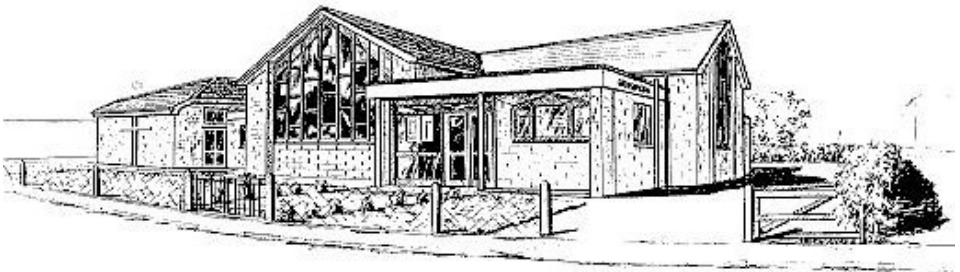


QNL

Queensway Chapel News Letter

April 2008



Welcome

Editor Debi White

Deadline for May's QNL is 18th April, 2008

PRE-SCHOOL

Praise the Lord that the following appointments have been made:

Pre-school Manager	Kate Yeates
Children's Centre Manager	Linda Mence
Outreach Worker	Lizzie Moran

The appointments are, of course, subject to CRB approval, but it is hoped these will be forthcoming very soon and then the appointments can be taken up.

We would value your prayers for all the staff as they work together. Please also pray for Ann that her hip operation is successful and recovery quick, so that she may fully enjoy her retirement.

Barbara Waller

Ladies' Breakfast

Saturday 26th April 8.45am

The first ladies' breakfast took place early one sunny morning in February. Seventy ladies from all the churches in Melksham were there and, with the help of plenty tasty foods, a good time was had by all.

The next breakfast is on Saturday 26th April at 8:45am. The speaker will be Ruth Baldwin. She has recently returned to England from Guatemala and now lives in Radstock. With her husband, she runs Cosecha ministries which seeks to take the love of the Father to the nations. I am sure that we will be really blessed by her talk.

If you would like to come please sign the list at the back of the chapel. As before, there will be no charge but there will be an opportunity to donate towards the expenses.

Do come and bring your friend.

Sue Williams

A Day for Women

‘For the Display of His Splendour’

Last May ten ladies from Queensway went to Cheltenham race course – not for the horses but to attend a day for women hosted by Trinity Church. It proved to be well worth the journey as we all had a truly wonderful day. The presence of Jesus was amazing and we were all blessed by the experience.

This year the event is on:

Saturday 10th May
10am – 5.30pm
at
The Centaur Cheltenham

Guest Speaker – Debbie Wright

Cost £20 (concessions £15)

To quote from the tickets

“We really believe God is longing to meet us there to lavish His love on each of us, to strengthen and encourage us and speak into our lives in a fresh way.”

Sounds good!

If you would like to go please see Sue Henderson or Sue Williams for the booking forms. Transport will be by car and we will sort out the arrangements nearer the time.

Sue Willaims

AGM Reports

Another reminder that it is soon time for the AGM reports to be in to Katy. The final date is 12th April, and I would be very grateful for the reports in as soon as possible. No more than half a page for the report, telling us what you have been doing in the past year, what you want to do next year and any specific items for prayer.

You can Email or reports can be handed to me any time before the 12th April. katybob@katy55.freeseve.co.uk

Many thanks to those of you who were so quick off the mark and have already done your reports. Well done!

HUGS

Hugs:
Are free
Make friends
Can stop wars
Are infectious,
Show you care,
Are pleasurable,
Can cause smiles,
Are good for passing on,
Don't cause you any harm,
Bring you closer together,
Raise your "feel-good" levels.
Can say "Thank you" without words

So

Spread a few around today!
You never know,
you might enjoy it!

Katy Barrett

NEW YEAR PRAYER

Where does the time go? We are already three months into 2008! We would like to keep everyone up to date on the church prayer activities for these early months.

January started with three consecutive half-nights of prayer on Friday evenings. Each one began with quiet reflection and soaking in the Holy Spirit. This became more and more popular for those able to get to chapel earlier in the evening. During the main part of the evenings, we were taken along in a particular direction by a leader who had prepared a framework for prayer. However, those doing this job gave God the opportunity to take the meetings in His way and what followed were some of the most amazing prayer meetings that I have ever attended! (A big thanks to those leaders).

In February, you would have to have been in hibernation not to have noticed the '24 Hours A Day To Pray' event. Susan and I were thrilled that so many Queensway people were prepared to try out an hour (or more) in the Prayer Room during the 24 hours. From the comments that we received afterwards, it seems that everyone was deeply touched by this prayer project. We are sure that our Father was just as pleased that we were prepared to set aside the time to spend with Him. If you were involved and you found that it was a new and exciting experience, then we would like to encourage you to set aside your own prayer times with God and learn more about what prayer can be like.

April Week of Prayer - 29th April to 2nd May

What is next? We are sure that the path stretches out in front of us and there is lots more ahead.

“By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.”

Exodus 13:21-22

I don't know where this journey in prayer will take us but I want to go there and I hope that you do too. There is a “week of prayer” coming up at the end of April – from Tuesday 29th April to Friday 2nd May. We are praying about what framework to present and asking God to guide us as we prepare. Please would you pray with us and join us on the next stage?

David and Susan Williams

WE TRAINED HARD

If you enjoyed the quote from Robin in the March edition of QNL, you might also appreciate the following:

"We trained hard, but it seemed that every time we were beginning to form up into teams, we would be reorganised. I was to learn in later life that we tend to meet any new situation by reorganising, and a wonderful method it can be for creating the illusion of progress while producing confusion, inefficiency and demoralisation."

Caius Petronius AD.66

The principle is no doubt familiar to many of you, whatever your position in life might be! Some things never change.

Barbara Waller

Snippets from the Mission Postbag

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) pilots flew 6 eye doctors into remote area of east Temor so that they could treat 470 patients, performing 80 operations, giving sight back to many who had not seen for a long time.

- Another MAF pilot flew a German team of doctors and nurses to a floating hospital in Bangladesh, so that they could treat many caught up in the floods.
- MAF were again on the spot to help those stranded in the African floods, Uganda, Nicaragua delivering food and water and personal.
- At just 2 years old, Manic had such a severe infection that doctors removed both eyes. But even after that traumatic experience, he faced severe health issues. By 5, the blind youngster had developed an enormous growth on his face. Manik lives with his fisherman father on an island in Bangladesh. MAF were able to fly in with their amphibious aircraft surgeons who performed plastic surgery to rebuild Manic's face.

Please pray for the MAF pilots as they fly often in very dangerous situations and long days, saving hazardous journeys on dirt roads to help people in distress.

(MAF News March-May 2008)

Islamic militias in the south of Iraq are telling women to cover their hair with the hijab, or be killed. In the last year 40 women in Basra have been murdered by Islamic militia. Pray for the protection of Iraqi women, especially Christians, who are being forced to dress like Muslims.

- Prices in Syria are spiralling upwards because of all the refugees from Iraq who are swelling the population. Barnabas Fund is helping build accommodation for 350 apartments, school, clinic, community halls and churches for the Iraqi refugees.

- Some Christians in Egypt collect and sort garbage so that it can be sold for recycling. This job, though low paid, very unpleasant and dangerous is at least a way to earn money, although most of it goes to others. Now a school and clinic are being built to serve these needy Christians in Garbage city.
- In Turkey (the place of Sardis in Revelation) Christians are struggling, even though by law they have freedom to worship as they wish. Since 2002 more than 20 Christian communities have been informed that they could not meet in their premises any more as they were not recognised as official places of worship, despite trying to get official recognition. Police also sometimes stop Christians from meeting in their own homes-this a country that is seeking access to the EU Please pray for Turkey.
- Zimbabwe once the bread basket of Africa, now is in the grip of long term starvation, needing food boxes which Christians from South Africa are bringing into the country. Each box is designed to feed a family of 7 for a month and contains:

10 kg maize meal
 2 litres of cooking oil
 2.5 kg bread flour
 6 packets of dried yeast
 2 kg rice
 2 kg Lima beans
 2.5 kg sugar
 800 g peanut butter
 500 g salt

Many wells have dried up. Running water is officially supposed to be on for 6 hours twice a week, but this seldom happens.

Sometimes the taps are dry for weeks on end

(Barnabasprayer & Barnabasaid March/April 2008)

Please let us remember our brothers and sisters who are suffering so much in the rest of the world. As I read through these magazines I was made to feel that we are so favoured here. The Lord says that to whom much is given, much is required.

Esther

Holidays.

Have you plans for your summer holiday? If not, or even if you have, how about adding something different to your plans this year.

There are opportunities to go to see (as I did last year, & Ken & Helen, Jim & Di this year to Bulgaria)

to go and do
and to go and teach

There are so many opportunities available now for us to experience and help others. I have some suggestions for you.

How about

1. Doing some decorating at Maison Esther for Ian and Liz Clifford whom we support. They are wanting to change the use of one of the flatlets so need help with decorating.
2. Good News Church are planning a trip to Uganda, to the prayer mountain area
3. Short term work in Jerusalem with Biblelands, at the Spaford Children's Centre, doing practical work, or at the Princess Basma Centre helping to run summer camps for disabled children at their centre on the Mount of Olives 3-19 July Price £825 More info www.biblelands.org.uk/volunteer.

4. Practical work through Brass tacks, helping build in other countries. Opportunities are varied. www.brass-tacks.org.uk

Please do think about the above, as I know that I gained a lot more than I gave, and I am sure this is the case for most people. If you would like to know more, then please do ask me.

Esther

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER at NEC
BIRMINGHAM on 21ST JUNE FROM
11:00am – 6:00pm

Liz Bateman is organising an area coach (if enough wish to do that) going to the NEC Birmingham for a day to stand before the Lord for the state of our nation, between 11am and 6pm - not including coach travelling time. Entrance tickets are £5 each, and it will be a proactive day of praying, worshipping and hearing what IS ALREADY going on in the nation, really encouraging that the Church in this land is waking up and acting as One Body.

This is yet another significant day, we believe, in asking for God's hand of mercy upon us, so I would encourage those who have never been before to consider giving up a day, to see what it is all about, and those who went separately last time, if you could like to join us on a coach - I do need firm commitments to attend - so I do need names, phone numbers or e-mail addresses, and £5 for your entrance ticket, by end of April. If there is not enough support by coach, then groups will be travelling by cars, like last year.

Please contact Liz Bateman either at St. Andrew's Bookshop, Church Street, Trowbridge, on 01225 781338 (the shop is open Tuesday to Saturday now) or at home on 01225 765917 with your details.

Submitted by Julia Wade

Brookside

Led by Queensway Chapel, this month's service will be held on Thursday 17th April 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 Carol Mitchell 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: -

3 rd April	Sue Bull
10 th April	June Pearce
17 th April	Carol Mitchell
24 th April	Esther Prior
1 st May	Sharon Firth
8 th May	Ken Phillips

Table Top Sale

The Family Centre are holding their next fund-raising Table Top Sale over at the Hall on Saturday the 17th May from 10:30am till 12:00 noon.

Anyone wishing to sell items may hire a table, for five pounds each, on which to sell items for which you keep the profit.

Items sold can be anything from baby and child equipment, clothes and toys, household, CDs, DVDs. In fact anything you like!

Please sign up on the sheet on the notice board at Chapel or front desk in the Hall during sessions for a table

As usual we plan to serve cakes, biscuits, tea, coffee and squash. Donations of cakes are greatly appreciated and always go down very well (especially home-made ones!).

Please also sign up if you can give us help with some of the practical stuff! e.g. manning the door, setting up and clearing away, manning the Family Centre's own table etc...

Also please do come along and pick up a bargain!

Thank you for your help, we always have a good time!

Karen Rendall

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR PARENTS

“...Children are God’s best gift....” Psalm 127:2 (TM)

If you’re a parent, read this. Better still, keep it where you can read it regularly:

- (1) My hands are small: don’t expect perfection whenever I make a bed or draw a picture.
- (2) My eyes have not seen the world as yours have: let me explore it safely; don’t restrict me unnecessarily.
- (3) Make time for me. Housework will always be there, I’m little only once.
- (4) I have feelings too. Don’t nag me about my inquisitiveness. Treat me as you’d like to be treated.
- (5) I’m a gift; treasure me as God intended. Hold me accountable, give me guidelines to live by, discipline me with love.
- (6) I need encouragement to grow, not empty praise. Go easy, you can correct the things I do without pulling me down.
- (7) Give me the freedom to make decisions, even if they’re not always right. Permit me to fall, so that I can learn to walk.
- (8) Don’t do things repeatedly for me; that makes me feel like my efforts don’t measure up to your expectations. And don’t compare me with others; I’m me, not them.
- (9) Don’t be afraid to leave for a weekend together. Kids need time away from parents, just like parents need it from kids. Besides, it shows us that your marriage is something special.

(10) Take me to God's house and introduce me to Him, because I'll need him for the rest of my life.

Submitted by Jim Wilson

MISS CHURCH? NO EXCUSES, NOW!

To make it possible for everyone to attend, we are going to have a special "No excuse Sunday".

- Cots will be placed in the foyer for those who say: "Sunday is my only day to sleep in."
- There will be a special section with lounge chairs for those who feel that our seats are too hard.
- We will have steel helmets for those who say: "the roof would cave in if I ever came to church."
- Blankets will be furnished for those who think the church is too cold, and fans for those who say it's too hot.
- Scorecards will be available for those who wish to list the hypocrites present.
- Relatives and friends will be in attendance for those who can't go to church and cook dinner, too.
- One section will be devoted to tress and grass, for those who like to seek God in nature.

- Doctors and nurses will be in attendance for those who plan to be sick on Sunday.
- The sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who never have seen the church without them.
- We will provide hearing aids for those who can't hear the preacher and cotton wool for those who can!

Hope to see you there!

Submitted by Jim Wilson

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