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Queensway Chapel News Letter

December 2008



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(Junction of Pembroke Road with Queensway)**

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Deadline for January's QNL is 19th December, 2008



Songs of Praise Nativity Service.

The Songs of Praise Nativity service will be held at 2:30pm on Thursday 4th December. There will be carols to sing and, as with previous years, the highlight of the afternoon will be the nativity play performed by the Queensway Chapel Pre-school children. The service will last about an hour and will be followed by a Christmas tea. Please let us know if you are planning to come so that we may cater for the right numbers.

Melksham Comedy Club

Christmas show will be held Saturday 6th December at 7:00pm at Queensway Hall, in aid of **World Vision**.

Tickets £5.00 to include refreshments. For more information or to buy tickets please see Mandy or ring 01225 352303.

Christmas Card Distribution – Volunteers required.

This year, once again, we will be distributing Christmas Cards to houses in the immediate locality of the Chapel and, once again, volunteers will be needed to help with this task. I would like the delivery of the cards to be complete by Wednesday 10th December. Those wishing to help will be able to collect cards from the Chapel on Sunday 7th December. A list of streets with the numbers of houses will be provided so that volunteers may take the right number of cards and mark off the streets that they have selected. All remaining cards will be delivered Wednesday morning (10th December) and, as with previous years, any help that can be provided on this morning will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, in anticipation, Robin.



Melksham Family of Churches' Carols

On the Saturday before Christmas (20th December) the Family of Churches will be singing Christmas Carols on the forecourt of Melksham United Church between 11:00am and noon.

In a world that is, increasingly, becoming more and more secular, Christmas still provides Christians with a unique opportunity to sing the praises of our Lord Jesus in public and to tell the world about our Wonderful Saviour.

Although this is a particularly busy time of the year it is also an excellent opportunity to remind ourselves (and others) of the real meaning of Christmas. So, please do see if you can find the time to support this event and, together, we can use it to help keep Christ in Christmas!

Please do your best to arrive before 11:00am so that there are enough of us present to make a joyful noise when we start.

Open House Christmas Arrangements.

The Open House Christmas lunch will be held on Tuesday 16th December. The cost is £4.50 and places may be booked via Jim Wilson. Demand is expected to be high this year so please book as early as you can in order to avoid disappointment.

Open House will be open for a light lunch Tuesday 23rd December and on Tuesday 30th December.

Submitted by Robin Henderson



Nativity 14th December.

The family service (10 am) on the 14th of December will not be your average family service that Queensway Chapel are so well known for.

Christ's birth will be honored by our church's own budding young people. The nativity spectacular includes appearances from Queensway's youngest "Angels" to a grandfather that Come and see for yourself how the Christmas story unfolds.

Do not be surprised if you see Christmas in a whole new light, but with a very traditional undertone. The service includes some traditional carols and some carols that might not be so traditional, the mystery increases.

Share some of the joy, Christ's birth invokes in us and bring your family, friends, grandparents even the neighbour. A child's smile is highly infectious, may we all be infected with the Christmas smile.

By David Powrie.

Carol singing on Berkshire Green.

We plan to go carol singing around the wardened bungalows in the vicinity of Berkshire Green on Thursday 16th December at 7:30pm.

This will last about an hour after which we will reconvene at the Chapel for light refreshments.

Submitted by Robin Henderson



Service Arrangements on Sunday 21st December.

The morning service at 10:00am will be a Family Service and will have a Christmas theme.

Our evening service at 6:30pm will be a 'café style' carol service. It will be followed by teas/coffees and mince pies. I hope you are able to join us on this special occasion.

There will be no Breaking of Bread service on 21st December. Instead we will celebrate communion at 7:30pm on Saturday 20th December. The service will be conducted in similar style to our 'extra' prayer meetings.

Submitted by Robin Henderson



The star the Shepherds saw

The star the shepherds saw that night
That lit the way for them
Still shines to guide all those who seek
The light of Bethlehem

Submitted by Sue Henderson



Brookside

Led by Queensway Chapel, this month's service is on Thursday 18th December 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 Ken Pavey 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: -

December 4th	Nativity
December 11 th	Barbara & Bryan plus group
December 18 th	Ken and Helen Pavey
December 25 th	Christmas Day



Prophetic Encouragement

I want to say how awesome I found the prophetic encouragement evening. It was a wonderful experience and I found the team to be sincere in their desire to be conduits for Gods messages to me. Being a fairly new member of the church I know that my journey with the Lord so far is not known to most at QC; so I felt confident that what was discerned by the team was really 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 yet 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 beforehand. There was one message that was clearly given but as yet I do not understand fully what it means but it is now part of my daily prayer and consideration, something yet to be revealed.

I really was 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 when we have another prophetic encouragement evening, because the Lord really does want to bless you.

Submitted by Mary Barrett

Christmas is the time

Christmas is the time of year when you realize how many people you know and how many sizes you don't.

Submitted by Sue Henderson



Quick Guide to Christmas 2008.

Thursday 4th December:

- 2:30pm, Songs of Praise with Pre-school Christmas Nativity Production, followed by Christmas Tea. Please fill in a slip to tell us if you're coming.

Friday 5th December:

- 6:30pm, Pre-school Nativity Performance.

Saturday 6th December:

- 7:00pm, Comedy Club Christmas production in aid of WorldVision in Queensway Hall.

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday 8th/9th/10th December:

- Delivery of Chapel Christmas Cards.
- Cards will be available on Sunday 7th for collection.
- Aim is to complete the card delivery to homes in locality by Wednesday 10th.

Thursday & Friday 11th/12th December:

- Regular activities which take place in Queensway Hall will take place in the Chapel
 - Tots Praise (in Green Room)
 - Teenie Weenies (in Green Room).
 - Chairrobics (in Chapel).

Tuesday 16th December:

- 10:00am-2:00pm, Open House Christmas Meal. Doors open at 10:00am. Meal served from noon. Tickets only. These may be obtained from Jim Wilson.

Thursday 18th December:

- 11:00am, Christmas Carols at Brookside.

- 7:30-8:30pm, Carol singing around Berkshire Green bungalows followed by refreshments in the Chapel.

Saturday 20th December:

- 11:00am-noon, Family of Churches Carol Singing on the forecourt of United Church.
- 7:30pm, Breaking of Bread (in the same 'style' as our 'extra' prayer meetings).

Sunday 21st December:

- 10:00am, Christmas Family Service.
- 6:30pm, Carol Service, café style format

Tuesday 23rd December:

- 10:00-2:00pm. Open House Light Lunch.
 - Doors open at 10:00am.
 - Serving lunch from 12:00pm.

Wednesday 24th December:

- 11:30pm-00:15am, Carols by Candlelight

Thursday 25th December:

- 10:00-10:45am, Christmas Day Family Service.

Sunday 28th December:

- 10:00am, Baptism Service.
- 6:30pm, Breaking of Bread (as usual).

Tuesday 30th December:

- 10:00-2:00pm. Open House Light Lunch.
 - Doors open at 10:00am.
 - Serving lunch from 12:00pm.

Friday 2nd January 2009:

- Noon to Midnight prayer!
 - noon-6:00pm, 'drop-in' for prayer.



I wish you Christmas!

And in that wish I wish you everything that means

I do not just wish you “Merry Christmas” for that is too small a wish. Too limited in a single mood, too small an expression to describe the magnificence of Christmas!

I wish you Christmas! I do not wish you “Seasons Greetings”, for that is too vague and only has a short time scale. It shows no feeling of love in it.

I wish you Christmas because I wish for you far more than a few days of festivity or a few hours of fun that will vanish quickly – though I gladly hope that festival and fun are yours.

When I wish you Christmas I wish for you long reaching gladness that stretches far down the year. Through all seasons may you be surrounded by the goodness of the Christmas news.

I wish you Christmas and in that wish I wish for you good news.

I wish you Christmas and in that wish for you is the good news of Jesus Christ

A baby at Bethlehem...but more a teacher of truth...but more. A man of compassion, joy and sorrow...and a Saviour!

I wish you the sin forgiver, the life giver, the death conqueror! Yes, I wish you Christmas and in that wish I wish you Jesus Christ! Nothing less – for nothing less will do and nothing less was meant to be given at Christmas.

I wish you Christmas!! Submitted Loraine Dopson



SEX..... LOVE..... MARRIAGE

This appears to be rife and in large demand by Queensway Chapel members but is not being generated amongst us I am of course thinking of Ken Pavey's recent sermon that was recorded on a CD then eagerly taken and so far not yet returned.

However if the person concerned feels they need longer to digest the details given, I am pleased to offer the services of having the CD in question re-recorded to allow others the benefit of Ken Paveys experience, which does appear to be well sought after.

Just for interest Carl Beech's recent visit to Queensway is another that has a few demands for, so return of CD is also requested could we all please bear in mind that those of us that request these CD's are usually ones who were unable to attend services due to holidays, visits, illnesses etc but also some are those that assist with other Youth functions to allow us to enjoy "live" services

Any of the PA operators will gladly arrange for additional CD's to be available so if we do have recordings could we please think of others and return back quickly so one does not lose out on a particular message that could be so helpful to one needing this

Many Thanks Brian Vince

Christmas Comes

Isn't it a shame Christmas comes at the time of year when the stores are so crowded?

Submitted by Sue Henderson



MONDAY WORD UP CLUB

BONFIRE, BAR-B-QUE, BANGERS

On Monday 3rd November our *Word Up* youth club held its annual firework party in Ken and Helen's back garden from 7.00-8.30pm. With about 100 present, mainly the families of youngsters who attend *Word Up*, there were more attending this year than in previous years.

Although unable to be present himself, Dave Powrie's band of willing regular Monday-evening helpers were out in force to make the event a success: Doug, Kathy, Abi, Pete, Les and Bettina, not forgetting young Rhys as a new helper who has 'come up through the ranks' so to speak. This band was ably assisted by Robin & Sue and, of course Ken & Helen without whom the event wouldn't have been possible

All in all we had a great evening consisting of families, fun, fun, fireworks and food.

Many parents expressed appreciation, not only of the fireworks party but also of the regular Monday evenings, and in particular for the safe and caring ethos behind *Word Up*.

Please continue to encourage, support and uphold the team in prayer. Anyone wanting to join the team and help at *Word Up* on a Monday evening should see Dave Powrie or Brian Vince.

Submitted Brian Vince (edited).



Gateway 2009

Friday 2nd January 12 noon – 12 midnight

This is the brand-new, totally exciting prayer event for the New Year – that’s two thousand and nine. Just as we were getting used to being in 2008, we are arriving in 2009!

On the 2nd January, the chapel will be open for 12 hours. These are to be divided into two segments that we hope will involve everyone in the church at some time during the day. The building will open at 12 noon and we will finish with a flourish at 12 midnight. Refreshments will be available throughout the whole event.

Segment One

From 12 noon to 6pm, we will have a “drop-in” open for you to come into when you wish and stay as long as you like. Unlike the 24 hours (a day to pray), there will be no need to sign up for particular times – just come and go as you please. There might be music playing and we hope to provide some additional materials as aids to prayer. We would like to encourage you to come and spend some time praying or just soaking in the Holy Spirit.

Segment Two

From 6pm to 12 midnight, we will be praying in a variety of “modes” as the Holy Spirit leads, interspersing sung worship and all kinds of prayer. We plan to tell God about how we love Him and to hear from Him about His plans for 2009. Please come along for as much of this time as you can – the Half Nights of Prayer in 2008 have been very special and we are praying that Jesus will lead us ever deeper into the realms of prayer in this new year – GATEWAY 2009.

Submitted by David & Susan Williams



Dates of Summer Conferences in 2009.

This repeat of last month's article to remind you that the last day for getting the cheapest 'early-bird' rate for bookings is 30th November!

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

For more information and for on-line booking please visit the New Wine web site at www.new-wine.org/summer/.

And Finally

Merry Christmas from all at Queensway Chapel



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