

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	Prayer meeting @ Forefront
	10.30am	Coffee & Co @ Forefront
	7.45pm	TEAM meeting
Thur	7.30pm	Church Prayer meeting @ the Laurel Centre
Fri	7.20pm	180° - Culture Kafe @ Chard Youth Club (get dropped off & collected from there at 9.30pm)
Sun	10.00am	Prayer before the service in the cafe area.
	10.30am	Morning service @ the Guildhall.



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

Dates for the diary...

- **Baptism service @** Chard Baptist Church, Sun 22 Jan, 6.30pm.
- **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 2012 – more details to follow.
- **Life group leaders meeting @** Forefront, Mon 6 Feb, 7.45pm

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Welcome to forefrontcommunitychurch

Sunday 08 January 2012

Our service today will be led by *Wendy Green*. *Dave Sutcliffe* will be speaking on *Living in the Community: Praying first*.

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

Andrew Conlan is at Bishopswood Chapel tonight.

Some opportunities to apply this morning's talk!

- **Tonight - Prayer & Praise @** the Laurel Centre, 6.30pm. Come & pray for those serving God at home & abroad.
- **Church Prayer meeting @** the Laurel Centre, Thurs 12 Jan, 7.30pm.

A big thank you to all those involved in the services and activities over the Christmas period, both in practical ways and in prayer.

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.

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	... those meeting today to plan the Back to Church service. Pray for wisdom in what to include in the service. Also pray for all those who will be receiving personal invitations for it this week. Ask for God to work in hearts & bring people back to him.
TUESDAY	... Ken Barrett ministering in Peru & the Dominican Republic for the next month or so. Please also pray for the leaders of the Alcala church while he is away. They have some difficult pastoral issues to handle – pray they will grow in confidence & wisdom.
WEDNESDAY	... the team planning the Life Exhibition, meeting today. Ask that God would use this to speak to many young people in Chard & the surrounding area.
THURSDAY	... Alex, Jane & Lydia Banfield-Hicks. Please continue to pray with them about their future – a possible move to the USA where Alex hopes to study at a Theology college – pray for the Lord's guidance.
FRIDAY	... the preparations for the Christianity Explored course, & for God to prompt people to come on it.
SATURDAY	... the Bryan family in Thailand, particularly while Deb is away in Germany for meetings. Pray for safe travel & good meetings for Deb.
SUNDAY	... healing for those in our fellowship who are unwell.

'Combe Street days' display

As you know we're organising a special service, 29 Jan 2012, to invite people *Back to Church*. Ben Grave has already written some Christmas cards and will also be writing to people, whose addresses are known to us, this week. If you have thought of anyone else to invite please let him know asap and/or take and use the invitation cards at the back today.

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.

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

Thank you from the Littons

Dear Friends, Thank you very much to all who sent cards and messages of sympathy following the death of my Dad on 5 December and especially those who attended the funeral. It meant a great deal to have your support at what was a difficult time. My apologies it has taken so long to make contact but please know that I really did appreciate your thoughts and prayers. David and I pray that everyone at Forefront has a happy and healthy 2012 and the Church continues to not only receive a blessing from God but be a blessing to the community it seeks to serve. With love in Christ, Janet.

Ladies coffee & chat @ Monks Yard, Fri 20 January, 2pm. For further info or to arrange lifts contact Carol 220925.

How the Christmas offerings will be spent...

£1420 was given over the festive period so we are able to send £700 to **London City Mission's Webber Street day centre** for the homeless, and are able to twin 12 toilets with **Cord/Tearfund's Toilet twinning** scheme, helping to provide improved sanitation, clean water and hygiene promotion in poor communities!

LIFE Exhibition

This March (13th-21st) a new exhibition from Counties is coming to town. It is an exhibition that communicates about the life of Jesus using videos, music, commentary and questions presented on a PDA. All the primary schools in the area have been invited to take part with many already booked in.

To make it work though we need volunteers from the local churches to be involved in different ways. Help is needed with...

- set up (Tues 13) & set down (Wed 21).
- welcoming the school parties / making drinks (Wed 14 – Tues 20).
- manning one of the four 'zones' (Wed 14 – Tues 20) – see the leaflets on the back table for more details.

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 will also be a training day - Sat 11 Feb, 9.30am-12noon) for those involved. If you are interested in helping out please speak to Andrew or Christine.

At the back... prayer letters from David Herring & the Barretts.