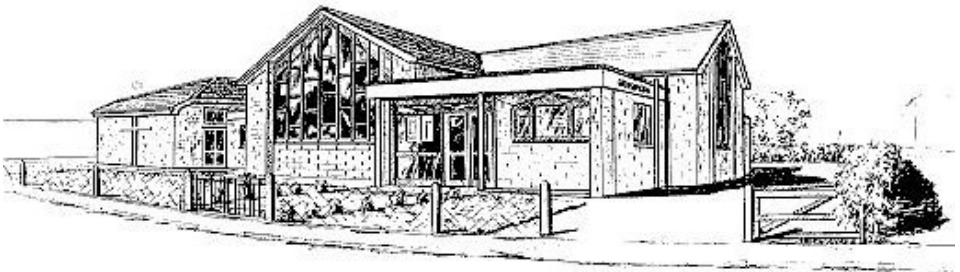


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**Queensway Chapel News Letter**

**FEBRUARY 2010**



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

Editor Debi White

Deadline for March's QNL is 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2010

## **Brookside**

Led by Queensway Chapel, this month's service is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 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 Robin Henderson will be organising the service. We would love you to come along and support us by supplementing the hymn-singing and to be there for the Brookside residents.

## **Songs of Praise**

We meet on Thursday afternoons, from 2:30-3:30pm, 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 stay on for fellowship and a chat. Forthcoming speakers:-

February 4th	Jean McGuire
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	Esther Prior
February 18th	Robin Henderson
February 25th	Barry Scarlett
March 4th	Mary Barrett

## **Flatpack Dates**

Dates below for the forthcoming Flatpack parent meeting

14<sup>th</sup> February in chapel prayer room  
28<sup>th</sup> February in chapel prayer room

## **Prophetic Encouragement Session**

Would you like to be strengthened, encouraged, comforted?  
The Prophetic Encouragement Team are inviting you to sign up  
for a 15 minute session on Sunday 7th February between 4pm & 6pm.

Please find signing-up chart in the Chapel.

The sessions will take place in Queensway Hall.

Can't make this date?

We are hoping to fix another date soon!

Maureen Vince & Celia Waghorn

## **Father What Use Am I?**

Father, sometimes I think I'm of no use, that I can't do anything right, that nothing I do is ever good enough. But I know that when You look at who I am, and who I can be, You see Jesus. And He is good enough!. It's good enough that He shed His precious blood to cover my unworthiness. Good enough that He paid the price for every sin I would ever commit. Good enough that He's working to perfect me each day. Good enough that He sees me as "righteous" in Christ. Good enough that He's interceding for me at the throne of God right now. Good enough that He's mending the broken areas of my life and making me whole. Good enough that His love for me is everlasting and guaranteed. Thank You, Father, that everything Jesus does is good enough, and that in him, I am good enough too!

Submitted by Barbara and Bryan Waller

## **Offering at MFoC Covenant Service**

The offering taken during the annual Family of Churches Covenant Service of 17th January 2010 amounted to £451.88. Of this £56.00 was Gift Aided.

The offering will support the work of *Bibles for Children* (registered charity 1063200 - for more information please visit <http://www.biblesforchildren.org.uk>). The MFoC works with this charity in order to place Bibles in three of Melksham's primary schools. During 2010 it is hoped that that this scheme will be extended to one more school.

Robin Henderson

## **Praise & Prayer for Healing**

Our monthly meeting for Praise and Prayer for Healing usually takes place on either the first or second Friday in the month. On these occasions we are joined by members from other congregations because it is important that the Christians in Melksham (regardless of denomination) cooperate and work together in unity rather than attempting to work in isolation or even in competition.

The following dates have been set for praise and prayer for healing meetings...

Friday 5th February 2010

Friday 12th March 2010

Friday 9th April 2010

The meetings will start at 7:30pm and will take place in the Chapel. The content will include, worship, testimony of healings, prayer for HOTSOM, prayer for the Melksham Christian Healing Centre and prayer for anyone present who needs healing.

Robin Henderson.

# **Melksham Family of Churches**

## **Annual General Meeting**

The MFoC AGM is being held on Monday 15th February 2010 at 7:30pm in the hall of the United Church. Refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting.

In addition to MFoC business, on this occasion Dougie Rowlinson will be our speaker. Dougie is Bishop's Convenor of the Wiltshire Archdeaconry Healing Group (WHAG) and Treasurer of the Melksham Christian Healing Centre (MCHC). Dougie is an excellent speaker and he will be speaking on the subject of healing.

Robin Henderson.

### **My eyes are downcast**

My eyes are downcast and swollen,  
my hands grasp each other for comfort.  
Heavenly wings enfold me,  
and solace is gained.  
Soft words of peace soothe my heart,  
in the darkness a warmth wraps around me.  
My Lord sits beside me,  
holds me close.  
He knows my pain and feels my fears.  
His love is the light in the darkness,  
His mercies end the fear.

Submitted by Jim Wilson

## Lent & Easter 2010

Our Lent course for 2010 is John Ortburg's *If You Want To Walk On Water You've Got To Get Out Of The Boat*. The course is described as a "six session journey on learning to trust God". As with previous years, the Family of Churches is following the same course and there is the option to 'be ecumenical' and join another Church's group should one wish to.

We will be tying in our weekly Sunday morning sermons to the Lent course. Sermons will compliment the mid-week studies without duplicating them. The first sermon in the series will be on Sunday, 14th February and the mid-week House Group studies will be starting during the same week. The sermon titles are as follows...

14th February - Stepping Out In Faith

21st February - Our Gifts At God's Disposal

28th February - Called By God

7th March - Facing Our Challenges, Conquering Our Fears

14th March - Dealing With Setbacks

21st March - Waiting On God

A programme for 'Holy Week' (the week leading up to Easter Sunday) is being worked on. This will include a foot-washing Communion Service at Melksham Baptist on Maundy Thursday, 1st April. On the morning of Good Friday 2nd April there will be a Communion Service in the Chapel. Following on from this there will be a street drama in the town centre organised by the Family of Churches. On Easter Sunday 4th April, in addition to our morning service, the Family of Churches are organising a march (a mini-March for Jesus) at 6:00pm from the United Church to Queensway Chapel leading straight into an evening Celebration Service at 6:30pm. More details will be provided nearer the time as these arrangements haven't yet been finalised.

Robin Henderson

## **“Like a Thief in the Night...” (continued...)**

Unfortunately, last month the end of this article was accidentally omitted. The missing paragraphs are provided below.

The trumpet was sounded by the priests from the south western corner of the Temple to signal the field workers to come into the Temple. "At that instant, the faithful would stop harvesting even if there were more crops to bring in, and leave immediately for the worship service... We can imagine the scene as a Jew and an Arab worked side by side in the fields, as they do even today. When the trumpet would sound, the Jew would leave immediately, and the Arab, believing otherwise of course, would continue bringing in the crops".

*Matthew 24:40-41: That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. 41Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. 42“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.*

The last trumpet will sound "*For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first*". (1 Thessalonians 4:16)

Martin Brown

## **We Live In Uncertain Times – Part Eight – February 2010**

Last month we looked at the Zechariah 12 and the position of Jerusalem in the land of Israel and the need to pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Recently, I was reading an interesting book by Julia Fisher “A Future for Israel?” (Authentic 2006) and came across this quote by an Arab Christian living in Israel, Naim Khoury:

“I believe we are so close to the end of time. In one sense, the trouble all around us really encourages me to keep going because what is happening is really a sign of the end – Jews returning to the land and the deserts blooming - that should tell us something. But if you don’t know the word of God, you see all these things and don’t understand what’s really happening! But the people who know the word of God understand that what is happening is not by chance or accident; God is gradually preparing for the second coming of Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords. Many of us are reading Isaiah 19:23-25 with excitement. Here is a prophecy that is yet to be fulfilled.”

*Isaiah 19:23-25:* <sup>23</sup>In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria. The Assyrian's will go to Egypt and the Egyptians to Assyria. The Egyptians and Assyrian's will worship together. <sup>24</sup>In that day Israel will be the third, along with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing on the earth. <sup>25</sup>The Lord Almighty will bless them, saying, “Blessed be Egypt my people, Assyria my handiwork, and Israel my inheritance.”

“Yes, the highway.....I believe that’s what’s going to happen – Egypt, Syria and Israel - in God’s time we’ll see the fulfilment of that prophecy”.

So when you hear of all the troubles in the Middle East revolving around Jerusalem, you need not be afraid, but be encouraged that you understand that these things must happen as a prelude to the Lord’s return

*Luke 21:24b, 27-28:* Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. <sup>27</sup>At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Martin Brown



We have been wanting to do two special things to celebrate our Golden Wedding:-

1. To get together with all our friends from Queensway Chapel, and that means all of you.
2. To raise some extra money for World Vision.

We have come up with the following idea:

One of those wonderful Soup, Bread, Cheese and Fruit lunches at Queensway on Sunday, 21 February. We will provide the food, and would ask you, if you will, to give a donation on the day for World Vision. We have also asked our non-Queensway friends to give a donation to charity.

Please, please, come and join us on that day. Let your housegroup leaders or us know, so that we know how much food to get.

If you can't survive without your weekend roast, perhaps Saturday would be a good day to have it!!!!!!!!!!!!

Barbara and Bryan Waller





**You are invited to help an  
old man celebrate getting  
his bus pass!!**

**Yes... Robin would love  
you to join him at  
Queensway Chapel on  
Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup>  
at 12:30pm  
For a celebration lunch.**

No presents.....only your presence!

RSVP to Sue Henderson by  
Thursday February 27<sup>th</sup>  
**01225 702808**

**or**

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