

# The Outlook

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*Magazine of Hope Baptist Church  
May/June 2009*

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



## Life at Hope

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### **Sundays 10.30am Morning Worship** **Visitors are always welcome**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 a vibrant and contemporary service, held once a month. We meet for coffee/tea and cakes at 6.30pm and the service begins at 7.00pm. The next two meetings are on 24<sup>th</sup> May and 21<sup>st</sup> June.

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

**Fellowship Groups** Small groups meet for bible study, prayer and friendship at various times & days throughout the week. Contact: Andy Saunders 772809

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

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

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

**Open House** Meet in the Church Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 2.15 pm. £1.50, refreshments included. Contact: Pam Smith 219844

**Parents & Toddlers** Tuesday 12.45 – 2.45 pm and Wednesday 10.00 am – 12.00 pm and 12.45 – 2.45 pm term time only. Contact: Beryl Brown 778019

**Prayer@Hope** There is a Prayer Meeting every Monday from 7.00 – 8.00pm in the Prayer Room. Everyone is welcome to come along and pray for our church, our community and our world.

**Prayer chains** are used to share requests for prayer with the fellowship. Contact: Debbie Houston 709909 or Margaret Pendock 768957

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

**Youth@Hope** Activities for children and teenagers take place on Sunday mornings at 10.30am and weekday evenings. A full programme of activities is available. Contact: Andrew Gardiner 791993

**18s-30s** Programme of social activities and a fellowship group. Contact: Karen Ponsford 785181

30 new blue chairs.....only seats ??

Have you seen our lovely new chairs in the church yet?

They are attractive, comfortable and light, so easy to move !!

We have been able buy them because of the popularity of the Community Café and due to the receipt of a very generous gift which was earmarked for this very purpose. I am really pleased, because it means that in the Café on a Thursday, and on Sunday mornings, we can offer the quality of seating that people now expect, and we can easily move them after-Service to clear the way for coffee time.

**But this is a bigger step than you might think!**

After all, it is only about 3 years ago, when the congregation was at about 160 on Sunday mornings, that we took what seemed a massive step in faith of buying in 220 of our lovely red “best” chairs. We now have many Sundays where just about every chair is taken and I’m very glad to have a larger music group, to create extra space in the sanctuary!!

BUT – The buying of 30 new chairs is a bigger step, **because of what it represents in our church life.** These 30 new chairs mean that we are creating the opportunity for 30 more people to come and join us. These may be people new to the area seeking a church, or people coming because they want to explore the possibility of faith for the first time. *I wonder if YOU will be the person to invite or persuade 1 or 2 people to be those who fill these chairs?* I am already working on it, having spoken to 4 interested people last weekend.

The buying of 30 new chairs means that we are thinking ahead and planning to continue to grow!! It seems we are not quite ready to plant a new church or congregation, but I am not predicting how far away that might be....for now, **let’s pray in those 30 new people.**

While I’m on this subject please can I also warmly encourage you to come and join us as often as you can. We now have around 300 people in our church, so why is there only 200 there most Sundays? After all – you are now guaranteed a chair – for the moment !!

God Bless

Andrew

## Open House

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Please note that there will not be an “Open House Meeting” in the month of May.

This year our annual cream tea is at “Brimpt’s Farm” on Dartmoor. We enjoyed our Christmas meal there last December and hear that they do a lovely Cream tea too. It is on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 3 pm, the cost is £4 and if you do not have transport, we can arrange a lift for you. Please contact Marian Brown if you wish to join us.

At “Open House” in June, we are hoping that people from other churches will join us to welcome Judy Pride from “The Precious Lives Appeal”. Judy will be telling us about the exciting new project to build another Children’s Hospice. As part of “Children’s Hospice South West”, their aim is to have a hospice for children within 90 minutes driving time from anywhere in Devon, Cornwall or Somerset. There are already two such premises, this new one will be at St Austell, Cornwall, and will be called, “Little Harbour”. Building work is due to begin in the spring of 2010 with the hope that it will be completed by the end of 2011. The land for the hospice was very kindly donated, but they need a lot of funding to complete the build.

We hope that everyone will make a special effort to support this charity appeal. Our meeting is on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 2.15 pm in the church hall. As usual, there will be an afternoon tea with a selection of sandwiches and cakes, all washed down with cups of tea or coffee. The suggested donation for the tea is only £1.50 with all proceeds going to the charity. If you are unable to be with us, but would like to make a donation, please pass it to Marian Brown or Ann Munson. You could always gift aid it too.

Thank you.

## May Brunch!

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Janet Bowman Powell and Pam Smith are preparing to lay on one of their now famous “Brunches” on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May in the church hall. Being helped by other members of their fellowship group, they aim to make a good profit to go towards funding Jackie and Bianca May’s forthcoming mission to Malawi. There will be a cake and bring and buy stall as well, so please could you make us a cake or bring something useful to sell on the bring and buy stall. For full details of this event, see the poster elsewhere in the “Outlook”.

Jackie and Bianca are going to Malawi for four weeks in August. They will fly to Lilongue, they then have about an 8 hour journey, via Blantyre, to get to “Fisherman’s Rest”. While there, they will be helping at a newly built Community Centre for the first week. Then they will travel on to a place called, “Hope Village” for the next two weeks, staying with a local family. This will be a much more challenging time for them both, as they will be helping to care for orphans, most of whom will have lost their parents to Aids. During the last week, they will be back at “Fisherman’s Rest” before flying home to England. Please come along and help us make this a worthwhile event. If you only want to pop in for toast and a cup of tea or coffee; that’s fine by us!

## Women’s Rendezvous

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Our love and prayers go to one of our founding members Jenny Weeks on the sad loss of her husband Ron.

We remember all the happy times spent with him, the fun and games we had setting up the trestle tables full of clothes for the jumble sales, the lighting or not of the annual BBQ's but most of all his wicked sense of humour and his never failing support for our group in all that we did and will hopefully go on to do in the future.

We are delighted to announce our **May** meeting will be **open to all**, on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm. The guest speaker will be **The Maritime Heritage Officer Mr Nigel Overton** with a talk entitled “**A Visit to the Eddystone**” I’m sure quite a few people will be

interested in this local topic . Do come along, we are a friendly bunch. Refreshments will follow the talk and the cost is just £1.

**June's** meeting "The Annual BBQ" is on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm there will be a change of venue and is now at the home of Beryl and Peter Brown. We owe them both grateful thanks for stepping in at the last minute. A date for your dairy and all the summer to turn out! Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 10am till 12 noon The TABLE TOP SALE.

*Women's Rendezvous Secretary Chris Eascott*

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Dear Friends

I would like to express my thanks to the family at Hope Baptist Church for the love and support shown to me before and after Mum's death in February. It is gratifying to know that Kathleen was loved and respected by all who knew her This was very evident by the number of cards, messages, telephone calls and generous gifts received in her memory.

Rayson has already sent thanks to Andy and Andrew and all who participated in the funeral service, the thanksgiving service and helping with the refreshments. I would like to re-iterate a big thank you to all those who helped, in any way, at such a difficult time for me.

During Mum's last few days in hospital, if anybody asked her if she wanted anything she replied "Sleep I'm tired" Therefore, although life for me will not be the same without her, I know her wish has been granted and through her great faith she is now with her Lord.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Cherry (Cherry Robinson)

## Thanks

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I would like to thank all my dear friends at Hope for their love, support, and kindness shown to me and Ron over the last two months of Ron's illness. Our ministers, Andy and Andrew faithfully visited Ron, prayed with him and showed him true Christian love. Paul Snell visited him almost every day and Ron really appreciated his visits and prayers. All three have been a tremendous support to me during the difficult days when Ron was in Derriford.

My thanks also to everyone who attended the service of thanksgiving for Ron's life. Thank you Andy for all the work you put into the service which was a most uplifting experience and to Pam Smith and her helpers who provided the refreshments after the service.

My heartfelt thanks to Peter and Brian who spoke at the service of their memories of my dear Ron. They enabled others to know the Ron that they knew and to share their experiences with us in such a touching and humorous way.

I have received over 100 cards of condolence and have found reading them and the personal messages they contained very comforting. Thank you everyone who sent me a card or wrote to me.

A special thank you to my dear friend Sandra Longley who on two occasions came with me to Derriford when I was told that Ron was in a critical condition and unlikely to survive. Without her support and the support of lots of my friends I would have found it difficult to cope over the last two months.

In answer to prayer the Lord gave Andrew a message for me which has sustained me during the difficult days.  
Psalm 23 v 4.

Thank you all and may God bless you.

Jenny Weeks

## May Diary

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Sat	02		Barn Dance
Sun	03	1030	Morning Worship: The Servant Lord John 13:1-15
Tue	05		Fellowship Groups
Sun	10	1030	Morning Worship: Servants in the World Eph 6:1 – 18
Tue	12		Prayer night with Ecuador Team
Sat	16	0915	Build your own Brunch
Sun	17	1030	Morning Worship and Communion BMS Ecuador Dartmoor BBQ
Tue	19	1930	Church Meeting
Sun	24	1030	Morning Worship: Servants in the Church Romans 12
Tue	26		Fellowship Groups
Fri-Sun	29 – 31		River Dart Camping
Sun	31	1030	Family Service

## June Diary

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Sun	07	1030	Morning Worship: The Servant Gifts 1 Cor 12:1 -11
Tue	09		Fellowship Groups
Sun	14	1030	Morning Worship: Servants in Secret Matt 6: 1 – 18
Tue	16	1930	Church Meeting
Sun	21	1030	Morning Worship and Communion The Servant Glory Rom 8:16 – 39
		1830	Realm
Tue	23		Fellowship Groups
Sun	28	1030	Family Service: All Nations

## Date for your diary

Saturday 4 July          Church on the beach at Teignmouth

## **Weekly events**

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

## **Weekly events term time only**

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### **Parent and Toddlers**

Tuesday 1245 – 1445  
Wednesday 1000 – 1200  
1245 - 1445

### **Hy-Powered (school years 3-6)**

Thursday 1830 – 2000

### **The Hype (school years 7 – 9)**

Friday 1900 – 2130

### **Re:Act (school years 10 – 13)**

Friday 2015 – 2200

## **The Outlook**

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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 Outlook is:

### **Sunday 7 June**

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

[claire.preston888@btinternet.com](mailto:claire.preston888@btinternet.com)

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

## **Church Flowers for May 2009**

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- 03 John and Judith Pinch. In loving memory of Judith's parents, Hilda and Tom Stevens.
- 10 Mrs Myra Conbeer. In loving Memory of her husband, Mr Bill Conbeer.
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- 24 Mrs Jenny Weeks. Loving Birthday remembrance of her Mother and Mother-in-law.
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## **Church Flowers for June 2009**

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- 07 Mrs Marian Brown. To celebrate the work of the Baptist Missionary Society around the world.
- 14 Margaret and David Pendock. Remembering Fred and Valerie with love.
- 21 Mrs Estelle Robertson. Loving birthday remembrance of her mother, Mrs Doris Veal.
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## **Thank you Helen**

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You are probably aware that Helen Pugh who has been joint editor of the Outlook for some years now, has recently stood down in preparation for her forthcoming move to Kent. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Helen for all her hard work and enthusiasm for the Outlook, she will be missed.

If anyone is interested in joining the Outlook Editorial Team, please speak to Andy Saunders.

Claire Preston

Only £3.50  
for

# Pam & Jan's Famous Brunch

Hope Baptist Church Hall

**Saturday  
16th May**



**Open from  
9.15am**

**Last orders 12.45am**

£3.50 is for 6 items plus Toast, Marmalade & Tea or Coffee.  
Single items 50p ea.

## Who's Who at Hope

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<b>Minister</b>	<b>Andy Saunders</b>	<b>772809</b>
<b>Minister</b>	<b>Andrew Gardiner</b>	<b>791993</b>
Administrator	Justine Spence	708090
ALPHA	Andy Saunders	772809
Caretaker	Honore Iyakaremye	
Children's Advocates	Chris Houston	709909
	Sue Syers	703077
Flower Co-ordinator	Pam Smith	219844
Men's Group	David Brown	707577
menZone	Andrew Gardiner	791993
Minibus Bookings	Paul & Nicky Hatherell	770186
Mums and Babies	Kelly Hopwood	518254
Open House	Pam Smith	219844
Parents and Toddlers	Beryl Brown	778090
Prayer Chain	Margaret Pendock	768957
Safe to Grow Co- ordinator	Margaret Underdown	01822 - 854039
Secretary	Beryl Brown	778019
The Outlook	Claire Preston	700739
Treasurer	Tony Jopson	781792
Women's Rendezvous	Jenny Weeks	777416
Youth@Hope	Andrew Gardiner	791993
Youth Worker	Sarah Apps	07505 840 093

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