

NEWSLETTER

26th November 2017



**WITH QUIZ
MASTER...**

**TED
WEBB**

**5PM SUNDAY 17TH
DECEMBER**

EVERYONE WELCOME

**PICK UP A BOOKING
FORM TODAY**

**Christingle &
Messy Play**



10.45am next Sunday

COMING UP...

30th November: Special
Church Meeting

10th December: Carols @
5pm

15th December: Comedy
Night @ 8pm

The harvest is plentiful...

Last week I spent two days in Cornwall, joining with Christians from many different churches to share the gospel on the streets as part of the launch of a mission to the county. My reason for attending is that next year we are launching a similar mission in East Sussex from the 3rd to the 10th June. I arrived in Falmouth in time for the Wednesday evening meeting where the churches came together to spend time in God's presence, to worship, to pray, and to share testimonies from the day. Although I was tired from the journey, this was a refreshing and richly blessed time. There was a real sense of unity among the churches and a longing for more of God's Kingdom in their town; it is no surprise therefore that there was such a tangible sense of God's presence in the meeting.

The following morning I went down to the Anglican church in the centre of town where people came together to be trained in the approach to evangelism that was being used. I was greatly encouraged by the amount of people who came having never done anything like this before, and also the people who had not been involved in any 'organised' evangelism such as this for many years. The simple nature of the approach which employed a short and easy-to-use script designed so that it could be used by anyone meant that the maximum amount of people could be involved. It was like mission was being taken out of the hands of the well-seasoned evangelists, releasing the whole church to be involved.

After a time of training, a cup of strong coffee and a short time of praise and worship, we went out on to the streets in pairs. We were prayerfully

looking out for those we should speak to, coupled with a good dose of common sense and social awareness - e.g. the person sitting on a bench was generally a better person to approach than the person running for a bus! The second day that I went out, we had loads of great conversations with people, we prayed for around a dozen people including atheists, and we led three young adults in a prayer of commitment to Jesus Christ. It was amazing how people responded to the gospel, many who had never heard it before. Of course there were those who didn't want to know, but there were far more who wanted to hear and even those who were ready to ask Jesus to come into their lives - in five days, almost 100 people in Falmouth alone took this step.

Of course, I have returned just as the hard work of discipleship and follow up is getting started. Most of those who pray on the streets give their contact details and every one of these people will be followed up and invited to talk further about the journey they have just started over a coffee with a Christian from one of the local churches with a view to discipling them in their new found faith. Not all the seeds will fall on fertile ground but the Bible tells us that some will and that is why we do this!

On Thursday just gone I joined with over 70 leaders from churches in our county to start preparing for next year's mission here in East Sussex. Please pray for a real unity in the Spirit and that God would be preparing us all and equipping us to begin to bring in the harvest which he has in mind.

Your servant in Christ, Mark Hirst

PRAYER POINTERS

ASSEMBLIES

Pray for Ed taking local school assemblies on Tuesday & Wednesday and giving out advent calendars

CHURCH MEETING

Pray for Thursday's church meeting. Pray for unity, clarity and for God's will to be done.

YOUTH

Thank God for the large numbers of young people at 4:12. Pray for the leaders as they model God's love.

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Bringing Life to the Heart
of 1066 Country, and beyond



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MEMBERSHIP

Applications have been
received from Chris and
Catreece Spicer. If any member
has any observations please
talk to one of the Elders.

SPECIAL CHURCH MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 30th
November.

HELP NEEDED

With Youth Group at 10.45am
and serving post match
refreshments on Saturdays at
the Rec from 4.30-5pm.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS PARTY REMINDER: looking forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas party on Friday 1st December! The address is Blackstock Country Estate, Grove Hill, Hellingly, BN27 4HF. Plenty of parking available. Arrival from 6.30 pm, dinner 7.15 pm. Welcome drink, tea & coffee, water provided. Other drinks can be purchased from the bar.

CHRISTMAS TREE: come and see the pre-school's and our Christmas tree at St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival this weekend and Gala Night.

FAIRTRADE STALL: at Tuesday Fellowship this week from 1pm and after 3pm. Or



join the group from 2pm to hear Christine Ward speak. Everyone is welcome.

BATTLE BAPTIST RUNNERS: are taking a break for the winter.

FUNERAL: Pearl Lawson's funeral service will be here at 3pm on Thursday.

What's on this week

in addition to Caterpillar Crew & Caterpillar pre-school Mon– Fri

Sunday, November 26th. ● 8am: **Breakfast** in the Manna House. ● 8.20am: **Pre-meeting Prayers** in the prayer room. ● 8.45am: **Chapel Gathering.** ● 10am: **Refreshments** in the Manna House. ● 10.20am: **Pre-meeting Prayers** in the prayer room. ● 10.45am **ALL AGE Chapel Gathering.** ● 5pm: **Chapel Gathering** and communion with Sunday Club & Youth group.

Monday, November 27th. ● 9.15-11.45am: **Caterpillars** Parent and Toddler Group. ● 3.45-5.15pm: **Chosta** in the Youth Room. ● 7.45pm: **Elders meeting.**

Tuesday, November 28th. ● 9.15-11.45am: **Caterpillar Explorers** Parent and Toddler Group. ● 9.15am:

Prayer-for-Healing Group (prayer room). At 10.45am there will be prayer for all who come. ● 2pm: **Tuesday Fellowship**, speaker: Christine Ward (Fairtrade Stalls).

Wednesday, November 29th. ● 5pm-6pm: **BBFC** Youth team & 6pm-7pm: **BBFC** training at Claverham 3G.

Thursday, November 30th. ● 9.15-11.45am: **Caterpillars** Parent and Toddler Group. ● 7.30pm: **Church Meeting.**

Friday, December 1st. ● 7.30am: **Early Morning Prayers** in the Youth Room followed by a 'do it yourself' breakfast. ● 9.15am **Chatterbox** for mums, dads and carers (upstairs). ● 10.30am: **Coffee Club** in the Youth

Room. ● 12.30pm: **Friday Lunch Club** for retired people. (Advance booking essential on 772192, weekdays between 6pm and 7pm.) ● 3.30-5pm: **After School Club.** ● 7-9pm: **4:12.**

Sunday, December 3rd. ● 8am: **Breakfast** in the Manna House. ● 8.20am: **Pre-meeting Prayers** in the prayer room. ● 8.45am: **Chapel Gathering** & communion. ● 10am: **Refreshments** in the Manna House. ● 10.20am: **Pre-meeting Prayers** in the prayer room. ● 10.45am **Chapel Gathering** & Christingle. With Creche, Sunday Club and Youth Group. ● 5pm: **Chapel Gathering** with Sunday Club.