

This week @ a glance

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



Mon	9.00am	Staff meeting & prayer @ Forefront
Tues	10.30am	Bible Study @ Forefront
Wed	9.30am 10.30am	Prayer meeting @ Forefront Coffee & Co @ Forefront
Thurs	3.45pm	Messy Church @ the Baptist Church
Fri	7.30pm 8.00pm	180° - Alpha night @ Forefront. 9pm finish Men's drinks @ Wetherspoons
Sun	10.00am 10.30am	Prayer before the service in the cafe area. Back to Church Sunday @ the Guildhall.



Dates for the diary...

- **Baptism service** – postponed until April
- **Life group leaders meeting @** Forefront, Mon 6 Feb, 7.45pm
- **Christianity Explored course Intro evening** – Wed 8 Feb
- **Training for Life Exhibition @** St Mary's, Sat 11 Feb, 9.30am
- **Strictly Barn Dancing** – coming soon!

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.

A free ticket for the Christian Resources Exhibition

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

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Welcome to forefrontcommunitychurch

Sunday 22 January 2012

Our service today will be led by *Paul Brazier*. *Derek Burnside* will be speaking on *Living in the Community: Working Together*.

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

Tom is preaching this evening, 6.30pm at Chelston Chapel, nr Wellington

Later today... **United service @** Chard Methodist Church, 3pm
Communion service @ the Graves' home, 6.30pm

Christianity Explored invites are here!

(See inside page for more about the course). We would like to do an invite drop in Chard to publicise the new course but we need your help! If you could offer to deliver invites to your road/part of road we could cover a good part of Chard and the surrounding area. If you would be able to help with this please take as many invites as you need and tell us where you are delivering by filling in the sheet on the back table so there is no duplication! Please also be praying about anyone else you can invite and particularly for the intro evening on Wed 8 Feb. Thank you.

Insert today... Church weekend booking forms – your last chance to book up for the weekend of the year! **Please return by Sunday 12 Feb.**

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	
MONDAY	... the Lord's Larder committee meeting today & particularly for families that have been helped since Christmas. Also for the Open the Book assembly at Redstart school today.
TUESDAY	... good health for Eunice Burden in Thailand. Also pray for her friend Achara, for provision in all her needs including a job & peace while she waits on God
WEDNESDAY	... the OTB assembly at Winsham today.
THURSDAY	... Messy Church, the first one of the new year.
FRIDAY	... the Men's drinks tonight – friendship building.
SATURDAY	... those invited to the Back to Church service.
SUNDAY	... Mike & Su Strange & the family. Praise God Rosie is now out of hospital. Please pray as she continues to have tests, for wisdom in her diagnosis.

The LIFE Exhibition – 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.

'Combe Street days' display

As you know next week is *Back to Church Sunday*. 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.

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.



One life – What's it all about?

The Christianity Explored course gives time and space to think about the big questions of life as well as providing a chance to explore the life of the person at the heart of the Christian faith – Jesus Christ.

The course runs over 7 evenings with plenty of time to ask any questions and for group discussion. The introductory evening is on Wed 8 Feb and includes a buffet meal. Places for the introductory evening can be booked by phoning Forefront Centre 01460 66080 or e-mailing the church office on office@forefront.org.uk. If you attend the introductory evening there is no obligation to attend the full 7 week course. Please use the invitations on the back table to invite people.

Prayer Pastors needed - You could be involved in the vital work of the Street Pastors by joining the team that pray at the base each Saturday night. Each Prayer Pastor commits to approx one week in four, praying at base from 21:45-2.00, although there is some flexibility if people only feel able to do 'half' a shift 21:45-00:00. 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.

Street Pastors Prayer - On Mon 30 Jan a group from the different churches in Chard will be meeting to pray for the work of Street Pastors and for Chard. They are meeting outside the Baptist Church at 7pm and will be taking a short walk around the town centre pausing briefly at different points to pray silently. If you would like any more specific info please contact Terry Field, one of the Street Pastor management team on terry@thfield.eclipse.co.uk.

Requests for help - Dave Sutcliffe and Ben Grave were in town last Saturday asking people what they thought of church. They met Nina Al-Temimi, a lady who volunteers in the British Heart Foundation shop in town. She asked if there is anyone in the church who...

- would like to volunteer in the BHF shop in Chard?
- would like to do some childcare work? A couple of hours each day after school looking after her well-behaved son (11yrs), who goes to Tatworth school, & helping him with his school work until she returns from work. If you can help, contact her on 0771 5312097.