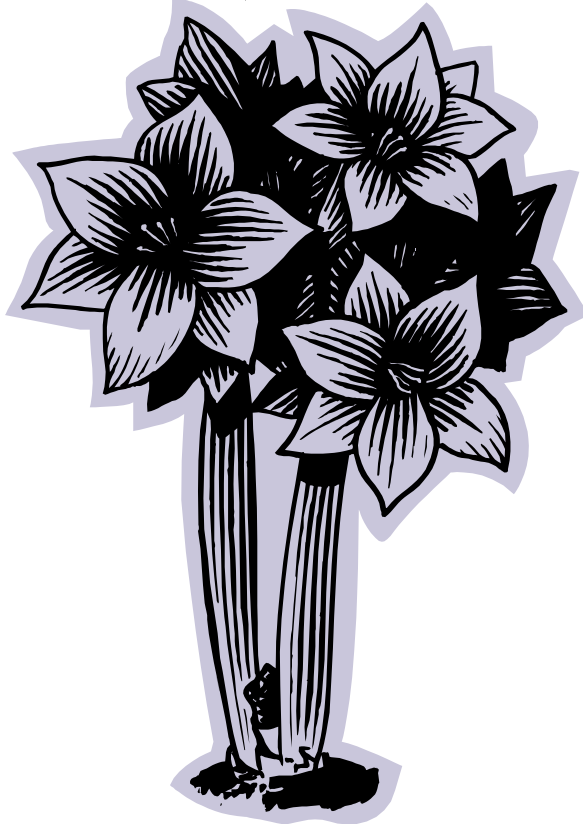


The Outlook

March 2006

HOPE IN THE LORD



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.*

CWCI Women's Day Conference

How Much More Can I Take?
with
Jennifer Rees Larcombe
in Catherine Street Baptist Church
Plymouth Thursday 2 March
10.00am – 3.00pm

Join us to hear Jennifer speak on “How Much More Can I Take?” – How King David enjoyed God through the tough times of life.

Introducing Jennifer

Well known to CWCI as a speaker over a number of years, Jennifer runs a Christian charity ‘Beauty from Ashes’, which seeks to support those going through loss and trauma. She also writes books and Bible reading notes, her great delight being to make the Bible real for other people. She has six children and four grandchildren and lives in the Kent countryside with her three dogs. She loves gardening and playing with her grandchildren.

Please note

- There are no parking facilities at the church
- Hot drinks will be available at the coffee break and lunch time
- Remember to bring your packed lunch, Bible notebook and pen
- The Christian Literature Centre Bookstall will be available
- Taped recordings of the 3 main speaking sessions can be ordered at £2.50 for one tape, £5.00 two tapes (all sessions). Please pay on ordering.
- Sorry no crèche facilities available.
- An offering will be taken which helps us to finance this and future CWCI work, day conferences, reflection days, etc.

CWCI is an evangelical, interdenominational organisation providing Bible based teaching and spiritual encouragement for women through conferences, seminars, workshops, quiet days and ‘Know your Bible’ courses.

Fairtrade

Fighting Poverty with Trade

The high publicity generated through the **MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY** campaign has increased the awareness and availability of fairly traded products which are showing a 25% increase in sales since last year.



The increasing consumer demand has also resulted in Nestle introducing their first Fairtrade Mark coffee, **Partners Blend**. The first multinational company to carry a Fairtrade Mark on one of its products, this has given Fairtrade greater prominence at EU level and had a significant impact within departments of the European Commission. **A great start but still a long way to go!**

Locally Fairtrade Marked products are particularly promoted by the *Co-op* and are also available at *Morrisons* – keep your eyes skimmed when shopping and support these outlets.

Food and Gifts are available from *Contrasting Horizons Coffee Shop* at Peverell Corner.

Open Monday and Tuesday 10.00am - 12.30pm

Contact: Hilary Jopson 781792

Food and Cards can be bought From Hope. Speak to Ann Munson 771243 for further information or to order.

The **new** Traidcraft catalogue is just available. There are copies on the bookstall at the back of the church or in Contrasting Horizons.

All tea and coffee served by the church is fairly traded.



AN ORDINARY DAY WITH JESUS

I can't imagine an ordinary day in the company of Jesus. Changing water to wine, healing the blind, raising the dead, disputes with the authorities, gems of teaching that reverberated all day in the mind – boring? Never! Yet there must have been much that was ordinary; cooking, washing, walking miles to the next village, days off, meals, the normal stuff of human existence.

There is an extraordinary dimension to knowing Jesus today – answered prayer, dramatic conversions, changed lives, the sick are still healed, Jesus' teaching continues to have a transforming vibrancy. Yet the major part of our lives are taken up with work, family, house-keeping, uneventful friendship, rest and relaxation. Where is God in all this?

Just as Jesus was present with his companions in the miracles and in the routine so we believe that Jesus is with us in the ordinary *and* in the extra-ordinary. Following Jesus, the extraordinary should become ordinary and the ordinary should be extraordinary!

Throughout March and April at Hope we will be working through the book 'Fully Devoted', studying it in fellowship groups and having teaching from it on Sundays. The focus of the book is on developing a spirituality of the every day, being more aware of the presence of God in the routine and working out what it means to be Christ like.

To make the most of this learning opportunity you need to buy a copy of the book from the bookstall, join a fellowship group if you are not already in one and get to as many of the sermons as possible. As we prepare for Easter and celebrating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, this series opens up the possibility of knowing the presence and the power of the living Jesus in an ordinary day. Extraordinary!

Andy Saunders

Women's World Day of Prayer

This year's service in the Peverell area will be held at **St. Gabriel's, Hyde Park on Friday 3 March at 2.00pm**. It will be led by members of six local churches and has been prepared by Christian women of South Africa on the theme 'Signs of the Times'. The style and content of the service reflect the variety and vitality of that 'Rainbow Nation'.

The service is open to everyone although the title 'Women's World Day of Prayer' is kept deliberately because in certain parts of the world women would not be permitted to lead if it were not so called.

Do join us if you can and be a part of this day of prayer which circles the earth. The service lasts only an hour and refreshments are available afterwards.

Jean Potter



Thanks

My thanks to all friends who visited, sent cards and messages of goodwill, and especially prayed for the successful outcome of my recent hip operation. I am happy to report that all went well and I am making very good progress. My especial thanks go to Ann and Mike Munson who put me up (also put up with me) for the first two weeks after I left hospital. Looking forward to getting back to normal living very soon.

With love to you all.

Marian Brown



Boys Home in Romania

Before I went to Romania I prayed that God would show me direction for the plans he has for my life and that he'd make it an obvious answer so I don't miss it! God did answer my prayers. At various different times in Romania God spoke to me about a village called Jimbolia. God has plans for me in Jimbolia somewhere in the future. For now God has asked me to raise the funds to buy a house with a wall falling down!

The specific house is the neighbour of the Boys' Home that International Teams (IT) are building. The neighbour's wall has partially fallen into the Boys' home yard. This will delay the opening of the boys' home unless it is fixed. The owner hasn't the funds to repair his wall and has asked for IT to buy the house or repair the wall for him.

The plan for the Boys' Home is to house street boys aged 8-17. They would like it to be a family environment with house parents and to make it as far removed from an institution as possible. They hope to open either in the Spring or Summer 2006 with 4 children, then to expand to 8. At the home International Teams will provide physical care and educational needs as well as providing them with spiritual growth and development. The children will also help with the care of the garden and some farm animals (chickens and milk cows) that will be on site; not only will this provide the children with an education but will also meet some of the food requirements for the home.

Once the neighbour's house has been bought IT plan to knock down the cob walls and save the brick work to build upon. They would like to open a second children's home but initially the house would probably be used for accommodation for volunteers at the Boys' Home. Since returning from Romania I am determined to fulfil God's calling and have started to raise funds for this project. If you would like to find out more about this project and/or how you may be able to help in any way please do contact me on 01752 601013 or kathrynvn@hotmail.com.

Kathryn Rundle

Prayer Focus

Church

Pray that the 24/2 Prayer Weekend from 10.00pm on Friday 10 March until 8.00am Sunday 12 March will be well supported and that many will be helped and blessed.

Continue to pray for the ' Y' course offering an introduction to the Christian faith during this month and continuing into April.

The young people and especially their Leaders as they teach and guide them.

Our Ministers, as they conduct weddings and funerals, and express the love of god in all that they do.



People

Pray for: All our precious members who cannot attend church for health reasons.

Kathleen Pritchard is now in Peirson Community Care following a fall. Marian Brown, now recovering from her hip operation and doing well. Those who have recently joined our fellowship that they will feel part of the family.

The families of those who have young people studying away:- Sam Yuen, James Houston, Adrian Buchan, Emily Kingdom, James Bowman-Powell and Dan Gardiner.

Mission

Pray for our Outreach Committee, that God will bless all the plans they have to reach out to the community. As we now think of the Spring pray for Spiritual Growth and Grace in reaching others.

South West Baptist Association

Please use this calendar in your daily or weekly prayers, personally or in your fellowship, 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

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Exeter
EX2 5DL
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Email: chris@swbaptists.org.uk



Please remember the SWBA Ministers' Conference in your prayers (6 – 8 March). For three days our ministers take a break from their normal weekly responsibilities and take some time out for rest and spiritual refreshment. If you have a minister please pray particularly for him or her, that they will have the time and space to meet with God during these three days and that they will return to you inspired and renewed.

26 February - 4 March

CHADDLEWOOD Minister: Mr Malc Halliday

Our monthly meetings looking at family-related issues continues over the next two months. Pray that they will be helpful to those who come from the local community and that we will be wise about building on the contacts made.

The church has a weekend away early-February (3-5).

Give thanks for the developing youth band and their involvement in worship.

WATCHET Minister: Revd Dave Winfield

We now meet in the Youth Centre on Sundays, an opportunity to re-examine priorities and test theories of 21st century relevance. Please ask God

- i. to direct us in this,*
- ii. to mould us into a people for our generation and*
- iii. to show us how and where to re-locate.*

5 - 11 March

HALCON Minister: Mr Len Schofield

The church building is known locally as the Crossway Centre. In many ways this has become the heart of the community of the needy council housing estate in which we are situated. Among the many activities that go on here at the Centre are Open Access Health Clinic, Counselling Service, Food Distribution for those in need, Credit Union, learning basic skills such as Cooking, Reading and Writing, Computer Courses, Bread Making with those with Learning Difficulties, Bumps and Babes, Coffee Mornings and Lunches. Please pray that through meeting many of the practical needs of those in the community; folk will be drawn to a relationship with Jesus.

HOOE Minister: Revd Stu Clarke

Several members are attending the 'Building a Prodigal-Friendly Church' conference in Minehead; pray for vision and faith to apply what is learned. After a recent Prayer Breakfast, we have taken the decision to hold another weekend of evangelism and mission on Hooe village green (The Oasis 2006) and would value prayers as we plan and prepare for this - our fourth consecutive year of mission. Please also pray for the Easter Service at Hooe Primary School on 29 March, script written by Pastor Stu; for the impact of the true Easter message on children, staff and parents.

12 - 18 March

COMBE MARTIN Moderator: Revd Peter Goodall

We are now in a period of interregnum and seeking to know God's will for us in the future. We are a small and ageing fellowship and are praying hard for God to reveal His plan and purpose for us and for new members who will come and breathe new life into our fellowship. Families and people able to relate to young people are what is particularly needed.

CROWNHILL Minister: Revd Geoff Sussex

The past year has been hard work in north Plymouth. (Has the mission field ever been easy?)

The Youth work was going well until our youth worker was assaulted by a gang of young people last week which has meant that the Youth club has had to close for the time being. Chris is now developing new ways of meeting the young people.

19 – 25 March

CREWKERNE Minister: Mr Peter Woolway

Our popular Kingfisher Club (for children of primary school age) has recommenced after a Christmas break, and on Mothering Sunday we are again meeting off church premises at Misterton Village Hall for an all-age service involving the club. We are reaching the point where we need to develop provision for the group, and move to a different type of club

activity for the 'tweenagers' among them: there are substantial resource and personnel implications. Prayer is needed for this. We hope that the contract for sale of our Crewkerne buildings will have been exchanged by the time you pray for us and the unity of the fellowship over the need to move from them. Also, to rent facilities temporarily for Sunday worship has been very heartening.

EXMOUTH, VICTORIA ROAD Moderator: Revd Derek Keenan

We are currently without a minister. Please pray that we may experience God's guidance in finding the right person and that we continue to maintain witness and unity during this time of Pastoral Vacancy.

26 March – 1 April

ROSELANDS Minister: Revd Graham Pestridge

'Church with Choice' is now in its third year. During this time we have seen the Fellowship double and it continues to grow. Many of those who attend have been damaged by previous experiences of Church, and our relaxed, multi zoned 'Café' approach to Sundays seems to suit, young and old. Please pray for our annual 'Leaders Retreat' in Normandy 11 - 17 March. We expect great things of God!

WINNER STREET Minister: Revd John Sanderson

We have been blessed by language students, mainly Koreans, coming to us: for some, their first contact with a Christian Church. We are privileged to have such an opportunity. There have been many other contacts, especially through our Friday morning coffee outreach, women's keep-fit session and an on-going programme of outreach events. In addition, we are reviewing our premises and considering ways to improve them for our current needs.

Thursday Coffee Mornings Help Needed!!

Our Church runs a coffee morning on Thursdays between 10.00am and 12 noon, which is open to everyone. We are desperately short of volunteers to run this. If you could spare a few hours to help every five or six weeks, or would just be prepared to join the rota on a casual basis, please contact **Pam Walters on 562760**. Thank you.



**We would like to thank everyone who contributes regularly on a
Sunday Morning**

Communion

Set-up

19 Peter & Beryl Brown

Wash-up

Annie Pearce &
Estelle Robertson

Coffee

05 Beryl Brown & Pat Taylor
12 Nick Beard & Christina Cater
19 Sandra Brown & Patrick Cann
26 Marion Brown & Richard Simpson

Crèche

05 Linda Snell, Christina Carter & Kelly Hopwood
12 Jenny George, Julie Harrall & Claire Knight
19 Jackie May, Leontine Amissale & Sarah Quale
26 Family Service – No Crèche

Duty Steward

05 Nicky Hatherell
12 Wilf Smale
19 Mike Munson
26 Mike Lummis



Transport

05 David Brown
12 Peter Brown
19
26 Mike Munson

Welcome Stewards

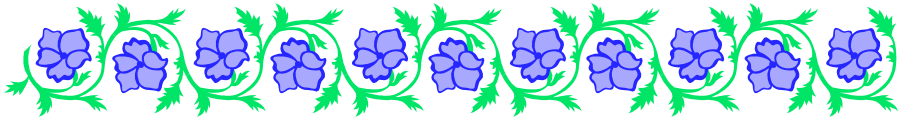
05 Andrew Jones, Salli Lummis, Marian Brown & David Simpson
12 Pam Smith, Margaret Underdown, Beryl Chun & Jemma
Aldersley
19 Pat Dodd, Graham Dodd, Peter Mann & Dom Dalton
26 Salli Lummis, Estelle Robertson, Pat Taylor & Katherine Beard

Thanks

Thank you to everyone for the beautiful floral arrangement, the cards and kind wishes that we received on the occasion of our Ruby Wedding Anniversary. A special thank you to our friends who gave a water supply to a village in the Third World on our behalf and for the school desk and chair which will go to a school where it is needed in a poor country.

Thank you and God bless you for your kindness.

Jenny and Ron



40 Years Ago

Ron and I have been reminiscing about what things were like when we were married 40 years ago.

My wedding dress cost (if I remember correctly) about £7 (new – no charity shops then). Ron thinks his wedding outfit cost about £12.

Our wedding reception was held at the Royal Fleet Club and the meal for our 50 guests cost us 7/6 (33p) per head for three courses and the drinks. We had change from £50!!!

We went by train to Penzance after the reception. It was a non corridor train and each carriage was separate. Only the front carriage had a toilet, so if one wanted to use the toilet (as Ron did) one had to see the guard when he came around to check the tickets. The guard arranged for Ron to get out of the train at Liskeard run along the platform to the front carriage and leap onto the train again. When the train arrived at Bodmin Road station, Ron had to jump off the train, run along the platform and get into the carriage where I was seated. When Ron was safely on board

he had to wave out of the train window to signal to the driver that he was back on board. The train then proceeded on its way to Penzance.

Our honeymoon in the Isles of Scilly cost us 15/- (75p) a night each for dinner bed and breakfast. The helicopter flight to St Mary's cost 3 guineas but this was refunded as the helicopter was unable to take off as there was a lot of fog that day. We travelled to the island by the MV Scillonian. What a journey that was! The Scillonian must have been one of the worst ships sailing the seven seas. I don't know of anyone else who wished they could jump off a ship into the briny when on their way to their honeymoon, but I did. I have never felt so ill! The ship stank of diesel and was tossed about like a cork on the waves. There was no stabilising gear installed in those days.

The journey was so bad that I refused to travel on the boat again, so we flew back on the helicopter at the end of our stay. Our first real home a new three bed-roomed semi detached cost £1,850. We had to struggle to find £50 deposit in those days but fortunately we were given a 100% mortgage from the council and our monthly repayments were £13.6.6d (£13.33). We rose at 5am every weekday morning and left home by 6am to travel to work in the Dockyard where Ron commenced work at 7am and I started at 7.45am.

Until we married our means of transport was Ron's beloved 500cc Ariel twin motorcycle and side-car (a mobile scrap heap!). When we acquired a second hand Mini Traveller I felt that we had "come up in the world". Petrol was 2/6d (12.5p) a gallon (5 litres).

These are just a few of our memories of the year 1966. Perhaps this article will inspire someone else to write and share their memories of the year they were married.



Jenny and Ron Weeks

PARENTS & TODDLERS

Christmas seems a long way behind us now and it is hard to believe that we are moving towards the end of the first session of the year. Last session finished with a flourish. Christmas Cards, Church events to circulate, craft activities to finish, birthdays that fell on meeting days providing lovely treats. Then there was the evening out when over 30 helpers and mums got together and enjoyed a meal at Cuisine Spontanea. We had a really great time chatting and getting to know each other. However, the real highlight was the visit to Pennywell Farm for Christmas when children and adults could take part in the Nativity Story. This took place in the barn where bales of hay provided seating and props. There were costumes and real animals and Pennywell helpers told the story and directed the player's even one of our newest babies took part. In this farm setting amongst the straw and animals a sense of being close to nature and creation was felt and Jesus' birth became an even more wonderful and incredible happening.

We are really encouraged at Toddlers by the number of mums wanting to be part of our 3 sessions - in all 88 mums and over 100 children. However, this does raise problems with the running of them. Jenny just loves chatting and getting alongside people and it has been great for her that some of her mums, like Barbara Smith and Sarah Aldersley, are sharing responsibility for Wednesday mornings. Anne-Marie desperately needs someone else to work alongside her on Tuesday afternoons. Wednesday afternoons carries the responsibility of clearing-up and putting away the toys into the cellar and this is quite a problem. Where would we be without John Pinch who puts them away and Peter Brown who fills in when he is away? Not to mention Steve Brown and David Brown who loyally form a rota with them to take the toys out on Tuesdays, directed by Kate.

We are disappointed that the building of the new Toy Store has had to be delayed until the summer holidays. If we had a level store instead of having to put everything in the cellar, it would mean we could be independent and not reliant on this manpower and the bikes, etc, would not need to be piled up in the kitchen between sessions. Our funds have

been used to provide some of the cost for outings, supporting the Church, buying new equipment and regular monthly donations to the Christian Resource Centre and Hope and Homes for Children. A representative of Hope and Homes visited us on 15 February. Our mums have praised and expressed appreciation for how much we provide and give to good causes. This is not said to give ourselves a ‘pat-on-the-back’ but it does give us encouragement and an understanding of how they feel about Toddlers.

Looking towards Easter we shall be having our Egg Hunt when Andy or Andrew will join us. Pots are decorated for the children to take home the eggs they have collected. Mums are given Easter Cards with a note of our Easter Celebrations. Prior to this we shall be encouraging families to come to our Mothering Sunday service.

During six weeks following half-term Jenny is running a ‘Y Course. We trust in God’ s blessing on her and those attending.

For many years we have set aside time, usually the spring session and a Sunday, for quiet reflection and silent prayer. As last year we are going to Woolwell House when we will be led by Carolyn Brodribb who is a counsellor, ordained minister and experienced retreat leader. We have the opportunity to walk around her lovely gardens, draw, share, etc. Our theme is ‘ Encountering God through other people– our relationships’ .

One of the last things we do in this session is wash the toys and generally have a Spring Clean. We ask the mums to volunteer to either help in the crèche or be part of the cleaning team. This can be a really good time.

We feel God is really blessing Parents & Toddlers and we ask you to pray for all involved that strong friendships will be formed with the mums and that we will listen to and be led by Him in all we do. Please see Jenny, Anne-Marie or Beryl if there are ways you feel you could help.

Beryl Brown
Wednesday Afternoon Leader

Destitution Crisis

Urgent help and supplies are needed to help alleviate the destitution crisis that many asylum seekers are finding themselves facing in Plymouth.

Due to their applications for refugee status being denied, certain asylum seekers find themselves without accommodation and financial support from the Government. Unable to work and earn a wage as they are barred from seeking or engaging in employment, they are left to sleep rough in the streets and beg (or steal) in order to survive.

Immediate needs in this current crisis, in addition to monetary donations are supplies of such items as SLEEPING BAGS, FOOD, TOILETRIES, HYGIENE ITEMS, and WARM CLOTHING.

Often food, toiletries and hygiene items are featured in BOGOF (Buy One Get One Free) promotions at the local supermarkets. Perhaps, next time you visit the supermarket you would consider donating the free item to the destitution crisis appeal.

If you can help by donating any of the above items, the Quaker House on Mutley Plain (next to the Swarthmore Centre) is a collection point. I am willing to collect items that are placed in the box at the back of the sanctuary and take them to the Quaker House.

Jenny Weeks

Jesus tells us, "If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that." (Matthew 5 v 47)

Plymouth NHS Teaching Primary Care Trust

PASTORAL CARE COURSE 2006

Details on the church notice board or telephone 0845 155 8172

March Diary

Thu	02	10.00am 8.00pm	Coffee Morning** Just Life Launch - a meeting for anyone interested in forming a group looking at issues like Making Poverty History - 34 Cedarcroft Road. All ages welcome.
Fri	03	7.00pm 8.15pm	The Hype (School years 7-9)* React (School years 10-13)*
Sun	05	10.00am 10.30am	Prayer in the Lower Guildroom** Every Day with Jesus. True Spirituality Matthew 23 1-28 Rev Andy Saunders
Tue	07	10.00am	Mums and Babies Group* Parent and Toddler Group*
Wed	08	10.00am 1.00pm	Parent and Toddler Group* Parent and Toddler Group*
Thu	09	8.05pm	Xplore (School years 9 and up) Why and how should I pray?
Sun	12	10.30am	Every Day with Jesus. Grace Luke 15 11-32 Rev Andrew Gardiner
Sun	19	10.30am	Every Day with Jesus. Growth Psalms 119 1-16 Communion Service Rev Andy Saunders
Tue	21	7.30pm	Church Members' Meeting

Thu 23 8.05pm Xplore
How does God guide us?

Sun 26 10.30am Mothering Sunday. Family Service
Rev Andy Saunders

These meetings meet weekly **during term time only***

These meeting 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.

2 February 2006

Dear friends

A belated happy new year!!! Thank you so much for your thoughtful gift to us during the holiday season. You have no idea how timely the gift was.

Gomer and I are now in the US with no intention of returning to Sudan. As most of you know Gomer returned after our Christmas break only to be evacuated after less than two weeks due to threats on his life.

We are hoping to find a place to stay for a couple of months where we can rest and reflect. Once again we are asking God, "Where do we go from here?"

We know the never-changing character of God and that in His time He will give us new direction.

Thanks again

The Outlook

This months Outlook was compiled by Claire Worrall. April's Outlook will be put together by Nicky Hatherell who would be grateful for any articles or information no later than 19 March.

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All emails will be acknowledged.
