



This week @ a glance

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

Monday

9.00am Staff prayer @ Forefront

Tuesday

10.00am Parent & toddlers @ Crowshute
10.00am Prayer meeting @ Forefront
10.30am Coffee & Co @ Forefront
2.30pm Ladies meeting @ Forefront

Wednesday

9.30am Prayer meeting @ Forefront
10.30am Coffee & Co @ Forefront

Friday

6.45pm 180° – Loud Living @ St Mary's Church (meet @ Forefront, pick up St Mary's 9.30pm)

Sunday

10.00am Prayer meeting @ the Guildhall
10.30am Service @ the Guildhall – speaker *Kev Stuckey*

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Welcome to
forefrontcommunitychurch

Sunday 7 March 2010

This morning *Mike Strange* is leading our all age service.

There will be a crèche this morning.

Missions Prayer Group

Meeting this afternoon @ 2 Foxglove Way, 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us, as we pray for our friends involved in mission in the UK & overseas.

A message from Joyce

Joyce would like to say thank you to everyone for all the help and support she has received since being back home.

An International evening

There will be an International Evening on Sat 20 March from 6pm, in the Baptist Church hall in Chard. It will be a 'bring and share dinner' family event hosted by the Life groups where you'll be able to sample food from different cultures. Everyone is invited and it will be an ideal event to bring non-church friends and family to.

Each Life group is being asked to represent a country and provide typical food from that country - eg baguettes and onion soup for France, or tortillas and guacamole for Mexico, appropriate decorations eg. in their country's colours/flag, info about their country etc. and possibly even come in national dress!

Don't feel left out if you are not in a Life Group though you can still take part and host a table! Please contact Jon or Jo Kerr for more information.

A note from our treasurer

The offerings in January amounted to £5982.43 and the children's offerings for Project Romania amounted to £35.33. The **Haiti earthquake appeal** totalled £719.50 and this has been sent to Tearfund.

PRAYER DIARY – PLEASE PRAY FOR	
MONDAY	... Andrew again this week as he takes another lesson in Holyrood on Christian's responses to ethnic minorities.
TUESDAY	... Jen Conlan & the team in Bristol as think, pray & plan for next year. Please also pray for the families & young Mum's the team support, & pray for sensitivity & wisdom for the team as they interact with them.
WEDNESDAY	... the Wed daytime life group this morning. Pray that it would be a time of encouragement in their relationship with the Lord & continue to be a time of support for one another.
THURSDAY	... the Manor Court assembly this morning.
FRIDAY	... the different community groups that use Forefront during the week – see the opposite page for details.
SATURDAY	... the preparations for our International Evening this month and for opportunities to invite others to join us.
SUNDAY	... the leaders of the youth work (180° group) on Fri nights & Sun mornings. Thank God for their hard work & pray that the time spent with the young people will produce lasting fruit for the kingdom.

Promise to vote

We're being encouraged by Premier Christian Media to sign up to the 'Premier Promise to Vote campaign', and make a promise to vote in the upcoming General Election based on your Christian values and beliefs. At a time where the Christian voice and concerns are becoming more marginalised we want to make this stand to the Speaker and Members of the House of Commons to communicate that the Christian vote needs to be acknowledged in this General Election. The sign up sheet is on the table at the back today.

Extra dates for the diary...

- **Word & Worship @** Redstart School, Chard on Sat 27 March, 7pm. Informal worship with refreshments afterwards.
- **OMF day conference @** St Leonard's Church, Exeter on Sat 17 April, 10.30 – 3.45pm. 'Be the someone doing something different!' Speakers who have been working in different locations around Asia. Bring your own packed lunch.

Street Pastors

At the Street Pastor's meeting last Thursday it was decided that names of people who would be willing to serve on a management committee for this should be brought by each Church to the next Churches Together committee on Wed 17 March. If you are interested in serving in this capacity or if you would like to think about being a Street Pastor, please talk to your Church leaders about this and contact Rev Warwick Lydiate of Chard Baptist Church (01460 66799) for more information.

Use of Forefront Centre

Part of our vision was to see Forefront Centre being used much more and also by other groups that are working in the community. We have seen some specific answers to our prayers in recent weeks and we now have several groups that are regularly hiring the centre:

- **Chard Intentional Peer Support group (CIPS)** – daily. Julie Matthews leads a group that provides mutual care & support, learning opportunities etc for those dealing with mental health issues.
- **Fresh Steps** - 3 afternoons. Kate Rew is an NHS Health Trainer to help people who need support in changing to a healthier lifestyle.
- **NHS Counselling service** – 3 mornings + extra sessions. Individual NHS counsellors providing a pre-arranged counselling service to referred clients.
- **Turning Point**. Helping individuals with substance misuse problems.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous** – Wed evenings. Local group organised by Mervyn Down.
- **David Laws MP Advice Centre** – monthly, usually Sat morning.

In addition Forefront is open each morning 10am-1pm and we welcome everyone. The regular activities are:

- **Coffee & Co** – Tues & Wed mornings
- **Ladies meeting** – Tues afternoons
- **180° youth group** – Fri evenings

We are also pleased to provide facilities to other church groups, particularly the **Lords Larder**, and **South West Youth Ministries (SWYM)** training sessions.