

And finally...

Paul tells us in his first letter to the Corinthians that we should be so connected in our church that if one part of our family suffers, we suffer with them; if another part is honoured, each one of us should rejoice with them too. (1 Cor 12:25-26)

You see, people come to church looking for light and warmth! High profile events, good preaching and music may bring them in, but relationships that *nurture* will keep them coming back. You can feel lonely in a crowd, even one that preaches love and shares the peace with everyone in every service!

People bring with them the wounds of their past, the struggles of their present, and the unspoken anxieties about their future. What they want to know is, "Will you love me as I am, even if I don't fit your mould and change as quickly as you'd

like me to?" Attitudes, structures and programs that are rigid can keep that from happening.

Jesus told His disciples, '...I have called you friends...' (John 15:15). What does that mean? Well many people are shy, distrusting, and relationally impaired, just like the disciples! Our mandate is to make 'friends' out of them, not just 'seat warmers', 'rota-fillers' and financial contributors. Many of those who come to church aren't looking for profound answers; they just want to feel cared for.

When that happens they open up to God's love and miracles take place....we *all* benefit from that.

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson

OH DEAR GOD.. please don't let anyone learn my LIFE IS A WRECK!



Playing CHURCH HIDE & SEEK is to hide your pain, fears, and failures instead of living | Cor 12:25-26

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If you have comments or contributions for the newsletter, please e mail news@broughtonchurch.org or speak to any member of the PCC



Welcome to Broughton Community Church

If you are visiting us for the first time you can find out more about who we are and what we do by looking at our notice board by the tea and coffee area or by visiting our website www.broughtonchurch.org

Today

All together worship – 10.30am

Today we will all join together for a shortened service to give thanks to God and to offer up prayers and praise for the people of this community and the world.

Prayer for all – 12.00pm

All are invited to join us after the service to pray for each other, our community and for God to be made known among us all

Impact – 6.00pm 'til 9pm

Impact Youth Event meets at **Southcourt Baptist Church** and aims to provide a place for all young people (age 11+) to meet together, make new friends, find space to think about life, God, community and be inspired into action!

From **6pm until 7pm**, enjoy a cafe atmosphere with snacks, drinks, creative activities and chilling out space. **From 7pm until 9pm** there will be a time of worship with great music and relevant bible teaching.

Aylesbury Churches Together Prayer Meeting – 6.00pm

This week **Broughton Community Church** is leading the town wide prayer meeting at the **Church of the Holy Spirit**, in Cambourne Avenue, **Bedgrove**. It runs from 6.30pm to 8.00pm but there will be refreshments served from 6.00pm.

All are welcome to join us after our morning worship for refreshments. If you need specific help the Prayer ministry team will be available after the service to offer confidential support and prayer



The week ahead

Tuesday

10.00am **Home Group** @ 13 Richmond Road. For more details please speak with **Sue Frankland**

7.30pm **Home Group** @ 68 London Road. Please speak to **Alison Corbould** for more information.

Wednesday

7.15pm **Youth Café**... drop in, chill out and take part in what God is doing in our community!

Friday

7.30pm **'Fridge'** is for young people in school years 7-9 who want to have fun and to keep their faith fresh This week they are meeting @ 37 Como Road.

Sunday 11th July

10.30am **Morning worship**

7.30pm **Prayer for all** – a time of prayer, fellowship and seeking God's will for our church. This week we're meeting at 64 Grenville Road

7.30pm **'Group'** – venue tbc.

Prayer Focus

The Bible tells us and shows us that we to pray – pray for those in authority and for the Kingdoms and rulers of the world, pray for the lost, pray for provision, pray for forgiveness, pray for God's will to be done, even pray for rain! But we are specifically instructed to pray for each other – constantly! So this week we are going to unashamedly pray for this family of Christ we call Broughton Community Church. Here are some points for your prayer...

- That our work in the Youth Café will continue to bear fruit
- That the lives of the people we have met through all the various ministries will be touched by the Gospel of Christ as seen at work in us
- That our hearts will be open to love the unlovable, serve the undeserving, give without hope of return, and abandon ourselves in worship
- That our eyes would be open to the Kingdom possibilities before us
- That our bodies would be strengthened in serving God's purposes
- That our minds would be renewed and freed from past wounds, inhibitions and bad habits
- That our leadership would have a spirit of boldness

We all know people who specifically need our prayer, but this week, commit each and every member of this church to God by name. That's right, sit down and bring to mind *every single member of our church!* The more you do it, the easier it gets!

News and Notices

News on the newsletter...

The BCC newsletter is an invaluable way of sharing news, focusing our prayers and communicating events. It now needs a new editor to take it forward.

Do you have a heart for the people of this church? Maybe you enjoy reading or writing? Maybe you want to do something completely different with this newsletter!

If you are anxious about getting to grips with this format, don't worry! Over the months that I have been running the newsletter, I have compiled lots of excellent resources and made several templates for content so all you would have to do to start with is slot in the words. On average it takes me just 2 hours a week to bring it all together. If anyone is interested in supporting this vital service to our congregation I would be more than happy to work with them to share whatever I have learnt and offer training on the computer software we use if you need it. Please prayerfully consider supporting the church newsletter... contact me if you are interested or want to know more about what it involves. Blessings, Tim.

Fun in the sun (the sequel...)

Time to limber up for BCC softball tournament and BBQ! It has been arranged for **Sunday 18th July** after the service. We will need to know how many people want to come along so we can order enough food. It would also be good to know how many will be taking part in the softball game so that Michael Lewers can have some idea about the teams. Spectators are of course very welcome! Please speak to **Julie Lewers** for more information.

Leading Lines

A message from the church leadership

A couple of weeks ago, the leadership of our church announced that we have committed as a church to running a series of **Alpha courses from September** in order to more deliberately share the Gospel and build relationships with the people we serve in our community. How will we support this?

Currently there are home groups meeting on Tuesday mornings and Tuesday evenings. We also run 'Captivating' and 'Wild at Heart' courses. The Leadership are asking all those involved in any of the above to pray and consider earnestly how they can gather to support this initiative by either hosting or leading an Alpha course. **The aim is to offer as many opportunities to our community as possible so we intend to offer Alpha groups on Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays. To deliver on this we need to identify the following as soon as possible:**

- **People who are willing and able to host a group at their home**
- **People to volunteer as leaders**

Speak to Mike, Julie or any of PCC if you have any questions or offers of help – contact details are overleaf.