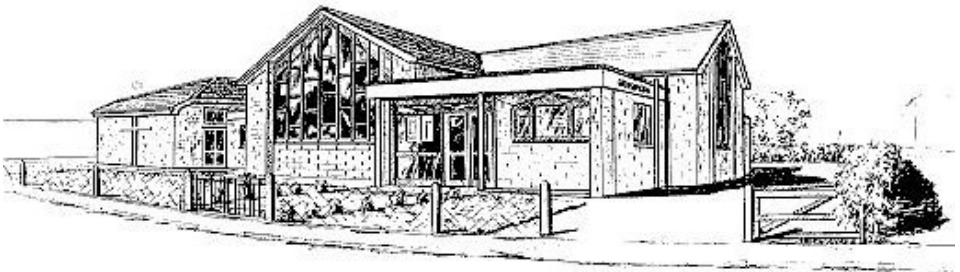


QNL

Queensway Chapel News Letter

February 2008



WELCOME

Editor Debi White

Deadline for March's QNL is 22nd February, 2008

First things first

A BIG THANK YOU

What a lovely surprise it was for all the ladies who received the plants from the church.

The kind thought was very much appreciated.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Anonymous

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

As the new term gets underway, we will soon be interviewing for the new positions at both the Pre-school and the Children's Family Centre. We would therefore ask you to pray for:

Wisdom for the Trustees as they seek to appoint the right person for each of the positions advertised.

All the staff as they deal with the changes ahead.

The people appointed.

Ann, as she prepares for the big change in her life, and thanks for all she has done.

24HRS A DAY TO PRAY

**10am on 16th February
to
10am on 17th February
in the
Green Room**

Over the weekend of 16th/17th February the church is going to pray for 24 hours and you are invited to take part. No one has to pray for the whole time! It's like a relay: we take it in turns to spend one hour in the Prayer Room during the day (or night). You sign up for one "slot" and others will do the same. Then we will have a chain of people who will hand over to one another during the 24 hours.

The green room is going to be transformed into our 'prayer room' and there will be displays and activities to inspire you. We would be glad of any ideas that you have for the room and for any help in setting it up.

So what do you do for one hour?

It's up to you but here are some suggestions:

- Take a journey round the room stopping for a few minutes at each zone.
- Worship – there will be lots of music available. Put on a CD of your choice
- Pray or read the Bible.
- Write down your prayer requests and post them on the 'wailing wall'.
- Draw or paint - there will be art materials so that you can express your thoughts and prayers in a visual form.
- Write – prayers, thoughts, prophetic words, poetry.
- Take time to be quiet in the 'chill-out' zone

- Be inspired by the displays to intercede for the church, the town and the world

The choice is yours but we hope that you will use this special time to draw closer to God and He will draw near to you.

Please note that there are some practical points to consider in order to ensure the smooth running of the 24hours:

- Sign up for one or more one hour time “slots”. The time chart will be available from the 27th January.
- Once you have signed up for a particular hour you are responsible for arriving punctually. The previous person can’t leave until you arrive.
- Please do not turn up ‘on the off-chance’. You need to book your time in advance by signing up on the chart.
- Entrance will be via the back door of the chapel. The door should be kept locked. Please ring the bell when you arrive to alert the previous people that you are there.
- Please be considerate of our neighbours. Keep the noise down outside especially at night.
- For safety reasons, there should be at least 2 people in the prayer room at night.
- We recommend that there should be no more than 4 or 5 people in the room at a time.
- If you are in the prayer room with someone else please be considerate of their needs.
- Be aware that the Prayer Room will not be ‘child-friendly’ and will not be suitable for young children.
- Refreshments will be available – please help yourself.
- Please ring 708984 if there are any problems.

If you want to find out more about the 24/7 prayer movement look at www.24-7prayer.com on the internet or read *Red Moon Rising* by Pete Greig and Dave Roberts (available on the bookstall).

This is a new venture for us as a church but we trust that you will want to join in and that we can all share in the experience of seeking God in new ways.

If you have any questions or worries please talk to David and Susan Williams.

Flat pack Parents Meeting

The next flat pack parents meeting will be in the Queensway Hall lounge on 3rd February between 4:30 – 6:00pm.

Any question please contact Sue Brown

Causeway Prospects - “Shine”

Yes - we now have a name, - “ Shine”. The group voted at the first meeting and Shine was the most popular choice. So ----- we are going to Shine for Jesus!

Thank you for all your prayers and support for us. We appreciated the support of those who came to join in and befriend our members. We enjoyed our first meeting and had fun whilst worshipping. We had a go at signing whilst singing, playing instruments and flag waving., We were treated to some drama and computer technology to illustrate the message. We got to know each other and some took turns to pray. We celebrated having chosen our name.

Everyone stayed for delicious cake and a tea and went home looking forward to the next meeting on Sunday February 3rd at 3 o’clock.

Please keep praying - we are still learning! We now need to make more contacts, having started with inviting people we already knew. So if you know of any adult with a learning disability who may enjoy coming to Shine please let one of us know.

Much to do but much to praise God for.

From the “ Shine” team” (Pati, Pearl, Hazel, Gina, Robin, Sue, Stuart, Ann, Myles, Cath)

Brookside

Led by Queensway Chapel, this month's service is on Thursday 21st February 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 Stuart Arnold 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: -

Feb 7 th	Barbara & Bryan Waller
Feb 14 th	David Restall
Feb 21 st	Helen Pavey
Feb 28 th	Graham Hoslett

Ladies' Breakfast

8.45 Saturday 9th February

at

Queensway Chapel

Many of us had a great time at the curry evening last November so we are holding another 'women only' event. This time it will be a breakfast at the chapel on a Saturday morning, so as many as possible can come. The meal will be continental style (sorry we can't manage a fry-up for lots of people). But at least it won't damage the waistlines too much and should still be very tasty.

There will be testimonies and a short talk during the meal and we should finish by 10:30. There will of course be plenty of opportunity to chat.

Once again we have invited the other churches to join us. We see this as the start of an exciting time, when Christian women in the town can get together and bring their friends too. There will be no charge so you don't need a ticket, although there will be a basket for donations so that we can cover our costs. BUT you will need to sign the list at the back of the chapel so that we can organise the catering.

So, be good to yourself and take some time out for food and fellowship with friends.

Submitted by Susan Williams

Book Review: Faith & Freedom

“I believe that anyone can be successful in life, regardless of natural talent or the environment within which we live. This is not based on measuring success by human competitiveness for wealth, possessions, influence, and fame, but adhering to God’s standards of truth, justice, humility, service, compassion, forgiveness, and love.” (p. 28)

This is my favourite passage in a book by Jimmy Carter (former president of America). A family friend, living in America during Carter’s presidency, said that Americans expected presidents to lie so when Carter told the truth, nobody believed him!

So what’s the book about? Most of Carter’s books have been essentially political but this one discusses many political issues as he sees them as a committed Christian (although his political position and some pain show quite clearly at times!). He sets out where he stands as a Christian early in the book as this is clearly very important and with the recent statements about Blair’s reluctance to be overtly Christian in politics, quite enlightening.

The rise of religious fundamentalism, conflict between science and religion, church-state relationships, divorce and homosexuality, abortion and the death penalty, status of women, war or peace, threats to the environment and more are all discussed in a way that challenges the reader to examine one’s own thoughts.

Carter ends by asking, “What is a Superpower?” and his answer reflects the quotation above about personal success.

You might not agree with all he says but if you are concerned about how Christians should relate to the political life of our community then this is a book well worth reading. I’m not a bookworm yet found this an easy read (the chapters aren’t very long!). I’ve passed my copy to Jim for the Library.

Stuart Arnold

Keep your Sense of Humour

‘He will yet fill your mouth with laughter....’ Job 8:21 NIV

One of the best ways to reduce stress, is to keep your sense of humour. Don’t panic, don’t overreact, and don’t use unnecessary force. If you do people will avoid you.

Happy people get more done than their oh-so-serious counterparts. Actually, being joyful can make you laugh all the way to the bank. Would you rather buy a car from a stressed-out, verbally abusive salesman, or someone whose company you enjoy? Would you rather work around someone who’s congenial; or someone moaning and groaning about what ought to be done? ‘A cheerful heart is good medicine.....’ (Proverbs 17:252 NIV). However, keep in mind two things when it comes to humour.

- 1) Make sure your humour is at no one else’s expense. Avoid jokes about things other might be sensitive about. Weight, bad hairdos and cheating husbands might make some people laugh, but to others it’s not so funny. No one likes to be the butt of the joke. Be careful with teasing someone else. Make sure that their personality can handle your humour. It’s always wise to let the joke be on you; you know you’re not going to offend yourself!
- 2) Remember that timing is everything. ‘There is a time for everything...a time to weep and a time to laugh...(Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4 NIV). If people don’t believe you truly care about them, your humour will produce only a shallow and strained response. Every relationship, every path you cross, every conversation you have can ultimately be used by God to further His purposes. Whether at work, at home or at play, always keep this in mind.

(word for today) Submitted by Jim

A finally to end on with a smile thanks to Jim Wilson

BERTHA BELCH

A missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Memorial Church in Racine. Come tonight and hear Bertha Belch all the way from America.

ANNOUNCEMENT

In the church bulletin for a national prayer and fasting conference:

“The cost for attending the fasting and prayer conference includes meals.

MISS CHARLENE MASON

Miss Charlene Mason sang “I will not pass this way again”. Giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

“LADIES”

“Ladies, don’t forget the rummage sale. It’s a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don’t forget your husbands.

BARABARA REMAINS

Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.

THE RECTOR

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing "Break forth into Joy".

DON'T LET

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

IRVING BENSON

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24th in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

THE LADIES

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basemen on Friday.

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