



CHURCH NEWS

Well Street United Church

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Welcome: Whether you are visiting us for the first time or have been with us for years, we extend a very warm welcome to you. If you want to know more about us, just chat to us over coffee/tea after the service, ask for a Welcome Booklet or visit our website at www.wellstreetchurch.org.uk

Sunday 20th August

Lace Hill Academy

Sunday 27th August

Using Your Gifts

10.30am

Living Stones

Romans 12:1-13

John Boxwell



1 Peter 2:4-10

Tim Edworthy

For the Summer holidays our **Childrens' groups** (from the age of 3 upwards) will meet altogether. Please follow the crowd. Over the summer we have been following the faith journey of Peter—today he climbs a mountain and sees Jesus in his full glory! Chris and Bev are leading today.

Crèche—unfortunately we are not able to provide crèche facilities for the under 3's over the Summer holidays. However, there are toys at the back of the church and we invite your baby/toddler to play with them under your supervision.

Bible Based·Enjoyable·Safe·Trusting

Preaching at other congregation

20 August 10.30 Jenny Boxwell at Towcester Methodist
27 August 10am Jenny Boxwell at Silverstone Methodist
10.45 Ann Beasley at Bicester Methodist
11 am John Boxwell at Thornborough Methodist
6pm John Boxwell at Steeple Claydon Methodist

Church office from 21st August– 29th August

The church office will be closed next week as Tim and I will be on holiday. Any Pastoral concerns please contact Margaret Kentish.

The next Newsheet will be 3rd September

Wendy

Church Refurbishment

Refurbishment in the church has started!
The new lights have been fitted—wow what a difference!
The carpet is being fitted during the coming week and the all work should be completed by Friday 1st September.

How can you serve?

Please could you help by stacking the chairs after the morning service on 20th August.
Thank you to all our set up team and those who serve in various ways on a Sunday morning. We give thanks to God for you.
If you would like to serve God on a Sunday morning please do sign up on the rota on the Welcome Desk or speak to a member of the Welcome Team, an Elder, Tim or Wendy

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The next **Network Lunch** will be at Thornborough Methodist Church on **Tuesday 22nd August**
It will be a BBQ and I would like your names as soon as possible especially if you need transport.
The cost will be the same (£5-00) and we start at 12-30pm
My number is 812329 and I look forward to hearing from you **Enid Hodges**
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Traidcraft: fighting poverty through trade: The next Traidcraft stall will be after the service on September 3. The new catalogue is now out: come and have a look! Honey is also reduced for quick sale.

Buckingham Churches Holiday Club 2017

Thank you for your prayers for Holiday Club. We had a great week despite the weather! We had about 140 children each morning and 25 young people in the afternoons. Please continue to pray for the children that they may have the desire to know more about Jesus.

Wednesday 6th September 12.30pm—Network Lunch

If you would like to join us for our September Network lunch please do contact me. Cost £5. Our speaker will be Margaret Gateley sharing about Fairtrade. My number is 812329 and I look forward to hearing from you **Enid Hodges**

Sunday Lunch: our next lunch will be on **Sunday September 10.**

Do come along and enjoy a traditional 2 course meal together with friends. Cost is £5. Please give your name to Ros Hutt asap, as places are limited. Please also confirm any special dietary needs. *Sheila Handley and Margaret Gateley*

Our Student Youth Worker

For the past two years, we have been blessed to have Cameron as our student youth worker, combining his studies at Oasis College with a placement at Well Street.

Cameron has decided, for personal reasons, to take a year out from his studies. In the coming year, he intends to continue working with our young people as a volunteer. He will still be involved in leading Youth Life Group, Chill'n'Chat and Inferno on Sunday mornings, as well as generally supporting our young people.

All being well, Cameron will return to his studies in September 2018. He hopes to work his final year placement with us.

I am sure you will wish to support Cameron with your prayers and your encouragement, as he continues to serve our young people.

Tim

Pray for Cameron, Dom, Angus, Ollie and Ellie as they head off to Soul Survivor .

Joanna is also off to Soul for 2 weeks as a volunteer.

Men's Curry Night Returns!

All men are welcome to come for a curry (alternatives are available) at the Buckingham Fort Indian Restaurant on **Wednesday 13th September** starting at about 7.45pm. No formality just a chance to meet each other over a meal.

Interested? then contact Graham Kentish to book your place. Friends/relatives are welcome.

email grahamkentish@btinternet.com
tel [01280 813420](tel:01280813420) mob/text [07764171006](tel:07764171006)

Explorers

Explorers is our midweek children's group. We meet at our premises at Well Street on a Thursday evening from 5.00pm.

We start the evening off with a hot snack followed by games, bible story, craft, age related discussion, and worship! For many of our children this is 'church' as they do not go with their families on a Sunday. If you would like to be part of this please do speak with either Katy Morris or myself. It has been a challenging year but we have been encouraged as we watch the children grow in their knowledge and love of Jesus! Pray that we may see growth through children wanting to learn more about Jesus after attending Holiday Club.

Wendy Edworthy

New addresses:

Clay, Sam, Alex, Emilie and Bella have now moved into their new home. They have asked us to pray for them as they seek a new church family. New address:

*319 Colorado Trl
Browns Mills, NJ 08015
United States*

Will, Rosie, Nathan and Ellie Fenwick have moved to Buckingham! New Address:

5 Mare Leys, Buckingham, MK18 7AY



Sunday 3rd September

'God is with us'

Jonah

Worship with us as we come together as whole church united in love as a community of God's people.

As part of our worship we take up an offering . If you are visiting please feel under no obligation to give. If you are a regular worshipper please speak to Panos as to how you can give by direct debit and also about Gift Aid if you are a tax payer.

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News for Emma Podmore

Hi everyone,

I hope everyone is well, I am writing to you with some exciting news, a new newsletter/blog is coming soon but first I wanted to share some news with you. I have tried to summarise it as much as possible what God has been doing in my life over the last few months, if you want to know more please feel free to contact me, I also would value your thoughts and prayers, so here it is:

Since coming back from the UK, God has been doing a lot in my life. I started attending a new church called Freedom Kampala, which has been birthed from Freedom church in Hereford in the UK. I loved the church and it's the only place I have found which had felt like home since leaving the UK over 4 years ago. I love the church's values and what they stand for, their mission statement is connecting anyone everywhere to a relationship with Jesus.

Since being in Uganda I feel I have grown so much in my faith and have had opportunity to grow deeper in my relationship with the Lord and have been challenged about church and what church should look like. I've started to grow passionate about church being in the every day, not just an event on Sunday's. In my role in Rev Life the Lord has increased my passion in wanting to minister to people and I have found myself becoming more passionate in this area.

This is my fifth year on the mission field and I was asking the Lord what is next, staying in Uganda or maybe going back to the UK as I want to settle down, get a job and maybe looking into adoption. In May I went to a conference at church and God, I had these things on my mind and I felt God clearly speak to me through a number of talks; he reminded me that he called me to the nations, he reminded me that he had told me that he had not called me to one place for a long time but to go many places like the disciples and share the love of Jesus! God also reminded me that following him and walking into his fullness requires sacrifice. God showed me that he had been asking me to sacrifice settling down, stability and security to move again to continue his work.

At the conference they explained they were planting a church from the Kampala campus in Kigali Rwanda, as I listened to the video about Rwanda and their vision to plant a church that would be similar to the style of church in Acts, building relationships, doing church in houses, meeting people where they are at. I felt my heart jump, my spirit was stirred and I felt the Lord tell me I needed to go as that is where he wants me next. I have only felt this feeling once before which is when God called me to Africa back in 2008 to work with child soldiers.

I initially felt confused about this as I did not want to move again to another country and I did not feel ready, also this church is new to me. Also the application process was due to close in a few days. However I spoke and prayed through this with the people I am spiritually accountable too and the pastors here in Kampala. I had a word that Uganda was always a stepping stone to something else. I also felt the Lord tell me that he has been breaking my heart for victims, and in Rwanda there are many victims of the genocide and although it happened over 20 years ago and on the surface everything looks healed and good underneath there is still brokenness and a lack of joy, they need Jesus and that's what God wants me to do, help bring Jesus to them. I did not apply but I met with the pastors here in Kampala, they heard my story and encouraged me to apply despite the process being closed and them already having chosen a team, they felt that God was doing something, I applied and had an interview, they took time to pray and then offered for me to come and join the team in Kigali in January. I have accepted the offer as I feel the Lord has clearly opened the doors and made a way. I feel like this is the direction he is leading me and I want to be obedient and step into it despite how scary and difficult it may seem.

The initial team will go out in September (but we all felt that was too soon for me as I needed to finish well in Uganda and get more involved in the church in Kampala). The team will be planting a church but it is church that represents church as described in the acts, it will be a ministry of sharing Jesus' love to people who are hard to reach in the everyday through relationships etc. It is unknown what this will look like to everyone at the moment and as a team we are praying for vision and trusting God. Like I said above, I think God has been preparing me for this, he is wanting me to pray with people, counsel people, disciple people bringing Jesus to them. I feel that my gifts that I started to develop at well street such as preaching, discipling, prophecy are going to be used, as they really have not been used that much since being in Africa but I believe God had prepared me for such a time as this. I also feel that my social work skills which have continued to be shaped and developed working in different cultures will be used.

I never went to Rev Life to stay forever, I went to train and equip local people in the knowledge and skills which I feel I have done. All the projects I've been working on will be completed by December and there are now people on the team with the knowledge, skills and expertise needed.

My plan for the next 6 months is to be more involved with Freedom (which I have been anyway) helping at Street church and with the youth team as well as getting to know them better and finishing my work at Rev Life. I will also be looking at other organisations I could volunteer with in Kigali, ones that may be good connecting with the church planting but I know I may need to have other things to fill my time, I would not work as I feel the Lord has still called me to be a missionary and give my time and skills and I believe what other organisations I get involved with will be beneficial to the work the Lord is doing through our team in Kigali. I would still be requiring funding as all the team members are self funded.

This is a big step for me, going into ministry instead of relying on just a practical skill but really using and developing the spiritual gifts the Lord has given me as well as having to move Countries again and start again building and developing relationship and sacrificing settling down. I know that I always have a choice and that the Lord will use me whatever I do and He will always love me but I want to be obedient to him and I want to step in his fullness. I trust him that he knows 100 percent what is best for me and so I am going to take a step of faith and walk into what he has for me even when that requires sacrifice.

I would love your continued support as I move on to the next step of this amazing journey. I encourage you to check out Freedom Church website: www.freedomchurch.cc I really value your input, thoughts, prayers and opinions, so please let me know what you think....also let me know how I can pray for you

I value your ongoing support and could not do this without any of you

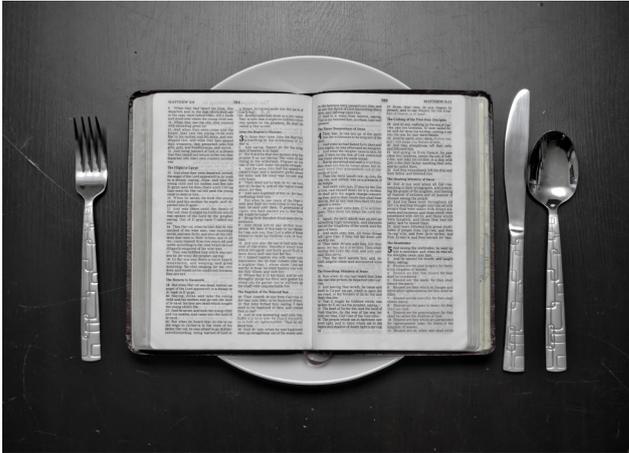
Love em x

A Day of Prayer & Fasting for Well Street United Church

Friday
1st September
2017

Our Methodist partners are calling churches to a Day of Prayer and Fasting, and we thought it would be good to join in.

You may wish to explore this link for more details and ideas about fasting: <http://www.methodist.org.uk/prayer-and-worship/a-day-of-prayer-and-fasting>



'Fasting can truly become a spiritual discipline, however, as an aid to prayer (eg Psalm 35:13; Daniel 9:3; Acts 14:23). Although there are many ways to pray (adoration, confession, thanksgiving, intercession etc), the spiritual reality behind all authentic prayer is practising the presence of God. Prayer is about being attentive to the presence of God in all the circumstances of our lives, and becoming more responsive to the leading of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. Fasting helps bring this focus to our prayers.'

We invite you to:

Start the day with breakfast wherever you are! Yes, really!

8.00-9.00 am Join us for prayer in our Well Street building

12noon –2.00pm Drop-in for more prayer if you can, or pray where you are, taking the time that would normally be given to eating.

7.00-8.00pm Pray and give thanks at Well Street for what God has been saying

8.00– 9.00pm Break our fast with fish and chips at Well Street

Not that difficult, is it? Missing one meal.

Not that much to ask, is it? Devoting a day to pray for our church and community in the coming year..

We will send you some ideas for prayer nearer the day. Meanwhile, you might like to ponder on this verse that the Lord gave me recently:

'Sow righteousness for yourselves, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unploughed ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, until he comes and showers his righteousness on you.' (Hosea 10:12).

Tim

NB It is just possible that the main part of the church won't be available on 1st, due to renovations. In that case, we will use the upper room.

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