

Welcome to St. John's

7 February 2010

We exist as a church to lead people of all ages into a living relationship with Jesus Christ (New Life) and to help each person to live every day *with* him and *for* him (Full Life).

A very warm welcome to you! If you are new to St. John's do please introduce yourself to those around you and to one of the staff. Please pick up a Newcomer's pack from the Welcome table in the Foyer.

Today -

- 9.15 am 'Our Father in heaven' - Being children of God - R. Tulloch
- 11.00 am 'Our Father in heaven' - Being children of God - R. Tulloch
- 5.00 pm David Wilkinson farewell tea in the Conservatory
- 6.30 pm 'Live for something that outlasts life' - Attila Kovacs
& Commissioning of David Wilkinson with Wycliffe Bible Translators

David Wilkinson - David invites all who have agreed to support him while in Senegal to a farewell tea in the Conservatory this afternoon at 5.00pm. At the evening service the speaker will be Attila Kovacs from Wycliffe Bible Translators and David's Commissioning will take place during the service. Everyone welcome.

New series of sermons for the Spring - Today we begin our morning services learning from the 'Lord's Prayer' how to enjoy God and enjoy praying. In the evenings we begin a series called '12 Dead Men Speak to Us' - lessons from some Old Testament prophets for today.

Prayer Ministry Team - We are meeting at 5.00pm this afternoon in the Small Lounge for a training session with John Whittle.

Please Note ...

Half-term Holiday Club - help needed!

At half-term we are running a 3-day holiday club for those in school years 1-5. The dates are 15-17 February, meeting in the mornings. We need people to be involved in a variety of areas, from refreshments to group leaders and administrators. If you are interested in helping, please contact Guy on 849387 or Heather Prest on 888290.

St. John's First School

A quiz will be held on Thursday 11 February at 7.45pm at the school. Teams of up to 6 are warmly welcomed! Cheese and biscuits will be served and there will also be wine available. Tickets are £5 per person and the money raised will go towards supporting the school and the Pre-School, as well as the Haiti Emergency Relief fund. Please do come along! Tickets are available from the school office or Katie Turner on 885410.

Hymns of Praise

This service of your favourite hymns is planned for Sunday 28 February at 3.00pm followed by afternoon tea in the Conservatory. Please pick up a flyer from the Welcome table.

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on Wednesday 17 February and we like to mark the day by having a service of Holy Communion. Due to the children's holiday club taking place in the morning, the service this year will be at **4.00pm** in the Church, followed by refreshments.

Friday Coffee Lounge

The Friday Coffee Lounge outreach is a great success, which means the team needs five more people to go onto the rota. The morning is split into two shifts 9.30 - 11.00am and 11.00 - 12.30pm; therefore it would just be for 1 ½ hours once a month. If you are interested in this ministry, or for more information, please contact Jenny Parkhouse on 881220.

Justin and Georgie

Justin and Georgie were unable to fly to Damascus this week as planned because Georgie needed to have an operation for acute appendicitis. They will be staying in Wimborne until Georgie is well enough to travel. Please pray for a complete recovery.

Sunday Groups for Children and young people

All the groups for children and young people are meeting on Sundays 14 and 21 February. (However, Core and Fuse will not have their normal groups on Sunday 14 February).

Flyers and leaflets to collect ...

Bible-Reading Notes

On the table in the Foyer you will find some information about help with Bible-reading: the small booklet 'Open up the Bible'; an orange flyer (for adults); a leaflet prepared by Guy for children and families; and also details of how to obtain notes online with a sign-up sheet to register. On the bookstall in the Conservatory there are Bible-reading notes for all ages available to buy.

The God Confusion

On Saturday 13 March the London Men's and Women's Conventions are joining forces for a special event at the ExCel centre with Tim Keller, Rico Tice and Al Stewart as the speakers. Groups from St John's have been to the separate conventions in previous years and it is hoped to take a party again this year - and possibly to take invited friends with us. Please think and pray about this opportunity now and pick up the flyer from the Foyer. Contact Roger Peart on 840372 or rhpeart@tiscali.co.uk as soon as possible.

Global Action update

Please take the flyer from the Foyer with an update for prayer for all our mission partners from St. John's.

Christian business directory

Please take your free copy of the new Christian Business Directory from the back of the church. The Directory is a great way of supporting local Christian businesses. Each business in the Directory has signed a statement of faith and given a reference from their church leader to verify who they are. A number of people from St John's are in the directory, so please pick up a copy.

Prayers for persecuted Christians

Next Sunday and every second Sunday in the month people from St. John's meet at 5.30pm in the Church to pray for persecuted Christians around the world. All are welcome.

This Week

Mon 8th 10.00 am Tots & Toys in the Conservatory
6.30 pm New youth discipleship course in the Youth Lounge
7.45 pm Beth Moore course in the Conservatory

Tue 9th 10.00 am Bumps & Mums in the Foyer
4.00 pm Fitness Fun in the Hall
7.45 pm Third Day practice in the Church

Thu 11th **10.30 am Mid-week Holy Communion in the Church**
3.30 pm Xcite in the Youth Lounge
6.30 pm Youth Band in the Church
6.30 pm The Core in the Church Centre
8.00 pm Fitness Fun in the Hall

Fri 12th 9.15 am Church Prayer Meeting
10.00 am Coffee and cakes in the Youth Lounge
3.30 pm Fusion Café in the Youth Lounge
7.30 pm Fuse in the Youth Lounge

Sat 13th 7.45 am Church Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday

9.15 am Caring about our Father's reputation – Richard Tulloch
11.00 am Caring about our Father's reputation – Richard Tulloch
6.30 pm Hosea - 'All that glitters is not gold' – Paul Stanfield

Prayer Chain - This offers confidential prayer support over a period of stress or difficulty. Please contact Jim and Sheila Collins on 883802

Sermon Tapes - Please order tapes at the tape table. For information contact Brian Smale. A catalogue of tapes is available at the back of the Church.

Rotas for Sunday 14 February 2009

Flowers: Lynn Johnson
Coffee am: Doreen Hobson, Enid Heawood, Jean Lakins
pm: Joy Farmer, Lyn Atkins