

The Outlook

***Magazine of Hope Baptist Church
July/August 2008***

***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 10.30am 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 to be held 9 times this year. It is a vibrant and contemporary service. We meet for coffee/tea and cakes at 6.30pm and then begin at 7.00pm. The next 2 meetings are on 20th July and 21st September.

Community Café Thursdays 10.00 am – 12.00 pm in the Church. All welcome.

Fellowship Groups Small groups meet for bible study, prayer and friendship at various times & days throughout the week. Contact: Helen Pugh 767124

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

menZone Men meeting for bible study, prayer and breakfast. Meet monthly on Saturdays at 8am. Contact: Andrew Gardiner 791993

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

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

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

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 Pendock 768957.

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

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

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

Church with Choice

Visiting a number of churches over the last few months most of them have had very similar ingredients: lots of singing, a sermon, formal prayers, and they have been led by one or two people. Does church have to be like this?

Church with Choice is an innovative Baptist Church that meets in a school near Paignton Zoo. The church recognised that people expect to have choice in most areas of life; school, shopping, multi-plex cinemas, TV channels and decided to offer choice at church too. When people arrive they can either go to family worship or chat over coffee. Then they choose between contemplative worship, sermon and discussion or prayer. After this some people leave, others conclude with worship and prayer.

I think we have a great format for worship on a Sunday morning at Hope but I know too that it would not suit every Christian and certainly not everyone who was seeking God. Most people just aren't used to standing and singing songs, praying for 5 minutes or listening to a talk. Alpha has proved to be a good way in to faith for many but sometimes participants then find church is foreign to them and doesn't help them to grow in the same way that discussions at Alpha did.

Christians around the world are grappling with this problem and trying out all sorts of experimental forms of church like Church with Choice in Paignton. At Hope we have identified 3 ways in which we could try something new in Peverell. The titles might not be the best but I hope you'll get the idea:

1) Messy Church. This is geared towards parents with their toddlers and babies. Such a church would meet during the week and include craft activities, bible stories, simple songs and reflections that would help families understand Jesus' teaching and apply it to their lives.

2) Church of the Third Age. Aimed at those who have retired. This form of church would use some of the older hymns, short talks followed by discussion and a time of prayer. It may well include food, social activities and information sharing about activities and support for the elderly.

3) Emerging Church. Targeted at those who have no contact with or experience of church or Christianity but who do want to explore spirituality and wisdom for living. This church might include food, short talks and discussion, and opportunities for meditation/reflection with the use of music and the arts.

These are just thumbnail sketches and others may have better ideas about how they could work. In order to move forward with any of these exciting possibilities we need 3 or 4 people with vision and enthusiasm to give one of them a go. These people would need to be released from other church activities and we would help them shape and implement their ideas.

If you feel drawn towards this please have a chat with Andy or Andrew. Or if you have a different vision for a new style of church they would also love to explore that with you. If we are to help more people discover Jesus we will need to take a few risks, utilise our energy and creativity and make the unchanging truth of the gospel known in a form through which more people can access it.

One really **BI G** night of prayer

Please put this in your diary....go on...please do it right now before you turn on to the next page and forget all about it!!

Do you want us to be tuned in to what God is saying and doing in and through Hope? Do you want the Lord to bless all we seek to do in His name next term?

As a church we are not going to take one step into the autumn term programme without prayer, prayer and more prayer.

YES!! –welcome back everyone to the very popular and successful one **BI G** night of prayer.

Lots of variety, small groups and large, ideas and new ways to help us to pray on our own and in small groups etc, in and around our building, FOR ALL AGES , for new people and well-established members.....now you are excited....here' s the date...

THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER : 6.30 TILL
10.00PM

(Children' s and young people' s prayers only from
6.30 – 7.00pm)

Peverell Community Café

Those who came along to the launch of the Community Cafe on Thursday 5th June will know that it was a very successful morning. We were privileged to have Pippa Quelch from Radio Devon come and declare the Cafe open and also to feature the opening of the cafe on her morning programme on Sunday 8th June. Pippa conducted interviews with several members of the church and also included the children from Nutkins singing in the background.

Brian Potter has done an excellent job of recording the event and putting it on the church web site www.hopebaptist.net. If you have access to the internet please do have a look at the website especially if you missed the opening of the Community Cafe as you will be able to share in the atmosphere of the morning. Well done Brian and thank you for all the hard work you have done to get the recording on the web site so quickly.

We have learnt that we have been awarded a grant of £300.00 from Virginia House Settlement Fund towards the cost of setting up the Community Cafe. Thanks be to God! This money will be used to buy a coffee making machine so that we can offer a choice of coffee and drinks at the Cafe.



A big Thank You to all who helped in any way to make the launch of the Community Cafe so successful and I pray that now we are "up and running" that the momentum will be maintained and we will see many new faces popping in for a drink and a chat alongside the regulars on Thursday mornings.

Jenny Weeks

Open House

Our annual trifle tea is on Monday 21st July and we extend a warm invitation to anyone who has not joined us before.

We will be having a “crafty” afternoon, making various greeting cards. Then we will enjoy a light tea with bread and butter, trifles, cakes and cups of tea.

We meet at 2.15 pm in the Church Hall and the suggested donation for the tea is £1.50. This month it will be given to the “Soup Run”. Hope Baptist Church has a team who provide this service on Monday evenings throughout the year. They take sandwiches, pasties and soup to the homeless people in the city centre. It can help 40 to 50 people each evening.



If you would like to help by donating soup, or meat to go into sandwiches, then the following are suitable: standard tins of tomato or vegetable soup, no other sorts please. Tins of corned beef, spam or ham. Some hard cheese would also be welcome.

There is no meeting in August, so we hope you have a happy holiday and look forward to seeing you in September.

From Ann, Marian and Pam.

On **Sunday 21st September** at Realm we are pleased to have as our special guest speaker Rev Ian Coffey, Chairman of Spring Harvest, and former Senior Minister at Mutley BC.

Please make every effort to attend this one !!!
Ian's talks are always challenging and relevant

July Diary

Sun	06	1030	Morning Worship ' The Unnecessary Church' Acts 242-47
Weds	09		Women' s Rendezvous Walk
Sat	12	0800	menZone Adam: When men mess up (with their wives' help)
Sun	13	1030	Morning Worship & Baptisms
Mon	14	1900	Prayer Meeting, Prayer Room
Weds	16	1830	Women' s Rendezvous Barbecue
Sun	20	1030	Holy Communion ' Emerging Church' Acts 10
Sun	20	1900	Realm: Moving on in Worship
Mon	21	1415	Open House, Church Hall
Sun	27	1030	Family Service 'Ratatouille'

August Diary

Sun	03	1030	Morning Worship ' The Golden Compass' Galatians 5
Sun	10	1030	Family Service
Sun	17	1030	Holy Communion ' God at the movies 3'
Sun	24	1030	Family Service
Sun	31	1030	Morning Worship ' There Will Be Blood' Mark 8:27-38

Paintballing for men and their big lads is now happening on Saturday 6th September. Contact Kev Harvey for details.

menZone on Saturdays is back on 13th September

Weekly events

Tuesday 10 – 11.30am Mums and Babies
Thursday 10 – 12 noon Peverell Community Café

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

The Hype (school years 7 – 9)

Friday 1900 – 2130

RE-ACT (school years 10 – 13)

Friday 2015 – 2200

The Outlook

This edition of the Outlook had been edited by Helen Pugh. The deadline for articles for consideration for the September/October 2008 Outlook is:

Sunday 17th August

Please send articles for consideration for the next issue to Claire Preston

claire.preston888@btinternet.com

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

Women' s Rendezvous

At our May meeting we were pleased to welcome Cherry Robinson who came and spoke to us about her time working for Tesco. Cherry was able to illustrate her talk with photos and charts explaining the rise of Tesco from quite humble beginnings to the mega company it is today. I am sure that all the ladies found the talk very interesting and we are grateful to Cherry for coming along and giving us a good evening.

The June meeting on Wednesday 25th, will be at the home of Shirley and Brian Cuff, 6 Bullied Close, Weston Mill when we will share food and enjoy some time in the garden (weather permitting). The meeting will start at 6:30pm.

On 9th July we will be going to Ford Park Cemetery for a guided walk led by Pat Luxford one of the Ford Park Cemetery team. There will be a small charge of £1:50 and the walk will last about 1 - 1 1/2 hours. This is an open evening so anyone from the church family is welcome to join us for the walk. It should prove very interesting as Ford Park Cemetery has many famous people interred there and I am sure Pat will explain some of the symbolism which is displayed on the many Victorian grave stones during the walk.

On July 16th we shall be meeting at the home of Jenny and Ron Weeks where we hope to enjoy a BBQ in the garden. Start time 6:30pm. Please let Jenny know if you are hoping to come

There will be no meeting during August as many of our members will be away on holiday, but we recommence in September with a table top sale. Please see page 13 for further details.

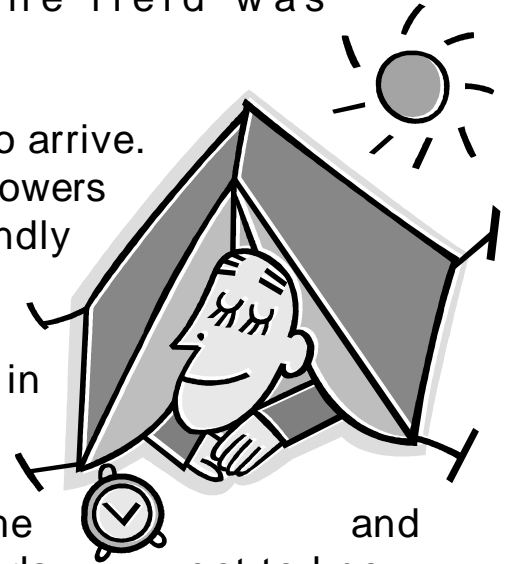
For further details of Women's Rendezvous please get in touch with Jenny Weeks, Chris Eascott or Marian Brown.

Jenny Weeks

Reflections on River Dart

The May half term week was wet.....very wet!!! As I was packing up for the church camp being held at River Dart Country Park, I decided that we must be mad.....complete ly mad!!! A telephone call from the Henagulph family who had arrived at the site two days earlier alerted us to the fact that the field was muddy.....very muddy!!!

On Friday lunchtime everyone started to arrive. Tents were erected in between rain showers and people who were already set up, kindly made cups of tea for those who had just arrived. By the evening over 100 of us were enjoying a lovely relaxing time in the sunshine.



Saturday began with a short worship time and then a whole day to relax with old friends, get to know others better and enjoy the exciting activities of the park. It was great to welcome an extra 30 people who came over for the day and joined us for the barbeque that evening.

It is always such a joy to worship the Lord outside in the beautiful surroundings of the camp site, so the communion service on Sunday morning was very special.

Despite rain showers and mud, I was really encouraged by how much fun we had! There was a lovely friendly, happy atmosphere on the camp and it was such a good time to deepen relationships. A number of people came this year for the first year, and say that they are keen to go again the only real complaint was that it wasn' t long enough!

Thanks to all who came and made it such a success!

Katherine Gardiner

The Wrinklies' 13th Annual Walk

The 19th May, 2008, marked the start of the Wrinklies' 13th Annual Walk.

We were all looking forward to the prospect of spending 4 nights at the Mariners Hotel, on the sea front at Seaton, East Devon, and enjoying some walks and good company.

This was the first year that we had qualified, after much vetting, to attend this gathering.

Surely, it could not be as good as we had been told precious holidays had been.

Not only was it good, it exceeded our expectations!

The seafront hotel was run by a couple who had met through the Boys' Brigade, and the food was excellent, always a bonus for us!

The first afternoon was spent enjoying a leisurely walk on Seaton Marshes, spotting much wildlife including egrets, swans, ducks, and two or three rats!

The second day brought the first big test – a 7 mile walk along the coast path from Lyme Regis to Seaton. It was a beautiful day and the walk was splendid. All nine starters completed the walk, but it was touch and go, as Mike Holland fell and badly grazed and bruised his shin. However, after some expert medical attention, he completed the walk, albeit in great pain!

The rest of the group enjoyed a day out, mainly at Lyme Regis.

Another beautiful day on Wednesday, but only 3 of the party, Sandra Cox and Judith and John Pinch were brave enough to complete the 10 miles between Sidmouth and Seaton.

The rest of us came up with plausible excuses, like 'we've got to get some use from our bus passes' or 'we're meeting our daughter and grandchildren'.

These excuses were somehow accepted and another good day was had by all.

Thursday dawned and it was cloudy with the odd spot of rain.

Not to be deterred, we all left Seaton 'International' Tram Station as 10am sharp on a 'non-stop' 13 minute trip to Colyford. Most of us alighted here and had a very pleasant

walk beside the river to Colyton. The remainder stayed on the tram.

We were very grateful to Ray Hedges who negotiated a good 'group discount' for the tram ride.

No sooner had it started but the break was coming to an end.

We said our farewells to the Mariners and spent some time at Branscombe before travelling home.

We were very grateful to Judith and John for organising the holiday, and to all the 'friends' who made the 4 days such an enjoyable experience.

It was good to share songs, stories, games and jokes each evening, and in such good company.

Hopefully, plans are already being made for the 14th annual holiday!

Carole and John Eascott

Peeverell Community Café

Thursdays 10-12

Bring a friend!

Make contacts. Build friendships. Build community.

From the Women' s Rendezvous

R U A Hoarder?

If so you'll like this advance notice.

Plenty of time to turn out!

We are holding a Table Top Sale on Saturday 13th September
10am till noon.

To book a table now (cost £3) ring Merrilyn Duook on
01752 778409

BMS Birthdays

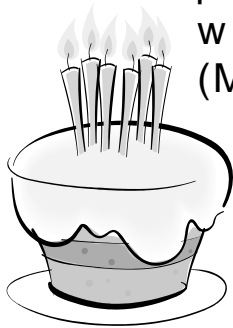
July

01 Mrs J Potter

August

02 Mrs M Brown

What is BMS Birthdays?



The birthday scheme means that you get a card on your special day. Enclosed with this is a gift envelope in which you agree to make a donation to BMS (Medical). I would encourage you to seriously consider joining this scheme – especially seeing how many countries need medical help these days.

Please contact me if you would like more information.

Marian Brown

Thank you

I would like the Church to know just how much I have appreciated the very kind and generous expressions of support shown both to Margaret and me by so many during my recent stay in hospital and on my return home.

Thank you also for your prayers which I know have helped us both so much.

We have found your kindness and concern, not only for us but our family, quite overwhelming.

Thank you all, once again.

Frank Underdown

Church Flower Arrangements for July 2008

6th Mr Michael Holland. In loving memory of his wife, Anne.

13th

20th Flower Fund.

27th Miss Dorothy Camfield. Remembering her family with love.

Church Flower Arrangements for August 2008

4th Mrs Ann Javan. In loving memory of her parents on the anniversary of their wedding.

10th John and Judith Pinch. In loving memory of Mrs Gwen Pidsley, and to celebrate their daughter' s birthday.

17th Glenda and Alan Davies.

24th

31st Mrs Pat Taylor.

For Sale £12 ono!

One pair of Women`s Pink Ribbon Walking Shoes, size 5.

These shoes/trainers are custom designed for the Breast Cancer Site. Made from flexible leather upper with breathable mesh and cushy insole. They are white with pink accents and the word `courage` stitched in pink in the tongue.

A rather confused `older person` simply purchased the wrong size when ordering via the internet! Therefore these shoes are in perfect condition as they are brand new.

If interested and to try before you buy, please contact that confused person - Margaret Underdown 01822 854093 - Thank you

Who's Who at Hope

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Minister	Andrew Gardiner	791993
Secretary	Beryl Brown	778019
Treasurer	Tony Jopson	781792
ALPHA	Andy Saunders	772809
Administrator	Justine Spence	708090
Booking Secretary	via Church Office	708090
Caretaker	Honore Iyakaremye	
Children's Advocates	Chris Houston	709909
	Sue Syers	703077
Fellowship Groups	Helen Pugh	767124
Flower Co-ordinator	Pam Smith	219844
Men's Group	David Brown	707577
menZone	Andrew Gardiner	791993
Minibus Bookings	Paul & Nicky Hatherell	770186
Mums and Babies	Kelly Hopwood	518254
Open House	Pam Smith	219844
Parents and Toddlers	Beryl Brown	778090
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