

The Outlook

from Hope June 2004

Changing Rooms.....Changing lives

Help, not again !!

No, not another gripping (?) television programme about people going into someone's house and secretly ripping apart their rooms or the garden while they are away.

Instead, this time it's the story of a man who is called up by his brother for a massive task of changing a city and changing history. This month we dig deep into the story of a man called Nehemiah who lived hundreds of years before Jesus.

When he came to inspect the city of Jerusalem, he found that he needed more than Laurence Llewellyn-Bowen or Charlie Dimmock and their teams if he was going to see the huge walls and gates of the once-great city restored - not to **their** glory, **but to the glory of God.**

Make sure you don't miss a single episode of this exciting and challenging story, which has much to teach us as, over the next year, we face our own rebuilding issues at Hope Baptist Church.

I was thinking this week..... about how much easier it is, to spot things that are wrong with the buildings that we use, than it is to see things **in our lives** that are in need of renewal and restoration. As we have plans and surveys of the church going through the legal processes, let's also **do what the Bible says**.....take time out to 'examine ourselves' and see what outstanding work God might be wanting to do in our individual and corporate lives.

It might take more than a bit of plastering or a lick of paint, but it will be worth it.

The Great Architect has a plan and he wants to build something to His glory – even in the unlikely shape of you and me!

Andrew Gardiner

1 Corinthians 11 vs 28....1 Peter 2 vs 5.....Hebrews 3 vs 4....1 Corinthians 3 vs 9

All-day trip to Teignmouth, SATURDAY 10th July 2004

Once again the venue for our annual outing is Teignmouth. This is by popular request of many of our members mainly because they enjoy the beach, pier and shops all in close proximity to each other.

A 78 seater bus has been hired and Teignmouth Baptist Church has set aside part of their premises for us to use as a base.

As usual, if the weather is fine, we shall spend the afternoon on the beach, where there will be organised games and races, including a tug-o-war and then all join together for tea at the Church. In the event of poor weather activities will be arranged at the Church.

It will be necessary for you to make your own arrangements for lunch, either bring a packed lunch to eat either in the Hall or on the beach, or make use of one of the many bakeries and takeaway facilities in the town. We will all eat tea together in the hall and we will be asking for contributions of food towards this nearer the time.

The bus will leave Hope Baptist Church at 10.30 am and drop us at Teignmouth Baptist Church at approximately 11.45 noon. We shall leave at 6 pm for the homeward journey, arriving back at Hope at about 7pm.

Unfortunately due to rising costs we have had to increase the prices slightly and will be £5.50 for adults, £3.50 for children and £1.50 per person using their own transport Please make cheques out to N. Hatherell

If you wish to take part in this outing, please let one of us know ASAP as places are limited.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact either of us
Nicky Hatherell and Debbie Houston

Building Fund 2004?

WOW.....there's an idea !!

At the church meeting in May we asked our loyal church members what kinds of ideas they have had, or are pursuing, to raise money in different ways for the Building Fund. Just in case they can spark off your own thinking, here is just a selection.....

“I'm putting 50p's and 20p's in old film pods”

“I wondered about us organising a talents auction”

“Should we have a Family Quiz Night?”

“We are waiting for the interest on our savings – so we can give some!”

“We're going to use car boot sales to get money in from things we don't need”

“We are using some money we had been saving in a holiday fund

“I am selling off furniture I don't need, and giving surplus from my salary”

To date we know we shall receive in excess of £25,000!!!!!!

We know a number of you have not yet given, and there is still plenty of time – the appeal is open for 6 months, maybe longer! However it would help us if you were able to complete a pledge form. They are available at the back of the church. There are also envelopes in the same place for anyone who would like to spread their giving over a length of time.

Don't Forget– if you are a taxpayer we can reclaim your already-paid-tax at the rate of 28p per £ given.

If you haven't given yet, don't forget that there is no pressure or guilt –

“Please.....only give WHAT you can, WHEN you can”.

THANK YOU!

Prayer Focus

This month please pray especially for:

The Thank-offering and the Building Project, that God will strengthen our faith and enable us to give gladly and sacrificially;

The Building Development Committee – for wisdom, faith and patience;

The Ministers and Deacons – for vision, faith and wisdom to lead the fellowship in the days ahead;

Pray too for all our young people who are taking vital exams this month; for those going on to further education and those who will be looking for and starting their first jobs;

Remember especially James Bowman-Powell who has been accepted by African Quest and will be going to Zambia in September for nine months. Pray for James and his family as he seeks to raise funding and prepares for this exciting challenge;

Give thanks that Marilyn and Kelly are making good progress after major surgery, and continue to pray for our many friends who struggle with on-going health problems.

Just a Thought:

Some years ago I came across this in a book of daily readings:

“There is a legend that the praise for building the Cathedral of St. Sofia was not given to the Emperor Constantine but to Euphrasia, a poor widow who took from her mattress ‘a wisp of straw and gave it to the oxen that drew the marble from the ships.’ That was all; she did nothing more.”

Every little really does help!

In memory of Florence Nightingale

On 12th May it was my privilege to attend the annual service to commemorate the life of Florence Nightingale at Westminster Abbey.

The doors opened at 5.30pm; we arrived soon after 5pm and there was already a long queue. Members of the Greenbank Nurses Guild joined it. Soon after we entered, the organ swelled into life and at times was almost thunderous in its volume. This music by Elgar, Sibelius, César Franck transported me to dizzy heights!

First of the procession was a group of Chelsea Pensioners (they always bring a tear to my eye), next were leaders of various faiths, honorary officers of the Florence Nightingale Foundation, the Collegiate

Procession and finally the Lord Mayor of Westminster, who was greeted at the door by the Dean of Westminster.

The choir then came from the vestry and stood at the door to sing The Introit 'Where Charity and Love Are, There is God', by Maurice Duruflé. They processed through the nave during the singing of the first hymn 'All creatures of our God and King'. The dean recited the Bidding, we all followed with the Confession, followed by the Absolution and the Lord's Prayer.

Psalm 34v 1-14 was read by the Adjutant of the Chelsea Pensioners. The choir then sang an ethereal anthem (another dizzy transportation!). The chairman of BUPA then read 2Peter 1 v2-8. Then came the procession of the Roll of Honour by British Commonwealth Nurses borne from the Chapel of St George through the Nave to the Sacarium. This was followed by more prayers.

The final hymn was Lords of the Dance. After the blessing the organist played Tocatta, the well-known music, which is often played when the bride and groom return to the church after signing the register. The various dignitaries and choir left during this and on leaving the Abbey we were greeted with peals of bells - a fitting end to a memorial evening.

Margaret Tripp

June Diary

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| Tues | 1 | 1.00 | Parent and Toddler Group * |
| Wed | 2 | 10am & 1pm | Parent and Toddler Groups * |
| Thurs | 3 | 10.00 | Coffee Morning** |
| | | 6.30 | No HY-Powered - half term |
| Fri | 4 | 7.00-8.30 | No Hype, years 7 to 9 – half term |
| | | 8.15-10.00 | No Re:Act – half term |
| Sun | 6 | 10.00 | Prayer in the Lower Guildroom** |
| | | 10.30 | DIY SOS Nehemia 1 |
| Tues | 8 | 10.00 | Mums and Baby Group** |
| | | 1.30 | Prayer Group* venues vary, please ask |
| Thurs | 10 | 6.30 | HY-Powered, years 3 – 6, 'Club Capers 2' |
| Fri | 11 | 7.00-8.30 | The Hype, years 7 – 9, DIY & GKQ |
| | | 8.15-10.0 | 8.15-10.0 Re:Act, years 10 –13, 'Chill' |
| Sat | 12 | 11-3pm | Nutkins Open Day |
| Sun | 13 | 10.30 | Changing Rooms Nehemia 2 |
| Tues | 15 | 7.30 | Church Members Meeting |
| Thurs | 17 | 8.15 | Xplore |
| Fri | 18 | 7.00-8.30 | The Hype, years 7 – 9 |
| | | 8.15-10.00 | Re:Act, years 10 –13, 'Hot Issues' |
| Sun | 20 | 10.30 | Ground Force Nehemia 3 |
| Mon | 21 | 2.30 | Open House – Hearing Dogs for the Deaf Men's Group walk at Sheeps Tor |
| Wed | 23 | 6.00 | Women's rendezvous BBQ |
| Thurs | 24 | 6.30 | HY-Powered, years 3 – 6, 'Girls and Boys' |
| Fri | 25 | 7.00-8.30 | The Hype, years 7 – 9, 'DIY' |
| Fri-Sun | 25 –27 | | Re:Act, years 10 –13, Stowford camp, North Devon |
| Sun | 27 | 10.30 | Family Service |

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

These meetings meet weekly **all through the year

Advance dates

July

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| 1 st | Family Swim at JKCC |
| 4 th | Guest Service – more than a game |
| 10 th | Teignmouth Outing, |

BMS Birthdays for June

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| 7 th | Mr Richard Pomeroy |
| 12 th | Mr Peter Brown |

13th Mr Robert Pomeroy
23rd Mrs Doreen Stirling

Nutkins Pre-school

www.nutkinspre-school.co.uk

Summer Term 2004

Over the last 6 weeks our theme has been *transport*. After half term the theme for the following 6 weeks will be *Mini-beasts*.

We have had a full register this term, 70 children in all!! Thirty children will be moving on to school in September. We have a growing team of committed workers, 3 new members have joined since September and one retired at the end of April.

We have been delighted to be successful in grant applications and have been able to purchase new equipment and toys. On 13th June a group of us will be entering the *Run For Life* taking place in central Park – look out for our brightly coloured tee shirts inscribed with the words *Follow me I'm Nuts*

During the last week of term we are planning our first birthday party. This last year has brought many new experiences, some more pleasurable than others. Yet our greatest surprise has been how quickly our pre-school has filled up and the number of enquiries we receive. We are looking forward to our Open Day on 12th June and would be pleased to see you there.

Thank you for your ongoing enquiries and prayers

G i l l K n i g h t

What is MAF?

Mission Aviation Fellowship is a Christian Organisation whose mission is to fly light aircraft in developing countries so that people in remote areas can receive the help they need. Since 1948 their planes have been speeding the spread of the good News of the Lord Jesus Christ by word and deed, in places of deepest human need. Isolated places where flying is not a luxury but a lifeline.

Every 3 minutes a MAF plane is taking off or landing somewhere in the world. These flights enable crucial work by many development and aid agencies, missions, local churches and other national groups. Mediical care, adequate food, clean water and Christian hope are reaching countless thousands of men, women and children.

In the UK MAF is a registered charity funded by voluntary gifts which help to finance their vital work.

Open House Cream Tea

On Monday June 7th we are going out for our annual cream tea. This year we thought it would be nice to try somewhere new, 'The House of Marbles'. So Marian and Ann kindly went to 'try them out'! They reported back that the venue would be just fine, with not only tasty food but we would also have something else to look at during our visit. The cost for a cream tea is about £3.50, and other food will be available. There will be a list at the back of church for you to sign up on and please could you indicate if you need a lift or can offer a lift.

We are also meeting on Monday 21st June at 2.30, for our monthly meeting at 'Open House'. Mrs Doreen Bell will be coming to talk to us about Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. This promises to be a very interesting afternoon so we hope to see a good number of you there. The donations for the tea will all go to that charity of the day.

Should you require further information, please contact one us.

Marian Brown, Ann Munson, Jean Potter and Pam Smith

Jobs for James Bowman-Powell

To raise money for my trip to Africa with:

If anyone needs any jobs done like gardening, babysitting, or almost anything else, please get in touch with me on Ply 511392.

A l l f u n d s r a i s e d w i l l g o t o m y g a p y e a r .
More information on African Quest at the back of the church

News of Rosie Waghorne

Rosie is the daughter of Sheena and Bob Waghorne who are former members of Hope and she is engaged to be married next year, but twenty-three years ago Rosie was the youngest child to have brain surgery in Plymouth.

Not all the tumour could be removed and since then Rosie has been in and out of hospital. Recently she was in to have her shunt unblocked. She is now fully recovered again.

Rosie is partially sighted but enjoys life and is gifted at playing the flute and piano. She even gives lessons. She has a degree in English and music and is now studying music at Trinity College in London.

I always say

she has been borne on wings of Prayer – she was not expected to live – God is Good!

Margaret Tripp

Thanks

A thank you letter has been received from HAS (The Hearing and Sight Centre) to thank us for the £100 we sent them recently. This money was raised at the Thursday Coffee Morning and Sunday after-service refreshments

Pennies from Heaven

A rector raised £35,000 after suspending himself above the pulpit in a David Blane-style perspex box for 12 hours.

More than 400 people came to watch 6ft 3” Rev Nigel Done as he ate, slept, read and drew sketches in the 4ft x 4ft box.

Father of 3, Nigel said “I felt like I had been on a long haul flight but we have exceeded all expectations”. Some people gave him 4-figure sums for the £125,000 appeal in Norton St Philip, Somerset, which is for restoration.

This Outlook was compiled by Nicky Hatherell. The **July and August double edition** of The Outlook will be put together by Claire Worrall who will be grateful for your articles or information **by 16th June**.

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Please note that if you do send it this way we will **ALWAYS** acknowledge receipt of it, so if you do not get a reply then we will not have received it – remember email is not always 100% reliable.