

The Outlook

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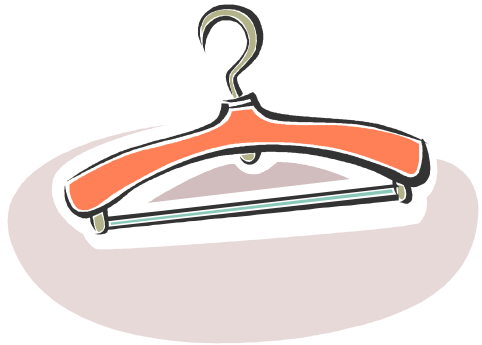
Magazine of Hope Baptist Church

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

Women's Rendezvous

Do you have any WOODEN COAT HANGERS?

A few of the ladies in WR are hoping to cover the coat hangers and sell them at our Coffee Morning in November. Also any ideas for easy to make craft items that will sell would be appreciated. Any unwanted coat hangers can be passed to Jenny Weeks or to Sandra Longley



Raffle prizes wanted

Women's Rendezvous are also looking for items (Not Alcoholic) that can be used for raffle prizes at the November Coffee Morning. Unwanted toiletries, perfume, chocolates (!!!) in fact anything that will make a good raffle prize. If you have anything that fits the bill please let Marian or Jenny or any of the WR ladies know ASAP.

Outing to Devonport Playhouse

In October we shall be visiting the Devonport Playhouse to see '**A grand night for singing**'. This Tony Award nominated musical revue is a delightful production featuring the beautiful tunes and lyrics of Rodgers & Hammerstein. Produced by Patricia Rabin and with Rosemary Fox as musical director this lovely piece is a small company show which is suitable for everyone.

"A Grand night for singing" includes familiar tunes from *Oklahoma!*, *Carousel!*, *South Pacific* and *The King and I* to name but a few - all set in a romantic story.

Tickets are £7 and £6 for seniors. If anyone is interested in joining the ladies of WR for this evening out, please let me know as soon as possible. The date of the outing has not yet been decided but the show is being performed from Thursday 26th October to Saturday 28th October. It is expected that we will go either on the Thursday or the Friday.

The BBQ, which was held in the garden of Ron and Jenny Weeks on 21st June was a great success. The weather stayed dry although it was a little chilly. Sixteen people came along to sample the beef-burgers, sausages, salads etc. Strawberry Gateaux was available for a donation to Breast Cancer Care and there was also a Bring and Buy Stall in the summer-house with proceeds going to BBC. I am pleased to say that £45.32 was raised for this worth-while charity.

On July 12th a barbeque was held at Bovisand in the garden of Merrilyn and John Duook' s chalet. Sixteen members and husbands enjoyed the wonderful views of Plymouth Sound and the Breakwater whilst tucking into the delicious barbeque food cooked for us by John. The weather was good and several of us went for a walk along the coast in an attempt to walk off the calories of the meal. Those who remained at the chalet enjoyed chatting and watching the activities taking place in the Sound – several Royal Navy frigates returning to the Dockyard and the Brittany Ferries ferry coming into dock at Millbay.

Our thanks to Merrilyn and John for a lovely evening and to Peter for driving the church minibus for us.

Advance Notice

In November Women' s Rendezvous are holding a Fair to raise money to buy a Shelter Box, which will be sent to a disaster area when needed.

A Shelter Box costs in the region of £500 and we would like to think that we will be able to raise this amount on the day.

There will be various stalls and fund raising games etc. If you have any ideas that will help us to reach this target, please let us know.

We will be looking for donations for the stalls nearer to the time of the event, but if anyone has any items that they would like to give before then, please see Marion Brown or Jenny Weeks.

Jenny Weeks

Church Website

If you have not yet visited the church website, please do have a look as you will be pleasantly surprised. I was. A lot of work has gone into setting up the website and when you consider that it can be read by anyone, anywhere in the world it really is a credit to Brian Potter who has put in so much time and effort.

I am sure that Brian would appreciate your comments and any news that you would like to have included on the site. This is the world's window on Hope Baptist Church. Let's let the world know that Jesus is alive and is at work among the people in Peverell.

Jenny Weeks

Harvest Festival on Sunday 1 October

As we are in the church hall this year for our Harvest Festival Service, there will be far less space to decorate. If you would like to come along to help, or donate fruit, vegetables, flowers or greenery for this purpose, please join us at 10am on Saturday 30th September.

We will be going ahead with the distribution of Harvest gifts as usual, so we would welcome any items you think suitable for these.

Thank you
Pam Smith Flower Coordinator

Not just one life

An interview with Barbara Smith

Barbara Smith is married with 3 sons. She is a member of the steering group for the Just Life group and helps lead the Wednesday morning Parent & Toddler group.

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

I became involved with Hope about 7 years ago when Rory was a toddler and I started going to Toddler Group. It built from there really; I became friends with Jenny (Saunders) and other people at Toddlers and then Jenny invited me to come along to the Alpha course last year.

In 2005 you went on an Alpha course; what made you decide to do this and did it have any impact on your life?

I'd not heard of Alpha before, but it sounded interesting; the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the big issues. I had studied philosophy at college, so it was just my sort of thing. Although I had a few apprehensions about going along, these soon disappeared when I got there. The group was friendly and you felt you could ask anything; Andy and Jenny never seemed phased!

The Alpha course did have an impact on my life but it wasn't just that which led me to become a Christian. It was a lot of meandering around and lots of conversations with people I'd met along the way. A lot of the Christians I'd met throughout my life

seemed to have something about them; a sense of peace or joy or just something different about them that fascinated me and appealed to me. I had a curiosity and questioning about where that came from and how you got it. There were also my own life experiences. I come from a Catholic background which meant that I'd been raised with Christian values, and although I had rebelled against religion as a young adult, I still held onto those values (do as you would be done by, etc). The sudden and tragic death of a young family member a few years ago stopped me short and I began to review my life and also my children's. The Alpha course was a safe place to ask questions in a comfortable environment, and get answers to them.

Quite early in the course I asked "How do you become a Christian?" The answer was "You just ask for it," so I did and it worked. I didn't think it would happen for me. It was something I really wanted and hungered for. I desperately wanted to find God so I prayed the prayer and afterwards felt as though my soul was dancing. I felt as though I experienced God, in a very gentle way.

Did these changes in your life have any effect on your family?

Yes. None of us went to church a year ago and now we all go.

What inspired you to be involved with starting the Just Life group?

In a word, injustice; the injustice of the Western world versus the rest of the world. I think God demands it of you; that you look at the injustice in the world and that you are His tool to bring about His justice – on Earth as it is in Heaven. I think I've had this passion since I was born! As a young adult I watched Live Aid and the famine in Ethiopia and that was what actually motivated

me for my career; to do my nurse' s training so I could go and do something about it.

What is the Just Life group all about?

The main focus of the Just Life group is to discuss issues of injustice relating to poverty in the less developed world and in addition that we would pick up on injustices in this country if there was something somebody in the group was particularly interested in.

The aims of the group are to help each other understand the issues and find ways of individuals or groups to lobby for change and adapt our own lifestyles; to mobilise the church community and to raise awareness of the issues locally and to work with other groups locally and nationally which share the same objectives.

Have there been any really good times since you became a Christian?

On the whole I' d say it' s all been good. It' s been a fabulous and really exciting year. When we went camping with Hope it was a lovely weekend and a really good chance to get to know people. On the Sunday morning we had an outdoor service. It was a beautiful day, the sun was shining and we were singing songs of praise and just for a fleeting second I got a real sense of what it would be like to be in Heaven, just to be singing endless songs of praise forever and ever. It was such a blissful feeling.

Have there been any difficult times since you became a Christian?

I still struggle and battle with issues and doubts. Every now and then one of them will pop up and taunt me.

What has helped you through those times?

Usually when those doubts come up I get given an answer to them. Not immediately, but someone will give me a book, or I'll hear something on the radio or someone will say something. I get a real sense that I have a relationship with God. That He cares about what is bothering me, and wants to help me find answers. And although I don't hear His actual voice, He is speaking to me through others. It's this sense of being cared for that helps me through difficult times.

Is there a particular verse from the bible which has been important to you?

There have been a couple of things which have stayed with me from childhood that I've always remembered. One is the song, *"Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give. Go in my name and because you believe others might know that I live."*

The other one is John 1:12,

'Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God –'

One that a friend recently shared with me and that seems significant is Micah 6:6-8,

'What shall I bring to the Lord, the God of Heaven, when I come to worship him? Shall I bring the best calves to burn as offerings to him? Will the Lord be pleased if I bring him thousands of sheep or endless streams of olive oil? Shall I offer him my first born child to pay for my sins? No, the Lord has told us what is good. What he requires of us is this: to do what is just, to show constant love and to live in humble fellowship with our God.'

Helen Pugh

The guest speaker for Harvest Feast is Martin
John Nicholls -

Singer/Songwriter/Storyteller in "Harvest of Hope".
Reflecting the struggles and hopes of Christian Aid Partners
in Senegal.

All proceeds will go to Christian Aid.

An audience with

Gary Streeter MP,

a Christian in
Politics...

‘ No Strings Attached’

Saturday 30th September 2006
at

Derriford Health and Leisure Centre,
Derriford Hospital

7.30 for 8 pm

Tickets £6 to include buffet

Bar and snacks available

Buy One Get One Free

For those who bring a friend who doesn't normally attend church, Hope will subsidise

their place (limited free places available)

A joint venture by
Hope Baptist, Pennycross Methodist and St. Pancras C of E

Bosnia Mission 21st July- 1st August 2006

For me the Bosnian trip was the hardest thing I have had to do so far. It was my first time on mission and the first time away from home without my parents for more than a week, luckily I had Rob and Mark who I know very well, and the rest of the group was fantastic. Altogether there were seven in the group, the team leader Rob Carter and his son Paul, Anna who came from near Manchester, Claire from London and finally Mark, Rob and myself from Hope.

We all got on really well and bonded quickly during the few days in Sarijavo, this made us stronger as a team. It was soon time to travel to the camp, where our task was to entertain the children while the parents were attending the service. We found it hard at first because it was difficult to control the children and get messages through to them because of the language barrier. Fortunately, we had lots of help from some children who could speak Bosnian and English so they translated most of the time. At the beginning of the week the children did not respond us, as they are not used to adults telling them what to do so they didn't do as they were told and seemed to enjoy rebelling. As the week progressed the children started to respect us more as they grew to know us and as we showed them that we cared for them and showed them God's love.

It was satisfying to help these children but I think the best thing for me was meeting the Bosnian people and hearing about how God has worked in their lives for example by healing drug addictions. It was great to see the healing of a devastated country and to see how they all

fully rely on God made me stronger in my faith and to know that God is still working miracles.

It was sad to leave the team at the end because we had become like a family and I hope that we shall have a reunion soon.

Holly Bowman- Powell

Prayer Focus

Pray for:

- Our young people as they return to nursery, school, college or university after the summer break. Also for those who teach and educate them.
- The leaders and children at “Nutkins”.
- Guidance in choosing the right person to take over the job of Church Administrator.
- More people to volunteer as Youth Leaders here at “Hope”.
- The series of “Greenhouse Meetings”, Developing Leadership.
- Church initiative to help other people. Including lunches for the elderly.
- The Prayer Focus night on Thursday September 7th.
- Those who have ongoing health problems; are undergoing hospital treatment; are recovering from surgical operations; are coping daily with pain and insomnia; are isolated and unable to worship with us on Sundays, who are hurting emotionally or are depressed.

Thank God for:

- The safe return of Vivian from war torn Israel.
- For the great experience Holly, Rob and Mark had recently on their mission trip to Bosnia. For the lives they touched and the lives that have touched them.



- That the church building work has at last started and pray that it will be completed on time.
 - For the £750 grant towards refurbishing the church kitchen.
 - We pray mostly for world peace. For love and understanding to replace hate and intolerance. For discussions and negotiations to replace fighting. That the U.N. Peace initiative will succeed.
- Amen.
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We would like to thank everyone who is contributing on Sunday mornings this month:

Communion

Set-up

Wash-up

17 Peter & Beryl Brown

Communion Servers: Debbie Read, Beryl Brown and Mark Smith

Flowers

03 Mrs Margaret Tripp. In loving memory of her mother, Mrs Rhoda Crofts.

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24 Harry and Shirley. In loving memory of their mother, Kam Lin.

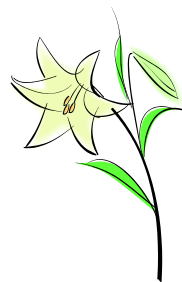
Coffee

03 Tim Hart and Sandra Brown

10 Richard Simpson and Marian Brown

17 Julie Harrall and Nicky Hatherell

24 Shelia Boddington and Pat Dodd



Crèche

03 Karen Beard, Beverly Townsend & Sheena Kingdon

10 Jean Bartlet, Helen Pugh & Kelly Hopwood

17 Steve Brown, Kate Brown & Megan Adney

24 Family Service – No crèche

3-5s

- 03 Ann Munson, Shirley Mann & Katherine Beard
- 10 Sandy Lashbrook, Sheena Kingdon & Mel Hatherell
- 17 Amanda Harris, Claire Knight & Margaret Underdown
- 24 Family Service (No group)

5-7s

- 03 Katherine Gardiner and Pam Smith
- 10 Sarah Aldersley and Sandra Brown
- 17 Katherine Gardiner and Nick Beard
- 24 Family Service

Welcome Stewards

- 03 Salli Lummis, Beryl Chun, Marian Brown & Dom Dalton
- 10 Margaret Underdown, Graham & Pat Dodd & Katharine Beard
- 17 Pam Smith, Andrew Jones, Sheena Kingdon & Robert Canning
- 24 Pat Taylor, Peter Man, Gill Knight & Holly Bowman-Powell

Transport

- 03 Peter Brown
- 10 Jackie May
- 17 Mike Munson
- 24 Mike Lummis

Duty Steward

- Ron Dalton
- Nicky Hatherell
- Wilf Smale
- Mike Munson

Open House

We hope you have enjoyed the lovely summer weather we have had this year. Let's hope we get rain soon to revive the gardens and wash everywhere clean again.

Lin Pringle will be our guest speaker on Monday 18th September, at 2.15pm in the church hall. Lin will be giving us an insight into the work she does at the Shikinah Mission's 'Gates Project.' This project was set up two years ago to help homeless people get back on their feet. Her job is challenging, rewarding and something she feels passionate about.

We will be enjoying an afternoon tea with a selection of sandwiches and cakes, washed down by lots of cups of tea and chat. The suggested donation is £1.50 which will all go to this charity.

Everyone is invited to join us and should you require a lift on the day, please call me, Pam Smith, on Plymouth 219844.

September Diary

Sun	03	09.00am 10.30am	Morning Worship in the Hall Morning Worship in the Hall People of the promise Acts 2: 1-21
Thu	07	10-12 noon 7-10pm	Coffee Morning** One Big Night of PRAYER
Sun	10	09.00am 10.30am	Morning Worship in the Hall Morning worship in the Hall People with a purpose Acts 2:42-47 BBQ on the moors following the service
Tue	12	10.00am 1.00pm	Mums and Baby Group* Parent and Toddler Group* Fellowship Groups
Wed	13	10.00am 1.00pm	Parent and Toddler Group* Parent and Toddler Group*
Thu	14	6.30-8.00pm	Hy-Powered (School years 3-6)*
Fri	15	7.00-8.30pm 8.15-9.45pm	The Hype (School years 7-9)* RE:ACT (School years 10-13)*
Sat	16	10-12noon	Women' s Rendezvous Table Top Sale
Sun	17	09.30am	Morning Worship in the Hall

		10.30am	Morning Worship in the Hall People as Apprentices Acts 20: 13-38
Tue	19	7.30pm	Church Members Meeting
Wed	23		Greenhouse Away Day
Sun	24	10.30am	Family Service at Pounds House People of Power Acts 4
		7-8pm	Prayer at St Pancras
Tue	26		Fellowship Groups
Wed	27	7.30pm	Women' s Rendezvous.– Canada, a talk by Anne Adeney
Mon	30	7.30pm	An audience with Gary Streeter – Outreach event at Derriford Health And Leisure Centre

*These meetings are held weekly during term time only

**These meetings meet weekly all through the year

Advance Dates for October

Sunday 1 Harvest Celebration

Tuesday 3 Harvest Supper

Tuesday 31 Light Party

The Outlook

This months Outlook was compiled by Claire Worrall.

October' s Outlook will be put together by Helen Pugh who would be grateful for your articles by **13 October** please.

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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!

A CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS

Church life will be severely disrupted this Autumn! As I write the church is very obviously a building site, new foundations and walls being built outside and porches and parts of the back wall being demolished inside. We hope the new foyer, central entrance, toilets, crèche and Toy Store will all be completed by the end of October. Until then we will be meeting on Sundays in the Hall with 2 services each morning.

'A Church Without Walls' was once the name of a Plymouth church. It's a great title for a church, reminding members that church is about people and their relationships of fellowship together and with God and their relationship of service and mission to the local community. During this time of disruption we are studying Acts on Sunday mornings. Then the church had no buildings and flourished. Then the church faced frequent disruption due to persecution and it still flourished.

Our building is a great resource for mission. The church site is central to the local community, it is spacious enough to host many fellowship and outreach activities and it is clearly visible to commuters. As a result of the building work the sanctuary with its new entrance, toilets, crèche and comfortable seating will be much more welcoming to visitors. If your church has walls then they must be made to aid your mission and not hinder it!

The lesson of Acts though is that buildings are secondary. The most important aspects of our life together as the people of God are: to know Jesus and follow him, to let him fill us with the Holy Spirit who is the power of God for mission, to love God and to love one another in the same gracious way that God has loved us, to keep growing in understanding of

the truths of God's word and as Jesus disciples to live with integrity and selflessness as we share in his pattern of death and resurrection.

If these things characterise our life at Hope then great things will happen within and without the walls of the church!

Andy Saunders

Lunch Club for the Elderly

Whilst investigating the possibility of the Church running a Lunch Club for the Elderly it became clear that as a church we are not meeting the requirements for handling food or the standard of our kitchen, and do not have an appointed Health and Safety Officer for guidance.

At the Church Meeting on 18 July 2006 it was agreed to appoint Mike Munson as our Health and Safety Officer and run a Foundation Food Hygiene Course the cost to be met from the Church Training Fund. We have entered into an agreement with Plymouth City Council to run this Course at the Church provided there are at least 12 people present. The cost is £20 per person but a fee of £36 per candidate will apply if fewer than 12 attend. The course is for 9 hours and it has been arranged for:



Monday 18, Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 of September 2006 over 3 evenings from 6.30pm – 9.30pm.

It cannot be stressed enough how important it is that members of all organisations who handle food in any way within Hope should attend this Course. All candidates will receive a copy of the full colour Foundation Food Hygiene booklet. Candidates successful in the short multiple choice examination that follows the course will receive the nationally recognised Foundation Food Hygiene certificate.

The church has an environmental check every 2 years. This is now due and regulations are becoming much tighter for voluntary organisations. It is important, therefore, that all who handle food in the Church should have the training and acquire this Certificate. Please contact Kate Brown or Beryl Brown before 10 September if you will be attending this course.

Harvest Feast

We are holding our “Harvest Feast” on Tuesday 3rd October. Meeting in the church hall at 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start.

On the menu will be beef stew with boiled potatoes and peas. The vegetarian option, a pasta bake, followed by a selection of hot and cold sweets. If you would like to provide a dessert, please let me know when you book.

The price is held at £4 for adults aged 16 and over, and £2 for children aged 6 to 15 years old.

Space is limited to a maximum of 88, so it is important to order and pay for your meal in advance. Tickets will be available up until Sunday 1st October from Pam Smith.

Harvest Feast Booking	
Please put your total number for each meal in box	
<i>Names</i>	
Adults £4	Children £2

Beef Stew		
Pasta Bake		
Total Paid	£	

The following letter was received from
Salisbury Road Baptist Church:

Dear Church Secretary

Salisbury Road is celebrating one hundred years of witness in the St Judes/Lipson area over the next few months.

We are having a series of different preachers over the next 9 months or so and we write to invite your church to a special evening service on Sunday 1st October at 6.30pm when the preacher will be the Reverend Dr Brian Haymes, former president of the Baptist Union and retired Principal of both Northern Baptist College and Bristol Baptist College. Brian will be with us for the morning service when he will take part and preach at the Boy's Brigade/Girls' Brigade Enrolment Service, he has welcomed the idea of all the District Church meeting at Salisbury Road.

We realise that some churches still have an evening service but if perhaps your fellowship could be represented by 2 or 3 of your folk to help us celebrate our Centenary we will be pleased to welcome them.

The service will be followed by refreshments.
Please let us know if you can come.

With love in the Lord
Wendy Shilson