8<sup>th</sup> so if you care about justice for the Third World then come along with a drum or a saucepan or anything else to bang on and **let the beat go on**. More details will follow, so watch out on the notice sheet etc. We are hoping that that event will be for us a climax to a week where publicity for Trade Justice, Fair-trade etc will happen at Contrasting Horizons. As this goes to print this is still being organised but the plan is for us as a church to ‘ man’ Tony and Hilary’ s shop for the whole week from 10am to 3pm in order to welcome in more people from the community, serving Fair-trade teas and coffees, etc, and raising a w a r e n e s s o f a l l t h e i s s u e s i n v o l v e d .  
Barbara Smith

# **A Youth Worker's Journey**

An interview with Vivian-Anne Kelly

Vivian-Anne Kelly has been the trainee Youth Worker at Hope Baptist since May 2005. She moved to the UK from South Africa in November 2004.

## **Where exactly do you come from in South Africa?**

I come from Amanzimtoti, which is 30 minutes drive from Durban. It is a suburban town on the Indian Ocean coast.

## **What type of church did you worship at in South Africa?**

I was involved in Pentecostal charismatic churches for the majority of my Christian walk since 1998. The only denominational church I've been involved with is the Baptist church. I went there with my Gran because she was a Baptist.

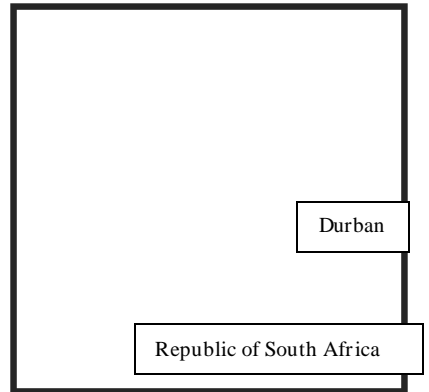
## **Why did you decide to come to the UK?**

I was at a bible college in South Africa in 2003 and I was fasting and praying, asking God what He wanted me to do the following year. I felt the Lord lay on my heart to go to mission school overseas. Usually when stuff comes into my mind I think it's just my idea, but I prayed into it and then I decided to step out in faith. I volunteered at my local church from January to July 2004. I fasted and prayed and sowed money, which God blessed and provided me with the money for my visa in September 2004.

I wasn't looking for short-term mission because I felt the Lord wanted to send me to mission school to study overseas. The UK is a place where churches allow you to get experience and gain qualifications. A lot of poorer countries can't afford to do that.

## **Out of all the churches in the UK you ended up at Hope Baptist, Plymouth – how did you narrow it down to here?**

I searched on the internet for mission organisations and found SWYM (South West Youth Ministries).



I looked at an Anglican church in Bristol but I wanted to wait and see what else God came up with so I got a temporary job in Wales and then I was told about Hope. My application was forwarded to Andrew Gardiner and I was sent the job specification. I liked it and Andrew liked my application.

**As well as working with the young people at Hope, you often have to write assignments – what are these for?**

I am in the second year of a Youth Mission and Ministry Diploma with Cliff College. The qualification is focussed on young people and youth work. It's very much teaching you to be a reflective practitioner of youth work.

**What have been your best times since you have been at Hope?**

Having the privilege of being in ministry and serving young people is one of the best times of my life. It's something I've waited to do for a long time, to be able to serve other people and God. I enjoy what I do, and the young people are truly amazing, definitely the biggest blessing in my job.

**Have there been any difficult times since you have been at Hope?**

I think when I first came to Plymouth it was quite hard. The job was new, the people were new. Everything was overwhelming. I had not done youth work before so I was learning everything from scratch, which was quite challenging and stretching for me, but God has been good.

**What has helped you through those times?**

Prayer and God. Lots of prayer and trusting God to help me. God teaching me to rely on Him and rather 'do things scared' than not do them at all!

**Is there a particular verse from the Bible which has been important to you?**

With me, verses vary as I go along because I'll pray through one and then God will bring another one to me depending on where I am in my walk with Him, but I do try to remember to 'seek first his Kingdom' – Matthew 6:33.

Helen Pugh

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## July Diary

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| Sun   | 2  | 10.00<br>10.30                | Prayer in the Lower Guildroom**<br>The Person God Uses – Martin Luther King  |
| Mon   | 3  | 3.00<br>7.30-8.30             | Open House Cream Tea<br>Prayer meeting in the Guildroom  |
| Tues  | 4  | 10.00<br>1.00<br>1.30<br>7.30 | Mums and Baby Group**<br>Parent & Toddler Group *<br>Prayer Group, * venues vary, please contact Margaret Tripp on 768957 for venues<br>The Greenhouse |
| Wed   | 5  | 10.00 & 1.00                  | Parent & Toddler Group *   |
| Thurs | 6  | 10.00<br>6.30-8<br>6 – 8      | Coffee Morning**<br>Hy-Powered *<br>Swimming at JKCC – all welcome   |
| Fri   | 7  | 7.00-8.30<br>8.15-10.00       | The Hype, youth group, years 7 to 9*<br>Re:Act, youth group, years 10 to 12*   |
| Sun   | 9  | 10.30                         | Visit from our link workers; Mark & Emily  |
|       |    | Allen,<br>park                | followed by a picnic lunch together in the<br>all welcome  |
| Wed   | 12 | 6.00                          | Women' s Rendezvous BBQ<br>at Bovisand weather permitting  |
| Sun   | 16 | 10.30                         | Home mission Sunday,<br>Guest Preacher Jonathan Edwards  |
| Mon   | 17 | 2.15<br>7.30-8.30             | Open House Beetle Drive and summer quiz<br>Prayer meeting in the Guildroom   |
| Tues  | 18 | 7.30                          | Church members' meeting  |
| Thurs | 20 | 6 – 8                         | Swimming at JKCC – all welcome   |
| Sun   | 23 | 10.30                         | The Person God Uses – D L Moody  |
| Sun   | 30 | 10.30                         | The Person God Uses – Paul, family service   |

\*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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## August Diary

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| Sun | 6  | 10.30 | The Person God Uses – by a guest speaker       |
| Sun | 13 | 10.30 | The Person God Uses - Barabbas, family service |
| Sun | 20 | 10.30 | The Person God Uses – Bono                     |
| Sun | 27 | 10.30 | Family service                                 |

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## Advance notices

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### Sept

10 BBQ on moors

30 Joint 3-church event at Derriford Health and Leisure Centre

### Oct

31 Halloween alternative event

### Nov

18 Barn Dance in aid of the Mission Fund

### **BMS Birthdays for July & August**

July – None

August - 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Marian Brown  
15<sup>th</sup> Mrs Cheryl Williams



### **Update your directories...**

Kelly Hopwood' s new email address is:

kellyleigh@hopwoodk.wanadoo.co.uk

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## Dr Who (and the dilemma of ordinary life)

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The great heroes, fictional and real, do not simply command our admiration; they become our inspiration.

Dr Who was always the thinking person's hero, an English eccentric, the Sherlock Holmes of sci-fi. Not for him the wham-bam, puff-kapower of the traditional superhero. It was always brains over brawn.

Still, if you're his all-too-human assistant, or just one of us, and you find yourself back in your own time with little to look forward to but your old job, your old friends and a plate of chips at the local café, you might well feel that nothing you could do would ever be as significant. Like a 19-year-old returning from a hugely fruitful gap-year mission.

Rose, Dr Who's assistant, faced precisely this dilemma of the 'ordinary life' in the last episode of the highly acclaimed come-back series:

"It was a better life. I don't mean all the travelling and seeing aliens and space ships and things. That don't matter. The Doctor showed me a better way of living your life – you don't just give up. You don't just let things happen. You make a stand. You say no. You have the guts to do what's right when everyone else runs away."

The good Doctor could not pass his talent on to Rose, any more than we can to each other; but he did pass on his passion to do what's right. The great exterminators are not the Daleks but indifference and passivity.

Rose's yearning to live a life that counts echoes the cry of millions of people in our country, Christian and not. Travelling with a time lord may not be an option for most of us; however, walking with the Lord of Time is.

Sadly, to many people Christianity looks from the outside like a police box – a museum piece, an antique one-person jail. However, like the Tardis, the view from the inside is liberating, not only helping us to see past, present and future in an entirely different way but involving us, Christ's far-from-omnipotent assistants, in his epic purposes in time and eternity.

As Rose says, you don't just give up. You don't just let things happen. You make a stand. You say no. You have the guts to do what's right when everyone else runs away. In all that, however, Jesus, unlike the good Doctor, has the power to be with us, even to the end of the age.

**Mark Greene**

Courtesy of the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity,  
[www.licc.org.uk](http://www.licc.org.uk)

# SWBA Prayer Calendar

*Please use this calendar in your daily or weekly prayers to strengthen the South West family of Baptist churches as one Body in Christ. Two churches are “featured” each week, and have had the opportunity to submit a short paragraph.*

*Let us praise God for all He is doing in the South West.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> July**

**DEVONPORT, PLYMOUTH**

**Minister: Revd Nathan Fisher**

*On the 5th June we embarked on a project called “How to Drug-proof Your Kids”. It is a six week course that has been developed by Care for the Family and Hope UK and is aimed at helping Parents develop skills which will help them to identify issues relating to Drug abuse amongst children and to implement strategies for coping with situations of drug abuse in the home. This is a particularly big issue in Devonport and we believe that Drug Proofing Your Kids is one way of trying to address this.*

**MINEHEAD**

**Moderator: Revd Niels Waugh**

*We pray that the Lord will lead us on for the future pastorate and that during the interregnum our members are encouraged to use their gifts. We praise the Lord for our deepening fellowship through groups started last year and that one of our Girls’ Brigade members joins a BMS Action team to India in the autumn. Please pray for greater contact with Brigade parents.*

In addition: Okehampton Baptist Church  
Halcon Baptist Church, Taunton

**9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> July**

**ROUNDSWELL, BARNSTAPLE** **Minister: Revd Keith Elliott**

*Please pray for “The Village Well” - a weekly drop in for coffee & friendship. It’s moving out of a local hotel and into one of the local schools. Pray for good ongoing relationships to develop with staff, pupils and their parents.*

*Pray also for us as we review our strategy for working with young people and as we continue to develop a rolling programme for outreach.*

**MUTLEY, PLYMOUTH**

**Minister: Revd Andy Caldwell**

*We would value prayer in two specific areas. (1) As we search for a new associate minister to work alongside the team at Mutley. (2) That the current momentum of ministry and mission would continue over the summer months; during this time there will considerable disruption to church life due to the redecoration of the church sanctuary.*

In addition: Exmouth Baptist Church, Victoria Road  
Paignton Baptist Church, Winner Street

**\*\*\*Please particularly remember Jonathan and Sue Edwards this week as we say farewell to them on 15<sup>th</sup> July. Please pray for Jonathan as he takes up his new ministry as General Secretary, and for the family as they approach this time of change.\*\*\***

**16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

**SHERBORNE**

**Minister: Revd Jonathan Doney**

*Since moving to the local Primary school for our Sunday worship we have made new contacts with a different community, we give thanks for the new people that God is calling into our midst, and those who have recently made commitments to follow Jesus. We pray for wisdom as we seek to support and disciple these newer folk, many of them with significant pastoral issues to work with. We look forward to a seaside Baptism in the summer, with others to follow and we ask for our brothers and sisters to stand with us in prayer as we seek clear guidance over our community outreach work, especially the 'stepping stones' coffee centre.*

### **SAINTHILL**

**Moderator: Revd Roger Grant**

*Pray with us that God will guide us during our search for a minister, we thank God for the visiting preachers who minister God's word so faithfully each week.*

*We look forward to the great things God has in store for the fellowship as we plan for the Holiday Club in August; previously this event has attracted thirty or more children.*

In addition:           Bridgwater Baptist Church  
                                  Yarcombe Baptist Church

### **23<sup>rd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July**

#### **ST THOMAS, EXETER**

**Minister: Revd Rob Sylvester**

*With a building project to refurbish and extend the premises nearing completion, St Thomas are looking to the future with confidence. Increasingly we sense the need to focus more than ever on mission, especially to the surrounding streets and community. Our youth work is currently reorganising, and four of our young adults are going abroad this summer on mission projects. Finally, please pray for our follow-up to the Just 10 meetings.*

#### **HALWILL Group of Baptist Churches**

**Moderator: Revd Dinah Hargreaves**

*Please pray for our Moderator Rev D Hargreaves as she leads us in the search for a new Minister. We are interviewing at the moment so pray for the Deacons and the potential Minister that the Lord will guide us. Please pray for our Youth work: a) Guides, Brownies, Rainbows; b) youth clubs 7 to 11, 11 to 20+; c) Stowford Youth Camp 30th June- 2nd July; d) Sunday School Anniversary 11th June; e) visit of the Baptist Caravan Club 7th to 9th July. Also, our Ladies' Meetings, Open air service for the village Fun Week on Sunday 23rd July at 6.30 pm at the Village Hall or Playing Field.*

### **30<sup>th</sup> July – 5<sup>th</sup> August**

#### **TEIGNMOUTH**

**Minister: Revd John Wilson**

*Our recently formed second congregation, known as the North Teignmouth Community Church, has now elected a leadership team. Please pray for the future direction of this exciting mission.*

*Following teaching on gifting we are running a pilot course called Network with the aim of helping members to discover the gifts God has given them and the place where they can serve fruitfully. Please pray as we consider how this may be brought to the whole membership.*

#### **FORD, PLYMOUTH**

**Minister: Revd Mike Getley**

*We give praise for the shoots of "new growth", but with a small and aging congregation this brings its own pressures.*

*We have seen an increase in those attending both our Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade. We have a number of young teens that attend regularly and we are hoping to hold a Christianity Explored course for them this summer term. Alongside this we face the enormous task in trying to renovate our buildings to a useable standard.*

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## The Da Vinci Code

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The Da Vinci Code is a best-selling book; most people have read it or know someone who has read it.

It makes controversial claims about the Bible and about Jesus.

How should Christians respond? It would be helpful if they had read it of course.

People can be fooled by a good story, well told, with alarming consequences. In America in the late thirties, Orson Wells narrated the H G Wells novel “War Of The Worlds”, on the radio, to such convincing effect, that when he broadcast the news that the Martians had landed on Earth and were destroying certain cities and that everyone had to evacuate, there was panic with people rushing to get out.

Let me quote you a paragraph from a Christian video holder back cover. “When does fiction become fact and a lie become truth? It is when people do nothing to seek out the facts for themselves and are not able to separate fact from fiction”. I will now quote a saying of my own. “You can never prove a lie to be the truth and vice versa.”

Christians who have a strong faith would never doubt our Lord Jesus Christ, but those people who have not got such a faith and those who delight in putting us down with their ‘worldly knowledge’ could have a field day.

It is up to us to get acquainted with the errors in entertaining fiction, some of which the authors themselves state do not relate to actual people or events, or are just a hypothesis of their own.

How can we get the facts? The video I mentioned was obtained through the RBC Ministries, PO Box 1 Camforth, Lancashire LA5 9ES. Free on request to readers of ‘Our Daily Bread’ devotional notes. It is entitled, ‘The Da Vinci Code - Fact or Fiction’, available on DVD also.

Nicky Gumble has a small booklet printed which may be of use too, priced at £1; available in Christian bookshops. RBC Ministries also offer a free booklet entitled ‘The Da Vinci Code- Separating Fact From Fiction’, in their discovery series of booklets.

T J Fray

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## **Hope Camping Weekend at River Dart Adventure Park**

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It all started as ‘ just an idea’ back in the winter, that a few people from Hope may like to get together for a camping weekend later in the year. I thought I would ask people to sign up to see how much interest there was and was amazed to see about 40 people were keen to go. We therefore ‘ phoned the River Dart Adventure Park in Ashburton and booked their Walled Garden exclusively for our group.

As the weeks went on more and more people were filling out booking forms – people who had never camped before were being pressurised by their children to go and buy a tent in order that they did not miss out! In the end, over 80 of us camped for the weekend, two people stayed in the bed and breakfast accommodation and about 15 people came over for the day on the Saturday.

We had an absolutely fabulous time! The campsite was beautiful with so many activities for the children and teenagers to enjoy. The swimming pool, river, lake, water fights and Anne-Marie’ s paddling pool gave us relief from the sizzling temperatures that we enjoyed all weekend long. It was such a great opportunity to relax together, to get to know new people and to deepen friendships with others.

The atmosphere in the camp was lovely. We had people who had been in Hope for a long time and some who have recently joined, some who are very young and some who

are older. We enjoyed games of boules, cricket, football and volleyball. Saturday evening was a special time, when we all got together for a barbeque.

We had two opportunities for worship. On Saturday morning, a short ‘Thought for the Day’ and then our Service on Sunday morning when we shared communion together.

It was great that on both occasions other Christians who were staying on the main campsite heard the praise and worship and came to join us! One lady on the Sunday shared afterwards that she was very upset that she could not be in her church that day and felt that our presence was God’s provision for her. The previous day she had made a decision to go into full time ministry and she felt that the message that Andrew brought to us confirmed her calling! I felt that it was a very moving experience to walk over the cross of bricks that had been laid out, in order to go and receive the bread and wine.

I am really grateful to everyone who came along, for making it such a great time!!

Katherine Gardiner

*And I am sure we are grateful to  
Katherine and anyone else who  
helped her to organise this for us.  
Thank you!*



I was shocked, confused, bewildered  
as I entered Heaven's door,  
not by the beauty of it all,  
nor the lights or its decor...

But it was the folks in Heaven  
who made me sputter and gasp--  
the thieves, the liars, the sinners,  
the alcoholics; the trash!!

There stood the kid from seventh grade  
who swiped my lunch money twice.  
Next to him was my grumpy old neighbour  
who never said anything nice.

Herb, who I always thought  
was rotting away in hell,  
was sitting pretty on cloud nine,  
looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, "What's the deal?  
I would love to hear Your take.  
How'd all these sinners get up here?  
God must've made a mistake.

And why's everyone so quiet,  
so sombre? Give me a clue."  
"Hush, child," said the Lord, "They're all in shock.  
No one thought they'd see you."

JUDGE NOT!!!  
(ouch!)

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## Swimming at John Kitto Community College

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We have hired the pool at JKCC for our **exclusive** use and everyone is invited to a swim there on the evenings of **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July** and **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July** from **6pm to 8 pm.**

It is an outdoor **heated** pool in an enclosed private area; a suntrap if the weather obliges, and can be really warm even at that time of the evening; but even if the weather is less than kind the **water is always beautifully warm.**

There are also **hot showers** and changing rooms right next to the pool.

All of this all for **just £1** per person – feel free to invite your friends too.

If you want to bring a picnic tea there is room to sit around the pool to eat.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept the responsibility of unaccompanied children, so any youngsters reading this.. nag your parents to come too!



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## Pastoral Committee

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The Pastoral Committee was set up eight years ago and held its first meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> June 1998. Its purpose is to ensure that the Pastoral Care Network of the church is working effectively and that those who might value a pastoral visit are offered one.

The committee is comprised of our two ministers plus 8 church members, namely Kate Brown, Mike Holland, Jean Potter, Thelma Smale, Wilfred Smale, Pam Smith, Doreen Stirling, and Margaret Tripp. They meet monthly and review and update a complete list of our fellowship, including newcomers. We also have a card index of those who require regular visits and when they were last visited.

Needless to say, as a Fellowship, we should all look out for each other and everyone has a part to play in pastoral care and welcoming newcomers. Ideally it is good if one person looks out for another and lets a member of the Pastoral Committee know when someone is missing or in need.

### Wilfred Smale

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples.

The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray:  
***"Take only ONE; God is watching."***

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.

A child had written a note,  
***"Take all you want; God is watching the apples."***



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Sunday mornings this month

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July

Coffee

- 2 Nick Beard and Beryl Brown  
9 Patrick Cann and Kelly Hopwood  
16 Richard Simpson and Pat Taylor  
23 Tim Hart and Sandra Brown  
30 Pat Dodd and Julie Harrall

Transport

- Jackie May  
Mike Munson  
Mike Lummis  
David Brown  
Peter Brown

Crèche

- 2 Luisa Davies, Julie Harrall and Jean Bartlett  
9 Jeanette Roberts, Gaenor Hockey and Megan Adeney  
16 Jackie May, Leontine Amissale and Kelly Hopwood  
23 Helen Pugh, Karen Beard and Sheena Kingdom  
30 Family Service – no crèche

Flowers

- 2 Mr Mike Holland  
*In loving memory of his wife Anne.*  
9 Steve and Kate Brown  
*To celebrate their Wedding Anniversary.*  
16 Miss Dorothy Camfield  
23 Ann Javan  
*In loving memory of her parents on  
the Anniversary of their wedding.*  
30 Flower Fund

PowerPoint

- Sheila  
Chris  
Cherry  
John  
Tim/Dom

Communion

- |    | <u>Set-up</u>         | <u>Wash-up</u> |
|----|-----------------------|----------------|
| 16 | Peter and Beryl Brown | Karine Yuen    |

Collection Count

- 2 Peter Brown and David Brown  
9 Peter Brown and Nicky Hatherell  
16 Peter Brown and Ron Dalton  
23 Peter Brown and Jonathan Ward  
30 Peter Brown and Mark Henagulph

Stewards

- 2 Mike Lummis, Pat Dodd, Graham Dodd, Estelle Robertson, Holly B-P  
9 Beryl Brown, Andrew Jones, Margaret Tripp, Trevor Fray, David

Simpson

- 16 Peter Brown, Sheena Kingdom, Gill Knight, Tim Hart, Jemma Aldersley  
23 Ron Dalton, Pat Taylor, Peter Man, Salli Lummis, Dom Dalton  
30 Nicky Hatherell, Beryl Chun, Marian Brown, Margaret Underdown,  
Katherine Beard

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## August

### Coffee

6 Claire Worrall and Marian Brown  
13 Sheila Boddington and Nicky Hatherell  
20 Carole and John Eascott  
27 Pat Taylor and Beryl Brown

### Transport

Jackie May  
Mike Munson  
Mike Lummis  
David Brown

### Crèche

6 Jean Bartlett, Julie Harrall and Claire Knight  
13 Family service – no crèche  
20 Luisa Davies, Kelly Hopwood and Megan Adeney  
27 Family service – no crèche

### Flowers

6 Flower Fund  
13 Judith and John Pinch. *In loving memory of Mrs Gwen Pidsley and to celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Cheryl and Glenn Williams*  
20 Glenda and Alan Davies.  
27 Mrs Pat Taylor.

### PowerPoint

Sheila  
Tim/Dom  
  
Chris  
Tim/Dom

### Communion

#### Set-up

20 Peter and Beryl Brown

#### Wash-up

Margaret Underdown and Estelle Robertson

### Collection Count

6 Marian Brown and Wilf Smale  
13 Marian Brown and Mark Smith  
20 Marian Brown and David Brown  
27 Marian Brown and Nicky Hatherell

### Stewards

6 Wilf Smale, Pam Smith, Graham Dodd, Pat Dodd, Robert Canning  
13 Mike Lummis, Andrew Jones, Sheena Kingdom, Pat Taylor, Holly B-P  
20 Mike Munson, Peter Man, Gill Knight, Tim Hart, David Simpson  
27 Peter Brown, Estelle Robertson, Trevor Fray, Margaret Tripp, Jemma Aldersley

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