Hmmm...it's my birthday on Wednesday and as I missed the Family Service last week, no-one knows! - Oops!

Wow, another year has just zipped by, inching ever closer to a half century. I find that difficult to believe! Of course this birthday only marks the moment I appeared. Mum used to say she didn't even know I was on the way until just a couple of months before I was born! But even that wasn't the start of me (probably around May 1962 I guess).

But this wasn't just a human act, it was the Lord who created me! He knit me together in my mother's womb (Psalm 139) and He created me in His image (Genesis 1v26). Like Him, I know, feel and will. Like Him I know the difference between right and wrong and like Him I have a spirit and my spirit speaks to God and His Spirit speaks to me. I really am fearfully and wonderfully made! (Psalm 139 again).

But hang on. My beginning wasn't in May '62 nor Feb '63 but in fact God loved me before the creation of the world (John 17). Pardon? Yes that's right! God loved me before the creation of the world! And He didn't only love me, He also chose me before the creation of the world! (Ephesians 1:4) Fantastic! But just a minute . . . He chose me to be holy and blameless in His sight. Who can claim that I wonder? Ahh, I see! 'In love He predestined us to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will— to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the One He loves. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding' (Ephesians 1:3-8). So I wasn't just born a person but I've been adopted as His son through Jesus Christ who, while we were still sinners, died for us, demonstrating God's love for us (Romans 5) and forgiving my sin.

So I don't need to worry then that no-one at church knows its my birthday on the 11th since God knows and has in fact known since before I was born and even before the creation of the world! And not only that, but He has adopted me into his own family! Oh and of course the church is also my family so I guess they probably do all know after all!

Thank you Father - thank you Jesus. Amen

Keith Holmes
Responsible Person for Sunday

9.30am Service - Ian Thornton
11.00am Service - Ian Thornton
6.00pm Service - Erik Undritz

February:

Wednesday, 18th February
Monthly Prayer Meeting
As per usual Liz and Charles Norman's house at 31 Stratford Road 10-11am. There will be half an hour of prayer followed by half an hour of fellowship over a cup of tea / coffee. Could you please pass any prayer requests to Liz by Tuesday afternoon!

Liz Norman

Saturday, 21st February
Dad's, Lad's, Lads & Dads and all things generally male!
(See opposite page for details!)

Peter Downing

Sunday, 22nd February
Sunday Lunch
If you enjoy good food and good company, then you should sign up to the very popular Church Sunday Lunch, which will be held at 12:30pm. Please let Di Otto or Erik Undritz know if you would like to come. Places are limited, so don't leave it too late.

Di Otto

Correction:
In the last edition of the Notice Sheets under “Minutes Summary of Leadership Meeting” the newly created team to look at corporate prayer stated Liz Norman as part of this team. This should have read Liz Francis. Our apologies to Liz and Liz.
**Notices**

**Parenting Course**
Can you please let me know if you are interested in the parenting course which is currently being considered. The “Family Time” course covers from toddlers to 11 year olds but we wouldn’t exclude parents of younger or older children wanting to take part. We hope to start this course as soon as possible! Please email me or call me.
(If I am out, please leave a message with your telephone number and I will get back to you).

*Jan Undritz*

**You couldn’t make it up**
Calling all parents . . .
If you have any funny or interesting anecdotes about your child or children which we could use during the parenting course or a story about how you overcame a certain situation within your family, I would very much appreciate receiving them. Many thanks

*Jan Undritz*

**well_street@six**

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**Crumpets and Cakes**

*Sunday 8 February 2009 available from: 5.30 pm*

The newly formed *well_street@six* team have recently met and felt it would be good to occasionally do some social events as part of the evening service to help people get to know each other better.

Please come along and share crumpets and cakes before the service. If you’re new, this is an excellent way for you to get to know people in the service.

Any queries, please contact

*Melanie Goddard*

**Coming up . . .** Family outing to see an Ice Hockey Match—details to follow
**Notices continued**

**New Start**
You will all have read in the church magazine an article by Rev Claire Wood about providing housing in Buckingham for those in need. Of course Claire has now moved on and so if anyone wants any further information or would like to be involved can talk to me.
The article first appeared in *The Spire* in December 2008.

*Stephen Townsend*

**Children’s Group Notices**
Adventurers house group (Wed 11th) will be practicing puppets for the sleepover at SS Peter and Paul at 7 - 8pm. All in Y4-Y6 welcome, but its better for this session if you are coming to the sleepover.

Praise party for all in YR-Y6 followed by sleepover for those in Y3-Y6 NEXT Fri 13th Feb 6.00 - (7.30pm) and 9 am. Its your chance to join in, have fun, play games and whatever else gets planned, and maybe some sleep! Speak to Caroline for more details

21st Feb 3.30 - 5.00 in Church is Messy Church for all younger families. Come and get messy with pancake mixture as we begin to get thinking about why we have Lent. And maybe make something for mothers day too! Please bring a frying pan with you too! If there is anyone around who can help make pancakes then please do let me know. Thanks.

*Caroline George*
Your opportunity to discover how you can play a part in fulfilling Well Street’s Vision.

Come and:
look
listen
ask questions
talk to someone
discuss

over food and drink

Friday 27th February 8pm – 10pm
Saturday 28th February 10am – 12 noon
Dad's Lad's and anyone male!
Saturday 21st February at Well Street!

Come to our 08.30 Breakfast (out and back to bed before 10.00)
Just £2.50 (1/2 price under 11's) for ten items plus as much tea & coffee as you can drink. Spread the word through young and old alike - this is a breakfast for the boys!

Bookings must go through Erik in the Church Office
with payment in advance to assist with catering

Any extra monies will carry over to the next event. Book now to avoid disappointment. For further details contact: Pete or Matt Downing

Your Youth Team Needs You!
The youth team is looking to grow the number of housegroups we can offer. We would love to be able to offer more housegroups to the young people – particularly those in years 7-9.
We have also launched discussion groups as a follow up to the recent Youth Alpha course. However, both of these need people to help run them and we don’t have enough people currently on the team.
If you think you can help with either of these then please come and speak to me.
Thank you
Nick Francis

Spare room??
Do you have a spare bed on Wednesday nights? A friend of mine (a lovely Christian lady) who lives and works in Reading has to come to Buckingham for meetings each Wednesday and finds the round trip quite tiring. If you feel you could help please contact the church office.
Ros and Alan Bird
(Ros & Alan were formerly at Well Street and Alan is now the minister at Whaddon Way Baptist Church.)
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