

Notices

Mission of the month for April : Powerline

John & Mary Featherstone have been living and working in France for 20 years!! Further information is available at www.johnfeatherstone.com

GOOD NEWS: The Work Permit for Mark Buscombe has been granted!

Election results from the AGM:

Elder's election - **Robin Barnes** was elected to serve.

Deacons' election – **Sarah Wood, Tim Galley, Gordon Sigston and Roland Young** were elected

Just Asking? 23/4, 8pm , 18 Bessels Way, nibbles, drinks and informal chat bout Christianity.

Morning of prayer for Hope 08, Saturday April 26th, 09:00 till 12:00, BGBC. All welcome!

Pets Do you have a pet? - then bring it along to the all age service on the 27th April. Please let Graham Starling know what pet you will be bringing!

Come and be inspired!! Chomno In and his wife Kim from Cambodia Hope Organisation will be visiting BGBC on Sunday 4 May. There will be an opportunity to hear more from them both over lunch. Please sign up at the front of the church if you're able to stay for lunch.

Spring Workday, Saturday 10th May. 9.00 to 1.00.

Hope 08 prayer: There is a 24/7 prayer event for 1 week involving the churches of the town (11th – 17th May). It is based at Vine Evangelical Church and BGBC is overseeing it from midnight 11th May until midnight 12th May. If you can be there for one of these hourly slots please sign up on the sheets at the front of the church. Please find out more from Matt Young or Bridget Scott.

Baptism: The next baptismal service will be on Sunday 6th July in the evening, with baptismal classes starting during the week beginning 2nd June, please speak to Charlie if you are considering baptism and would like to attend the classes.

Membership: Are you a regular at Bessels Green but not yet a church member? please speak to Charlie about church membership, free sticker for the first 10 to respond!!

Money for Old Rope? Connect are looking for a suitable rope to be used for tug of war on the green. If you have any old rope you can spare, please speak to James Boyd or Tim Lane.

Sermon series:

Mornings: “The scandalous diamond.” The cross is scandalous, it causes division. It is also a diamond, having many sides to it. Over the coming weeks we will look at 4 different theories of the atonement, as found in Scripture and church history to hopefully give us a greater understanding of what happened on that “wondrous cross”. We will look at:

- 1: “The seriousness of substitution.”
- 2: “The value of victory.”
- 3: “The movements of morality.”
- 4: “The silencing of shame.”

Evenings: “They like Jesus but not the Church.” Many spiritual searchers say that they haven't got time for church but are interested in Jesus. Over 5 weeks we will listen to their concerns (both true and unfounded) and offer responses from Scripture. We will look at:

- 1: “The Church is an organised religion with a political agenda.”
- 2: “The Church is judgemental and negative.”
- 3: “The Church is dominated by males and oppresses females.”
- 4: “The Church is full of fundamentalists who take the whole Bible literally.”
- 5: “The Church is homophobic.”

Neil's Days off : April - 15, 18, 22, 25 & 29.

Charlie's Days off: Thursdays and Saturdays.

Family News

Congratualtions to Emma Clements and Will Godwin on their engagement!!

Lost Matthew Riches has lost a silver Casio watch. Keep a look out!

Change of email adres for Colin and Collette Gilbert:

colindgilbert@madasafish.com

Amendment to Directory Supplement for Damon & Michelle Large

14 Elizabeth Way, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 5AX

Directory Prayer Guide: We will be using the directory to pray on a regular basis for the BGBC family – This week please pray for....

David Causer

Carol and Andrew Chart

Valerie Clark

Emma Clements

Shona Clements

Information – Hope 08

Saturday 5th April	Young people's community action day
Saturday 26th April	Prayer morning, 9-12 noon, at BGBC
Wednesday 30th April	Marriage Course Party, 7:45pm at VEC
7 W'days from 30th April	Christianity Explored course at St Nick's
9-11th May	Pentecost Festival in London: local groups may go to this
11th May & following week	24/7 inter-church prayer week, based in upper hall of VEC
Bank Hol. Monday 26th May	Big community action day
Mondays 12/5, 19/5, 2/6	Parenting course at St Nick's
Sometime early summer	Rescheduled Dunton Green Fun Day
Saturday 28th June	Football tournament + food & activities for all the family
21st June – 6th July	Sevenoaks Festival: various churches to be involved
Monday 30th June	Mill Lane Gospel Choir concert at the Stag
Saturday 5th July	Young people's community action day, adults might join in
Saturday 2nd Aug	Re:Act, location TBC: family fun day biggest event of the year

Missed a service??? Remember the tape ministry – see Tim Shuttleworth

Information/News/Notices to reach Emma Trim by Wednesday evening please: emma.trim@talktalk.net or 01732 458509.

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BESSELS GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Living like Jesus and sharing Him with others to advance the Kingdom of God.



20th April 2008

Duty deacon: Gordon Sigston

A special welcome to our visitors!

Do stay for refreshments after the morning service. If you would like more information about us and our regular activities you will find a leaflet at the front/back of the church.

09.30 **Prayer Surgery** (in the sanctuary)

10.00 **Morning Service**

Series: The Scandalous Diamond

3. The movements of morality

Hebrews 12:1-3

Neil Durling preaching, **Charlie Ingram** leading

18.30 **Evening Service**

Series: They like Jesus but not the Church

3. The Church is dominated by males and oppresses females.

Neil Durling leading, **Charlie Ingram** leading

A creche is available in the old manse for children under 3.

Powerhouse is operating in the Hall - worship and learning for young people aged 3-13.

Theme: God makes sun, moon and stars (Genesis 1:14-19)