

Week beginning May 9th, 2010



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Bringing Life to the Heart of 1066 Country, and beyond

What now?

It's over! Everybody is asking the same questions. How will the changes in Government budgetary control effect the country, us, our way of life - our living standards.

Whichever bunch of politicians you voted for, the daily issues we have to face have not changed.

I believe that everybody knows in their hearts that our life and times are going to get tough. When we are complaining, though, pray, and consider the dramatic effect on the way of life for people living in bankrupt Greece, the lot of all those families in China still suffering after the earthquake, the effect of the fracture on the BP oil pipe on the fishermen, and all the folk living on the coast in Louisiana, who are still recovering from last year's tornado.

Politicians can discuss and pass laws about global warming. They are helpless, however, when it comes to God's creation. The Icelandic volcano reminds us of that.

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And our country? For everybody in work, how high will their personal taxation rise? How will pensioners and the unemployed be affected? Civil servants, and police — will they still have a job? What will the future bring for those who work in hospitals and schools? And those with mortgages: what rise in interest rates will be imposed? Will the poor become poorer? Will the banks survive? Lots of questions. Hardly any answers. Times like these have been unknown since the Great Depression of the 1930s.

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So what *can* we do?

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In Hebrews 12 God says that He will shake kingdoms, and promises that those things that *cannot* be shaken will remain.

One thing that's absolutely certain is this: *worry will not, indeed, cannot change anything.* Another thing is certain: *fear and worry always harm the person worrying.* Our Father invites us to put our trust in Him, — *for everything.*

Instead of worrying, claim God's Word for yourself. In Philippians 4 we read: "4Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. . . . 19And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

All things are possible with God (Mark 10:27). Hallelujah!

Your friend and pastor,

Francis

News, notes and prayer opportunities

Monica Cook, back from Obamba, will be at the Christian Resources Exhibition at Esher from the 11th to 14th. Her newly-published training manual was recently reviewed for *Country Way* magazine. Monica is also presently writing a "Ten Top Tips" series on Children's Ministry. •

Wanted: glass jars *with lids*, and Pringles tubs *with lids* — for our next Holiday Club. Please bring them to the office a.s.a.p. *Thank you!*

• "*Study the history of revival. God has always sent revival in the darkest days. Oh, for a mighty, sweeping revival today!*" (Adrian Rogers) •



Sunday 9th ! A guided Christian Heritage Walk (about 1½ hours) will begin at 2.15pm. Meet at Abbey Gatehouse.

"I do not understand Christian people who are not thrilled by the whole idea of revival. . . . If you want a perfect exposition of 1 Corinthians 1:25-31, read books on revival." *Martyn Lloyd-*

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Homegroups, Baby and Toddler Group (Monday and Thursday), Caterpillar Preschool, Prayer for Middle East and Israel (second and fourth Thursdays at 2pm), and Thursday After School Club as usual, plus:

Sunday, May 9th. 9am: Chapel Meeting, plus Youth Group, Sunday Club and crèche. (Refreshments after.) • 10.30am: Meeting at Claverham (North Trade Road), plus Sunday Club and crèche. (Refreshments before.) • 4pm: Chapel Service, plus Sunday Club and crèche. • 6.30pm Youth Congregation.

Tuesday. 9am: Healing Prayer Group. At 10.30am the prayer-ministry team will be available for anyone who comes for personal prayer. • Twelve 'til One: Soup-and-roll lunch. • Tuesday Fellowship. Speaker: Rhod Jones. *All are invited.*

Wednesday. 7.30pm: Bible Study at The Manna House. *All are welcome.*

Thursday. **Ascension Day Service**

*7.30 to 8 o'clock in the morning.
There will be no Friday prayer-breakfast this week.*

Friday. **NO** Early Prayer. • 9.15am: "Chatterbox" for parents, carers and young children. • 10.30am: Coffee Club. • 12.30pm: Lunch at the Manna for retired people. (Advance booking *essential* on 772192, weekdays between 6pm and 7pm.)

Saturday. See our website for football fixtures.

Sunday, May 16th. 9am: Chapel Meeting, plus Youth Group, Sunday Club and crèche. (Refreshments after.) • 10.30am: Meeting at Claverham (North Trade Road), plus Sunday Club and crèche. (Refreshments before.) • 4pm: Chapel Meeting, plus Sunday Club and crèche. • 6.30pm: Youth Congregation at the Chapel.

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of **Christian Friends of Israel** there will be a conference in Israel from May 26th to June 4th. Details from **Chris Corin**: (01580) 830834. •

Sign over crèche:
"They shall not all sleep, but they shall all be changed"
(1 Corinthians 15:51)!

Our Football Club **Awards 2010 Line-up**: Beech Hotel, St. Leonards-on-Sea; Friday, May 28th. Tickets £25 (less £10 with Membership). 3-course carvery meal, with musical entertainment Guest Speaker: **Dave Roberts** (soccer historian and website Editor).

From August our Football Club needs a **Youth Team Supporter** from the church for the 2010/2011 season, for admin help, and as a link to our Youth Congregation. Please see our poster, and speak with **Gary Walsh** or **Andy Garlick** a.s.a.p. *Thank you.* •

Recently eleven of our number "did" the Church Unlocked London Walk. A most interesting day! We visited churches of various denominations that are seeking to be salt-and-light in a vibrant, multicultural part of London. We also visited an east-end street market, passed the new Olympic Stadium, experienced a flavour of Bangladesh — and came across a surviving oast house!

Interesting note. Many years ago we gave money to purchase land in Calabar for the Evangel International Nursery School. A church in Scotland has now linked with the school, and has recently installed a borehole with storage-tank, new playground equipment, two flat screened computers and A fridge- freezer. The school has also been repainted inside and out. It's good to hear that the foundation we laid so long ago is being built on by others. — *Dennis.*

If you'd like to read *Word for Today* in Spanish contact **Freda Nolan**: 774984.

A blast from the past!



I set myself on fire and people come to watch me burn; I burn with passion, enthusiasm, devotion towards God and a holy hatred of the world and every form of lukewarm religion.



— John Wesley

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