

## This week @ a glance



Life Groups meet on Sun, Wed & Thurs evenings & Wed morning, see Dave Sutcliffe or Christine Smith for details.

### Monday

7.45pm Sunday School meeting @ Ness Sutcliffe's house

### Tuesday

10.00am Parents & toddlers @ Crowshute

10.30am Coffee & Co @ Forefront

### Wednesday

9.30am Prayer meeting

10.30am Coffee & Co @ Forefront

### Thursday

3.45pm Messy Church @ the Baptist Church

### Friday

7.30pm 180° – 'That's Entertainment!' @ Forefront

### Sunday

10.00am Prayer meeting

10.30am Service at the Guildhall – speaker *Andrew Conlan*

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**Welcome to**  
**forefrontcommunitychurch**

**Sunday 24 January 2010**

This morning *Andrew Conlan* is leading our service & *Paul Brazier* will be continuing our series on *Genesis: the book of beginnings* speaking on *Cain & Abel*.

Crèche, Bubbles, Splash, X-stream & 180° groups are meeting as normal.

Tom is preaching this evening (6.30pm), at Rosemary Lane Chapel, Clayhidon.

### Evening service today

The service this evening is a Communion service at the Laurel Centre 6.30pm.

### Sunday school meeting tomorrow

For leaders of Splash & X-stream there is a meeting Mon 25 Jan 7.45pm @ the Sutcliffe's house.



After the service next week, bring food to share!

### Thank you!

We have received several thank you cards for the Boxing Day lunch. Here are some of the comments, 'a lovely atmosphere', 'we were all made to feel very welcome and the meal was excellent. Lots of planning, time and care had obviously been put into the event. Thank you.' Thanks again to all the volunteers who made this event possible it seems to have been very much appreciated.

### Thank you from John & Ruth

We've had a note from John and Ruth thanking us for our prayers & phone calls etc. Ruth has not been very well for several weeks but is now feeling better. John is now in Chard hospital and would appreciate visitors. Visiting times are 2.30-5pm. Please continue to pray for them both and the decisions about the future.

## Any jobs?

Pete is looking for work to help with living costs while he and Sue are back in the UK. IF YOU HAVE ANY JOBS such as decorating etc please give them a ring on Chard 65495. Also please continue to pray for decisions about the future. Thank you.

## The Haiti disaster

There will be opportunity next Sunday to give to the Haiti appeal. We have decided to give our contribution through Tearfund. Special envelopes will be available to put your contribution in. If you wish to gift aid your donation please mark your envelope with your name or speak directly to Steve Capstick.

## Prayer & petitions

The Equality Bill was published last year by the government. Although it does include points we can applaud, concerns have been raised in how it will affect who churches and other faith groups can employ. As it is currently drafted it makes it very difficult for churches to insist that the appointment to any ministry position is restricted to applicants whose conduct and behaviour is in line with their faith. The Bill currently states that these employment restrictions are limited to ministers of religion, specifically those who teach doctrine and celebrate key religious rites, other positions such as church administrator would be exempt.

Please pray that an amendment will be made to this Bill and take time to view and sign a petition to lobby the government see:

<http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/harryhammond/>

**Mirror Space** – a place to write something that we want to remember, pray about or put into practice from this mornings service. Pens on the back table.

## PRAYER DIARY – PLEASE PRAY FOR

MONDAY	... the Sunday School meeting tonight.
TUESDAY	... Jen Conlan. She has requested prayer for a greater ability to manage her time & organise herself between her 2 jobs & the community lifestyle. Also thank God for the 600 Christmas meals served & the school play & staff party her team hosted, all of which helped to show people they are valued & bring a sense of community.
WEDNESDAY	... the Haitian people. Pray for the families that have lost loved ones & pray that the aid & money donated is used in an effective & efficient way to relieve suffering & help the rebuilding of lives.
THURSDAY	... Messy Church today. Pray for people to come back again & have fun as families learning about God.
FRIDAY	... Megamix today. Pray the children will grow in their understanding of Jesus & come to know him personally.
SATURDAY	... our prayerfulness as a church, that we would make prayer a priority.
SUNDAY	... the team responsible for 'setting up' & clearing away each Sunday. Thank God for their service & hard work.

## Extra dates for the diary...

- **United Church Service @** St Mary's on Sun 24 Jan 3pm
- **Messy Church @** Chard Baptist Church on Thurs 28 Jan 3.45pm
- **Lunchbox** after church service in the Guildhall on Sun 31 Jan
- **Open meeting re Fresh Expressions @** Chard Methodist Church Sun 31 Jan with Pete Pillinger. Opportunity to talk with him about his experience & thinking.
- **Life group leaders training @** Forefront Mon on 1 Feb 8pm
- **Sunnymeade service** Thurs 4 Feb 11am
- **Missions Prayer Group @** 2 Foxglove Way on Sun 7 Feb 2.15pm (**Just for this month**). Come and join us for an hour of prayer for the missionaries we support in the UK & overseas.
- **Candlemas service @** St Mary's on Sun 7 Feb 3pm. Remember a loved one.