

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 a service aimed at 18-30s (but all ages are welcome)

It is held at 5.00 pm on the 4th Sunday of each month

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 Tripp 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: Andy Saunders 772809

Here we go, here we go, here we go.....

Right – the summer is over. I do hope you have all had a really good break and re-charged your batteries over the monsoon season that was July and August...and now we are back & into action.

If you have seen the church' s autumn programme (and I hope you have) you will have already got a glimpse of some of the things we have planned ..for our growth and discipleship, for deepening our fellowship, and most importantly to move us all on in our mission to Peverell and the surrounding area..

God has blessed us with a superb building as one of His resources for activities/events, also with a wide range of people that He has gifted for the task of reaching others with the gospel. In so many other ways too. One of the key Bible verses for me for years is “ to whom much is given, much is expected” .

I really believe that God wants to use all of us, working really effectively together, to make a difference in the local community and to speak of and demonstrate God' s love and goodness to all those that we come into contact with.

This is why we exist. This is our purpose in being church.

What am I HOPE-ing for this term?

1. A renewed sense of direction and priorities as we explore the “Healthy Church“ programme together. (see Andy' s article)
2. That we will see several baptisms, many new members come in and have the privilege of seeing individuals come to faith.
3. That our financial offerings will at last catch up with the big vision we have for ministry and mission for this area of Plymouth. We are STILL 8% down, but have 4 months to go. Come on.....Let' s go for it all!!!!

Andrew Gardiner

Growing a Healthy church

‘ How are you?’ The question can be answered at many levels. Unless we obviously have a leg in plaster or an open head wound most of us just answer ‘ fine’ or ‘ good, thanks’ . If people were to dig a little deeper they’ d find that there were areas of our life that were great, bouncing with vitality, and others where we were below par or struggling.

What if we were to ask that question of Hope? How is Hope? It would be easy to answer ‘ Fine, thanks’ . It is fine, there are plenty of people around on a Sunday, a great mix of ages, uplifting services and lots of outreach activity. But how do we dig a bit deeper to the underlying health of the church? That’ s what we will be doing in September through the ‘ Growing a Healthy Church’ programme.

Research suggests there are seven key marks of a healthy church:

1. It is energized by faith
2. It has an outward-looking focus
3. It seeks to find out what God wants
4. It faces the cost of change and growth
5. It operates as a community
6. It makes room for all
7. It does a few things and does them well

On Tuesday 25 September 7:30 – 9:30 and Saturday 29 September 10:00 – 4:30 we have invited Dave Hewitt and Mike Law to help us explore these seven marks. The sessions will be

interactive and lots of fun. Together we will consider how God views the church, where are we doing well and how we could do better. It's a kind of spiritual health check for Hope! It will build unity and belonging in our fellowship, give us a sense of direction for the future and enable us to listen to what Jesus is saying to Hope today.

Please put the dates in your diary. If you've been at Hope many years, please come because we need your experience. If you are new to Hope please come because you can see the church through fresh eyes. We need more than 50 people to reflect our diverse congregation and to give momentum for the future. It is important to come to both meetings, not just one of them, because they are integrally linked.

When 25 growing churches were invited to a consultation it was found that none of them majored on growth. Rather they focussed on 'being the church better'. They were taking their faith seriously and seeking to be as faithful as they could to the way of Jesus. Growth came as a natural bi-product of health. We see this in children, if they are healthy they will grow. A healthy church is energised and directed by God, and such a church grows. That's what we're working towards.

Key dates and times:

Tuesday 25 September 7:30 – 9:30

Saturday 29 September 10:00 – 4:30

From September 2nd there will be opportunity to sign up at the back of the church.

Andy Saunders

An interview with Reverend David Evans

David is married to Nicola. They live in Peverell with their two daughters.

How long have you been worshipping at Hope?

Three and a half years.

How did you end up here?

We moved here from Bilston in Wolverhampton where I was the Minister of an inner city Baptist Church with just over 100 Members. We had decided to stay there for at least a couple more years when I opened The Baptist Times and saw an advert for University Chaplain at Plymouth University. I'd applied for this about 12 years previously and I wanted to move to the South-West because we have family here. A University Chaplaincy job was something I had already been thinking might be my next step so I applied and got the job.

Being a Baptist Minister I'm expected to attend a Baptist Church. In fact, if I wasn't a Member of a Baptist Church it would be questioned by the Baptist Union. When I got the job we got out the Baptist Union Handbook which has a list of all the Baptist Churches in the country. We knew that we didn't want to be at a very big church; but we also wanted a church that was sufficiently big enough to accommodate Felicity's Special Needs. Hope seemed to be the most likely church to suit us so I rang up Andy Saunders, explained our situation and asked what the Baptist Churches in Plymouth were like.

The first Sunday that we were actually down here we came to Hope and liked it and then about 3 or 4 services later I asked Nicola if she thought we should try looking at another church. She said, "Why?" . So we didn't!

What would an average week at the University Chaplaincy be like?

The average would be that I would get into the Chaplaincy probably about 9am, sometimes earlier. On Tuesdays we have Prayers before our Team Meeting so that starts at 8.30am. On

Fridays I try to join the Christian Union at their Prayer Meeting which starts at 8am.

I'll usually be at the Chaplaincy until about 5pm. Sometimes I go back in the evening for a Christianity Explored course which we run; I sometimes get to the Christian Union meetings. We put on one-off events quite often as well. It can be a very full day, and then at the weekend we do Chaplaincy walks on the Saturdays but on Sundays we don't actually have worship at the Chaplaincy. The decision was taken before my predecessor that there wouldn't be a Chapel in the Chaplaincy and students would be encouraged to be involved in local churches. That means of course that I am then free on Sundays to preach in other churches. The University like me doing that because it means I am getting involved with the local community.

In terms of the day between 9am and 5pm there will be a variety of things to do. There will be some administration, various meetings because I'm on a number of different committees. Some days can be very busy and some very quiet. Mornings aren't usually particularly busy so that is my time to get through paperwork. Lunchtimes tend to be busy but not always. Sometimes I'll go through a whole morning when nobody comes in at all but then I'll have a succession of people coming in until about 4pm. It can be very frustrating for members of the Chaplaincy Team when nobody comes in, but even on a quiet day there will be 6 or 7 people come into the Chaplaincy.

Who does the Chaplaincy Team consist of?

Me as the only full-timer and only University employee, 10 people from local churches, some of whom have it as part of their job description, others of which were persuaded to do it as a denominational representative. Andy Saunders is the Baptist Chaplain. There are others as well, including two Student Chaplaincy Assistants who are current undergraduates employed by the University for 5 hours per week during term time.

When are the high and low points of the academic year for you?

In July and August there is a lot to do to get ready for September when the academic year starts. The University has a system of welcoming in the new students and I have a responsibility for the Student Welcome Centre and the Induction Assistants. It's obviously very much quieter over the summer and the Chaplaincy is manned for shorter hours so it can be hard to stay motivated and get things done at that time of year.

The beginning of the year is the most stimulating time. When the students start arriving we offer them Devon Cream Teas and in the second week we offer free meals to new students. Last year we had students from 30 different countries come to these meals. The last two years we fed about 250 people a night. Some Christian students have found this a good way of saying right at the beginning that they are a Christian. We don't do any evangelism at that point unless people ask us questions.

There are other highlights in the year. There is the Carol Service and other Christmas events and lectures on things like The Da Vinci Code.

What type of difficulties do Christian students face?

I think that Christian students now are a significantly smaller minority than they were when I went to university and I think the whole university environment is more hostile towards Christianity than it was 20 or 30 years ago. I think there is always the difficulty of how to live a distinctive Christian life without being unduly strange.

What can we as readers of The Outlook do to support you in your role at the University?

I think the thing we'd appreciate more than anything is prayer. Prayer for people to have the courage to come into the Chaplaincy and for people not to think that you have to be religious to come into the Chaplaincy, for us to be able to help the right people and to be welcoming to people who are perhaps shy or awkward. Prayer for the new Vice-Chancellor, Professor Wendy Purcell.

The other thing is that Andy Saunders will be asking for help with the free meals – although we get an outside caterer in to cook the food we get different churches in to serve it up.

Is there a particular Bible passage which is important to you?

Philippians 3:1-12 is a passage I can really relate to – I grew up in a church-going family, I was in the Church Choir, I'd been baptised as a baby, I was confirmed when I was about 15 and yet all that meant absolutely nothing to me until I was 18 when I became a Christian.

Women' s Rendezvous

The BBQ, which was held in July, was attended by 28 people. We were blessed with a lovely warm sunny evening after weeks of rain and cold weather so we were able to enjoy the benefits of Ron and Jenny' s garden and eat outdoors. We were pleased that four new members were able to join us for the BBQ.

There is no meeting during the month of August but in September we are holding a Table Top Sale to raise funds for Women' s Rendezvous. These funds are used to pay expenses incurred by WR and also to contribute to the church Thank Offering.

There has been a change to the advertised programme and the meeting on the **26th September 2007** will now feature Mr Mark Tofdvin from the City Museum who will give a talk on “ The Victorian Era” illustrated with lantern slides. Everyone is welcome to come along and hear the talk. It is hoped that this meeting will be well supported by members of WR and members of the congregation

Table Top Sale

This will be held on Saturday 15th September and will commence at 10am. It will be held in the hall and will conclude at 12noon. This is a great opportunity to clear out all your unwanted goods and turn them into cash (perhaps for Christmas shopping). To book a table please phone Jenny or Marian. Small tables (coffee morning tables) £2 and larger trestle tables £3. Women' s Rendezvous will be having their usual cake and home- made produce table and also a table selling miscellaneous items. We are hoping to have a raffle so donations for both the tables and the raffle will be most gratefully received. Please let Jenny or Marian know if you have anything you wish to donate and we will arrange collection if required. All cakes etc should be brought to the hall on the morning of the sale.

An open invitation is extended to all ladies of the church fellowship and their friends to come along to our meetings, which are held once a month on the 3rd Wednesday evening. Meetings commence at 7.30pm (unless otherwise stated) and usually end at approximately 9pm. Refreshments are served at the meetings and we charge a subscription of £1 per meeting.

We would love to see you.

For details and programme ask at the church office or call Jenny (777416) or Marian (783984).

Luncheon Club

During the service on 22nd July, Andy asked me to speak about the Luncheon Club. Time was limited so I was only able to mention briefly about this project that we are hoping to set up soon.

Last year it was decided that as a church we should be looking into ways to serving and reaching out to the older population of our neighbourhood. We already do a lot to cater for the needs of young people – Nutkins, Mums and Babies, Parent and Toddlers, Youth clubs etc.

A group of interested people met together to discuss ways in which we, as a church could do something for the older folk of Peverell, and the outcome of the meeting was the decision to start a Luncheon Club to which anyone could come along, but which would be aimed primarily at the elderly, lonely, disabled people in the neighbourhood.

In May 2006, invitations were sent out to various members of the congregation who it was felt might be interested in coming to a Luncheon Club and a “dummy run” was organised to provide a two course lunch for approximately sixteen people who had responded to the invitation. After the meal questionnaires were given out, the results of which would give us an idea of what the people thought of the meal and of the idea of having a Luncheon Club. The response was very positive, in fact there were no adverse comments and everyone said how much they had enjoyed the experience and would be willing to support the Luncheon Club when it started.

Next came the “nitty gritty” – would we be able to use the kitchen as it was to cook and serve meals for 20-30 people? (This was the number we anticipated who would attend for a lunch) Did the kitchen meet the standards required by the Health and Safety Authorities? Would we, the volunteers and helpers, be able to meet the required standards for cooking and serving meals?

It was arranged for someone from the Local Authority to come along to inspect the kitchen and give us advice on what needed to be done to upgrade the kitchen to meet the required standard

for serving meals on a regular basis. The state of the kitchen was adequate for preparing and cooking meals for the odd occasion, like for the Harvest Supper but if food was going to be prepared and cooked on a regular basis, the kitchen would need a major overhaul with new equipment and units. New non-slip flooring, which meets safety requirements, and new hygienic worktops would have to be installed. We were also informed that anyone handling food which was for public consumption needed to go on a Food Hygiene course.

Beryl, our church secretary, arranged with the Local Authority for a Food Hygiene course to be run on the church premises for those volunteers who would be handling food. Everyone who attended passed the course.

Our big hurdle now is finance. Where will get the money to do the essential work on the kitchen? I have been busy searching the worldwide web for companies, institutions, generous people who might give us some of the money we need to start the Luncheon Club. Last year we received a grant of £750 from the Signpost Housing Group towards our costs and I am hoping that the National Lottery fund will grant us £10,000. **Please pray that our application will be successful!!**

It is hoped that the kitchen will be up to standard by the end of October, but in the meantime, we are planning to have another lunch for the elderly in September and perhaps one in October. It would be wonderful if we could launch the **Hope Baptist Luncheon Club** with a Christmas meal and invite all the elderly in the neighbourhood to come along. (I must emphasize, the Luncheon Club is not only for the elderly, anyone can come along).

My research has shown that the population of Peverell includes 18.8% of people over the age of 60 (in the 2001 census this

accounted for 1214 citizens). Of those over 60 years of age 397 were living alone.

The vision statement of Hope Baptist Church is that we are “Christ’ s body in the community” and we as a church should be reaching out to the aged, the lonely, the isolated people in Peverell, and showing Christ’ s love through our actions.

Your support and most importantly your prayers are required to get this venture up and running.

Jenny Weeks

Annual Report – Church Flower Fund 2007

Flowers in churches have been a tradition for generations and here at “ Hope” we are lucky to have people in the Fellowship who help to keep this tradition going. Fortunately most Sundays of the year are taken on an annual basis by people wishing to remember a loved one, to celebrate a wedding anniversary, a special birthday or to mark some other special day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those kind people for their dedication and generosity.

The Flower Fund’ s bank balance is healthy and provides flowers on Sundays when there is no donor, or at other times when flowers are appropriate, for example at our Harvest Festival and Harvest Feast.

The names of those who provide the Sunday flowers are put in “ The Outlook” along with their reason for choosing that Sunday, although some people prefer not to say why. Should you wish to give flowers on a special day, there is a list at the back of church with available dates. You can arrange the flowers yourself or give a donation and they will be done for you.

After the service or event, the flowers are given to those who would benefit from receiving them; someone who may be sick, bereaved, has a birthday, had their child dedicated, has been baptised or to say, "Thank you". If you donate flowers, you will be invited to say who you would like to receive them.

My name is Pam Smith and I am the church Flower Co-ordinator, my telephone number is 01752 219844.

Annual Report – “Open House” 2007

Open House is supported by an all age group of friendly people. We have enjoyed another year of fun and fellowship at our afternoon teas, when we invite people to speak to us on a variety of subjects and charities. Sometimes we have a craft or games afternoon and we have two annual outings a year, a cream tea in June or July and a Christmas lunch in December.

We raise funds by giving a donation for the afternoon tea, which usually consists of sandwiches, cake and drinks of tea or coffee. This year we have raised £324 and it has gone to various charities, including The Women's Refuge in Plymouth, Easter treats for the homeless people at "The Gate Project", Cancer Research, Plymouth Heartbeat, Short Term Mission and the Theatre Royal Applause Club - to help with getting disabled people to the theatre.

Open House is held in the church hall at 2.15 pm on the third Monday of the month. You will find a write up giving details about Open House Meetings in the "Outlook". So why not give us a try! We even offer transport if you find it difficult to get to church.

If you would like to come along to talk about a charity or good cause you are involved with, please let us know, we are always on the look out for speakers. For further information please contact Marian Brown, Ann Munson or Pamela Smith.

September Diary

- 01 1030 Morning Worship
The shape of things to come Heb: 12 1-3
- 09 1030 Morning Worship
Inspiration 2 Tim 3: 10-4:5
BBQ at Cadover Bridge
- 15 1000 Table Top Sale – Womens Rendezvous
- 16 1030 Morning Worship
Interpretation Neh: 8 1-12
- 17 1415 Open House
- 22 1400 Crownhill Baptist Closing Service
- 23 1030 Morning Worship
In Action James 1: 19-27
- 25 Growing a Healthy Church
- 26 1930 Women' s Rendezvous
Talk on the Victorian Era by Mark Tofvdin
- 29 Growing a Healthy Church
- 30 1030 Family Service - Harvest

October Diary

- 07 10.30 Morning Worship
Learning Prov 8
Newcomers Lunch
- 14 10.30 Morning Worship
Protecting 1 Tim 2: 1-8
- 15 1415 Open House with Speaker Paul Snell
- 21 10.30 Morning Worship
Transforming 1 Thess 1
- 28 10.30 Family Service
- 31 Light Party

Weekly events

Tuesday	10 – 11.30am	Mums and Babies
Thursday	10.15 – 12 noon	Coffee Morning in the Hall

Weekly events term time only

Parent and Toddlers

Tuesday 1245 – 1445

Wednesday 1000 – 1200
1245 - 1445

HY-Powered (school age 3-6 years)

Thursday 1830 – 2000

The Hype (school age 7 – 9 years)

Friday 1900 – 2130

RE-ACT (school age 10 – 13 years)

Friday 2015 – 2200

Every Fourth Sunday

‘ Realm’ 18 30’ s at 5pm. Worship teaching, friendship and food

The Outlook

This edition of the Outlook had been edited by Claire Worrall.
The Deadline for articles for consideration for the November /
December Outlook is:

12 noon on Wednesday 17 October

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.

Coffee Morning

The coffee morning is a weekly event held each Thursday from 10.15am until 12 noon. Two volunteers prepare and serve coffee, tea, hot chocolate or squash with a selection of biscuits. We serve hot cross buns before Easter and mince pies before Christmas (both with cream!). The volunteers clear the hall at the end of the morning so that it is ready for other activities.

The coffee morning is advertised using notices outside the hall, inviting passers-by to come in and enjoy a drink. There are usually twenty to thirty people attending during the morning, although numbers vary depending on the weather and the season. Most of the customers are regulars and it provides a pleasant meeting place for friends.



A small charge is made and the money raised goes to help local or national charities. A notice on the counter gives information on the current charity being supported. Craft and cake stalls are sometimes held, the articles being donated and the proceeds raised, used for a specific charity. Traidcraft goods are for sale and Traidcraft tea, coffee and hot chocolate are used.

We would welcome anyone able to help on Thursdays between 9.45am and 12.15pm, as the number of volunteers has reduced over the past years.

Pam Walters

Role of Ministry Support Worker

Starting in September Lynda Henagulph will be taking on the role of Ministry Support Worker. Lynda says she is excited by the challenge of this new role, but at the same time is feeling quite daunted, as she' sis not quite sure what to expect!

Lynda' s main duties will be to help make the most of contacts established through groups such as Parents and Toddlers, lunches for the elderly, coffee mornings etc, by building relationships and following up with individuals who express the need for input/support/prayer. Where possible to link people into other activities/groups where they can explore the Christian faith.

To work with the Ministers and others in offering prayer ministry to those in need both inside and outside the Church.

To strengthen the level of pastoral care given to those attending the church through planned visiting of those in special need through infirmity, age or other circumstances. To work in conjunction with the Pastoral Committee to keep the Ministers and others appraised of any situations where it is apparent that extra care/support is required.

To be involved in other visits as required, eg New attenders or contacts arising through groups attended.

To support the work of reaching out to those beyond the current sphere of church contacts through arranging of the preparation and distribution into the local community of flyers / information. Also by helping to organise special events and create opportunities for the gospel to be “ sown” into the lives of local people, through involvement in the Outreach Committee.

Flat Roofs and Church Growth

If this article had been headed ' Flat Roofs and Gutters'you might not have read it! The upkeep of our buildings is not the most exciting part of my role at Hope. However it is integrally related to our mission. Opening up the sanctuary has led to more Sunday visitors. A well kept and well used site tells the community that things are happening at Hope.

But down to the nitty-gritty of flat roofs and guttering. Last year most of the Buildings Maintenance budget was wiped out by the urgent repairs required to the flat roof on the Caretaker' s flat. This year it is likely that much will need to be spent on repairs to another flat roof (why, oh why do we have so many of them?!)

However with careful budgeting we hope to also replace some windows and varnish some floor space. Apart from that all significant work will have to be carried out by church members. We are very grateful for all those who turned out for the DIY days and even more thankful for those like Pete Brown, David Adams and Mike Lummis who regularly mend, repair and replace items for us. Our long range plan includes major expenditure in 2008 on painting and waterproofing all external walls for which we will be asking the church for extra pennies.

We would also love to increase our team of DIY helpers. If anyone can give us just a few hours a month that would help enormously. Alternatively a few people could take on a project to decorate a room one school holiday. We would really appreciate your help with this, it makes such a difference.

We have a fantastic site on Peverell Corner and God is at work here. The Buildings Maintenance Committee co-ordinates the upkeep of this centre for church growth. If you would like to help talk to Helen Pugh or Andy Saunders.

Saving the Planet

I have written previously about ways in which we can conserve energy in the home and garden so now I want to share some ideas on how we can help to conserve wildlife, plants and trees.

This beautiful world in which we live, was created by our Sovereign God for the benefit of all mankind. It is our duty as occupants of this planet, to look after and preserve that which God has made. Already we are experiencing the results of climate change and man' s selfish misuse of the natural resources.

Each of us can make small changes that will help to preserve the local wildlife that lives within our area. Do you have a garden? Even if it is only a small garden it can be made into a haven for wildlife. A study conducted recently found that a modest garden in Leicestershire contained over 3000 species of animal and plant. I find that fact awesome! That small garden is only a miniscule part of the universe, yet the Almighty Creator filled it with over 3000 different species. How great is our God!



Back to your garden – can you find room for a bird table to feed the birds and perhaps put up a nesting box for birds or insects? Think of the pleasure to be had from watching the birds gathering on your bird table and feasting on the seeds and scraps that have been put out for them.

Plant flowers and bushes that will attract and feed bees, butterflies, moths and all kinds of insects! Many of these species are in danger of becoming extinct due to the loss of their natural habitat. If you have room in your garden, why not plant a berry-bearing tree that will provide food during the winter months for the birds. Leave the seed heads on plants like sunflowers to

provide a feast for birds and insects during the colder months when food is scarce.

If you have a large garden, leave an area fallow so that it can enrich itself with wildflowers. You will have the benefit of a colourful display and the bird and insect population will have a feasting ground.

Never use chemicals or pesticides in your garden. Look for an organic alternative to getting rid of weeds and plant diseases. Most garden centres will give advice on how to go about this.

Jenny Weeks

Harvest Festival on Sunday 30th September 2007

It will be great to be back in church for Harvest Festival this year as we give thanks to God for his bounteous supply of food. It has been a difficult year for farmers and food produces, especially with the amount of rain we have had and subsequent floods and then the foot and mouth outbreak. So we are even more thankful than usual.

If you would like to donate something for us to use to decorate the church, fruit, vegetables, flowers or greenery, please bring them along, or leave them by the kitchen at the back of church, on Saturday 29th September, between 9 am and 10 am. If you would like to help with decorating the church, you are very welcome to come and join us at that time. All the flowers and other produce are given away after the service.



Thank you
Pam Smith
Flower Co-ordinator

Open House in September and October 2007

We start our autumn meetings on Monday 17th September, at 2.15 pm in the church hall, when we will be welcoming Bronia Troughton to lead a craft afternoon. With Christmas in mind, we will be making cut out decorations for the church Christmas tree. I understand it is not too difficult so come along and join the fun. It might be useful to bring a pair of scissors with you. Everything else is provided.

An afternoon tea with a slight “Dutch” flavour will be provided with sweet and savoury food, followed by tea or coffee. The suggested donation for the tea is £1.50 and will all go to Christian Aid.

Paul Snell will be our speaker in October, on Monday 15th at 2.15 pm in the church hall. Paul is a Chaplain at Derriford Hospital and will be talking about his challenging but rewarding job in the Chaplaincy there. It should be very interesting with time to ask Paul questions afterwards or talk to him informally while we enjoy afternoon tea. There will be a selection of sandwiches and cake followed by tea or coffee.

The donations will go to Derriford Hospital Chaplaincy Fund.

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

Crownhill Baptist Church Closure

Their closing service will be on Saturday 22nd September 2007 at 2pm. Do go along and support this event, it is a celebration of 49 years of service given to that particular area.

Harvest Feast

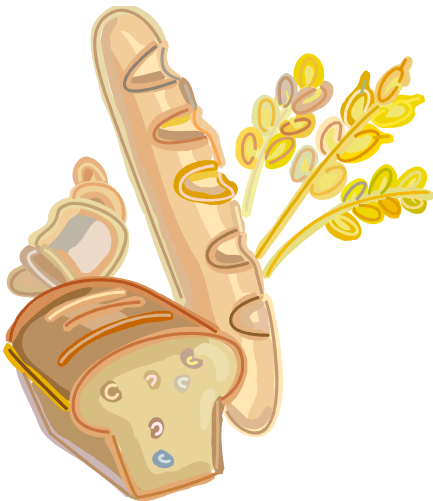
We are holding our “Harvest Feast” on Tuesday 9th October, meeting in the church hall at 6.15pm for a prompt 6.30pm start.

Our guest speaker is Martin John Nicholls, who is making a welcome return visit after his popular appearance at last years Harvest Feast, when he also entertained us with some of his songs. Profit from the supper will be donated to Christian Aid, a very worthwhile organisation.

On the menu will be Chilli con Carne, either normal or a vegetarian one, with boiled rice. If you would prefer, another option is Quiche, served (either hot or cold) with salad and crusty bread and butter. To follow there will be a selection of hot and cold desserts. If you would like to provide a dessert, please let me know when you place your order.

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 during September and up until Sunday 7th October from Claire Preston (formerly Worrall) or Pam Smith.



Harvest Feast Booking

Please put your total number for each meal in box

Names

Chilli con Carne	Adults £4	Children £2
Vegetarian Chilli con Carne		
Quiche & Salad		
Total Paid	£	

BMS Birthdays

The BMS Birthdays scheme is open to all, and is a way of giving the BMS a gift on your birthday! If you would like more information, please contact Beryl Chun

October

- 05 Beryl Chun
- 08 Ann Munson
- 14 Gillian Knight and Judith Pinch
- 31 Mike Munson

Just a note to say.....THANK YOU !!

I really have appreciated the opportunity to take a mini-sabbatical during July.

I know it' s in my contract, but still wanted to say how much I appreciate the church releasing me from normal duties for a month to re-charge my batteries after what has been an extremely demanding 18 months.

I have been privileged be able to spend some extra time in study and reflection and also took the opportunity to help my In-Laws relocate to Plymouth, which in itself was God' s timing and provision for our wider family. THANX !!!

Andrew Gardiner

Church Flower Arrangements for September 2007

- 02 Mrs Margaret Tripp. In loving memory of her mother, Mrs Rhoda Crofts.
- 09 Kindly left for us to enjoy by Claire and Stephen Preston, from their wedding on Saturday 8th September.
- 16 Mrs Estelle Robertson. Loving birthday Remembrance of her husband, Mr Andy Robertson.
- 23 Harry Yuen and Shirley Man. In loving memory of their mother, Kam Lin.
- 30 Harvest Festival

Church Flower Arrangements for October 2007

- 07 Flower Fund
- 14 Flower Fund
- 21 Beryl Chun. In loving memory of her parents.
- 28 Jean and Brian Potter and Mrs Jean Tait. In loving memory of Mr Arthur Tait.

Halloween?

No need to celebrate the dark side come to:-

"The Random Cheese Light Party"

On:- Weds 31st October 2007

At:- 6pm until 8.15pm

Venue:- Hope Baptist Church

Suitable for all ages- admission free

Wear something sparkly or yellow (cheesy socks will be allowed at this event)

Bring a picnic or you can buy cheesy pizza slices and cheesecakes for 50p each

Soft drinks will be available

N.B. Parents to accompany their children please

If further information required
contact Anne-Marie Dalton Tel:- 772507 "

Church Barbecue



This year' s Church Barbecue will be on Sunday 9 September after the Morning Service, and will be held at Cadover Bridge. It will be a great opportunity to catch up after the summer break. Maps will be available at the back of the church. We will take the mini bus so there will be room for a few passengers, first come first served. See

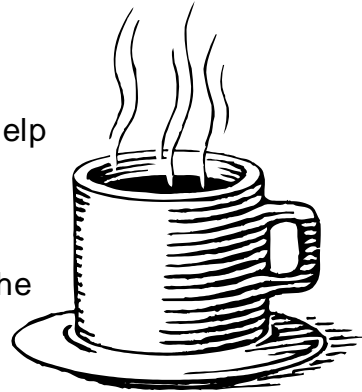
Nicky Hatherell. We will also take the Church barbecue, but that will probably not be enough for everyone, so if you are able to bring your own it would be very helpful. Please bring your own food / drink/ cutlery / seats etc. We will be right next to the river so if you feel adventurous bring your swimming costumes!

Macmillan Cancer Support' s ' Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning'

Friday 28th September, 10.00 - 12.00

At the back of the Church

It' s amazing what a cup of coffee can do to help people living with cancer. Two million people raised their mugs last year and a staggering £6.7 million was raised. Coffee events held across the UK helped Macmillan to improve the lives of people affected by cancer by providing practical, medical, emotional and financial support.



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	Jackie May	708090
Caretaker	Honore Iyakaremye	
Booking Secretary	via Church Office	708090
Youth@Hope	Andrew Gardiner	791993
Parent and Toddlers	Beryl Brown	778090
Fellowship Groups	Andrew Gardiner	791993
Women' s Rendezvous	Jenny Weeks	777416
Prayer Chain	Margaret Tripp	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 Worrall	700739
	Helen Pugh	767124
Flower Co-ordinator	Pam Smith	219844

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