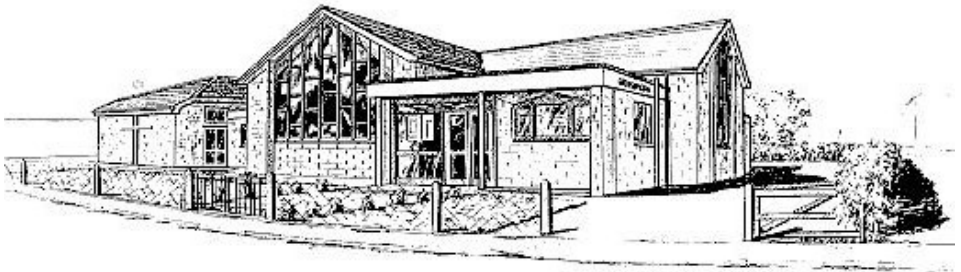


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Queensway Chapel News Letter

January 2008



Happy New Year

Editor Debi White

Deadline for February's QNL is 21st January, 2008

Pray in the New Year

Usually the church begins the New Year with a week of prayer. However, this time we are going to be doing something different throughout the month of January. There will be half nights of prayer on the first three Fridays of the month (4th, 11th, 18th) and we will finish the month with the Powerhouse meeting on Tuesday 29th.

The half nights will be broken into different sections in order to include various aspects of prayer. The evenings will be on the basis of ‘come when you can, leave when you must’. Be warned though – you may well end up staying later than you intended!

David and Susan Williams

Lent 2008.

In 2008, Lent begins on Wednesday 6th February (Ash Wednesday) and ends 40 days later on Maundy Thursday, 20th March (the last day of Lent). As with previous years, the Melksham Family of Churches is arranging a common study theme for House Groups during Lent. For Lent 2008, the theme selected is based around Philip Yancy’s book - *What’s So Amazing About Grace*. Each study begins with a DVD-based ‘starter’ and is then followed by a discussion. Each participant

will need a study guide but it isn't necessary to acquire the book (though it is a very good one and well worth a read)! There are 10 studies in the series and the plan is to do 5 in Lent (before Easter) and the remaining 5 after Easter.

Also for your diaries, we are planning to show the film *Amazing Grace* in the Chapel on the BIG screen in the chapel on Tuesday 18th March and on Wednesday 19th March. The film will start at 7:30pm. We will be joined by members of other Melksham Churches on these occasions.

Robin Henderson.

Newcomers' Course, Wednesday 16th January 2008,
6:30pm.

The purpose of the *Newcomers' Course* is to explain how we 'do' church at Queensway Chapel. We run the course from time to time and it is intended to: explain our ethos, our values, and what we believe; outline our aims and objectives and our strategy for meeting these; give details of our background; and describe how and why we do things the way we do.

As the name suggests the course is aimed primarily for those who are new to Queensway. However, any established members of our congregation who haven't yet managed to attend are also welcome.

The next *Newcomers' Course* will be held on Wednesday 16th January at 6:30pm and will include an evening meal. The venue will either be at my home or at the Chapel, depending on numbers. Please let me know if you are planning to attend so that the right numbers can be catered for. Please feel free to let me know by email, a yellow card, or speak to me in person. There are a few 'signed up' already so the more the merrier.

Robin Henderson

Brookside

Led by Queensway Chapel, this month's service is on Thursday 17th January at 11:00am.

The service will last no longer than 30 minutes and will include popular hymns, bible readings, a short address, and depending on time other contributions.

This month's Chairperson/Speaker will be Sue Bull and we would love you to come along and support us to supplement the singing of hymns, and just be there for them. They do appreciate it.

Songs of Praise

We meet on Thursday afternoons, from 2:30-3:00pm, so that we may worship God together by singing favourite hymns, and by sharing Bible readings, poems, articles, prayer and even jokes.

Afterwards, a ‘cuppa’ is available for all who wish to say on for fellowship and a chat. Forthcoming speakers: -

Jan 3rd	Robin Henderson
Jan 10 th	Gina Hollingsworth
Jan 17 th	Esther Prior
Jan 24 th	John Lefroy
Jan 31 st	Martin Khurt

Melksham Food Bank

As we begin a new year, we wanted to give a brief update on how the food bank is going. So far 24 single boxes and 14 family boxes have been issued. Feed back from all agencies concerned is very positive and the number of agencies being involved is growing. As I write this (just before Christmas) our food stocks are quite low. Perhaps a reminder of foods required might be helpful to you. We greatly appreciate all donations from all the Family of Churches.

Fruit juice (1 litre carton)
Cereal
Soup (400g)
Baked beans (400g and 200g)
Tomatoes (400g and 200g)
Tinned veg (400g and 200g)
Instant mash potato
Meat (tinned 400g and 200g)
Fish (tinned)
Fruit (tinned 400g and 200g)
Rice pudding (tinned)
UHT milk (long life, 1 litre/2litre)
Sponge pudding (tinned 400g and 200g)
Pasta (500g)
Cooking sauces
Sugar (500g)
Tea bags (40)
Biscuits
Snack bars
Chocolate bars

Thank you for your continued support. If you would like to become more involved in this project or need more information ...please don't hesitate to ask.

Sue Henderson

Ethiopian trip 2000-2007!

First of all thank you all for your prayers, love and interest in my going to Ethiopia. As most of you already know, I had a great time, experiencing a change of culture in a safe way through World Vision. It was a real privilege to meet those we have been in partnership for the past 2 years and to see the effect our giving has had on their lives. They are just so appreciative and are quick to use the help and training, so that their families are brought out of the poverty trap. One of the high lights was meeting Malukun (who is sponsored by Y's Up) and his mother. He is a real lovable imp and so responsive.

Although I have shared with many of you some of my initial thoughts, I will be giving a more planned feedback from my visit on Sunday evening 6 January at 6.30pm. I do hope that you will be able to come that evening and bring along anyone who is interested. I am looking forward to sharing more with you all, but will try and not be boring!

An alternative time is at Songs of Praise on Thursday 17 January at 2.30pm when I have been asked to share something about my visit to Ethiopia. This will be a shorter session and may well suit some of you.

A big "Thank you" from Lideta for the financial support and help we give them through World Vision. The partnership is just not one way, the pastors meet each week, pray together which also includes praying for us. I found this very challenging that they think and pray for us each week.

Thanks again for giving me the opportunity of seeing first hand what God is doing in this incredible country whose roots go back to Bible times.

Esther

Cyber bullying

A seminar offering help and techniques in combating **Cyber bullying** for families will be held at **Queensway Hall** on **Saturday morning February 23rd, 2008, beginning at**

9:30am. This seminar is being developed with the church family in mind, but should be of interest for anyone who has concerns about the effects of **Cyber bullying** and how to protect young people from the dangers of **Cyber bullying** .

The seminar is being organised and led by Myles Pilling. If you have any questions, comments, or experiences to share concerning this subject, do feel free to contact Myles.

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Submitted by Robin Henderson

LIBRARY.

We have just bought some books from the proceeds of our Bookstall to enhance the range in the Library, and the following are some of the titles that are new.

When Your Father Dies--how a man deals with the loss of his father.

Finding Your Way through Domestic Abuse.

Finding Your Way through Divorce.

My Husband is Gay.

Living with Food Allergy.

Gods Grace and the Homosexual Next Door.

Every Step Counts.--building a healthy stepfamily.

Secret Scars.--one woman's story of overcoming self-harm.

A.D.H.D.--doesn't mean disaster.

Coping with Breast Cancer.

Depressive Illness.

Jim

‘Like Newborn Babes, Long For The Pure Milk Of The World, That By It You May Grow...’ 1 Peter 2:2 NAS.

A Baby won't rest until it's hunger is satisfied. It's irrelevant that mummy's been up all day and is tired. Three am means nothing. When that baby is ready to eat, the world stops. Peter referred to God's Work as 'pure milk,' which means undiluted, the real stuff. As the old commercial used to say: 'no substitutes added.' Pure milk is the opposite of a dummy, which looks real but provides no nourishment. Too many of us

are spiritually undernourished because we're feeding on substitutes. We're teething on dummies instead of drinking the pure milk of the Word. No baby ever grew on a dummy. Don't get fooled into accepting anything but the authentic, undiluted truth of Scripture. What's more, the only truth that will cause you to grow is the truth that's heard – and put into action. And notice something else: babies don't drink all the milk they can in two hours on Sunday mornings. Yet that's what we do, then we wonder why we're not growing in God. Babies eat regularly for one simple reason – they're hungry. Why don't we feed on God's Word more than we do? Either because we aren't hungry for it, or because we've been trying to satisfy our hunger with dummies and substitutes. Understand this: without a daily diet of God's Word you'll end up weak and vulnerable to defeat! Only when you want to hear from God through His Word more than you want to eat, are you on your way to developing a healthy hunger for the Scriptures.

Submitted by Jim

Keep me, O Lord, from the trivial, the interfering and the stupid; from the infection of irrational and anger over nothings.

Deliver me and keep me, O my Lord, from all promptings to decry the person or work of other; from scorn, sarcasm, petty spite and whisperings behind the back; from the dishonest honesty of frankness meant to hurt.

Deliver me and keep me, O my Lord, from hasty judgments, biased judgments, cruel judgments, and all pleasure in them; from resentment over disapproval or reproof, whether just or unjust.

Deliver me and keep me, O my Lord, from all imposition of my own fads or idiosyncrasies upon others; from self-justification, self-excusing and complacency.

Deliver me and keep me. O Lord. In your name I ask.

Amen.

Submitted by Jim

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