

Outreach/Inreach November 15th 7-8pm

We are starting to plan our "Foyer" events for 2012. These are opportunities for taking the church into the community at townwide events such as the Carnival and the Illuminations Gala and inviting families from Toddlers and Kidzklub into the church at times like Mother's Day and Christmas. If you would like to be involved in these services/events next year, in any capacity, then this meeting is for you! We need people who are prepared to help practically by making scenery and costumes, people who are prepared to talk to people, dance, sing and play an instrument etc as well as people who have ideas about what and how we should be involved in these events.



Having arrived back from 6 months in Hawaii and The Phillipines Jess would love to share her experiences with you all. If you are interested in hearing about what you have been a part of with your faithful prayers, she is inviting you to a bring and share lunch on Sunday 6th November.

Pray for Ian Wardle and the team in Uganda

who are experiencing the effects of torrential rain after an extended period of drought. The rains bring an increased risk of Malaria and other diseases like typhoid and cholera. The heavy rain also makes it difficult to travel and transport basic goods such as food and water.



If you are planning to buy Christmas presents online you can donate to YEA at the same time by accessing the shopping website via <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>. Simply log onto Easyfundraising first, make sure that you ask for your donation to go to Youthworx - East Africa

Mini Christmas Fair at 24 Highland Avenue on Thursday 10th 7pm - 10pm and Friday 11th November 10am - 4pm to raise funds for Openlife/Uganda/Burundi and Soph's NGM mission in Mozambique with Heidi Baker. A chance to find some early deals before the crazy Christmas rush including local artist, cards and paper, pre-used bargains, Body Shop offers and much more!
More information from Steve and Larisa Jenkins tel: 869405 or email larisa.jenkins@openlife.org.uk

Sermon Notes: For just over a year we have been producing sermon notes to provide a discussion starter point for home groups etc. Do you find these notes helpful? If you could provide some feedback to office@opengate.org.uk to let us know if the notes help you or not that would be great. If they are not helpful then we'll stop doing them or try and put them into a different format. Thank-you

Services

Sunday 6th November

Morning Service 10.15
Bring and Share lunch after the morning service
No evening service

Sunday 13th November

Morning Communion Service 10.15
Evening service 7pm

Our morning services start from 9.45am with a time of fellowship over a cup of tea and coffee and sometimes accompanied by a piece of toast or a croissant.

Evening Services: Over the past year our evening services have been a time of flowing worship and prayer. Some of these services will be taking on new themes, styles and flavours over the next few months as they are led by different people. Bob will continue to lead at least twice a month with other people bringing different aspects on the other weeks. These will include

20th November - Malc Garda

27th November - Graham Banks

4th December - Bob Lock

11th December - Tom Mills

Services will start at 7 for 1 1/2 to 2 hours

18th is our Christmas outreach service "Let there be light" starting at 6pm

November

6th Bring and Share lunch with Jess Evitts

14th Bible study with Peter Lambert

15th Outreach/Inreach 7-8pm

21st Praying in the Bognor Police Station 6-7pm

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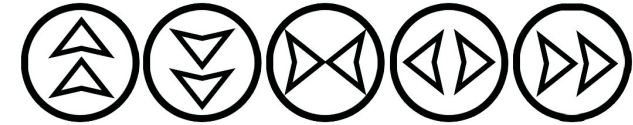
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Becoming Church: Five Ways



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Welcome

As we come together today let us remember that it is the vision of God before us, where we set our “minds on things above, not on earthly things” (Colossians 3:2 NIV). Oswald Chambers says the thing that keeps us going for God, even when everything or everyone around us is tumbling and stumbling, is *our vision of God*, not our devotion to principles or our devotion to duty.

Ask God to give you a vision of himself. Ask him to show you how *your purpose* is an extension of his heart and mind. Then “press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called [you] heavenward in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14 NIV).

Pray for Gill Blunden Codd who is in Tanzania and Uganda during November.

Vicky Toomey will be in Africa from 13 November to 3rd December, spending time with Jess and Jason Price, Brett and Odette Cooper and a few days in Harare with the people YEA works with.

A prayer meeting, to pray for people and events connected with the church, is held every Tuesday from 8-9pm. Everyone is welcome.

Pray for Simon Whitehead, John Madell, Steve Copeland, Joy Miller, Owen Miller, Des and Sue Mills, Jeff Cass, Martin Peck, Jack Evitts and Andy Cole who have recently become members of the church.

At our Church meeting on October 20th Marcelo shared about the history of the relationship between Brasa and Opengate and how he had been called to Bognor. He then talked about the progression of the vision and the movement of streams becoming rivers as we travel together to Europe. It was agreed to release Marcelo from his employment with Opengate, with effect from January 2012, and together with other churches support him through the OpenHeart charity. Full details can be found in the minutes of the meeting. Pray for Marcelo, Lee, Davi and Izabella as they continue on their journey.

Gift Aid envelopes and declarations can be found on the welcome table. If you are a tax payer and would like to make regular Gift Aided donations to the church please speak to Julie Passmore. If you would prefer to donate online details can be found on our website www.opengate.org.uk



Parentport is a new website run by the UK's media regulator, to set and enforce standards across the media to protect children from inappropriate material. If you've seen or heard something you want to complain about, click Parentport which will direct you to the right regulator for your area of concern. There's also advice on how to keep children safe online and

what you can do about other products like clothing and the display of magazines in shops. <https://www.parentport.org.uk>

Prayer in the Police Station As part of the Roc initiative the Bognor Police have invited us to pray in the police station for an hour each month. The focus of the prayer time will be the police, reduction in crime and for Roc and other initiatives that are taking place in the town. The first meeting will be on 21st November from 6-7pm. Access to the room at the police station will be via the front desk. Please arrive promptly as the police station closes to the public at 6pm! The next meeting will be on 16th January from 6-7pm



Arun Angels have become a recognised part of the night-time environment in the centre of Bognor. The police recognise the value of what they bring to the streets in supporting those who have become vulnerable. Arun Angels is expanding and will be starting evening patrols on a Friday night. If you would like to volunteer for Friday or Saturday nights speak to one of our existing Angels, Julie Passmore or phone Derek Baker, the Arun Angels coordinator on

07976 833313. If you would like to spend a few hours observing what happens on a Saturday night before committing as a volunteer then Derek would be happy to arrange this. Prayer cover is a very important part of the project and Derek would love to hear from anyone who would like to join the prayer support group. Opengate Angels who will be out in November are: November 19th: Roger Evitts. Other Angels from Opengate are Steve Avery, Janet Vince, Jo Parnell, and Sandie Thomas and Vicky Toomey.

Prayer Corner

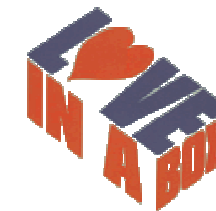
If, for any reason, you would like someone to pray with you at the end of our Sunday morning services, please make your way to our 'Prayer Corner' in front of the Projector Desk. We have 4 people set aside every week who will quickly rearrange the chairs and be ready and willing to spend time with you.



Big Love (started by Michael Johnson), which is reaching out to the needy and vulnerable (including addicts) with the gospel and practical love needs particular items for those that they help. There is a collection box, for BigLove, under

the welcome table in the lounge. If you are able to donate any of the following items please drop them in the box and Jo Parnell will ensure that they get to BigLove. Sleeping Bags, Clothes, jumpers, jeans, underwear, socks, coats, tea, coffee, sugar and tins

We would, once again, like to offer a Christmas Day meal to those who would otherwise be on their own over Christmas. If you would like to help by cooking and serving on the day or by preparing vegetables and setting up tables and chairs beforehand then speak to Julie Passmore or Roberta Nighy



Love in a Box collects and packs items into shoe boxes to send to under privileged children throughout Eastern Europe. They have sent on average 50,000 boxes each year and each one, which is individually received by a child, is sent with a 'love in a box' leaflet. Abi Williams is collecting items to send in shoe boxes. Please help by

Collecting shoeboxes

Donating Christmas paper

Buying Gifts

Donating money - to buy gifts or contribute towards postage

Your time to put together boxes

Boxes are made up by age group and gift ideas include toys, sweets, colouring pencils, pens, hats, gloves, scarfs, toiletries and jewellery.

The last day for donating items is 20th November. Place your items in the box under the welcome table or contact Abi Williams on 07879680425

Notes and podcasts of the Sunday Sermons are available, from Monday mornings, on the website www.opengate.org.uk. If you miss the talk and are unable to download the podcast from the website then Steve Copeland can transfer it into an mp3 player for you after the service or email the office for a CD.