



Wintershall Life of Christ
Several carloads of us went to see the Nativity Play at Wintershall just before Christmas and were blessed by seeing the biblical narrative being acted out in such a sensitive and challenging way.

This summer there will be an open air play on the Life of Christ. The aim of the producers is "to show the life of Jesus as realistically and as biblically accurate as possible". It is designed for all ages and the audience moves around the huge grounds of the estate following the various scenes on the Birth, Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. It is an all day event and those attending need to take a picnic. They plan to have an audience of 3000 each day and those attending need to be prepared for rain or shine.

I would like to encourage you to go, especially our children, as I believe it will be an unforgettable experience for them. The dates are Tuesday 19th June - Sunday 24th June 2012. I would suggest that perhaps Sat 23rd June would be a good date for us all to try and attend as for the rest of the week children will be at school. The cost is Adults £15 & Children (up to age 18) £7.50. Leaflets with more details on the table in the foyer.

If enough people wanted to go we can look at hiring a coach or a minibus. If you are interested please speak to me or Julie Passmore as soon as possible
Jo Parnell

Fundraising evening for Romania on Saturday January 28th. The evening will include a short presentation of the work in Romania and a 3 course meal, for which tickets need to be purchased in advance, at a cost of £10 each. Funds raised will be for needy families in Romania and to help with February mission costs. Tickets are available from Joan Hellyer, Julie Passmore or the church office.



Our AGM will be on March 1st at 7.30pm. This is an important opportunity to share in the vision of the church over the coming year and is open to all who regularly attend the church. There will be a break during the meeting with coffee and cakes.

Please bring some cakes to share.

Services

Sunday 22nd January
Morning Service 10.15

Sunday 29th January
Morning Service 10.15
OpenHeart launch meal at 6pm followed by worship event

Dates for your diary

January

22nd Joint churches service at St Wilfrids 3pm
26th Churches Together AGM at Our Lady of Sorrows Church 7pm
28th Romania Fund Raising Evening
29th OpenHeart Celebrations Event 6pm

February

25th Pastoral breakfast 8.45am



OpenHeart Launch
Hebrews 11.8 "By Faith Abraham when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went even though he did not know where he was going".

It is in this frame of mind that OpenHeart approaches a new year and a new beginning. On Sunday 29/1/12 we will have an event in the church to launch OpenHeart Ministry and all are welcome. We need your support. At 6pm we will eat a simple meal together followed by worship celebration and sharing the vision.

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Welcome

"Never doubt in the dark what God told you in the light" Raymond Edman. Whatever your circumstances focus on who God is. As we come together to worship today remind yourself what you know to be eternally true about God: He is good, he loves you, he is with you, he knows what you're going through, he cares, and he has a good plan for your life.

Pray for Judi Mentasti who is in India and Sarah Drakes who is in Poland.

Pray for Christians in North Korea who, for the tenth year in a row, are subject to a greater persecution than any other country. More details can be found on the Open Doors website www.opendoorsuk.org

Pray for Arun Angels who have been patrolling the streets around the centre of Bognor on Saturday nights since December 2009. As part of the patrol, Street Angels watch out for those who are or have become vulnerable, seeking to provide whatever help and support is appropriate. It is seen very much as a safety net service for those who find themselves in difficulty. Arun Angels volunteer from churches across Bognor. Vicky Toomey and Roger Evitts, from Opengate, will be part of the team on January 29th. If you are interested in becoming an Angel speak to one of our existing Angels or Julie Passmore

Pray for our leadership who will be spending a day away together on January 28th looking at the vision for the church

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.



After a series of break ins at local allotments the local police officers are holding a property marking day for allotment site owners to bring along their equipment to be security marked free of charge. This will be held on Sunday 22 January at the Spinney mead allotment site at 10am and 2pm at the Hook Lane allotment site.

A vacancy has arisen for a part time assistant housekeeper at the Dalesdown Christian Conference Centre near Dial Post, close to the Old Barn Nursery. As part of a small friendly team you will help provide a clean, positive environment for the Churches and Schools that use our facilities throughout the year. This is a temporary position for 8 hours per week between 1st March 2012 and 3rd September 2012. Travel allowance payable. Own transport essential due to location. Closing date for applications is Friday 3rd February 2012. For further information, contact the Office on 01403-710712. Or email: admin@dalesdown.org.uk



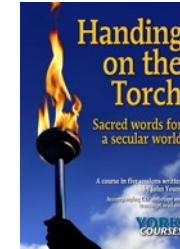
The Ecumenical Service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held at St Wilfrid's Church, Ellasdale Road, on Sunday 22nd January at 3.00 pm. Everyone is welcome.

The Annual General Meeting of Churches Together in Bognor Regis and District will be held at the Parish Centre, Our Lady of Sorrows, Hislop Walk at 7.00 pm on Thursday 26th January.

The church has lots of home groups running throughout the week, including groups for our younger people. If you are not in a home group and would like to be please speak to Julie Passmore. There is a group for boys in years 7-11 that alternates between the Hopkins and the Jones's home on a Tuesday night from 6pm to 8pm with tea. If you would like to go to the group or would like more information speak to Jo Hopkins or Ross or Gill Jones.

Bob and Jan Lock have moved. Their new address is 15 Wychwood Close Bognor Regis PO21 4DW Tel: 01243 251207

Church Directory: The latest copy of the church directory is available from the office for £1 to cover the cost of printing.



CTBRD have decided that they will use the York Course material, which is in a format most people are familiar with, and will hopefully find stimulating. The title of the new York Course studies for 2012 is **HANDING ON THE TORCH - Sacred words for a secular world**. There are 5 SESSIONS:
Session 1 – A Christian Country?

Session 2 – A Secular Society?

Session 3 – A Beleaguered Church?

Session 4 – Competing Creeds?

Session 5 – Handing on the Torch

If you would like to attend, or host, a group complete the form on the noticeboard by the end of January.



At the beginning of 2011 it looked as if we might not be able to meet all of our forecasted outgoings for the year. After very strict control on our expenditure and some additional gifts given to the church we have ended the year with a small amount of money in the bank. The accounts for 2011 and the budget for 2012 will be presented at our AGM on March

1st.

If you would like to Gift Aid and/or set up a standing order for a regular gift speak to Julie Passmore

Preparations for the establishment of a Food Bank are going well. If you missed the presentation in the service or would like more information about how you can become involved speak to John Madell. Volunteers will be needed to give out food, help in warehouse, to collect food and to help with fundraising.



Please check your pigeon holes as some still have lots of Christmas cards in them! Any post not collected by the end of January will be recycled. Thank-you

There is a loop fitted in the Church. If you are using a hearing aid switch it to T and sit inside the white lines on the floor. If you would like a large print copy of song words or the news sheet please ask a member of the Welcome Team.