

The Outlook

***Magazine of Hope Baptist Church
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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 10.30am 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 21 September and 19 October.

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: Helen Pugh 767124

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 3rd 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 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.

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 Kathryn Rundle 601013

Growing Opportunities

As we enter into the harvest season I am reminded of a wonderful sunny week we spent camping at Rame Head. We looked directly across a field of golden barley beautifully set off against the azure sea. The barley was ripe, about two weeks from harvest the farmer told me. Every day he would drive round the field to check on progress and that the deer hadn't caused too much damage.

As God surveys us I wonder what signs of healthy growth he looks for. What are those things that make him feel we are coming along well? What are the signs of a good harvest in our lives?

2 Peter says:

Make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have just completed the programme plan for the Autumn term. One of the key items on our church meeting agenda is to think through how we can help one another grow as disciples. But I am struck by how many fantastic opportunities there already are for you to grow your faith.

There's a great teaching programme, flourishing fellowship groups, prayer triplets, teaching for men, quiet days, opportunities for prayer, avenues of service, outreach events, etc. Do take some time to look through the programme and think whether there is one thing you could do or join to help you mature in your faith this coming term.

One key event is Back to Church Sunday on 28 September. This is part of a nationwide move to encourage those who used to attend church to give it another go. You can be a

Christian without going to church but it is really hard to grow a strong and fruitful faith without the stimulus and encouragement of others. As God looks for growth so I believe visitors will be drawn back by a church that is growing not standing still.

Andy Saunders

One really **BI G** night of prayer

Please put this in your diary....go on...please do it right now before you turn on to the next page and forget all about it!!

Do you want us to be tuned in to what God is saying and doing in and through Hope? Do you want the Lord to bless all we seek to do in His name next term?

As a church we are not going to take one step into the autumn term programme without prayer, prayer and more prayer.

YES!! –welcome back everyone to the very popular and successful one **BI G** night of prayer.

Lots of variety, small groups and large, ideas and new ways to help us to pray on our own and in small groups etc, in and around our building, FOR ALL AGES , for new people and well-established members.....now you are excited....here' s the date...

THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 6.30 - 10.00PM

(Children' s and young people' s prayers only from 6.30 – 7.00pm)

Women' s Rendezvous

The Buffet Meal, which was scheduled to be held on 25th June, at the home of Shirley Cuff had to be cancelled due to Brian' s fall from the loft and subsequent injury. A barbeque was quickly arranged and held in the garden of Pete and Beryl Brown when 14 or so members turned up and had a very pleasant evening. Our thanks go to Pete and Beryl for arranging the BBQ at such short notice.

Unfortunately the guided walk around Ford Park Cemetery on 9th July also had to be cancelled. This was due to the very bad weather that day. Pat Luxford has offered to arrange another date when she will be willing to take a party of interested people around the cemetery. As soon as a convenient date is agreed details will be available in the church notice sheet.

The barbeque held on 16th July in Jenny and Ron Weeks' garden was most successful as the weather was good and a total of 25 people attended. Brian Potter came along and filmed the event so this can now be viewed on the church web site www.hopebaptist.net.

The next event that WR are holding is the Table Top Sale on Saturday 13th September 2008. The sale will take place in the Hall and will commence at 10.00am and end at noon. All tables are now " sold" .

Wednesday 24th September sees the opening session of our winter programme. Elizabeth Pollard will give a talk, entitled " On safari." All ladies are welcome to join us. The meeting starts at 7.30pm and ends approximately at 9.00pm. Refreshments are served and a subscription of £1 is payable on the evening.

Jenny Weeks

Open House

We hope you all had a relaxing summer and invite you to join us at our next afternoon tea, which will be on Monday 15th September in the church hall, starting at 2.15 pm. Our speaker was due to be our Minister Andy Saunders, but unfortunately he is no longer able to do the talk.

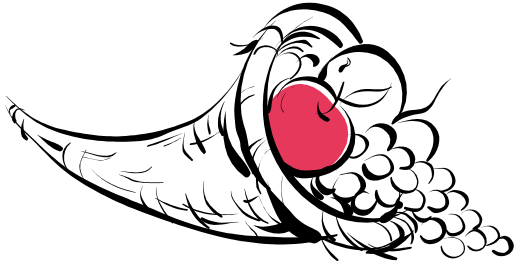
As usual, we will serve a light tea with various sandwiches and cakes. Perhaps the tea could have a Scottish flavour! The suggested donation is £1.50 with all proceeds going to help sponsor Andy' s son, Tim, on his forthcoming youth mission to Ecuador .

The next meeting is on Monday 20th October, usual time and place. With Christmas fast approaching, our thoughts turn to what fun we had last year making Chrismons for the church Christmas tree, so making it a “ Chrismon Tree” ! Bronia Troughton is joining us again to inspire us as we make yet more Chrismons! Materials will be provided but if you can bring along anything suitable we would be very grateful. Having your own scissors is always a good idea, white, pearl or gold beads, white or gold ribbons, gold thread and white material or felt are all good items. You must have guessed by now that the colour theme is mainly white and gold! Contact Bronia or Ann Munson for more ideas of what would be suitable for us to use to use on the day.

In case you are new at “ Hope” , “ Open House” meetings are on the third Monday of most months and anyone of any age or gender is welcome to come along and join us. We are a friendly bunch, so why not give us a try? We would love to see you.

If you need a lift on the day, contact me, Pam Smith, on 219844 to arrange a pick up time.

Harvest Buffet and Cliff....as if!



This event is taking place on Tuesday 7th October and we warmly invite you to join us.

A scrumptious Buffet will be served in the sanctuary before we are entertained by Cliff...as if!

The cost is £5 for adults and £3.50 for children. Entry is from 6.15 pm, the buffet served from 6.30 pm and the concert will start at 7.15 pm, finishing at around 9 pm. Tickets are limited to 100 and will be available on Sundays and in the church office from the beginning of September.

Proceeds from the evening are going to the church's chosen Harvest charity, Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support Council.

Make sure you don't miss this chance of a lifetime concert!

Hope Baptist Church Luncheon Club

If you are unable to be at the launch of Hope Baptist Church's Luncheon Club on 8th September, perhaps you would like to join us for the next one on Monday 6th October. The number we can cater for is limited so if you would like to join us please be sure to book well in advance to avoid disappointment.

Booking forms, with the menu choice and cost, will be available on Thursday mornings at the Community Café and at the back of church. Please return them promptly to Claire Preston or Pam Smith.

Keeping Christ in Christmas

Around this time last year Bronia Troughton introduced us to the beautiful and inspirational concept of Chrismons; a few months later Andy Saunders told us the amazing story of St Boniface and the three points of the Christmas tree. And now, it's your turn!

In the November/December issue of The Outlook I would love to have a page full of ways that we as individuals and families at Hope Baptist keep Christ in Christmas. Do you have a family tradition which you still practice or maybe remember from when you were a child? Perhaps you had to sing a carol before you could open each present? Perhaps you had to wait until after church before you could open any presents? However it is that, amongst all the wrapping paper and Christmas pud, you keep Christ in Christmas, why not let me know and then we can all read and be inspired by each others' traditions.

Please leave a note in my pigeon hole or email me at thepughfamily@btinternet.com by 8pm on Monday 20th October.

Helen Pugh

On **Sunday 21st September** at Realm we are pleased to have as our special guest speaker Rev Ian Coffey, Chairman of Spring Harvest, and former Senior Minister at Mutley BC.

Please make every effort to attend this one!!!
Ian's talks are always challenging and relevant

September Diary

Tue 02 Fellowship Groups
Sun 07 1030 Morning Worship
Found Judges 6: 1-24
Tue 09 Fellowship Groups
Sun 14 1030 Morning Worship
Fleecing Judges 6: 25-40
Tue 16 1930 Church Members Meeting
Sun 21 1030 Covenant Service
Following Judges 7: 1-25
1900 Realm (*Refreshments 1830*)
Tue 23 Fellowship Groups
Sat 27 Quiet Days – Moor Sprituality
Sun 28 1030 Harvest Family Service
“ Back to Church Sunday”
Tue 30 Just Life

October Diary

Sun 05 1030 Morning Worship
Rich Man, Poor Man Luke 16: 19-31
Tue 07 1830 Harvest Supper and concert with
Cliff..As if!
Sun 12 1030 Morning Worship
Faith that Works Luke 17: 1-19
Tue 14 Fellowship Groups
Sun 19 1030 Morning Worship & Communion
Kingdom Come Luke 17: 20-37
Newcomers Lunch
1900 Realm (*Refreshments 1830*)
Tue 21 1930 Church Members Meeting
Sun 26 1030 Family Service
Tue 28 Fellowship Groups

Weekly events

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

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

The Hype (school years 7 – 9)

Friday 1900 – 2130

RE-ACT (school years 10 – 13)

Friday 2015 – 2200

The Outlook

This edition of the Outlook had been edited by Claire Preston. The deadline for articles for consideration for the November/December 2008 Outlook is:

8.00pm Monday 20 October

Please send articles for consideration for the next issue to Helen Pugh

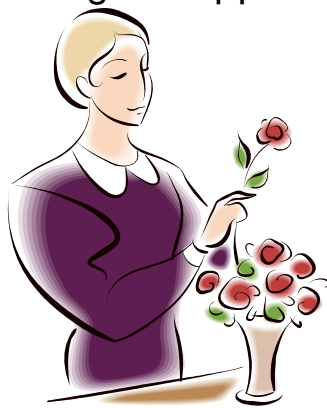
thepughfamily@btinternet.com

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

Harvest Festival Floral Arrangements

We will be having our Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 28th September. It has been a tradition to decorate the church at this time and I would like to invite YOU to join in. You do not need to be an expert or terribly artistic, just enthusiastic!

Would you like to decorate a window sill, with fresh fruit or vegetables, flowers, greenery, a painting or other props to illustrate “ Harvest” ? Perhaps you could include tinned or packet produce suitable for the charity the church has chosen to support this harvest time, which is, “ Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support Council” . The choice is yours. Please let me know if you can join in.



We usually meet in the sanctuary at 10 am the day before (27th) and work through until about midday. If you would prefer a different time to decorate your chosen area; that is not a problem. In the past individuals, families, house groups, Nutkins Pre School Playgroup and Parents and

Toddlers have all taken part and done a grand job. So why not give it a try?

I hope you will come along and have some creative fun!

Pam Smith.
Flower Coordinator

Peverell Community Café

Thursdays 10-12
Bring a friend!
Make contacts. Build friendships. Build
community.



Being a Carer

I am awakened in the night.
“Are you alright?”
I ask, as you stumble out of bed.
“I think I’m OK,” you said.

“I’m not so well today”
I hear you say.
“Don’t worry, dear,
I’m always here.
I’ll care for you, come what may”
I hear myself say.



I’ll match your clothes and help you to dress.
I don’t want folk to think you a mess.
They don’t know you cannot see
Or hear too well, so it’s up to me
To be your guide, your eyes, your ears,
And care for you through all the years.

There are times I feel angry and upset
And yet...
What can I do? I do not know.
You depend on me, so I cannot go
For a break, or a rest, or enjoy “me time” alone
You might need me and not be able to find the phone.

I speak to you, but you do not hear.
I try again and again, but then I fear
Frustration and anger swell up inside,
“Oh! Why can’t you listen! If only you tried!”
I cry out, and then
I feel so sorry and wonder when
I’ll have patience to cope and understand.
So I try to calm down and take your hand.

You' re almostdeaf and also blind
With diabetes too and so I find
It difficult at times to cope, so
I pray to God to give me hope.
Whilst caring for you day and night
There' ll come a time when someone might
Share with me the caring tasks.

That' s all I ask

I am a member of a local Carers Group which meets in Virginia House. Last month, a week was set aside as National Carers Week and amongst other local activities a poetry competition was launched. Carers were invited to submit poems with the theme "What it means to be a carer". This was the poem I was inspired to write and as it happens I was awarded first prize from a total of over forty poems that were submitted. I hope by reading this poem you will have an insight into what it can mean to be a carer looking after a loved one 24/7.

Jennifer Weeks

Church Flower Arrangements for September

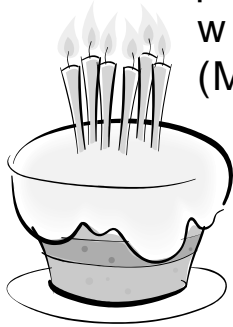
- 07 Mrs Margaret Pendock. In loving memory of her mother, Mrs Rhoda Crofts
- 14 Flower Fund
- 21 Mrs Estelle Robertson. In loving birthday remembrance of her husband Mr Andy Robertson.
- 28 Mrs Shirley Man and Mr Harry Yuen. In loving memory of their mother, Kam Lin

Church Flower Arrangements for October

- 05 Flower Fund
- 12 Flower Fund
- 19 Flower Fund
- 26 Jean and Brian Potter and Mrs Jean Tait. In loving memory of Mr Arthur Tait.

What is BMS Birthdays?

The birthday scheme means that you get a card on your special day. Enclosed with this is a gift envelope in which you agree to make a donation to BMS (Medical). I would encourage you to seriously consider joining this scheme – especially seeing how many countries need medical help these days.



Please contact me if you would like more information.

Marian Brown

BMS Birthdays

October

- 08 Mrs Ann Munson
- 14 Mrs Gill Knight
Mrs Judith Pinch
- 31 Mr Mike Munson

Women's Rendezvous Table Top Sale on Saturday 13th September

in the Church Hall
from

10 am till 12 noon

Admission is 20 pence.



IMPORTANT MANUFACTURER' S RECALL NOTICE

The Maker of all human beings is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to the serious defect in the primary and central component, the heart. This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype unit (code name Adam and Eve), resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units. This defect has been technically termed, " Subsequential Internal Non-morality" – or more commonly known as SIN. Some other symptoms are as follows:

Loss of direction, Foul vocal emissions, Amnesia about origin, Lack of peace and joy, Selfish or violent behaviour.

The manufacturer, who' s original design and manufacture of the prototype unit was perfect and without blemish, is providing factory authorised repair and service free of charge to correct this SIN defect. The Repair Technician, JESUS, has most generously agreed to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of the repairs. There is no additional fee to be paid!

The number to call for repairs in all areas is P-R-A-Y-E-R. Once connected, upload your burden of SIN through the REPENTANCE procedure. Next, download ATONEMENT from the Repair Technician, JESUS, into the heart component. No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, JESUS will replace it with:

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control

Please see the operating manual, the HOLY BIBLE, for further details on the use of these free offers. As an added upgrade, the Manufacturer has made available to all repaired unite a facility enabling direct monitoring and assistance from the Maintenance Technician, the HOLY SPIRIT. Repaired units need only make HIM welcome and HE will take up permanent residence on the premises!

WARNING: continuing to operate the human being unit (HBU) without correction voids the manufacturer' s warranty, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded, for free emergency service, call on JESUS.

DANGER: HBUs not responding to this responding to this recall action will have to be scrapped in the furnace. Those containing the SIN defect will not be permitted to enter HEAVEN so as to prevent the contamination of that facility.

Submitted by Marilyn & Trevor Fray Source unknown.

Who's Who at Hope

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Minister	Andrew Gardiner	791993
Secretary	Beryl Brown	778019
Treasurer	Tony Jopson	781792
ALPHA	Andy Saunders	772809
Administrator	Justine Spence	708090
Caretaker	Honore Iyakaremye	
Children's Advocates	Chris Houston	709909
	Sue Syers	703077
Fellowship Groups	Helen Pugh	767124
Flower Co-ordinator	Pam Smith	219844
Men's Group	Keven Harvey	248402
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 - 854093
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	Helen Pugh	767124
Women's Rendezvous	Jenny Weeks	777416
Youth@Hope	Andrew Gardiner	791993

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