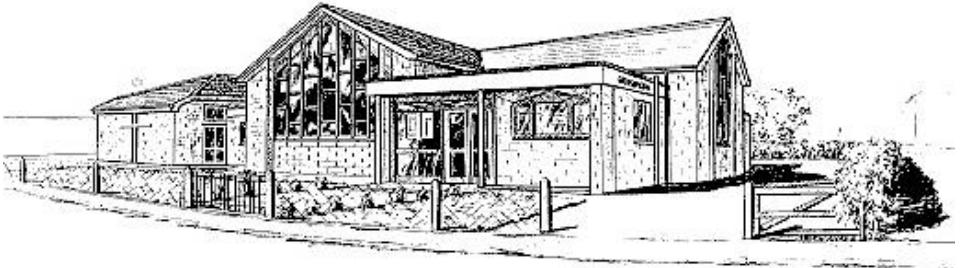


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**Queensway Chapel News Letter**

**October 2008**



**Queensway Chapel, Pembroke Road, Melksham,  
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**(Junction of Pembroke Road with Queensway)**

Editor Debi White

Deadline for November's QNL is 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2008

## **Marriage Course**

We would like to run The Marriage Course during the autumn starting on Friday, 17th October. The course is run over 7 weeks and topics include, Listening, Resolving Conflict, Good Sex. We start about 7.15 pm and finish by 9.30 - 10 pm.

We like to do the course at our home as we have enough rooms for each couple to have complete privacy when doing their own course work. There is no planned group sharing. It is up to each individual couple how much they want to put into the course.

As we have said many times we are very enthusiastic about the course as we have benefited so much from it and wish it had been produced years ago.

Although it is Christian based you do not have to be a Christian to benefit from it.

Even if you have been married for many years there are still fresh things to learn - it can certainly make a good relationship even better. Please see us for more details.

Submitted by Ken and Helen Pavey

## **End of British Summer Time for 2008.**

British Summer time ends at 1:00am GMT on Sunday 26th October. Please remember to put your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night as we resume GMT.

Submitted by Robin Henderson

## **Children's Work**

As we start a new academic year, I thought folks would like to know how the children's work is going.

Sparks are primary school age children who meet on a Sunday morning and are led by Linda Mence and Sue Henderson. We have a great time together, worshipping, studying the Bible, praying and generally having fun! We are grateful this term to John & Brenda who are going to lead Sparks for two weeks giving us a couple of weeks off so we can share in the morning services. We would love it if more people could get involved with this work and share in the lives of these great kids. They are not the Church of tomorrow, but are part of the Church of today!

Ys Up meets on a Thursday evening from 6-7.15 and we get about 40 children coming along. As the children get to year 6 we feed them into Word Up which meets on Monday nights. We've had to reduce the numbers because of the lack of leaders at the moment....we had hoped to be able to increase these again this year, but sadly nobody has come forward to help....maybe you could consider how you could help!!!

Working with children is hard work..... but so rewarding!

Come along and find out!

Submitted by Sue Henderson

## **Remembrance Sunday, 9th November 2008.**

This year, Remembrance Sunday falls on 9th November. We will be observing a 2 minute silence at 11:00am as part of our morning service.

All are welcome to attend the Town's Remembrance Service which will take place at 3:00pm at St.Michael's, also on Sunday 9th November.

Submitted by Robin Henderson

## **Coffee Morning at Queensway Hall**

During 40 Days of Purpose all the house groups were encouraged to undertake a community project. The Chalfield Crescent group met with the warden of the bungalows opposite the chapel and discovered that she needed a venue for a coffee morning so that the residents were able to meet with each other.

Since then, with the help of the wardens, we have successfully run a coffee morning in Queensway Hall on the first Friday of each month. This has been a great opportunity for us to offer a service to our local community and to meet with our neighbours. However, our house group has seen a few changes recently and we no longer have enough people who are available on Friday mornings and we would be grateful for more help. It is not an onerous task! It involves turning up for two hours to drink coffee, chat and maybe do a bit of washing up. Each person would probably only be on the rota once or twice a year.

We would love to hear from anyone who would be interested in helping us with this outreach. Please see David or Susan Williams (708984)

Submitted by Sue Williams

## **FORMER ATHEIST TAKES DAWKINS TO TASK**

A renowned atheistic philosopher, who stunned his peers four years ago by abandoning atheism, has accused the atheist scientist Richard Dawkins of becoming 'a secularist bigot'. Prof Anthony Flew, emeritus professor at Reading University, chides Dawkins in a review of *The God Delusion*.

Dawkins' omission of Albert Einstein's belief that a divine intelligence must lie behind the complexity of physics leads Flew to accuse Prof Dawkins of 'insincerity of purpose'. He says Dawkins' examination of Albert Einstein's views on religion is selective and designed to support his own position. Source: Baptist Times (7th August 2008)

Submitted by Robin Henderson

## **THE ALPHA COURSE**

Starting Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October, time 7pm – 9:30pm

The Alpha Course is a practical introduction to the Christian Faith.

We are running this course over 10 weeks, one evening a week.

The evening starts with a meal then watching a DVD on topics such as ‘Who is Jesus?’, ‘Why did Jesus die?’, ‘How does God Guide us?’ and many more. Then there is a short discussion time where you can ask any questions you might have.

This is in a friendly and informal atmosphere and you quickly get to know each other. If you are interested in coming along or want to know more about the course.

Please contact Bob or Jane Pearce on 01225 702820.

Submitted by Jane Pearce

## **CLEANING ROTA.**

As a general rule of thumb FUSED will now be meeting in the CHAPEL at 7.30 on a FRIDAY EVENING, so on most FRIDAY EVENINGS the CHAPEL will not be available for CLEANING.

Many of the teams do the cleaning on a Saturday Morning but i know some of you can only do it on a Friday Evening, so when the rota is handed out to you if you cannot make a SATURDAY please let me know on 706402 or Laura/Ken on 351927 as much in advance as you can please, and between us we will do our best to accommodate you on the Friday.

Submitted by Jim Wilson

## **Brookside**

Led by Queensway Chapel, this month's service is on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 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: -

October 2nd	Esther Prior
9th	Carol Mitchell
16th	Stuart Arnold
23rd	Sharon Firth
30th	John Lefroy
November 6th	Pati Graham

## **Melksham Food Bank**

It's hard to believe that the Food Bank has been operating now for a year. The idea came from a successful project which had been started in Calne who, by kindly sharing their experiences with us, have been instrumental in getting *The Melksham Food Bank* started.

A small group of us run the scheme with fantastic support from the Family of Churches. Queensway Chapel have given us some room to store the food as it comes in. We have also been very fortunate to have received several donations of money, without which we would not be able to function as there are times when we run out of certain things to fill the boxes and have to go shopping.

Recently we have received some donations from Sainsbury's and the Co-op in Melksham and are looking to other supermarkets for further support. We operate through professional agencies such as health visitors, Children's Rights Services, Home Care (social services), Community 4, Wilts. Emergency Services, Citizen's Advice Bureau, Church leaders, Queensway Chapel Family Centre & Children's Centre.

The purpose of the project is to provide practical short term help to an individual or family in need during the time between a problem arising and Social Services organising benefits. This is done by providing a food box containing sufficient food for 3-4 days. This allows the person concerned to concentrate on resolving the problem without them having to worry about their food needs.

In the past year we have helped 110 individuals and nearly 60 families by providing them with food boxes. We have no personal information about these people but all the agencies who use the scheme are very complimentary and say they would have great difficulty without us. One of the agencies told of a family who thought "Christmas had arrived early!" when they opened their box!

The work is growing and developing, but unfortunately the team isn't!! We currently have 6 people who regularly give of their time to help and another couple who help when they can. If you feel you could help then we would love to hear from you.....

There are several ways you could do this...

1. collect donated food from Sainsbury's
2. buy food when the shelves are running low
3. pack boxes

Please continue to pray for this work....there is such a need.

Sue Henderson (on behalf of *The Melksham Food Bank* team)

## **New Wine Day of Prayer**

***Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November***

Last November ten people from Queensway went to Oxford for the New Wine day of prayer at St Aldate's church. We had a really great day together and all learned loads about prayer and intercession as well as being blessed by spending time in the presence of God. This year there will be another day of prayer in Oxford on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November from 10am till 6pm. The guest speaker is Jonathan Oleyede. If you are interested in going please see David or Susan Williams. The good news is that you don't have to book and it's free!

You can get more information on [www.staldates.org.uk](http://www.staldates.org.uk).

Submitted by Sue Williams

**NEW WINE - SUMMER CONFERENCE 2009**  
**'STEPPING OUT'**

It may seem a long way off to start thinking about the New Wine Summer Conference in August 2009 when we are still in September 2008 but the decision to go (or not) is a big one especially if, like me, you have a family to consider!

We all have time constraints, limited holiday entitlement and of course money! And how we plan our free time is crucial, so that's why I would encourage you all to prayerfully consider attending New Wine next year.

2009 looks like it could be the biggest year so far for the Queensway Chapel family with potentially 13 couples and families already planning to go! Tents and caravans and many variations thereof are the order of the day and the camping element adds to the whole experience. Think of New Wine as a holiday and not instead of one. Next year we will have a marquee to ensure plenty of socializing no matter what the weather does!

I have been to New Wine on three occasions and each year I have been at different stages in my own walk with God, this year being probably the most bleak but God has spoken to me in all sorts of ways and I have been blessed without fail every time. Not just through the teaching or the worship or the prayer although they are always amazing but I have experienced really special times with my family and my friends and I have left New Wine with a closer relation with them and God.

If so many of us came away from New Wine having experienced a taste of Heaven, coming close to God and being filled with the Holy Spirit, imagine how that could transform our Church, our community, our friends and loved ones!

If you have been before even for many years and you think you've done your time, stop and think, pray about it, does God have more for you here? If you've never been just speak to anybody who has, ask them for a testimony! Think of the adventures that you have yet to experience; I guarantee the kids will love it!

New Wine 2009 – Stepping Out is held at the Royal Bath and West Showground in Shepton Mallet and runs from Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup>. For more information please visit the website at <http://www.new-wine.org> especially the **'day in the life of'** and the **promotional video**.

It's worth noting that you have 3 opportunities to save money by booking before the end of **November 2008** or before the end of **March 2009** and by **booking online**.

Any questions? Just ask any of the leadership team or anyone who has been before including me!

Submitted by Jez Oliver

## **Repairing the past**

“If I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four time the amount.” Luke 19:8 NIV

Zacchaeus discovered that you can't be right with God until you're first right with those you've hurt. Joseph discovered that being Prime Minister doesn't mean much if your family relationships are strained. Relationships are like a house. If you don't maintain it, your task won't be to repair it; It'll be to rebuild it. We each carry within us the experience of our yesterdays. They influence our relationships, our choices, our view of ourselves, even our understanding of God. You can't live in a spiritually healthy fashion if you've an unrepaired past.

For a long time Jacob lived that way. He took advantage of his brother Esau, manipulating him out of his inheritance. Then when things got bad between them he fled the country. When he returned home, he did so fearing the wrath of his brother. In his case the relationship was healed, but it doesn't always end that way, Repairing the past is best done immediately. Patching up wounded relationships, dealing with festering

regrets, letting go of feelings toward someone who's betrayed you; these issues lie deep within us as if asleep. Then suddenly they're awakened by some 'trigger.' It could be an anniversary, an old face in the crowd or a particular song on the radio, but they don't go away until we deal with them.

How? By forgiving, and when possible making restitution. You see, forgiveness isn't just for the other person's benefit; it's for yours.

So is there a relationship you need to repair today? If so, take care of it!

Submitted by Jim Wilson

### **Dates from St Andrew's Bookshop Trowbridge**

7.30pm - 9pm Bethesda Church Trowbridge (Open invite to all and any church youth group in Wilts)

Its always the Second Sunday of the month. Word / Worship / Witness. If you would like to join in with the worship group or know some one that has a heart for sharing the Gospel. Why not get more involved or just come on the evening and join with us.

Sunday 12th October - The Passion and Compassion of Christ

Sunday 9th November - Compassion - Heart for Others

Sunday 14th December - Christmas - A Gift worth receiving

11th January - Hit the New Year Running - Living and Loving Life

(why not check out Essence on Facebook or email Steve Dewar at [essenceoftrowbridge@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:essenceoftrowbridge@hotmail.co.uk) for more details

Submitted by Julia Wade

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