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HOPE IN THE LORD

The Outlook

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Our mission is to be Christ's body in the community demonstrating the Kingdom of God and calling others to become his disciples.

March Prayer Focus

- Give thanks for the Celebration Weekend
- Pray for its lasting impact on the community and especially for;
- The continuing urgent need for helpers and leaders for toddlers and mums and babies groups to prevent their closure.
- Direction and inspiration for the lunch club
- Community quiz night on 10th March
- Alpha course just starting

Also pray for:

- Prayer workshop
- Deacons Away Day – membership and vision
- That the ‘Set all Free’ events will highlight the continuing problem of slavery.



Community Quiz Night

There are just a few days left to register your team in our forthcoming Community Quiz, which will be held on Saturday 10th March at 7.15.

The fact that we will, for the first time, be able to hold it in the Sanctuary means that we can have more teams than ever before. So if you can make up a team of 6, ideally representing some area of the community e.g. your street, family or an organisation of some sort, then speak to either Debbie Houston or Nicky Hatherell ASAP.

It costs just £12 to enter a team of 6 people, and that includes soft drinks and a pasty for supper. All we ask is that team members are aged over 16 please. **Teams do need to be registered so that we can order the right number of pasties.**

March

**We would like to thank everyone who is contributing on
Sunday mornings this month:**

Communion – 18 March

Prayer

Ron Dalton

Servers

Mark Henagulph, Debbie Reed and Beryl Brown

Set Up

Peter and Beryl Brown

Wash-up

Karine Yuen

Coffee

- 04 Pat Taylor and Sandra Brown
- 11 John and Carol Eastcott
- 18 Peter Brown and Marian Brown
- 25 Julie Harrall and Nicky Hatherell

Crèche

- 04 Kelly Hopwood, Julie Harrall and Jean Bartlett
- 11 Megan Adeney, Marrilyn Duook and Claire Knight
- 18 Luisa Davies
- 25 Family Service – no crèche

Flowers

- 04 Mrs Val Hart. To celebrate her son Tim' s 42nd Birthday.
- 11 Flower Fund.
- 18 Val and Ray Gee. In loving memory of their friends Win and Myra.
- 25 Beryl and Peter Brown. To celebrate their Wedding Anniversary.

3-5' s

- 04 Barbara Smith, Mel Hatherell and Shirley Mann
- 11 Amanda Harris, Sheena Kingdom and Shirley Mann
- 18 Sandy Lashbrook, Margaret Underdown and Claire Knight

25 Family Service – no group

5-7' s

04 Sarah Aldersley and Sandra Brown

11 Katherine Gardiner and Pam Smith

18 Sarah Aldersley and Julie Harrall

25 Family Service – no group

Transport

04 Peter Brown/Jackie May

11 David Brown/Mike Munson

18 Richard Simpson/Mike Lummis

25 Jackie May/David Brown

Duty Steward

Young Person

04 Nicky Hatherell

11 Ron Dalton

18 Mike Munson

25 Mike Lummis

Welcome Steward

Holly Bowman-Powell

David Simpson

Jemma Aldersley

Dom Dalton

Welcome Stewards

04 Pat Dodd, Graham Dodd and Estelle Robertson

11 Andrew Jones, Margaret Tripp and Trevor Simpson

18 Sheena Kingdom, Gill Knight and Tim Hart

25 Val Hart, Peter Mann and Salli Lummis

Thank you Nicky

Most of you will be aware that Nicky has now stood down as co editor of the Outlook.

We would like to thank her for all her hard work and commitment over the last 10 years in compiling the Outlook, and producing a monthly magazine we can be proud of.



The Outlook

This months Outlook was compiled by Claire Worrall and printed by our administrator Jackie May.

April' s Outlook will be put together by Helen Pugh
thepughfamily@btinternet.com

who will need your articles and information by:

1.00pm on Wednesday 21 March

Please note if you submit your articles/info by email we will always acknowledge receipt – no receipt means that we have not received your email. Remember this is your magazine and we rely on you to let us have all the information we need!

The following was sent to Ann & Mike Munson by Miss Shirley who came to the re-dedication service and who for many years was a member at Hope but now attends Salisbury Road Baptist Church. I thought it was a lovely letter and one to share with the fellowship.

Dear Ann & Mike,

I was pleased to witness a dream we had for years. It has taken much prayer and hard work to bring your wreath of flowers as an honour of “well done good and faithful servants” .

The atmosphere at the service proved how the older and younger are working together. I look forward to the future. No looking back on your laurels, the journey has only just begun.

Enclosed is a little gift to help with ‘ Outreach’ the next step on the journey of life.

You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

God bless you.

Win Shirley

Prayer Calendar



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

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

If you would like to receive the calendar by email please email me at

chris@swbaptists.org.uk; I will be pleased to add you to the emailing list.

11th -17th March

BRADNINCH BAPTIST CHURCH, Nr Exeter

Minister: Barbara Carpenter

2007 began with a baptism –a great start to the year!

We' ve moved forward with the building challenges - now comes the time when work will be commissioned and (hopefully!) begun.

Our housegroup has looked at our spiritual building; this continues through Lent as new prayer and reflection opportunities present themselves.

A new Friday night communion has begun – centred around a meal table in a home.

We value your prayers for these and all the ways we seek to share God with one another and the community around us.

CROWNHILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Plymouth Minister: Revd Geoff Sussex

No entry received.

18th – 24th March

OKEHAMPTON BAPTIST CHURCH, Devon

Minister-in-training: Mr Darren Pike

We celebrate our 125th anniversary this year. This anniversary has inspired us not only to look back but to look forward. We have called Revd Hannah Freeland to help us get more involved in the community in an effective way. Okehampton will be expanding dramatically over the next few years and we want to be ready so we are looking at all options including developing the chapel. In reality however resources are limited but it feels right to attempt great things!

Pray for Hannah and Darren, for God's guidance and encouragement. Pray for the church congregation as they seek to serve the community in a new way. Pray that God blesses us as we, the church, are obedient to our calling.

ROSELANDS COMMUNITY CHURCH, Paignton

Minister: Revd Graham Pestrige

On February 20th we will be submitting our Development Plan and costings for the establishment of the 'Roselands Debt Advice Centre', to the 'Against the Stream' funding committee in Didcot. We are setting up this much needed service to the estate, and the Paignton / Torbay area. The scheme has the backing of local Anglican and Methodist Churches, and Roselands Primary School Head and Governors are enthusiastic for the project to succeed. The service will be free, and the school are providing a base at no cost to the Church. Please pray that funding will be forthcoming from the BU, for the setting up of this new venture, and that it will a source of hope to those caught in a spiralling debt trap.

25th – 31st March

ST BUDEAUX BAPTIST CHURCH, Plymouth Minister: Mr

Allan Jones

Please pray that God will continue to bless the church organisations that are reaching out to the local community -The Senior Friendly Club,

'The Way' Thursday lunches, 'Women's Own' and the young peoples outreach 'God's Gang' and a new youth club project that has started in tandem with other local churches. Please also pray that the church will receive vision for the way forward.

SILVERTON EVANGELICAL CHURCH, Devon

Minister: Revd Robert Amess

The New Year has an air of expectancy.

Our growing congregation now has 6 home groups meeting during the week. We are holding Just 10 follow up meetings on a Monday evening. Robert Amess is leading our bi-monthly Bible Teaching Rallies. The next one is at 8.00 p.m. on the 21 March and all are welcome. We are also sharing in a Lent course run by Christians Together in Silverton.

Women's Rendezvous

On February 28th a Supper and Quiz evening was held in the Youth Centre. Ladies brought along a selection of food, quizzes, anecdotes and poems.

On March 9th a large group of WR ladies and others will be attending the Devonport Playhouse for a production of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" which was staged by the Plymouth Theatre Company.

At our next meeting on 28th March we will welcome Rev David Evans who will lead us in our Easter Celebration. All ladies in the church are welcome to join us at our monthly meetings, which commence at 7.30pm, usually in the Youth Centre.

Our project for the coming year was decided at our AGM in January and The Early Bird charity was chosen. This is a local charity, which investigates and researches the causes of diabetes in childhood and is centred at the Peninsula Medical School in Plymouth. We shall be holding a fund raising event later in the year to raise funds for this

charity. If you have any ideas for fund raising, or can help in any way with this event please let any of WR ladies know.

Soup Run

For those of you who are not church members or who are but were not at the AGM in January – I am now the Soup Run co-ordinator, having taken on the job from Peter Brown. I want to take this opportunity to thank him for all the work and time he has put into this project – making it a hard act to follow!

Many of you will have seen the article which appeared in the Herald just before Christmas, written by a reporter, Matt Fleming, when he had experienced sleeping rough in Plymouth.

He had sought advice from Shirley Colonette of the Salvation Army, as to how he should carry out the investigation among the homeless; how to dress, where to go etc: he chose a Monday night to do this and after starting the evening at 8.00pm he eventually met up with a group of homeless men at the end of Kings Road and waited for the Soup Run van. In his words “I enjoyed some soup, tea and food at the soup run and I was given leaflets and advice from the kind people from Hope Baptist Church.” One of the kind people was Richard Adeney who, we learned later from Shirley, was mentioned in particular by Matt as being welcoming and very helpful to him.

This is what we do – provide food, hot drinks and advice, all given in friendship.

Matt knew that at the end of the night of sleeping out in the cold he had a warm home to go back to. Most of the people he met that night did not have that luxury.

Please, as a church of caring people, help me and my team of helpers to do our bit each Monday to provide these people with some comfort.



The church helps us financially where necessary, some people give us packets of cheese, tins of meat and soup and sometimes cake – sometimes donations towards out costs.

We try very hard to keep our expenditure as low as possible. Any help is always welcome. And don't forget the good old supermarket carrier bags!!

If you feel you would like to help prepare food on a Monday, we meet at 8.30pm in the kitchen here at Hope; or if you are prepared to go out with the car to distribute the food – it leaves Hope at 10.00pm. Should you need information on either of these things please contact me – either after morning service on a Sunday or phone me at home on 783984.

Marian Brown

Nutkins Pre-School



We are looking forward to a busy second half of term.

Our theme is '**The Family**'. We will also be remembering St. David's Day, St. Patrick's Day and Easter. We are looking forward to a visit from Karine Yuen, as we have been learning about Chinese New Year.

On Tuesday 20th February, Shrove Tuesday, we will be heading for the park at 10.30am for our traditional Pancake Race. You will be very welcome to come and enjoy the fun! We would also like to invite you to our

'Spring Fair' on Saturday 10th March from 10am-1pm.

If you are able to make a cake for our cake stall or donate an Easter Egg for our draw please let us know, we would be most grateful.

If you require more information about Nutkins please speak to Waine or Gill on 767677



A return to Hope

An interview with Paul Aldersley

Paul is married with four children and works as Company Secretary at the Plymouth YMCA Kitto Centre. He has been worshipping at Hope since 2003.

How and when did you first become involved with Hope Baptist?

My very first involvement with Hope was in 1980 when I was 15 years old. My father was a Baptist minister when I was born and although when we moved to Plymouth we ended up in the Methodist church, I always knew that when the time was right I wanted to be baptised by full immersion. After that, on a couple of occasions I actually preached at Hope because I'm a Methodist Local Preacher. More recently Sarah became involved via the toddlers group at a time when we were looking for a new place of worship we decided to give it a try.

You currently work at the Plymouth YMCA Kitto Centre – what is a YMCA?

A YMCA is extremely difficult to describe. Funnily enough, the closest I've ever come to finding an organisation structured in the same way is the Baptist Church. The reason is that the YMCA is a group of autonomous local charities who choose to link together through a regional and national structure but are totally governed locally. So Plymouth YMCA is a legal charity in its own right and gets no external funding or instructions from Head Office. The argument for that is that we can then react to the local need and this is one of our greatest strengths. This means that there are as many different pieces of work done by YMCAs as there are YMCAs. For example there's a YMCA in Cardiff which runs a very successful funeral service. Traditionally people assume that YMCAs provide accommodation (e.g. hostels) and about 50% of them do. The YMCA nationally provides 7500 beds which is 10 times more than any other provider in this country and deals with every flavour of homelessness. Some YMCAs have specialist units; for example Exeter YMCA has a unit for teenage mums. Others have specialist units for mental health issues. Most have a mix of people, so there could be a business man who has come to town for 6 months, some students and also some beds which are kept for emergencies.

The other half of YMCA work is about community based activity and health. The motto of the YMCA is Body, Mind and Spirit and the logo is the equilateral triangle. The logic is that you should have a healthy body, mind and spirit in equal measures and those 3 in equal form make for a whole person.

What is your job at the YMCA?

In theory it's all the dull stuff! It's very much jack-of-all-trades and master of none! Recently we've had the auditors in so it's been lots of work on VAT and funding. I deal with all kinds of things, from staff problems to phone calls

about the lion cubs and tiger cubs coming to a car boot sale in the car park! In practice my job can be anything, but in theory it's the financial, legal corporate and strategic work. The planning and looking at the direction the YMCA is going and considering how we do what we do and why we do it is the bit I really enjoy. Until December I had a 2 day per week secondment to the regional YMCA looking after the whole region of 18 YMCAs from Cheltenham down to Penzance which has given me lots of variety because each YMCA is so different. I decided to finish the secondment partly due to the massive hours of work it required and partly due to increasing pressures at Plymouth YMCA which demanded my full attention.

Have you always worked for the YMCA?

Nearly always. I have also worked in an estate agency and in a bank.

I have worked at the YMCA professionally for 17 years. When I was 12 years old I was involved in the YMCA helping out on a Saturday, working in reception and the coffee bar and ended up running a roller disco with a friend. I stopped that voluntary work when I was doing my A' levels and didn't get back involved for 8 years.

I find it really hard to discern God's call for me, but the closest I ever got was when I was working in an estate agency. I was sitting in what was then King Street Methodist at the evening service and I had a really powerful feeling that I should be doing something more useful. The next day I rang the minister and said that I didn't think the ministry was for me but was there anything else within the Methodist church that I could do. The answer came back "no" so I began to think around for other things and the YMCA came into my head. So I rang the boss who had been the boss when I had worked there as a kid and he wasn't there so his wife said she would pass a message on. He didn't ring back. After a fortnight I rang him again and he said he's wondered if I'd ring. He had left it deliberately because it was such an amazing coincidence that I had rung because the day I'd rung they had had a trustees meeting and the trustees were agreeing that we needed a new administrator due to staff moving on. He said I would fit the bill and to go and see him. I went straight after work to find that I had an interview panel of 10 people! Ironically one of those people was the chairman of the Board of Management who was also the chairman of the estate agency where I was working. Potentially it could have been very difficult, but actually he turned out to be my greatest ally.

When did you become a Christian and how did it happen?

I'm afraid I'm one of those people for whom church has been all my life. As I've said, my father was a minister when I was born. I haven't had a 'blinding flash', it's been a gradual process. There was a phase from when I was about 13 to 15 years old when I felt I knew it all and that it was all a load of nonsense and I didn't want to have anything to do with it. The thing my parents did, which when I look back I realise was absolutely wise, was that they would say 'Are you coming to church with us?' but they would never force me. I think if

they had forced me it would have pushed me further and further away. They just let me bide my time and after a couple of years I realised that quite apart from anything else I was missing the friendships and came back. As I suspect is often the case, when I came back “ into the fold” , I very quickly felt a strong discovery of faith and it was at 15 years old that I got baptised.

If someone reading this was thinking about becoming a Christian what would you suggest they do?

I can only speak from personal experience. I guess the way it' s been in my life is that I have learnt from a series of Christians. For me, the most amazing thing about the Christian faith is that it is open to all of us, whoever we are, however stupid we are sometimes. I am grumpy, cynical, miserable, critical of people, very quick to judge, sometimes horribly unfairly and yet I know God is there for me. And He' s there for all of us with all our different makeups and hang-ups and backgrounds and mistakes. It doesn' t matter what clothes we wear and what we look like and how healthy or unhealthy we are. He' s there for all of us.

If somebody were considering becoming a Christian I would suggest they come with their eyes open and try and lose the preconceived ideas that we can get when we hear about the church on the television and the radio and actually realise that Jesus is there for everyone. If the first Christian you meet is not what you expect in a negative way, then don' t let that put you off. The next one you meet might be someone you get on with. Don' t stumble at the first hurdle if there is one. Don' t give up!

Is there a verse from the Bible which is particularly important to you?

Yes, it' s *Romans 8:31-39* and if I' m brutally honest it' s because I like it. I was in the Praisemakers choir for many years and we sang a song called “ We are persuaded!” which was based on *Romans 8* and when we learnt it, it was the first time I became really aware of that particular passage.

In view of all this, what can we say? If God is for us, who can be against us? Certainly not God, who did not even keep back his own Son but offered him for us all! He gave us his son-will he not also freely give us all things? Who will accuse God' s chosen people? God himself declares them not guilty! Who then will condemn them? Not Jesus Christ, who died, or rather, who was raised to life and is at the right hand of God, pleading with him for us! Who then can separate us from the love of Christ? Can trouble do it, or hardship or persecution or hunger or poverty or danger or death? As the scripture says,

*“ For your sake we are in danger of death at all times;
we are treated like sheep that are going to slaughtered.”*

No in all these things we have complete victory through him who loved us! For I am certain that nothing can separate us from his love: neither death nor life, neither angels nor other heavenly rulers or powers, neither the present nor the future, neither the world above nor the world below – there is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God which is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Save the Planet

We have been talking in church about ways in which we can make a difference to helping the environment, saving money, conserving natural resources and saving the planet.

Bronia spoke during the service a few weeks ago about how she and her family are trying to do their bit in saving water (by turning off the tap when cleaning teeth) etc.



How can YOU do your bit?

We all know about turning off lights when you are not using them and turning down the central heating thermostat a few degrees to save on electricity or gas. Do you close off rooms that are not often used and turn off the heating in those rooms? If you do you could greatly reduce the area of your home that needs heating, save energy and save money.

When you get a blocked drain, save a call to the plumber and save the water system by not putting nasty chemicals down the drain. Use washing soda crystals instead to do the unblocking.

Save filling up landfill sites with garden and kitchen waste by having a composter in your garden. If this is not possible, collect your household food waste, preferably chopped up as small as possible and tie it in a black plastic bag. Place the bag in a sunny spot and leave for a month, when it should have rotted down into good organic matter for your garden or house plants.

These are only a few ideas that can be tried out. Perhaps YOU have some good ideas that you can pass on that we can all try and so do our bit towards saving the planet. Perhaps we could have a “Save the

Planet” page (or end of page fillers) in the “Outlook” each month where you can share your tips and ideas.

Jenny Weeks

Nutkins Pre - School - Easter Fair

**Hope Baptist Church Hall,
Saturday 10th March
10am-1pm.**

Cake Stall

Easter Bonnet Competition
(Judging at 12pm)

Tabletop Sale

20p entry

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The annual Women's World Day of Prayer service for our area will be held at

**Trinity United Reformed Church, Tor Lane,
On Friday 2nd march
At 2.00p.m.**

The service for this year has been prepared by Christian women of Paraguay with the title "United Under God's Tent". Members of six local churches, including Hope, will be taking part and the service will last just about an hour. Refreshments will be served afterwards.



Women all over the world will be sharing in the same service on that day, many of them in circumstances very different from our own. This is an opportunity for us, men as well as women, to stand with them and celebrate our unity in Christ. Do join us if you can!

Open House

This month we will be meeting on Monday 19th March at 2.15pm in the school hall. We have not finalised who the speaker will be yet but look out for details on the notice sheet nearer the time.

If you haven't joined us before you would receive a very warm welcome. We always have a good time with food and fellowship. It is an ideal time to meet new people in an informal way.

Sandwiches, cakes and cups of tea will be served and the suggested donation is £1.50, which all goes to charity.

We can offer you a lift if you do not have transport, just phone me, Pam Smith, on 219844 to arrange a pick up time.

What! More about buildings?

It is great to be nearing the conclusion of building work and renovation of the sanctuary and it would be nice not to have to think about buildings for a few years but.....

The Buildings Maintenance Committee has responsibility to maintain all our premises on an ongoing basis. This task has been a little neglected while the BIG project was underway BUT there is a huge amount to be done over the next few years.

Andy has just joined the committee and will chair it. Looking round the premises we spotted a few things that need doing: Painting and sealing all external walls, decorating lots of rooms, repairing the back stairs, replacement windows, varnishing wooden floors, dealing with leaks and myriad other tasks too.

We are putting together a 5 year plan so these items can be tackled in order of priority and so the church can plan its budget wisely.



Peter Brown has recently stepped down from the committee after many years but you will still see him around the building with his tool box even though he hopes to swap it for golf clubs on occasion!

If you could help in any way by offering DIY skills from plumbing to decorating please have a word with Andy Saunders or Mark Henagulph.

100 Years of Living Generously!

It was great to hear John Seccombe's testimony on reaching 100 years of age. He told us that the secret of his long life has been contentment and the simple principle 'Love God and love your neighbour as yourself'.

It is very hard to be generous when you are not content. In your longing for something more you will always be reserved about giving to others. How can we find contentment? Paul writes:

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4

The secret of contentment rests in the belief that God is generous. This does not mean that God will readily give us all that we want or hope for just when we want it. Paul went without food on occasion. It means that God knows our needs and will provide for them in His time. Often we will need to re-evaluate what our needs really are – God's priorities may not be those of your average British suburban household.

To find that contentment which trusts in the provision of God frees us to be generous towards God and our neighbour. Don't take my word for it, listen to a man who has lived twice as long as me!

Andy Saunders

Life at Hope

Sunday 10.30am Morning Worship

Visitors are always welcome

On the 3rd Sunday of the month we join together in taking communion, as we remember that the Lord Jesus Christ died for us.

Family Services are at 10.30am on the last Sunday of each month, Coffee and tea are served after all morning services.

Crèche is provided for children under 3 during all morning services except all age (family) services.

Youth@Hope

Activities for children and teenagers take place on Sunday mornings (during the 10.30am service) and weekday evenings. Full programmes of activities are available. For more information contact Andrew Gardner on 791993

Prayer Groups

Meet together on Tuesday afternoons, before Sunday morning services in the Guildroom and on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7.30pm. Prayer Triplets also meet regularly. For more info contact Jenny Saunders - 772809
Prayer Chains are used extensively. Contact Margaret Tripp on 768957

Mums and Babies (0-8months) meet on Tuesdays 10-11.30am

Coffee Morning

Thursday 10.15-12 noon in the Church Hall – all welcome.

Parent and Toddler Groups

Meet for 2 sessions each Wednesday and on Tuesday afternoons, term time only. Contact Beryl Brown 778019

Woman' sRendezvous

An informal gathering of ladies from the fellowship and their friends who meet monthly. Contact Jenny Weeks – 777417

Men' s Group

A group for all men in the fellowship and their friends meeting for social events. Contact David Brown – 707577

Open House

In the Church Hall on the third Monday of each month at 2.15pm – refreshments included £1.50 – all welcome.

Fellowship Groups - Contact Andy Saunders – 772809 for details

March Diary

Thu	01	10.15	Coffee Morning**
		6.30 -8.30	Hy Powered*
Fri		7.00-8.30	The Hype *
		8.15-10.00	Re Act*
Sun	04	10.30	Morning Service
			Unreserved Rightousness Romans 3:21-26
Tue	06	10.00	Mum' s and Babies Group**
		1.00	Parent and Toddler Group*
		7.30	Church Members Meeting
Wed	07	10.00	Parent and Toddler Group*
		1.00	Parent and Toddler Group*
Sat	10		Community Quiz Night
Sun	11	10.30	Morning Service
			Wise Folly 1 Cor 1:18-2:5
Sun	18	10.30	Morning Service and Communion
			Fatal Reconciliation 2 Cor 5:6-21
Tue	20		Growing Leaders
Sun	25	10.30	Family Service – Set All Free

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

** These meetings meet weekly **all through the year**

Fellowship Groups

Our fellowship groups meet twice a month in a home environment. This month meet either Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of the weeks beginning 13 and 27 March.

Advance Dates for April

- 5 April Maundy Thursday Service, Hope Baptist Church 7.30pm
- 6 April Family Service at St Pancras followed by March of Witness and soup lunch
- 8 April Sunrise Service on the moors – details at the back of church.

Hope Short Term Mission Team to Romania

In August 2007 I will be returning back to Romania with the Charity, International Teams (IT), that I went with in November 2005. I am hoping to take a team of volunteers with me from Hope.



We will be based in Jimbolia, helping with various aspects of IT's work there. Areas of service would include helping out with a Village Bible School, assisting the house parents at the Boys home, general maintenance to home and God willing knocking a house down!!! There will be many things that anyone could do. Language will not be too much of a barrier, as there will be people there who can translate for us.

The team can consist of however many people we like and any age. The dates for the mission would be somewhere around 20th August- 1st September, depending on what's good for the team and flights of course. The accommodation would be a 3 star hotel, which is apparently very lovely.

If you are interested in being a part of the team please contact me on 01752 601013 or speak to me at Church. I would love to speak with you and endeavour to answer any pending questions. I need to know definite numbers by March 11th, so that we can then get application forms processed.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Kathryn Rundle

Slimming World meet every Tuesday in the Hall and Youth Centre 5.30pm and 7pm. People are welcome to come and visit with no obligation to join!

Parish Nursing

Congregations have been promoting health and wholeness for centuries through worship, music, sharing and caring. Celtic monks have travelled around Europe in healing and prayer ministries, Christians have started hospitals and hospices, denominations have trained hospital chaplains, and churches have employed nurses as deaconesses. But with the development of the NHS, health care has become more distanced from the church. Christian health professionals and chaplains do a great job but sometimes feel restricted by regulations and time pressures that prevent them from praying with patients when they feel that spiritual care is what is needed. At the same time in our, Health, Fitness and Spirituality seem to have taken a life of their own, completely outside of the church.

Parish Nursing is.....

A way of rediscovering the essential wholeness of the Gospel as Jesus proclaimed it... Body and soul. Churches are encouraged to recognise and employ specially trained nurses as part of their ministry teams to deliver holistic health care....Spiritual and physical...amongst their congregation and communities.

This can happen on a part-time or voluntary basis, but may be full time if resources permit. It may be done in partnership with the existing health care providers and is always complementary to them. It may be taken up by any faith community. There is evidence of wide acceptance of the concept in a variety of denominations in America, but is also gaining credence in Canada and Australia where the Health Services are more similar to those available in the UK.

Parish Nurses are not purveyors of injections and dressings. They are nurse practitioners with experience in preventative medicine and some theological training. They are staff members of the church's ministry team, working together with the congregation to promote the holistic message of the Gospel in the local community

A small interdenominational and multi-professional group has taken on the task promoting parish nursing in the UK. Pilot projects are being set up and will be properly evaluated. An introduction course for health professionals are available, and it is hoped that special post-graduate learning modules will be developed for those who wish to take up this role. Continuing in-service training will be accessible and accreditation process will be developed. Funding may be supplied directly by the churches, who may also need to apply for assistance from grant-making bodies and regeneration budgets.

Booking Form
Parish Nursing
Wonford Chapel
Exeter
Tuesday 8 March 2007

Name
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Booking form + £15 cheque payable to South West Baptist Association to :-
Liz Lewis, The Post Office, Kingston St. Mary, Taunton TA2
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Heavenly Malady

From a church weekly notice sheet:
"12pm: Please join us for lunch. This will be followed by prayers for the sick."



