


This week @ a glance

Life Groups meet on Tues, Wed & Thurs evenings & Wed morning, see Dave S or Christine S for details.



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| Mon | 9.00am | Staff meeting & prayer @ Forefront | |
| Tues | 10.30am | Bible Study @ Forefront | |
| Wed | 9.30am 10.30am | Prayer meeting @ Forefront Coffee & Co @ Forefront | |
| Fri | 2.00pm 7.30pm | Ladies coffee & chat @ Monks Yard. Contact Carol for more info 220925. 180° - Music workshop with Nick @ Forefront. Please bring instruments – 9pm finish. |  |
| Sun | 10.00am 10.30am 3.00pm 6.30pm | Prayer before the service in the cafe area. Morning service @ the Guildhall. United service @ Chard Methodist Church Communion @ Bruce & Jackie's house | |

Dates for the diary...

- **Baptism service** – postponed until April
- **Messy Church @** Chard Baptist Church, Thurs 26 Jan, 3.45pm.
- **Mens' drinks @** Wetherspoons, Fri 27 Jan, 8pm.
- **Back to Church Sunday @** the Guildhall, Sun 29 Jan, 10.30am.
- **Christianity Explored course** starting in February – more details to follow.
- **Life group leaders meeting @** Forefront, Mon 6 Feb, 7.45pm

Bunk bed available – including mattress & cupboard underneath, suitable for +6yrs. It's been dismantled, see Paul Druce for more details.

Also a single bed – with headboard. Contact Forefront.

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Welcome to forefrontcommunitychurch

Sunday 15 January 2012

Our service today will be led by *Tom Smith*. *Andrew Conlan* will be speaking on *Living in the Community: Living generously*.

The children and young people will be leaving early in the service for their groups, Crèche (helpers: *Alison Rowe & Sue Druce*), & Bubbles groups are downstairs; Splash, X-Stream & 180° are upstairs. They will all rejoin us later in the service.

Going Deeper, our new 3rd Sunday teaching service, will start 19 February.

Updating the contact sheet – to aid this process please can **everyone** check the paper copy on the back table today, make any necessary corrections and then put a tick next to their name so I know it's been checked. When it is ready it will be given to all those named on it – church members. If you would not like your contacts details publicised in this way please let me know. Thanks Christine Smith.

'Combe Street days' display

As you know we're organising a special service, 29 Jan 2012, to invite people *Back to Church*. At the service one of the things we would like to do is to have a display of 'Combe Street days'. If anyone has old photos etc. that they could lend please let Christine or Andrew know and make sure everything is clearly labelled so we can get it back to you easily afterwards. Thanks.

Visitors

If you are a visitor here this morning, welcome! We pray that you have an enjoyable time with us. If you would like to know more about us or other activities that happen during the week please speak to one of the Connect Team, who should have met you on your way in. We'd be grateful if you could also take the time to sign our visitors book.
Thank you.

| PRAYER DIARY – PLEASE PRAY FOR | |
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| MONDAY | ... the Open the Book assembly at Chardstock today. |
| TUESDAY | ... Kev & Dorit Stuckey & the work of SWYM. Pray for the trainees back on their placements after the training conference last week & the staff team. Pray they will all know fresh encouragement & passion for God & those they are serving. |
| WEDNESDAY | ... the decisions being made over the appointment of the new leadership team. |
| THURSDAY | ... the Open the Book assembly at Tatworth today & the Chard Churches Together AGM tonight. |
| FRIDAY | ... Mike & Su Strange & family. Their daughter Rosie & daughter-in-law Emily are both in hospital – please pray for swift recoveries & wisdom in the treatment & after care. |
| SATURDAY | ... those invited to the Back to Church service. |
| SUNDAY | ... Sue Clarke in Sierra Leone. Praise God that the team is working well together in SL – a good atmosphere, sense of appreciation of each other & a new openness. Also pray for Sue's trip to Tanzania to meet with senior leaders of the organisation in Africa. Pray for a pooling of ideas to use more efficiently & effectively the charity based funds at their disposal. |

LIFE Exhibition – can you help? The exhibition is running from 13-21 March. Volunteers are needed to help with set up (Tues 13) and set down (Wed 21), welcoming the school parties / making drinks (Wed 14 – Tues 20), and manning one of the four 'zones' (Wed 14 – Tues 20).

You do not have to commit to helping all week but it would be helpful if you could commit to one morning and one afternoon. There is a **sign up sheet at the back today** to say what you would be available to do and when. There will be a training day for all volunteers on Sat 11 Feb, 9.30am - 12noon at St Mary's. Speak to Andrew Conlan for more info.

Can anyone help... giving lifts to and from services on Sunday mornings? Please speak to Christine Smith.

At the back today...prayer letters from Becky Simpson, Mike Strange & Eunice Burden.

Street Pastor news

Following the recruitment drive at the end of last year four new Street Pastors have been appointed Wendy Green from Forefront, Peter Yaxley from Chard Baptist, Gill Francis from Chard Methodist and Bill Love from the Church of the English Martyrs in Chard. They have just started their training. There will be a commissioning service in March (TBC), which will also mark the first year of Street Pastors in Chard.

There is a minor downside however, two of the new Street Pastors are currently Prayer Pastors so this has put a bit of an extra strain on the Prayer Pastor rota. Therefore we asking for people to consider getting involved in this vital work and joining the team praying at the Street Pastor base on Saturday nights. There is flexibility to do 'half' a shift 21:45-00:00 if you don't feel able to do a whole one (until 02:00) and refreshments are available. This is a really great opportunity to stand side by side with Christians from other churches in Chard and the surrounding area and pray for our town and its people – don't miss out! See Wendy Green for more details.

A free ticket for the Christian Resources Exhibition

25-26 Jan, Westpoint Arena Exeter, is available. Contact Carol Simpson.

December offerings and gifts amounted to £2926.39 with a further £1584 being given by standing order. During the last quarter of 2011 we were able to send the following mission gifts:

David Herring £120 Graham Loader £120 SWYM £300
 Mike Strange £210 Alex Banfield-Hicks £300 Eunice Burden £120
 Ken Barrett £210 Project Romania £150 + £60 (children's offering).

The children's collection has collected more than our regular standing order to Project Romania during the year so the children have been able to give an extra £224!

Thanks for the mission gifts

Mike and Su Strange say, 'Please will you pass on to all in the fellowship our heartfelt thanks for their support.', and Graham Loader says, 'Please do convey my deepest appreciation to the church for the loving and generous gift...you have stood with us over many years and it is not taken for granted.'