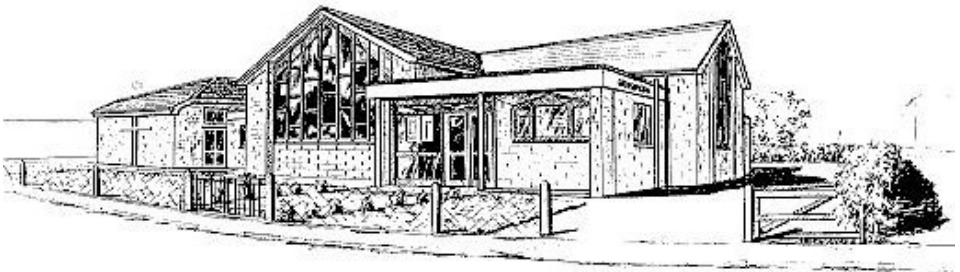


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Queensway Chapel News Letter

March 2008



HAPPY EASTER

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Deadline for April's QNL is 21st March, 2008

THANKS & PRAISE

Thank you to each of you for your prayers and cards of love & encouragement whilst I was unwell.

I had many tests but the doctors could not find why I have been in so much pain. God knows.

Praise the Lord that I am back to health again. Also praise the Lord with me for he cares about everything that we are doing.

As many of you know I work 4 days at Queensway Chapel Pre-School, Term time only. The week I was fit to go back to work was half term, so naturally I was a little concerned about what work I would be doing. I am in the books at the local employment agency and when I called at the office to confirm I would be available to work. They had just been asked for someone to work for someone to work all next week at the day centre. I was offered the work to get back to working. Praise the Lord for he is gracious and he does supply our needs.

Thank you all again for your support, may our Lord bless each of you as you follow daily after him.

Edna.

FLATPACK PARENTS MEETING

The next Flatpack Parents meetings are on
Feb 24th,
Mar 9th
Mar 30th all at 4.30pm.

Brookside

Led by Queensway Chapel, this month's service is on Thursday 20th March 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 Robin Henderson 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: -

March 6 th	Pam Muller
March 13 th	Stuart Arnold
March 20 th	Ron Davies
March 27 th	Sue Bull
April 3 rd	Robin Henderson

Missionary postbag March 2008

Which country are these facts about?

- One in three marriages is failing
- One in three reported suicides is a young person between 15-29. One area has 32 every day
- People especially students, business people and professionals, face constant pressure to perform and be recognised.
- Lack of contentment is a growing problem

Feba Upload Jan 2008

Please pray for the Feba staff as they respond to the needs of today's India.

An estimated 1,000 people a day are returning to Iraq. Most from Syria, where possibly the lack of jobs is the reason for these people returning home. Please pray for them as they return back to Iraq

Cargo trains will start running each day across the border between North and South Korea as from December. This is the first rail link between these 2 countries for more than 50 years. Please pray for the safety of these trains, and that this will symbolise the easing of relationships between the 2 nations.

Interserve Prayer news Jan 2008

More than a billion children will not go to school in the world, this year. Two million people are living in camps in Darfur after the recent conflict drove them from their homes.

In the Gaza strip, 1.5 million people are locked into an area no bigger than the Isle of Wight

852 million people in the world do not have enough to eat.

Christian Aid Lent. Submitted by Esther Prior

Dirty Feet

On the Thursday evening before Easter at the Baptist Church the Family of Churches has planned a Foot Washing and Communion service. This is an annual event when one of the Melksham Church leaders washes the feet of several volunteers. Queensway normally provides at least two so if you are interested please let me know. It is a quite moving experience. The whole idea is an enactment of the time when Jesus washed the disciples feet at the last supper. In practice there are some rather practical differences, you only get one foot washed and, from what I have seen, the feet don't need washing. I remember reading some years ago that when the Pope does this he washes the feet of beggars of the street (but only after someone cleans them up first) If you read through the account in Johns Gospel ch. 13 you will see that at the Passover supper no one had washed feet on arrival. This was a rather big problem as first century pollution was rather more visible than exhaust fumes, it also had a very nasty smell. When people walked about in open sandals, often behind animals, feet needed a good wash, not a very nice job. Generally a lowly slave would oblige. On this occasion none of the disciples wanted to stoop to such a low job, in both senses of the word, and they were very embarrassed when Jesus did it for them and used it as an object lesson about the different values in his kingdom.

I am convinced that a modern day equivalent of foot washing is dealing with a different type of ground pollution. At Queensway Chapel and Hall we often have litter scattered around the car-parks. Sometimes the cleaning teams tidy up outside as well as inside and we are very grateful for that. We could really do with someone to take on the job regularly, we do have a rather fancy "picker upper". If you would consider this please see me or Jim. Its a pretty low status job in general terms but in Kingdom of God values I reckon it's really appreciated.

Ken Pavey

History Repeating Itself

"The young people of today love luxury. They have bad manners, they scoff at authority and lack respect for their elders. Children nowadays are real tyrants, they no longer stand up when their elders come into a room ... they contradict their parents, eat gluttonously and tyrannise their teachers."

Socrates 300 BC

Submitted by Robin Henderson

“You are His personal concern”

“throw the whole weight of your anxieties upon him, for you are his personal concern.” 1 Peter 5:7 (Phillips)

When worry comes knocking at your door, stop it on the doorstep, otherwise it'll move in and take up residence. Listen...“throw the whole weight of your anxieties upon him, for you are his personal concern.” 1 Peter 5:7 (Phillips). How wonderful; God cares (He really does) about the things that worry you and prey on your thoughts. He cares about them more than you do. Not a single nagging, aching, worrisome, gut-wrenching, blood-pressure-raising thought escapes His notice. Because “you are His personal concern,” you never disappear from His screen.

What qualifies as a worry? Anything that drains your tank of joy.. anything you can't change.. anything you're not responsible for.. anything you're unable to control.. anything that frightens and torments you.. anything that keeps you awake when you should be asleep. All that 'stuff' needs to be transformed from your worry list to your prayer list! Listen: Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank Him for all He has done. If you do this, you will

experience God's peace (Philippians 4:6-4 NLT).

Give each worry, one by one, to God! The more you practice doing this, the more exciting your walk with him will become. You'll be amazed at how easily He handles things that overwhelm you.

Always keep these three things in mind: -

- 1) He's able to handle it
- 2) He's willing to handle it
- 3) He's waiting to give it to Him.

Submitted by Jim Wilson

AGM

No it's not – Yes it is!!!

Yes it's that time for you to think about preparing the reports for the Chapel AGM on 14th may! All those of you who run any of the chapel's activities are asked to submit a report to Katy for the AGM report sheet. Please start thinking about what you need to include, as we want to know how things have gone for your group during the last year, what is planned for the coming year, and where particular areas for prayer are needed. Reports are needed by April 12th (if you can limit the items to less than ½ page of A4, then we will be able to save a few trees), and it would be wonderful if you could let me have them as soon as possible, so that I don't have to chase latecomers!. I am happy to receive reports by email katybob@katy55freesever.co.uk or by hand.

Thank you Katy Barrett.

The stone has been rolled away

The stone has been rolled away

when the stone has rolled away
when the wounded come to healing,
when the frightened come to trusting,

The stone has been rolled away

When the lonely find friendship,
when the hurt find new loving,
when the worried find peace,

The stone has been rolled away

When we share instead of taking,
when we stroke instead of striking
when we join around the table

The stone has been rolled away!

In you, Christ Jesus
love breaks through hatred
hope breaks through despair
life breaks through death

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Submitted by Julia Wade

The Garden in the Morning

This garden, in the morning light is a calm and tranquil place. Serene but grave, funereal, that touch of death within, And as a burial party my friends and I approach to anoint his nail-hewn body last service to perform.

I hop the guards will let us pass we have no bribe to offer and maybe roll aside that stone for how else will we enter? I can't believe they murdered Him what had he ever done> Save shine a light into their souls expose the rot within?

I though that I would die as well when he took his final breath how shall I live without him? He who saved me from myself. What's this? Look here! No guards! No stone! A gaping, yawning tomb!

Salome! Mary! Where is he? What have they done with him?

Oh , let me weep alone awhile! To think they'd stoop to this. Forbid Him peace and quiet rest although the threat has gone. Ah this man here, a gardener, he may have seen them leave. Tell me, good sire, which way they went that I may follow them.

"Mary! Magdalene!" "Master!" Lifts His hand, stays my touch. Yes I know I face no ghost but living, breathing man. "Remember all my promises. I came to conquer hell. To crust Satan in his pit. Go tell all, say what you've seen in this dark place today.

God's resurrection power made man and life be born again.

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