

And finally...

Naming God

Times are hard... the world wide economy has never been so unstable. Time and again, politicians and commentators talk about staring in the face of possible economic ruin. What is the Christian response to these times? How do we live our lives as bearers of God's Name (His reputation)?

God spoke through Isaiah and many of His prophets saying we are to have a genuine concern for the poor, the foreigner, the orphan and the widow. We should all be looking at how we do that but not just in the way we give our money to good causes. Perhaps it really is time to be radical about poverty even here in this green and pleasant part of the UK?

Are we *aware* of the real extent of poverty in this country? Are we *prepared* to actively take part in the decisions that are being made now which will shape the future of generations to come? Anyone can put £5 in a collection tin, but who will *spend themselves* to speak out against injustice? Who will invest in the lost and secure them against the selfishness that so often accompanies austerity?

God's answer to all the above is simple. It's the image of the invisible God – Christ in YOU – that is the hope of glory. How will you be the radical, merciful, generous, open handed, bondage-breaking, Kingdom-bearing person of Christ today?

I would like to help, but my husband and I donate all our spare money to the cats and dogs home.



Contact us

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The Church leadership team (PCC)

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You can catch up with them after any service or email pcc@broughtonchurch.org

If you have comments or contributions for the newsletter please speak to Tim Curry on 581285 or e mail news@broughtonchurch.org



Sunday 27th June

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

Morning worship – 10.30am

Join us as we worship God in word and song. This week **Mike Butterworth** brings us his thoughts on 'The nation of Israel in God's plan today'

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

Tea and Company – 2.00pm 'til 4.30pm

Please join us to support this important ministry to the older people in our community. A number of our church family have worked hard to provide excellent refreshments and a pleasant opportunity to meet with others.

See **Julie Lewers** for details

Prayer for all – 7.30pm

We gather as a church to pray for each other, for our community and for the world. But we also pray to know God more and to invite Him into everything that we do as a church. This week we are meeting at 64 Grenville Road.

Group – 7.30pm

For young people in school years 10-13 who want to go deeper with God by discussing relevant issues and studying the Bible. **Venue TBC**

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 @ 23 Limes Ave. See **Lizzie Sadd** for details.

Sunday 4th July

10.30am **All Together worship**

6.00pm **'Impact'** – at Southcourt Baptist Church

6.30pm **Aylesbury churches together prayer meeting** – at Church of the Holy Spirit, Bedgrove

Prayer Focus

In the last of our **focus on God's creation and His provision** as a source of inspiration for our prayer life, this we conclude with a prayerful reflection on just about everyone's favourite topic – worry!

Do not worry about what you will wear or what you will eat – that is what Jesus said. Instead we are to seek first the Kingdom and everything else will follow because God knows what we need (see Mathew 6). To help us wrestle with that, here is some homework!

Write out a list of everything that worries you right now – money, job security, relationships, the future, anything! **Now put that list in an envelope** and seal it. **Write "God's business" on the outside** and place that envelope somewhere really visible around the house or at work.

Whenever you see it, simply tell God that you have sent Him a letter with some things for Him to take care of. **Ask Him to inspire you** and **remind you** of all He provides and let you know in whatever way He can, that **He is on the case**.

Jesus promised us that there will be troubles in the world but He also promised us that **He has overcome the world**. Take Him at His word as you pray and invite God to show you every day how He is at work in your worries. Please remember as you pray for your own concerns those members of our church who are in need of hope and restoration right now

Carol Botwright
The Curry Family

Mike Butterworth
Antony Golding

Alison Corbould
Ivan & Frances Parsons

Peter Worrell & family

News and Notices

Summer rota

Can *everyone* in the church family look to see what they can do to support our family as we gather to worship over the holiday period July through to September? Please speak to **Sue Becker** as soon as possible, particularly if you normally help but will be away for any of the above period. As ever we are always on the look out for people to welcome folk to our church, make refreshments after the service, operate the projector or just help set up or put away.

Anyone missing..?

If you have noticed that someone has not been in church for a while, why not pick up the phone and give them a call – see how they are? It might be that they have been on holiday but perhaps they need to hear right now how much they are loved and appreciated.

Junior Church Team Meeting

All members of the Junior Church Team are invited to attend a meeting at **7.45pm on Monday 28th June** at **Carol Botwright's** house - 83 Eight Acres, Tring.

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**

It is possible that you think you have nothing to offer. The Bible tells us that this is not what God thinks nor is it what the leadership of this church thinks. We believe that God has already placed the future of this community in our hands and in our hearts so please consider prayerfully and carefully what you can bring as your sacrifice of praise to our God who has already prepared good works for us to do. **Speak to Mike, Julie or any of PCC** if you have any questions or offers of help – contact details are overleaf.