



Many of you will have enjoyed reading Heart of which is the local Christian newspaper aimed at distributing as much information as possible about what is going on in the Christian community in your area, to promote activities Christians are engaged in, to discover individual and corporate giftings and the ability to be able to draw on these and share the wonderful diversities of the local Church in partnership

with one another. Whilst this has been free for a number of years the paper will be introducing a small charge to cover its costs.

If you would like to buy the paper in the future it will be available from Opengate at a cost of £5 for a year. If you would like to take up this offer place your money, in an envelope with your name in the offering and a copy will be ordered for you and you pick it up from the church.

The paper can also be viewed online at www.heartof.org.uk



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 on to Easyfundraising first, make sure that you ask for your donation to go to Youthworx - East Africa

Bonfire Night A big Thank-you to everyone who helped with the Bonfire Night Celebrations. 300 people from Toddlers, Church, Kidzklub and Treasure Box had a great evening. Put the date in your diary for next year as we are already planning a bigger event!

Christmas Cards for our Missionaries abroad. Jo Parnell has bought some Christmas cards for our Missionary contacts abroad. If you would like to sign a card for Cassia, Sandro and Hadassa, Ian W, Catherine Lex, Brett, Odette, Rebecca and Daniel Cooper, Jason and Jess Price, Rob & Emma (now in Brazil setting up an English language School) or Laura and Andrew Weighill please do so by November 28th so that they can be posted in time for Christmas.



Church Directory Copies of the November 2011 directory are now available on the welcome table. Directories are free to members, however, you are welcome to make a donation of £1 to cover the cost of printing.

Services

Sunday 20th November

Morning Service 10.15
Evening Service 7pm

Sunday 27th 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 - Graham Banks

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

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

21st Bible study with Peter Lambert

24th Discussion group with Jamie Fredricks

26th November Russian Bible study with Valery Barinov 7-8.30pm

28th Bible study with Peter Lambert

31st Discussion Group with Peter Lambert

December

2nd Treasure Box Christmas show

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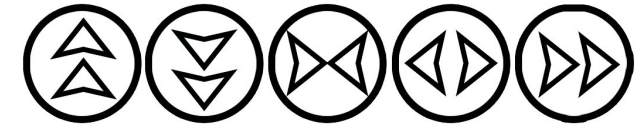
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Becoming Church: Five Ways



20.11.11

to

27.11.11

Welcome as we gather together today!
 We come from different homes, different streets and neighbourhoods and even towns cities and nations. All of us come together to journey along one path, one way. We rejoice as we walk with Jesus who is that way!!

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

Vicky Toomey is 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.

Home Groups Several new home groups were launched in September. If you would like to be part of a home group, either one of our new ones or one of our more established ones then speak to Julie Passmore. Julie, together with Graham and Jon Lex, oversee the home groups

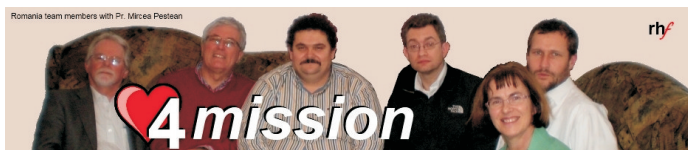
We would, once again, like to offer a Christmas Day meal to those who would otherwise be on their own over Christmas. If you would like to help by cooking and serving on the day or by preparing vegetables and setting up tables and chairs beforehand then speak to Julie Passmore or Roberta Nighy



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.

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



The Ron Hellyer Foundation is planning a fundraising event on 28th Jan to support our work with Maranatha Missions in Romania. The event will include a meal for which tickets may be purchased, and there will be a presentation of the work in Romania.

The latest Ron Hellyer Foundation news sheet, which can be found on the welcome table, includes a report from Joan's latest trip to Romania.

Link Romania will be holding a prayer meeting at Link Romania, Link House, Park Road, Worthing, BN11 2AN at 6.30pm (NB New time) on Wednesday 23rd November. It will only be for one hour and everyone is welcome.

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



“Would you like to be part of a team in a newly formed Christian League? I run one in the North of England but am now looking to run one down here in the South East. Teams will consist of a maximum of 7 players and be headed up by a Christian(s). It would be good to have non-Christians in the team as well, because at each game, a message will be given about Jesus. Games last approximately 40 minutes (20 minutes each half). Signing on fees and match fees will be known once we know how many teams want to compete. We would also ask if you can let us know if there is a sports hall or Astro turf pitch with reasonably priced hire costs near you. Obviously the cheaper the venue, the cheaper the match fees! We would be looking to play throughout the winter months. One comment was made as to whether teams would prefer to play one weekday evening per week or every other week due to other commitments so it would be great if you could let me know. Please feel free to look at our website – www.sportsreach.org.uk. We run soccer schools in the UK & abroad and proclaim the gospel message everywhere we go! **Tim Slater**
SPORTSREACH
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"Let there be light!"



Christmas Carol Service at Opengate
 Sunday 18th December: 6pm
 Followed by mulled wine & mince pies.

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 Celebrate Life & Community

Our evening service on Sunday 18th December will be entitled "Let there be Light!" and will start at 6pm followed by mince pies and mulled wine. Take one of the postcards on the welcome table and give it to someone as an invitation to the service.



Walk Through the Bible Ministries UK aim to encourage Bible-reading, and they use interactive seminars as one method. I attended a seminar on the Old Testament earlier this year, which was great fun, very refreshing, and enabled me to see the events and history of the OT as a complete

picture in a way I've struggled to before, encouraging me to get into the OT more. Littlehampton Baptist Church are holding a seminar on the New Testament on Saturday 28th January and Jo Parnell and I plan to attend and hope others of you will join us. I'm sure it will be well worth the cost of £14 which includes a course book. You can get a 'flavour' from a You-Tube link. Please see me for further info. Lynn Vale

Send a Christmas card with extra purpose. Christian Solidarity Worldwide have a booklet with names and addresses of Christians who are suffering for their faith – some in prison, wives of prisoners, or widows. It is obviously only a very small selection of our brothers and sisters who are suffering worldwide in this way, but you can also send un-named cards/letters for appropriate distribution. More details on website www.csw.org.uk (take Action) or see Lynn Vale.



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.

News and prayer