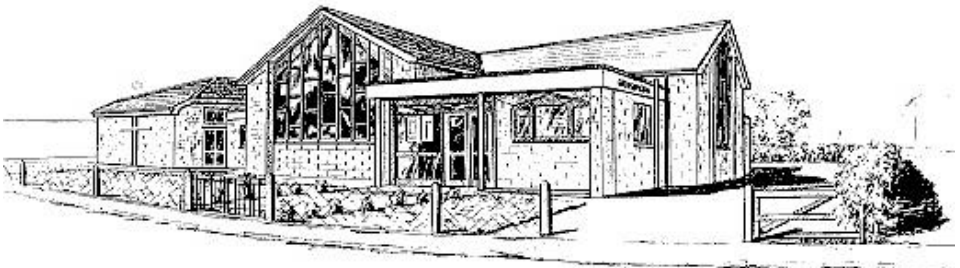


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Queensway Chapel News Letter

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

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Deadline for December's QNL is 21st November, 2008

Dates of Summer Conferences in 2009.

For those of you who like to plan ahead and are already thinking about next year's New Wine or Soul Survivor, please make a note of these dates in your diaries.

Next year we're going to do something different! As New Wine offers an excellent program for children, teen-agers and grown-ups, instead of two groups (one to New Wine and another to Soul Survivor), we're going to organise just one (larger) group and all go to New Wine together.

For Churches located in Central and South West England (that's us), New Wine will take place from 2nd to 8th August 2009 at the Bath and West Showground, Shepton Mallet. Delegates will have access to the site on Sunday 2nd August and the programme will commence that evening with a worship celebration. Those serving 'on team' may have to arrive a day earlier for briefing. The week's programme ends at midnight on Saturday 8th August and, after staying overnight, delegates depart on Sunday 9th August.

Fees are determined by age as at 31/08/2009. There are no fees for children under two years who aren't attending their programme. There are discounts for booking early and for on-line bookings. The table on the following pages shows the various fees and the discounts.

Day passes (no discounts) may be purchased by those not able or not wanting to attend a full week. Similarly, evening passes are available.

Full details of: dates; prices; discounts; and opportunities to serve on team are available at www.new-wine.org/summer/.

In order to ensure that we all get allocated to the same 'village', when booking it is necessary to state Queensway Chapel as the Church name and its postcode of SN12 7NB.

The following table shows the fees per age depending on when paid and how paid.

Age on 31/08/09	Paid by 30/11/08		Paid by 31/03/09		Paid after 31/03/09	
	Paper booking	book on-line	Paper booking	book on-line	Paper booking	book on-line
Adult	123	115	133	124	146	136
Age 14-18	100	93	110	102	120	112
Age 12-13	92	85	100	93	114	106
Age 8-11	85	79	94	87	104	97
Age 5-7	77	70	85	79	93	86
Age 0-4	37	35	44	41	48	45
Age 0-2, not attending	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free

According to the New Wine Web site, on-line bookings open in Autumn 2008. For more information and for on-line booking please visit the New Wine web site at www.new-wine.org/summer/.

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.

Both submitted by Robin Henderson

Girls' Night In

Friday 28th November 7.30pm

at Queensway Chapel

By the end of November winter will be upon us and women everywhere will be gearing up for a hectic December. So to dispel the gloom and give us all an evening of much-needed relaxation and fun, we are having a 'ladies only' film night at the chapel. We promise an evening of sun, sea, sand, singing and chocolate!

We're not naming the film but come along if you are looking out for a place to go on Friday night when the lights are low.

The chapel will be the place where we'll play the right music and where everything is fine. It will be an evening for knowing me, knowing you so take a chance on us and say thank you for the music.

As a bonus there will be guest appearances from James Bond *and* Mr Darcy.

There is no charge for admission but we would be grateful for a small donation towards expenses.

Do bring all your friends – it will be a great evening.

For more information please see Sue Henderson or Sue Williams.

Submitted by Sue Williams

Melksham Food Bank

A BIG THANK YOU from everyone at the Melksham Food Bank for the wonderful harvest donations we have received this year. We have received much more than expected. The food shelves are now full which is such a blessing, but unfortunately we have currently run out of shelf space so please can we ask that you hold onto any contributions until we find some more space.

Submitted by Debi White

My Challenge To Make The World

The challenge is complete and photos of the finished puzzles are on display in the ex-green room at Queensway Chapel, several guesses were made and £76 was raised for world vision.

A BIG THANK YOU

The nearest guesses were made by: -

Sue Brown

For the total number of pieces and for the number of pieces in a single puzzle.

Cliff Turner

For total time taken

Helen Pavey

For time taken on a single puzzle.

Thank you all once again for guesses and donations.

Edna Phillips.

Prophetic encouragement evening.

I want to share with everyone just how awesome I found the prophetic encouragement evening. It was a wonderful experience and I thought the team were sincere in their desire to be conduits for God. Being a fairly new member of the church, I know that my journey with the Lord so far is not known by most at QC; so I felt confident that what was discerned by the team was from the Lord. It was really good to be able to just sit quietly while the team listened to the Lord on my behalf, and I appreciated their willingness to speak out the words and pictures that came to mind. One message, although not clearly defined, was connected to something the Lord had shown me two weeks ago (not shared with anyone). Another word was in answer to a prayer I had just prayed silently a second before hand. There was also a message that was clearly given but as yet I do not understand its full meaning, but is now part of my daily prayer and consideration, something yet to be revealed.

I was really encouraged by the whole experience and excited in the knowledge that God still has a plan for me. And I would like to encourage others to take up the opportunity to be prophesied over when we next have a prophetic encouragement evening; because the Lord really does want to bless you.

Blessing to you

Mary Barrett

Thank you

Thank you for all your love, prayers and care that I have been in receipt of since losing my good friend Gill. What a privilege it is to be in such a loving family.

Thank you

Esther Prior

Brookside

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

November 6th	Pati Graham
November 13th	Mary Barrett
November 20th	Robin Henderson
November 27th	Ron Davies
December 4th	Nativity

“The Hospital By The River”

Would you like to know more about Ethiopia, the country that we support? I have found a book that is readable and helps to fill in gaps on Ethiopian more recent history, as written by a doctor, who with her husband served the poor of Ethiopia, especially women. The title is "The Hospital By The River" a story of hope. I have several copies, so please let me know if you would like to borrow one.

Submitted by Esther Prior

CHURCHES IN PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE

On the 4th October Esther and I travelled to Milton Keynes to meet up with members of other churches who belong to the World Vision Churches in Partnership (CHIP) scheme. There were about 150 people there from as far away as Scotland and the South West of England. Esther enjoyed meeting up with some of the people who had gone to Ethiopia last November and they were able to compare how they'd been able to share their experiences in their own churches.

We started the day with Devotions and Worship, led by Revd. Michael French, W.V. new Advocacy Director. We then had a talk reminding us just what Development & Advocacy is. Development is based on the understanding that people require a range of assets if they are to achieve sustainable development and that only focusing on one part of our lives will not achieve holistic sustainable development. The different assets (or capital) are not necessarily financial assets. They are 'strengths' that people have access to and use in order to achieve development in their lives. Advocacy, on the other hand, is about 1) **change** - to policy, structures, practices, behaviour, instincts and attitudes; 2) **leverage** - moving something to somewherein order to shape a more just world. W.V. seeks to speak out on behalf of those suffering injustice and teach them how they can be empowered to speak out on their own behalf.

We then went to our own Streamed Group, - Armenia, Cambodia, Ethiopia or Zimbabwe. Jonathan Game facilitated the Ethiopia group and brought us up to date with the situation in Lideta. At present there are important discussions taking place between the W.V. reps in Addis, the local people in Lideta and H.Q. in the U.K. All the projects are progressing so well that W.V. is hoping to be able to move out of Lideta and go to another area. Of course the 'handing over' process will take some time and they won't leave until they're confident that the work can continue and grow in the hands of the people who have been taught and empowered to take control of the projects themselves. W.V. is working with the Ethiopian government to ensure their continuing support and help after they leave. It will be a gradual withdrawal, probably over the next 5-7 years. This is so exciting because it means that W.V. won't be needed anymore and it will be 'job well done'!! Then, Esther, and some of the others who had visited Lideta, showed some photos and shared their highlights and how they had been affected by what they had seen and the people they had met. It had obviously made a big impression on them all. Watch this space, as there may well be another trip next year in November, so start saving!

We were then treated to a sumptuous lunch, including some native dishes from Ethiopia and Albania and the desserts were to die for!! Those of you who go to Teaching Days, etc. know that the after lunch spot is usually the graveyard session, no one can keep awake and the speaker feels they're fighting a losing battle! Not this time! We had a truly inspirational speaker called Tom Sine from the Mustard Seeds Associates. The title of his talk was 'Making a difference in our rapidly changing world.' His main point was that God is conspiring, through a new generation, to re-imagine and create new expressions of discipleship, community and mission to make a difference in our rapidly changing world and that our own faith, though it be as small as a mustard seed, can make a real difference in the world. To quote a line from his book, 'The New Conspirators', "It's not about the church meeting your needs; it's about joining the mission of God's people to meet the world's needs." He's a brilliant speaker who some of you may have heard at Spring Harvest.

Then some of the partners shared how W.V. is impacting their churches

and how they have been raising money. Some good ideas!

After a ‘Wrap up & Thank you’ by Ally Wenham, (remember her as Ally Jenkins before she got married?), we made our way home. By this time it was raining and windy so we stopped in Luton to have a cup of tea and a chat with Genny, Emad & Natalie and then we made our way down the M1, M25 & M4 in the pouring rain and busy traffic. I was so glad that Esther was driving!!! Overall it was a really good day and I would certainly encourage people to come along next time. You’ll learn a lot and you’ll be very well fed!

Here are 2 prayer requests from the staff at World Vision, Ethiopia: Pray to God for a clear vision in serving the poor and impacting the nation and Government of Ethiopia with a special focus on alignment of shared efforts and shared resources to achieve it vision and mission. And for the successful implementation of new initiatives in the areas of child well-being, gender, advocacy and Christian commitment integration into the programmes

Thank you for your ongoing support of Lideta in Ethiopia.

Submitted by Carol & Esther

Love – What does it mean anyway?

“Love never fails...” 1 Corinthians 13:8 NIV

The word ‘love; comes from two Greek words – phileo and agape. One is of human origin, the other divine.

- (1) (1) Phileo requires two people to appreciate each other; agape can be entirely one-sided.
- (2) (2) Phileo is conditional. If its demands aren’t met; agape comes with no strings attached.
- (3) (3) Phileo relationships can end due to changing circumstance; agape exists, full stop.

(4) (4) Phileo requires some level of emotional reward; agape flourished regardless, any reward only enhances it.

When Jesus said, "...As I have loved you, so you must love one another" (John 13:34 NIV), He was using the word agape, not phileo. Why? Because He knows that we can choose to love one another at all times, regardless of what does or doesn't happen. In her book, *Love Is So Much More*, Lord, Ruth Calkin writes, "Marriage means – putting up with personality weaknesses, accepting criticism and giving each other freedom to fail. It means sharing deep feelings about fear and rejection, turning self-pity into laughter and taking a walk to regain control.

Marriage means – gentleness and joy, toughness and fortitude, fairness and forgiveness and a walloping amount of sacrifice.

Marriage means – learning when to say nothing, when to keep talking, when to push a little, and to back off. It means acknowledging 'I can't be God to you – I need Him too.'

Marriage means – you are the other part of me and I am the other part of you. We'll work through this with never a thought of walking out.

Marriage, my love, means us!"

Submitted by Jim Wilson

Wednesday Morning Prayer Meeting

Just a small friendly reminder that there is a pray meeting on every Wednesday morning, from 7 till 8am, come when you can, leave when you have to. I look forward to seeing you all in the extension in the Chapel.

Submitted by Debi White.

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