

Broadwater Baptist Church

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We extend a welcome to everyone this morning and encourage you to stay for drinks after the service.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday 13th 10.30am Remembrance Day Service
3.30-8.30pm Christianity Explored afternoon together
- Thursday 17th 7.30pm Church Members' Meeting
- Sunday 20th 10.30am Service to include Infant Dedication for Leonard Eeles
- Sat 26th 3.30-5.00pm Pam and Julie's 70th birthday party
(please sing up if you are coming)
- Sunday 27th 10.30am Service lead by Paul and Chris and some of our young people
- Thur. 15th Dec. Christmas Lunch at The Wave Cafe
(please book your place early)

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

It is good that **Vicky** is back home after her spell in hospital and we continue to pray for her as she struggles with pain.

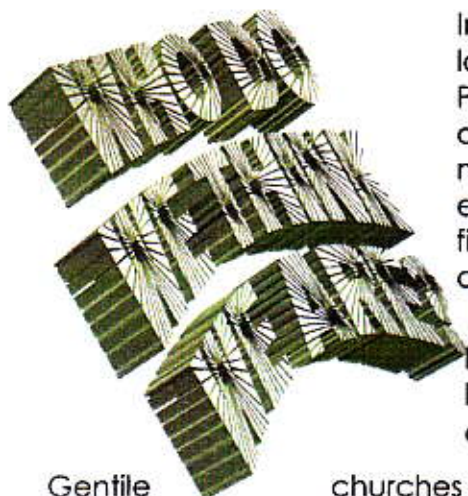
Sue Stender is going in for a very long and complicated operation this week and we send our love and prayers to her and all the family as they go into this difficult week.

We remember **Sue Walker** in our prayers as her mother died last week and she is involved with travelling to help her elderly father.

Daisy has been staying with Kellie and James after she started a job in Worthing and couldn't move into her new premises until last week. She has moved down from Chelmsford Baptist Church and we wish her well as she continues to find her bearings in our area.

We welcome **Bogden** to our fellowship - he comes from Poland and has been in England for 3 years. He is here because he came into the cafe and wanted to find out more about us. He is looking for work in the area and if you know of anyone looking for a worker, please see him or tell David so he can pass the message on.

We are missing **Lauren Cashman** and pray for her training in Exeter - we hope she will know the protection of Jesus around her at this time.



In the last few weeks we have been looking at the book of Romans. When Paul wrote this letter, he was probably at Corinth (see Acts 20:2-3) on his third missionary journey. His work in the eastern Mediterranean was almost finished (see 15:18-23), and he greatly desired to visit the Roman church (see 1:11-12; 15:23-24). At this time, however, he could not go to Rome because he felt he must personally deliver the collection taken among the

Gentile churches for the poverty-stricken Christians of Jerusalem (see 15:25-28). So instead of going to Rome, he sent a letter to prepare the Christians there for his intended visit in connection with a mission to Spain (see 15:23-24 and 15:24). For many years Paul had wanted to visit Rome to minister there (see 1:13-15), and this letter served as a careful and systematic theological introduction to that hoped-for personal ministry. Since he was not acquainted directly with the Roman church, he says little about its problems (but see 14:1 -- 15:13; cf. also 13:1-7; 16:17-18). The important content of this letter is to declare and explain that the Gospel has unifying power. There seems to be lots of small congregations and - it would appear - that there were issues of unity among them. We have now got to chapter 12 and a key word is "Therefore." We need to see this as a link word and how the Gospel moves us to offer to God all we have and are.

THIS WEEK

Today	6.00pm	Christianity Explored
	7.30pm	Chip Crew
Monday	1.00pm	Mary & Martha at 61 Offington Drive
Wednesday	7.30pm	Homegroup at 168 King Edward Ave.
	8.00pm	Homegroup at 32 Westbourne Ave.

BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME

May birthday blessings fall on you all on your special days!

11th Denise Muddle	14th Bethany Shrewsbury	
22nd Ellen Schofield	23rd Chris Muddle	26th Pam Brown