



For your diary and prayers

This week:	
Sunday	7.30pm Chip Crew
Wednesday	7.30pm Home Group 168 KEA
Thursday	Friends Together - Joy Barnes
Saturday	8.00am Prayer Breakfast

Sun. 7th March	Evening Communion
Mon. 8th March	Deacons' Meeting
Thurs. 11th March	Church Members' AGM
Sun. 14th March	Covenant Players sharing in Mothering Sunday Service Afternoon Drama workshops
Thurs. 1st April	Tenebrae service (this involves a very special communion service and the extinguishing of lights as Easter approaches)
Frid 2nd April	9.30am Meditation on the cross led by Paul Rycroft
Sat. 3rd April	Prayer Breakfast
Easter Day	Easter Day: All Age Celebration
Frid. 30th May	24 hour Talent event raising money for those going on a Soapbox trip.
Sat. 8th May	Wedding of Steve Ewen's daughter - Carolyn, to Craig
Sun 20th June	Community Celebration. As a church we are leading and encouraging a community day in league with Downsbrook school who are celebrating their 100th anniversary. Among our special guests this day we have got George Cole (who played Tony from "The Bill") and lots is being planned to make this something very exciting to faith.
	The start of our Camp Weekend
Frid. 16th July	The start of our Houseparty at Pilgrim Hall
Frid. 3rd September	Harvest Festival
Sun. 10th Oct.	



Please pray for what happens now that STL and its subsidiary, **Wesley Owen Christian Bookshop** has gone into liquidation. Dozens of companies and charities have yet to be paid, good Christian books and magazines have no easy outlet and we do not have anywhere to buy those lovely gifts, cards or books. Locally: please pray for all the staff who once worked in the Chapel Road shop - these are tough days for them. Let us also feel a sense of reasonability in that it is reported, only 10% of Christians ever went into a Christian bookshop.



BROADWATER BAPTIST CHURCH Newsheet



Okay, so it is not summer and the cold damp weather affects us all, but here is a Newsheet to cheer you up! There is news, updates, hopes and aspirations for some of the events we can look forward to as well as some special mission trips and activities that some of our folk will be engaged in.

Pilgrim Hall

A chance to get away and enjoy the lovely mansion house near Uckfield. Enjoy a relaxing swim, have fantastic home cooked food, stay up late chatting with friends or go off for a walk on your own. There's lots to do and you are invited to this church houseparty. See Barbara or Sandra today to secure your place.

Community Celebration
Sunday 20th June

Drama Workshop

You do not have to wait until all the daffodils are over. On March 14th we have our afternoon drama workshop. This will give every person who takes part in our services in any way to learn how to put the message over with more effect. Creative, fun, challenging and open to all.

Church Camp

Somehow it is doubtful if our church would be like it is today if it wasn't for our annual church camp! Not into camping - well try staying in the luxury house in the grounds. Plan to come, so make sure that you have booked the third weekend in July as a must. This year the theme will be Noah's Ark so expect some fun!



BIG Church Day Out

Sign up for your ticket. Last year everyone of us who went said it was "great" and thoroughly enjoyable. Come and enjoy classical strings music, or the latest loud praise songs, the beautiful grounds or just being part of something huge and really exciting.

Prayer area

At the end of the service, as a sign of re-commitment, please take toast and fish, or take a prayer or light a candle at the back of the church.

Malawi re-visited

14-26th August - Paul Rycroft off to Malawi. Was the roof fitted on our last build? Is the work progressing? How are some of the friends we made in 2008? These are some of the questions we send him with. We pray for Paul as he leads a new team and nearer the time look forward to more information.

Hannah Moore, who was on our Soapbox trip to Malawi, is working once more in Africa for an extended period of mission. She has just received the news that her Mum now has cancer and has asked for our prayers. To be so far away from a loved one at times like this can be very difficult.

3 Hills' challenge Jason, Stuart and their old Dad are undertaking a sponsored bike ride from Lands' End to John O'Groats (raising money for St Barnabas' Hospice) at the beginning of June. Reason for doing it: "Fun!" (well that is what Jason and Stuart say!)



Owen and Tony They are both committed to and actively showing love and care on a Friday night in town with the Street Pastors.

Gemma will be off on a Scripture Union Mission at the end of July. Working with a group of teenagers in Stockport, Cheshire she will be encouraging their faith as well as working alongside them running a children's Holiday Club. Gemma - we recognise your gifts and know that you are well suited to this outreach.

David and Linda are leading a Soapbox Mission Trip to Nepal. This will be a three week mission from the 30th October. While we were out there, Min-raj was keen for us to build a small church in a village down the valley, but he may have come up with another scheme before then. Before 1960 no Christian could talk about their faith in this Hindu country and there were reckoned to be less than 30 Christian believers. Now there are around half a million!

Lauren has now made a good start on her fundraising as she will be heading to Kenya in the summer. In that country there is an exciting growth of the Church with over four-fifths of the population claiming to be Christian, and Christians are found in every level of society. Pray that Christians may bring truth and moral uplift to the nation as it edges to the brink of political disaster with possible economic collapse and inter-ethnic conflict. Pray also for peaceful change and a democratic government, responsive to the deep needs of the people. Pray for Lauren as she continues her fundraising for her trip with Soapbox.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone for your love, prayers and good wishes on the safe arrival of Reuben. Also, an extra big thank you to Sarah and all those involved in our 'meals on wheels' - they have been a huge help.
Love Tracy, Haydon and Reuben x



Maureen and Richard send their appreciation to the fellowship for all the prayers and best wishes received in their recent bereavement.

Thanks to everyone who, on Friday night, helped raise over £400 towards Lauren's Kenya trip with Soapbox.

We think of **Sue, Del, Sandra, and Owen** - all of whom are in continual discomfort from either bad backs, hips or permanent headaches.

BMS BIRTHDAYS - MARCH

7th Derek Mansbridge 14th Audrey Rycroft 18th Lyn Edwards Richard Marshall
22nd Mr P Finch 23rd Steve Edwards 31st Jason Hill Gill Whelan

Please Note

There will be no newsheet next week as Sandra is busy compiling all the reports ready for the AGM.

For the month of March the Spiritual Discipline we will be hearing a lot about is "Fasting" - but please do not think it is just about our appetite for food. Watch the special Display board! That means that items from our special prayer table will be removed at the end of today - so please help yourself to anything from it, such as the prayer clocks or the lovely laminated prayer cards. Pray as you can!

Opening prayer

May our eyes be open to see Christ in truth;
our minds receptive to the Spirit in prayer;
our ears ready to meet God in worship.

Closing prayer

Lord we go from here refreshed and filled with Your love and with the knowledge that You will be with us in all that we do in Your name in the week to come and always. Amen.