

Wonford Methodist Church

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A Message From The Minister

As I write I have just returned from 'Breakout' at Cliff College in Derbyshire. Seventeen of us, young people and leaders, left Exeter on Friday 11th July for a six hour journey, we finished putting our tents up at 1.15 a.m. and I reckon got about 3-4 hours sleep that first night!

Breakout is organised by MAYC (Methodist Association of Youth Clubs) and happens every other year, this year six of our young people from Wonford attended with other youngsters from around the Circuit.

The theme for this year was to 'go beyond' that is to not allow our experience of God, one another or the church to stagnate but to explore wider and deeper. The worship, games, activities, talks and spaces all encouraged those who attended to go 'beyond' in some way.

For me it was my first time at a 'Breakout' event, I did not quite know what to expect but I am glad to report that it went 'beyond' my expectations. The site was wonderful, Cliff College has a 'special' atmosphere and we were made very welcome. The food was plentiful and varied (so important to teenagers and leaders!) The activities were varied and no long queues. The worship was modern, accessible, relevant and most importantly it challenged us all with a clear gospel message that many responded to publically and privately.

When we returned at 6.00 p.m. on Sunday evening we were tired, a little muddy but glad to be home, the biggest criticism of the event was 'we wished it was longer'.

I want to thank you, the church, who made this possible with some financial help and your prayers and encouragement, it is so important that we do all we can to enable our young people to go 'beyond' their everyday experiences by providing opportunities to explore their faith and make friends throughout the church.

May we, like our young people at Breakout, continue to be challenged to 'go beyond': ourselves and how God really sees us, our expectations and what we are being called to, our hopes that are often too small and our understanding of God that is often too limiting.

In Christ **Mark Gilborson**



Dates For August/September

Birthdays - have a great birthday!!

August

3rd Ruth Lovell
8th Tudor Chinnah
13th David Westcott
14th Rob Williams
18th Jenna Lindsay
23rd Adrian Welch & Sam Bigwood
31st Arthur Brooks

September

2nd Jenny Tregale
8th Tracey Streat
10th Kira Gilborson
12th JJ Lindsay, Judith Maher
Tom Milankovic
13th Michael Maher
14th Emma Tregale
15th Amy Thurgood
18th Ellie Fisher
19th Rod Mundy
22nd Abigail Noronha
30th Sean Howell



Flowers

August

3rd Sylvia & Tom
10th Margretta & Geoff
17th Bronwen & Clifford
24th Pat Lowans
31st Eileen

September

7th Ada
14th Ros
21st Barbara Irish
28th Prowses



Coffee

August

During this month it will be organised on a weekly basis.

September

7th Sue & Martin
14th Emma & Family
21st Alison & Sue
28th Prowses



Thursday Dates

August

7th 7.30 p.m. Church Prayer meeting in the lounge. Everyone is welcome.

No other meetings during August due to the summer break.

September

4th 7.30 p.m. Church Prayer meeting in the lounge. Everyone is welcome.
11th 10.30 a.m. Coffee, Chat + Epilogue.
18th 2.00 p.m. Bible Study led by Rev Mark Gilborson. This week the theme is 'A Leper, a Paraplegic and a Tax Collector' and covers Mark Ch 1 v40 - Ch 2 v17.
25th 10.30 a.m. Coffee, Chat + Epilogue.

Tuesday Home Group Dates for August / September

No meetings will be held in August

September

9th 8.00 p.m. At Mark and Sharon's - 20 Whipton Lane
23rd 8.00 p.m. At Emma & Joe's - 83 Wonford Street

Hope '08 Car Wash Success... and one more!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the June Hope '08 Car Wash with their scrubbing, baking and prayers. It was a fantastic event with more than thirty cars washed to perfection (!) and lots of new faces in for coffee and cakes.



To complete the hat trick there is one more car wash planned for this year on **Saturday 6th September 2008**. More details to come nearer the time but please put the date in your diary and spread the word...

Also Lisa and Ruth would like to make some bunting to be used at the Sept car wash and other future events. If you have any decent-sized scraps of suitable colourful fabric which you would like to donate please get it to one of them asap.

Many thanks
Ruth x

The Sheldon Centre & Open Air Theatre Events – Summer 2008

Nestled amongst woodland just outside of Exeter is the hidden gem that is the Sheldon Open Air Theatre. Fresh from an over winter refurbishment the theatre is preparing to celebrate its 30th anniversary with a host of high quality concerts. There is masses of free parking, a licensed bar and barbecue food for sale at all concerts. Seating is on grass terraces and there is a wheelchair friendly tier with bookable spaces.

Tickets for all concerts are cheaper the earlier you buy them.

1st August – Abba Magic – the best Abba tribute band around in concert.

6th August – Fab Beatles – one of the most popular tribute bands, back for their 4th year.

13th August – Diamondogz Glam Rock band performing all the 70's hits.

Lots more information and details can be found on the website www.sheldon.uk.com or by ringing 01647 252752.

Coming soon ... soon ... soon!

**The BIG Wonford
Holiday Club**



**All the fun of the Circus with clowns, jugglers,
acrobats, fun, freaks, frolics and frenzy.
It's for all children and young people from our church
and the community**

**It's going to be in your half-term hols
Thursday Oct 30th to Sunday Nov 2nd**

**Morning sessions for 4s to teens
Afternoon games, teen nites and a grand Family Fun
Nite**

Get it booked NOW!!!! Don't miss out!!!

Prayer Focus for August

*The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him,
and He delivers them.
(Psalm 37:7)*

Week beginning Sunday 3rd

Please pray for God's protection on all the children and students as they begin their holidays. Pray also for their families, especially those on low incomes who find it a struggle to finance outings and summer treats, and also need to balance work and home.

Pray that the bishops attending the (Anglican) Lambeth Conference, which finishes on Monday, will make Godly decisions on highly controversial issues affecting the unity of all Anglican congregations.

Week beginning Sunday 10th

Please pray that angels will 'encamp around' our church and all other church properties in Exeter. Pray particularly for the congregation at St Paul's (Burnthouse Lane) as they repair their vandalised church hall.

Please also pray for our sister congregation at Whiddon Down as they celebrate their Songs of Praise next Sunday evening. May it be a fragrant offering before the Lord.

Week beginning Sunday 17th

Please pray for Crediton Methodist Church (part of our Circuit) as their minister, Rev Barbara Calvert, leaves them. Pray especially for a speedy recovery for their new minister, Rev Helen Roberts, who has not been well. She is due to join them in the New Year.

Thank God for all our ministers and their families; for their dedication and commitment to Him and their churches.

Week beginning Sunday 24th - Bank Holiday

Please pray that God will bless all those who are holidaying in Devon. Ask him to protect and refresh them, to give them good weather and pleasant company.

Pray also that we will be a welcoming fellowship to any who visit our church over the holidays and that they will feel God's presence during their stay.

Week beginning Sunday 31st

Please pray for boldness to gladly share the good news of Jesus Christ with the people we meet during the week. Also pray that we will not hesitate to come forward to pray with those in need of lifting and encouraging in our own fellowship.

Thank God for the gifting that He has given evangelist Mark Richie, who will be 'storytelling' at the Northcott theatre next Saturday as part of HOPE 08.

Prayer Focus for September

Week beginning Sunday 7th

Please pray for young people everywhere as they begin the new school year; especially for those changing schools or attending for the first time. Also for students entering further education or university. Ask God to protect and guide them into new friendships and activities.

Thank God for the dedication of teachers and those with responsibility for our young people, who are sometimes placed in extremely stressful and challenging situations.

Week beginning Sunday 14th

Please pray that God's hand will be seen through all those who work for the emergency services and who improve our health, safety and well-being. Ask God to enable and protect those who come into contact with difficult and often dangerous situations in their daily lives.

Thank God for the very skilled, gifted and dedicated people He places around us in our time of need.

Week beginning Sunday 21st

Please pray for God's peace to rest in the hearts of men and women, wherever they are. Pray particularly for the Peacemakers, those who try to bring good to all situations where evil reigns.

Thank God for men and women of vision, who rise above their situations, standing up for truth and justice at whatever personal cost.

Week beginning Sunday 28th

Please pray that there will be an abundant response this week as our church prepares to celebrate Harvest Festival next Sunday. Pray also for

those places in the world where as a result of natural disaster, flood and famine, there will be no harvest this year. Ask our heavenly Father to provide for them through our giving.

Thank God for providing all that we need. Thank Him for the skills He gives to our farmers and fishermen.

Phone Prayer Link

If you have a prayer need, the first contact is Beryl Violet (01392) 270132. Your request will be passed to the members of the Prayer Link who will then pray for your request.

After Church Prayer Support

This is available in the Quiet Room on Sunday mornings. Two members of the Prayer Team will be available to pray with you.

* Should you wish to join the Prayer Phone Link or After Church Prayer Support, please contact any member of the Prayer Team. Further details may be found in the Quiet Room.

The Prayer Team

Harvest Baskets

Last year's Harvest baskets were gratefully received and distributed by the Chestnut Children's Centre. We would like to repeat the gifts again this year. During the month of September we will once again be collecting food and necessities. A list of suggested non-perishable goods is shown below. Please check all 'Best Before' dates, just to make sure that nothing goes to waste. It may take a month or more for the centre to deliver the items to the families.

***Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Squash, Fruit juice, Pasta, Rice, Pulses
Baked beans, Cooking sauces and gravy, Cereals, Flour
Spreads (honey, peanut butter, Marmite, jams etc.)
Tinned meat and fish
Toothpaste
Shower gels and bubble baths for children or adults.***

Christians Together in Heavitree and Wonford

The second of our meetings for prayer will be held at the United Reformed Church, Heavitree on Tuesday 2nd September 2008 at 10.30 a.m. It will be led by the minister, The Rev Jacqui Knight. Please support this event if your possibly can.

On Monday 8th September 2008, Father Robin Eastoe is being licensed as the new incumbent of the parish of St Michaels, Heavitree. This is a special service at 7.30 p.m. Please take advantage of this opportunity of welcoming him to our local fellowship of 'Christians Together'.

If you have any questions see John Turner (Tel: 271368)

Are We Too Busy?

*Another beautiful sunrise is shining,
And casts sparkles among the trees,
The sun rises higher each moment,
Have we taken time, upon our knees?*

*Do we hurry through, with God, in Prayer....
So we can rush about, this day?
Do we take time....for others, to care?
Or, are we "too busy"....to even Pray?*

*The way of Life goes so much better,
If we spend time with our Father,
Remember Jesus...and ask for Guidance,
And always Praying, daily, for one another.*

*How quickly the day comes to an end,
And the sun sinks...in the Western sky,
God Loves us...and walks with us,
And He will be with us...when we die.*

Leona I Miller

Dates For Your Diary

August 2008

Sun 3rd	10.00 a.m.	Monika Noronha - All Age
	6.30 p.m.	Reg Canvin
Thurs 7th	2.00 p.m.	Bible Study with Rev Mark Gilborson **
Sun 10th	10.00 a.m.	Singleton Nightingale
	6.30 p.m.	At St Thomas
Sun 17th	10.00 a.m.	David House
	6.30 p.m.	At Whiddon Down
Sun 24th	10.00 a.m.	Rev Martin Bailey
	6.30 p.m.	Circuit United Service at Wonford
		Rev John Carne - Sacrament
Sun 31st	10.00 a.m.	Rev Paul Collings
	6.30 p.m.	At The Mint

September 2008

Tues 2nd	10.30 a.m.	Prayer meeting at United Reformed Church **
Thurs 4th	2.00 p.m.	Bible Study with Rev Mark Gilborson **
Sat 6th	9.00 a.m.	Hope 08 Car Wash at Wonford **
Sun 7th	10.00 a.m.	Rev Andrew Brazier - All Age
	6.30 p.m.	Prof Stephen Lea
Mon 8th	7.30 p.m.	Licencing of Father Robin Eastoe at St Michaels *
Tues 9th	8.00 p.m.	Tuesday Group at Mark & Sharon's **
Thurs 11th	10.30 a.m.	Coffee, Chat + Epilogue **
Sun 14th	10.00 a.m.	Rev Mark Gilborson - Sacrament
	6.30 p.m.	Pat Lowans - Prayer & Praise
Thurs 18th	2.00 p.m.	Bible Study with Rev Mark Gilborson (Mark Ch1 v40 - Ch2 v17) **
Sun 21st	10.00 a.m.	Rev Mark Gilborson
	6.30 p.m.	Rev David Easton
Tues 23rd	8.00 p.m.	Tuesday Group at Joe and Emma's **
Thurs 25th	10.30 a.m.	Coffee, Chat & Epilogue **
Sun 28th	10.00 a.m.	Rev Victor Vine
	6.30 p.m.	Rev Mark Gilborson - Sacrament

****For more information see a separate item in this newsletter, or look on the notice board for a poster and/or the full District and Diocese Training programme.**

Weekly Activities

Sunday

- 10.00 a.m. Morning Service and Young Church
(1st Sunday in each month is All-Age Worship)
6.30 p.m. Evening Service
(2nd Sunday in each month is Prayer & Praise)

Monday

- 2.45 p.m. Monday House Fellowship (68 Hoker Road)
(See Beryl Violet for details)
5.45 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. Girls' Brigade *A*

Tuesday

- 10.00 a.m. Men's Coffee and Games Morning
6.00 p.m. Brownies *A*
8.00 p.m. Home Group
(See inside for more details)

Wednesday

- 9.15 a.m. Prayers in the Quiet Room
7.00 p.m. Junior Youth Club (7 - 11 Year Old) *A*
8.15 p.m. Senior Youth Club (11+ Year Old) *A*

Thursday

7.30 p.m.

(1st Thursday in each month is a Prayer Meeting, the 2nd is a Bible Study at 2.00 p.m. Other Thursdays are coffee mornings starting at 10.30 a.m.) - **see inside for details as this does change.**

Friday

- 9.30 a.m. Friday Toddlers Group *A*
2.00 p.m. Friday Fellowship - see Sheila Bricknell for details

To be sure these take place see Dates to Note or the Notice Board
(*A* = No meeting during school holiday)

The deadline for items for the October 2008 Newsletter will be Sunday 14th September 2008. There is no guarantee of inclusion, but they may be given to: **Andrew Jackson - 19 Hills Orchard, Martock, Somerset. TA12 6DF.**
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