

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.***



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Life at Hope

Sundays 10.30 am 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 2nd and 30th March

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

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

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

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

Coffee Morning Thursdays 10.15 am – 12.00 pm in the Church Hall. All welcome.

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

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

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

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

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

On reflection....this is how I look !

I recently had my hair cut in the cheapest hairdressers in the city – my kitchen. Sometime afterwards I was asked what I thought of the results, and I had to confess – I hadn’ t even bothered to look in the mirror.

Be honest, what is the point! I also no longer use any hair conditioner and have long been very uninterested in whether the hair shampoo is for greasy/dry or damaged hair!!

Before you start calling special “ haircare prayer” meetings, casting out the spirit of baldness from my life or singing the favourite hymn for men who are follicly challenged “ Restore Oh Lord....” , please don’ t worry, I haven’ t written this article to gain sympathy or pastoral care.

Maybe you have stopped looking in mirrors too..any of us can do that for all sorts of reasons, unless of course if you are still in your teenage years.

Lots of us don’ t bother so much anymore, probably because we can’ t cope with seeing the image before us

What about us as a church – do we ever look in the mirror?

We think we are quite good at analysing what we are like, and how we are doing in various areas of church life. The “ Growing a Healthy Church” days were all about that, but of course we only looked at what we are like from the view of people who are already on the inside.

From May - July we are now going to be exploring, and thinking together about how we are seen from the outside. In effect, holding up a mirror to ourselves as Church. So, we will hopefully discover, how do people who are not Christians think about us and our faith? How do people in the local community view Hope BC and do they understand what it’ s all about?

Whether it's on the doors as we undertake the Peverell Community survey, or thinking through the themes on Sunday morning of church@world.com, we are going to have to face up to how we are seen from the outside, and maybe the image is not going to be easy to live with.

BUT – we are doing this for a reason..how can we ever help people to understand, how can we build bridges, how can we explain the relevance of the church and the gospel unless we know how we look to outsiders?

It's really important, otherwise like my head, the church could be “hair today, gone tomorrow”. The immediate picture may not be beautiful but the end result will be worth it.

Andrew

Women' s Rendezvous Passover Supper Pesach Seder

At our March meeting we enjoyed a traditional Passover Meal similar to the meal that Jesus and his disciples would have eaten on the night of the last supper. Paul Snell explained to those present the significance and the background to the Passover Meal, and the symbolism attached to the food, the seating arrangements and traditional customs attached to the meal.

In the time of Jesus, the meal would have been eaten at a Triclinium table – three sided Roman table- and the diners would recline on cushions or mats placed on the floor around the table. During the meal it was the custom to rest on one's left elbow and eat with the right hand.

Before the Jewish meal, candles would be lit and blessed by the hostess. On the evening, Estelle, our eldest member lit the candles for us. Paul continued by explaining the various customs regarding the blessing of the food and the wine before it was eaten.

Paul also included various interpretations in art of the Last Supper by such artists as Leonardo Da Vinci, and Salvador Dali, on the overhead projector, which we were able to discuss and compare with the known facts about the Last Supper.

Cherry Robinson and her helpers prepared the food for us and this turned out to be quite a complicated task as the food was varied and not the sort of food we would normally expect to eat for supper. There were hard-boiled eggs, parsley which was to be dipped in salt water before being eaten, and mixtures of bitter herbs and sweet fruits. The main course was a stew of lamb or chicken, which was in the time of Christ eaten with chunks of bread (we used spoons and pitta bread). Special unleavened bread was blessed and then distributed to those around the table.

Our special thanks to Cherry and to Beryl for all the hard work they put in before the event in purchasing and preparing the food.

The next Women's Rendezvous meeting is on May 28th commencing at 7.30 when the speaker is Helen Little and she will be telling us about her work at the Oncology Unit at Derriford Hospital

At our May meeting Cherry Robinson will be talking about her time working for Tesco. This meeting is on 28th May and it will commence at the usual time of 7.30pm.

All ladies are welcome to join us. If you do not have a Women' s Rendezvous programme, please see Jenny Weeks or any of the WR ladies for a copy.

Reminder – Visit to Ford Park Cemetery on Wednesday 9th July. A guided tour with commentary by Pat Luxford will commence at 7pm. Please let Jenny Weeks or Chris Eascott know if you intend to come. A small charge of £1.50 will be made by the FPC Trust.

The Persecuted Church

Over the next few weeks Andrew will be preaching on 1 Peter and we shall be studying in our fellowship groups, Peter' s letter to the Christians living in the area that we now know as Turkey.

At the time that Peter wrote his letters the Christians in that area were being persecuted for their faith, and so Peter wrote to encourage the believers to stand firm in their belief in the living Lord Jesus, and to assure them that God their father would not forsake them.

Today in Turkey, Christians are still being persecuted for their faith by the Government and by Muslim leaders in the country. Christians are arrested and thrown into prison where they are left to languish without trial. Many are tortured and beaten in the hope that they will renounce Jesus and turn to Islam.

Please pray for our Christian brothers and sisters in Turkey, that they will be given strength to bear witness to the love of our Saviour, Jesus and to stand firm against the dealings of the evil one. Pray that God will bless them and provide for all their needs in their time of trouble.

Jenny Weeks

Community Café

The grand opening of the Peverell Community Café will take place on **Thursday 5th June**. Keep this date in your diaries and please make every effort to come along. It is hoped that a celebrity from a local radio station will be coming to perform the opening. (Watch out for more details in the church notice sheet.) The final coffee morning will be held on 29th May and the once weekly Community Café will replace this.

This is an exciting new outreach effort, which we hope will appeal to all members of the local community of Peverell. The new look Community Café will be held in the sanctuary enabling people who do not usually enter a church building to find out that there is nothing threatening or strange to be encountered inside a church. There is also easy access for wheelchairs and motorised disabled scooters into the sanctuary.

A variety of coffees and teas, hot chocolate, and cold drinks will be on offer, as well as cakes, buns and snacks- all for a modest charge. Wherever possible Fairtrade items will be sold.

Our aim is to provide a welcoming, friendly atmosphere where local people can enjoy refreshments at a reasonable cost and somewhere for the lonely to pop in and find a friendly face and someone to chat with.

Information will be available on what is taking place at Hope and also what is happening in the community. Customers will be able to request prayer support by completing a "Prayer Request Form" which can be posted in a Prayer Box, or there will be someone in attendance who will be able to pray with the person in the prayer room if required to do so.

We are still looking for more volunteers to “ come on board” and lend a hand at the Community Café. This would mean going onto a rota and perhaps serving behind the counter and washing up about once a month or once every six weeks.

We are looking for donations of cakes, buns, tray-bakes etc, which we could sell on the opening day. We do not want to ask people for regular donations of this kind as it is hoped to acquire snacks etc from a commercial source. It would however be nice to receive donations of home-baked items occasionally.

Anyone who feels that they may be able to help in any way, please get in touch with me, Jenny Weeks (777416).

We look forward to seeing you at our opening ceremony and as a regular customer at the Peverell Community Café.

Jenny Weeks

Don' t forget that excellent hot and cold drinks and Fairtrade goods are available every Monday and Tuesday at

CONTRASTING HORIZONS

On Peverell Corner from 10am to noon.

May Diary

Sun	04	1030	Morning Worship Be Alert 1 Peter 1:4 -11 Lunch and games at The Rock in Yelverton
Sun	11	1030	Morning Worship Be Prepared 1 Peter 4: 12-19
Tue	13		Fellowship Groups
Sun	18	1030	Morning Service and Communion Be on Your Guard 1 Peter 5
		1830	Realm
Tue	20	1930	Church Meeting
Sun	25	1030	Morning Worship Mission Nepal 1 Peter

***Friday 30 May to Sunday 1 June
Church Family Camping Weekend at River Dart
Ashburton***

June Dairy

Sun	01	1030	Family Service
Tue	03		Just Life – Palestine
Thu	05		Launch of Peverell Community Café
Sun	08	1030	Morning Worship Hungry for God 1 Corinthians 2 Newcomers Lunch
Sat	14		Summer Ball
Sun	15	1030	Morning Worship and Communion Radical Lifestyle 1 Peter 2:9-25
		1830	Realm
Sat	21		Church Family day out at Teignmouth
Sun	22	1030	Morning Worship Making Connections Acts 2:42-47

Sun 29 1030 Family Service

Weekly events

Tuesday	10 – 11.30am	Mums and Babies
Thursday	1000 – 12 noon	Peverell Community Café In the Sancturay

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
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Friday	1900 – 2130
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RE-ACT (school years 10 – 13)

Friday	2015 – 2200
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This edition of the Outlook had been edited by Claire Preston.

The deadline for articles for consideration for the July/August

2008 Outlook is:

7.30pm Wednesday 18 June

Please send articles for consideration for the next issue to

Helen Pugh

thepughfamily@btinternet.com

Please note, all articles forwarded by email will be acknowledged

“Open House”

Please note that there will be no “Open House” meeting in May. Unfortunately, all of us who help run our meetings will be away that week.

We invite you to join us at “Open House” on Monday 16th June at 2.15 pm in the church hall. The new kitchen should be installed by then. We plan to make our own fun with a quiz and board games. Followed by afternoon tea with a selection of sandwiches and cakes. The suggested donation for the tea is £1.50 and will all go to “Home Mission” . Marian will explain what “Home Mission” is for anyone who does not know.

Our annual outing for a cream tea is on Monday 30th June. Ann and Marian are off to “test the wares” at “Sleepy Hollow Farm” , Harrowbarrow, Callington. The prices are, 1 scone with tea £2.95 and 2 scones with tea £3.95. We like to know numbers beforehand and to book your place and a lift contact Mrs Marian Brown.

Hope you can join us!

Thank you very much.
From Pam

Soup Run Report

Each day of the week a church or organisation in Plymouth is responsible for providing and delivering food to the homeless. This church does this every Monday. I am the coordinator and have teams of people who prepare, and teams who go out with the food. We are very fortunate in that we have friends from Pennycross Methodist who do the preparation every other week. We also take out blankets and sleeping bags,

when we can get them, and clothes. Each week we provide sandwiches, hot pasties, cake, soup and rolls, tea and coffee.

The church took on the Soup Run as part of our outreach work but a local bakery provide our bread and rolls free of charge and a local pasty firm provide the pasties, sausage rolls etc free of charge. We are also able to collect supplies of unsold cakes from a local supermarket on a Monday evening. Any surplus from this is taken to Shekinah and that way nothing is wasted. We send out 46 bags of food each week. Sometimes the number of clients is low and then everything left over is taken to The Gate Project or The Ship Hostel.

I feel that the last 12 months have been quite successful and want to express my thanks to those people who quite regularly supply me with blankets, warm clothes, food, cash and the 'humble' plastic bags! must take this opportunity to thank my teams – they don't grumble (well not much!)– the camaraderie in the kitchen has to be seen and heard to be believed, but without all these people we couldn't fulfil our commitment. I am grateful too for the 2/3 stand in drivers, but we really would like to have at least 2 more regular drivers to volunteer to come onto the rota, this would mean that each driver only has to do 1 Monday in every 6.

Please do give this some prayerful thought and speak to me if you think you can help.

Marian Brown

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 Merylyn Duook 01752 778409

Flowers for May 2008

- 04 Flower Fund.
- 11 Myra Conbeer. In Loving Memory of her Husband Bill.
- 18 Flower Fund.
- 25 Ron and Jenny Weeks. In Loving Birthday Remembrance of both their mothers.

Flowers for June 2008

- 01 Marian Brown. To mark Home Mission Week.
- 08 Flower Fund.
- 15 Margaret and David Pendock. In Loving Memory of Fred and Valerie.
- 22 Mrs Estelle Robertson. Birthday Remembrance of Her Mother, Mrs Doris Veal.
- 29 Flower Fund.

BMS Birthday Scheme

May

- 01 Mrs Viola Woodward
- 03 Mrs Val Hart
- 07 Mr Ray Hedges

June

- 07 Mr Richard Pomeroy
- 12 Mr Peter Brown
- 13 Mr Robert Pomeroy
- 23 Mrs Doreen Stirling



Teignmouth 2008 - Saturday 21th June

Our annual ' church family' day trip is once again to Teignmouth...

This ideal town has the advantage of the shops, including many takeaways and cafes, being right next to the beach – a perfect venue whatever the weather!

Bring a packed lunch or buy yourself something – you choose: then go to the beach for the traditional races and games, or hit the shops, before all joining together for tea in the church hall. A list will be circulated later for you to choose what you would like to contribute to this shared meal.

We will be leaving on the double-decker bus at 10.30am prompt from the bus bay on Outland Rd, since buses can no longer stop outside the church. Later we will leave Teignmouth at 6pm for the return journey, arriving back tired but happy at approx 7pm.



All are welcome on this trip and for the fifth year the prices are the same - £5.50 for adults and £3.50 for children. For those who prefer to make their own way we ask for a £1.50 per person contribution towards costs. Please note we cannot take any unaccompanied children.

Nicky Hatherell

menZone..... for men

The letters have all gone out, to 77 men closely connected with our church. The replies have all come back in. sadly, not quite as many as that! And now – the decisions have been taken.....

menZone is Go! Following the close vote over the time & date to meet, we are launching with our first meeting at 8.00am on

Saturday 10th May

The following two meetings will be on Saturdays at the same time, 14th June and 12th July. After breakfast together, we will use these initial 3 meetings to look at, and learn from, the stories of three major Old Testament men and seeking to apply lessons from their lives to ours. It is guaranteed to be a stimulating and challenging time.

REALM – the summer term

Hopefully everyone now knows what our Sunday evening REALM events are all about.... food (@ 6.30pm), informal & lively worship, quality Biblical input, time for prayer and reflection, response choices, opportunities to discuss etc.

Our programme for the next 3 months is this:-

18th May – Moving on in worship

22nd June – Moving on in the power of the Spirit

20th July – Moving on in prayer & fasting

If you have never yet been along to a REALM event, why not give it a try this term. You are guaranteed a warm welcome, and great company to share the experience with.

Speakers to be confirmed – see the weekly News sheet.

Who's Who at Hope

Minister	Andy Saunders	772809
Minister	Andrew Gardiner	791993
Secretary	Beryl Brown	778019
Treasurer	Tony Jopson	781792
ALPHA	Andy Saunders	772809
Administrator	Justine Spence	708090
Caretaker	Honore Iyakaremye	
Booking Secretary	via Church Office	708090
Youth@Hope	Andrew Gardiner	791993
Parent and Toddlers	Beryl Brown	778090
Fellowship Groups	Helen Pugh	767124
Women's Rendezvous	Jenny Weeks	777416
Prayer Chain	Margaret Pendock	768957
Open House	Pam Smith	219844
Men's Group	David Brown	707577
Minibus Bookings	Paul & Nicky Hatherell	770186
Mums and Babies	Kelly Hopwood	518254
The Outlook	Claire Preston	700739
	Helen Pugh	767124
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