



# ***NEWS***

# ***DECEMBER***



## ***2009***



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### **CRAWLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**

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## **PILGRIMS**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**  
*Christmas Programme*

All new bookings/ cancellations for lunch should be made by Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November to  
Jean Wright on 529112.

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December**  
*Mrs June Crome*  
*(East Grinstead)*

All new bookings/ cancellations for lunch should be made by Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> December to  
Mavis/Leslie Poole on 514066.

New members are welcome. You can have lunch at only one of the two meetings (12.45 pm), but you may attend both meetings at 1.45 pm.

Clothes for Romania may be brought in on the above mentioned dates only and left in the Car Park Vestibule.



## **T-SET**

T-Set will not meet in  
December, 2009.



## **THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

The Friendship Club will meet on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at 2.30 pm.  
Everyone welcome!

***The Rainbow Lounge***  
at Crawley Baptist Church

is open on  
Wednesdays & Thursdays  
Between 11am & 1.30 pm  
(last serving at 1.15 pm)

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Come along for tea, coffee, freshly made cakes and light lunches

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Everyone welcome!!

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**\*\*Please note that the  
Rainbow Lounge will be closed following lunch  
on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2009. The Lounge will re-open on Wednesday  
6<sup>th</sup> January 2010.**

**ITEMS FOR THE JANUARY 2010 CHURCH NEWS**

Please forward items for the next newsletter to Tasneem Soloman at [news@CrawleyBaptistChurch.org.uk](mailto:news@CrawleyBaptistChurch.org.uk) or items can be placed in the tray in the Church Office on or before **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2009.**

*Any items received after the above date will either be excluded or, where relevant, included in the following edition.*

Please limit articles to a maximum of one A5 page i.e. approx 500 words and include your name and telephone number in case of any queries. Contributors are encouraged to send items by email, wherever possible.

## NOTICES

### **Sue's Sabbatical**

It has been an emotional journey over the last few weeks preparing to be away not least of all because of the support and words of encouragement I have received from so many people. I count it as an enormous privilege to be able to take this time and have a growing sense of excitement and anticipation for the weeks ahead.

I have also been blown away by your generosity in giving towards the trip to Thailand which is as I write only a couple of weeks away. A big Thank you from Josh and I for all your support and I look forward to sharing all our adventures with you when we get back. We now have about £500 to raise to pay for our expenses and the suggested donation to the host charity 'Partners' and any more that we can raise will go direct to 'Partners' for their continuing work with Burmese refugees. Plans for the Cabaret night are going really well – it will be a great night of entertainment and celebration so please plan to be there if you can. Tickets are available from Clare Sage – Thank you.

I just wanted to also take this opportunity to say a huge Thank you to all the CYM team who do a great job week by week and will continue to do so in my absence. It is such a privilege to work with such dedicated and gifted people and it is this sense of team that I believe is the strength of our ministry. Please look after them for me. Thank you for those who will be taking on extra responsibilities in my absence and I look forward to hearing all that God will continue to do amongst our children and young people in the days ahead. These are exciting times in our Ministry – please continue to pray for all the leaders, children, young people and families, that God will meet them in a new and exciting way. We are privileged to have so many young people part of our church family and I encourage you to continue to get to know them, pray for them and encourage them that they would grow strong and become mighty men and women for God.

It is such a privilege to be part of this church family at this time and I pray that you will continue to know God's love, peace and power in these days.

God Bless  
Sue

## **CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR WEST GREEN**

Once again at Christmas time we shall be distributing Christmas invitation cards to our neighbours in West Green. This will be on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 am following the prayer breakfast. The cards will contain details of all the Christmas services at CBC so please do try and find just a half hour of your time that morning to help 'spread the word'. Your willingness to help in this way is very much appreciated.

## **CRAWLEY BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS CARD**

Instead of buying Christmas cards to send to friends in the Church, would you like to send a message to everyone in the Fellowship Christmas card? Please see the bright orange A5 flyer on the display stands in Reception for further details and note that the reply slip together with your donation for the work of the Easter Team and Open House should be received in the Church office by Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

## **CHURCH DIARY FOR 2010**

The Church Diary for 2010 is now available. Please visit the church's website ([www.CrawleyBaptistChurch.org.uk](http://www.CrawleyBaptistChurch.org.uk)) for details or ask Clare in Reception if you would like a printed copy.

## **Fun Slot**

*Famous last words:*

“I’ll hold it and you light the fuse.”

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*Great observations from little children on Love:*

“Love is what makes you smile when you’re tired.” Terri - age 4.

## **UNWANTED CASH FOUND IN THE OFFERING**

If you are a taxpayer, putting cash in the offering each week is not the best way to be ‘wise with possessions’! We really do appreciate people’s generosity and, if you do pay tax, a much better way is to make the donation using the Gift Aid scheme. This is a very easy method of giving – it only relates to tax that you’ve already paid – and just requires the donor to complete a simple Declaration Form giving their name, address and confirmation that they pay tax. No other personal details are required, so what could be simpler? For further information, please see Gill White or Joe Lansdell in the Church Office.

## **NEWS FROM HEIDI & CHRISTIAN**

This summer we did our first mission trip as a couple. It was organised by a short term mission organisation called Soapbox ([www.soapboxtrust.com](http://www.soapboxtrust.com)). Soapbox organise short Christian mission trips to many countries across the world. From Brazil to South Africa and from Kenya to the Philippines, Soapbox span the globe sending teams of volunteers of all ages to help communities in different ways. The work they do is incredible and we highly recommend

you do a Soapbox trip at some point in your life!

Our story starts months before we arrived at our mission project; having being set a target of fund raising just under £3,000 we started to create a plan. Using the multitude of technology available to us now we were able to create a fund raising website where people could sponsor us directly and set up a group on Facebook for people to join (yes, it has it's uses!). The hardest thing was thinking of something to do that was unusual and a challenge.

We decided to do a 10 km run and to complete the three peaks challenge. This involves climbing the tallest mountain in Scotland (Ben Nevis), the highest mountain in England (Scarfel Pike) and the tallest mountain in Wales (Snowdon) all in 24 hours with little or no sleep and with minimal food. We also roped in the help of friends and family and did a mass car wash at church and a penny run raising £500 through this alone. In the end with much prayer and support from a range of people close and distant to us we managed to achieve the target and we were off!

Our two week mission trip took us to a home for newborn and abandoned babies called TLC (The Love of Christ Ministries) run by Thea Jarvis and her family. It is in Eikenhof which is about 10km south of Johannesburg (South Africa). Babies with different stories all arrive at the orphanage and are very well looked after. Each individual story is heart breaking ranging from being aids orphans, having HIV themselves, being dumped in toilets, drains and one very special child is a survivor of a late pregnancy abortion. These babies are then adopted by people from South Africa and abroad. They go to families who bring them up in a loving environment. The unfortunate few who do not go to families are then adopted into the Jarvis family and brought up as their own. It is because of TLC that these little babies get a second chance in life.

TLC has its own plot of land covering 23 acres referred to as The farm. They care for between 50 and 60 babies and toddlers. It's called a farm because they also have dogs, cats, a horse, a pony, pigs, geese, ducks, sheep, a tortoise and chickens (mostly all abandoned too)!

The orphanage is run by Thea Jarvis and her entire family. She has five biological children and fourteen more who are adopted! Her two eldest daughters Pippa and Joanna also have adopted over ten children.

TLC relies heavily on private funding from generous individuals. The

orphanage costs hundreds of thousands of pounds to run a year, from baby food and nappies to medicine and clothes, the costs are massive. This special place would soon cease to function if it wasn't for the kind donations that come from all over the world.

Another vital organ to TLC is the team of volunteers recruited from across the world and throughout the year to help run the orphanage. Most volunteers live on site in the cottages built specifically for them, they spend their day caring and loving the babies and children.

The majority of babies that come to TLC are ones who have been abandoned. We heard some horrific stories of babies found in toilets, in gutters and on the street. They come from mothers who for different reasons feel they can't look after them, perhaps they are too ill or they could even be an unwanted product of prostitution. Here in the Western World, we can't begin to imagine or understand some of the social problems which occur in Africa.

Even with such sad stories, TLC shines as a beacon of light and love. The babies and children are so happy and smiling because they are so well cared for and loved. Our small Soapbox team mostly worked with the group of children aged 3 to 5 known as The Tigers. We would run their morning pre-school lessons, play with them and generally look after them through the day.

We also cared for The Grubs, who were the 3-12 month old group of babies. They have a strict routine of eat, sleep and play, which we helped with.

TLC is one of the most special places in the world. We loved every minute of it! Coming back home was difficult. Not only was it a culture shock but we bonded so closely with the children that we missed them desperately.

Please pray for the continued work that TLC does, praying specifically for funding and an influx of keen volunteers helping to keep the orphanage running. Also please pray for Thea and her eldest daughter who continue to work exhausting hours to keep their family home running, pray for time to rest and recover.

We have enjoyed the trip so much that we are now going back for a longer period of 3 months! We definitely would recommend for anybody to do a Soapbox trip whether you are young, old, a student or in full time work. You



definitely won't regret it!

Thank you for reading.

Christian and Heidi

P.S If you would like more information on TLC their website is [www.tlc.org.za](http://www.tlc.org.za)

You can keep track of the children, read about the progress of the orphanage and make donations!

## **SKYDIVING CHALLENGE IN MAY 2010**

Melanie Loudon (Derek and Corrinne's daughter) is working for the charity 'The Message Trust' and their associated bands 'LZ7', 'Twelve24', 'Blush', etc, who do evangelism outreach to the schools in Manchester. She is blessed to be able to steward at their concerts and then writes up the stories of the young people who come to faith through their teaching and concerts, for the group magazine and website, at [www.themessage.org.uk](http://www.themessage.org.uk). She needs to raise sponsorship for the ongoing work of the group and is doing a sponsored skydive in May 2010. Given that she is terrified of heights and was freaked out when going on the Millennium Eye a couple of years ago, she would really appreciate your prayer support for the adventure and would also value your financial support, if anyone feels able to give. If you could contribute financially, please speak to Derek or Corrinne. Melanie will be home for Christmas/ New Year, if you would like to hear more about it all then.

## HANDBOOK UPDATE

Please notify any changes to Leslie/Mavis Poole on:

Tel: 01293 514066

Email:

[leslie-poole@supanet.com](mailto:leslie-poole@supanet.com)

'New Homes' cards available from the office or the Welcome Team can be used to greet anyone who has moved in near you recently.

## FELLOWSHIP NEWS

### **Demonstrate Christian Love**

*Love one another as I have loved you.*

**Please pray for those who are not able to get out as much at this time and encourage them with a note, card or a phone call.**

### **Those unable to get about:**

- Betty Le Feuvre
- Barbara Frost
- Millie Hill
- Doreen Holley
- Isabel Jamieson
- June Moffatt
- Win Sampson
- Christa Stevenson
- Alexandra Thornton

- Monica Thornton
- Phyllis Weeks
- Ethel Wilkinson
- Bernard Worrell

### **Those recovering from surgery or unwell:**

- Jackie Futter
- Bill Impey
- Mair Keeping
- Colin King
- Leslie Poole
- Win Sampson
- Jim Tattersall
- Margot Wayre
- Sandra Yorke

### **Declare God's Praise**

*We will be seeing significant changes in the lives of people.*



### **Please remember in your prayers:**

- Frances Banks-Broome, part of Oasis counselling team (pregnancy & abortion)
- Les & Barbara Bennett for their work in serving those in broken relationships through Breakthrough.

**THANK YOU**



Dear friends – thank you for the beautiful flowers I received and the many cards. It all went well and I really felt God's presence with me all the time.

Sandra Yorke

**THANK YOU**



Please accept my thanks to all at CBC for their prayers and cards and visits during my recent illness.

I am feeling a lot better now, so feel that the prayers on my behalf were answered.

God Bless You  
Doreen Holley

**THANK YOU**



Dear Friends

I have been so touched by the kindness, cards and flowers I have received while recovering from my recent knee operation. Thank you so much to you all. I am doing very well and hope to be up and dancing very soon!

God Bless you all  
Jean Herring

**THANK YOU**



We would like to thank you all on behalf of the British Military Charity for all your very generous gifts. They were overwhelmed because some of the men do not receive contact from home for many reasons and the chaplains make up boxes for them to help their morale. Also we were told they can't wash for up to ten weeks when on patrols in the desert, so toiletries come in very handy.

So as a church we have hopefully brightened up their Christmas.

Many thanks to you all once again. God Bless.  
Sally & Ron Morse.

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## **THE BLESSING LIST**

(The following items are being donated. If you are interested in them, please contact the owners directly.)

### ***Item Description***

### ***Contact Details***

* Steel Frame Garden Swing 8ft wide with 2 swings	Angela Blechynden Tel: 01293 883069
* Creative DT2200 5.1 computer speaker set	Tim Smith Email: <a href="mailto:timsmith714@gmail.com">timsmith714@gmail.com</a>
* Bush DVD Player * 2 Wall mirrors * Mantle clock * Radio/cassette player	Leslie/Mavis Poole Tel : 01293 514066 (To be collected)

Item details can be sent by email to: [news@CrawleyBaptistChurch.org.uk](mailto:news@CrawleyBaptistChurch.org.uk) or placed in the tray in the church office. Please let us know when items from the blessing list have been exchanged successfully – we can then delete them from the list.

Thank you.

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## PREACHING PROGRAMME FOR DECEMBER 2009

### ***Morning Service (9.15 am and 11.15 am)***

- 6<sup>th</sup> Songs of Life  
*Psalm 96 : A Gospel Song*  
(Children start in church and then go to their classes.)
- 13<sup>th</sup> All Age Worship  
*Joining together as the family*  
*\*Gift Service*  
*\*One Service at 10.30 am only*  
(Children stay with their parents for the entire service.)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Songs of Life  
*Psalm 110 : D Day has Dawned!*  
*\*Communion*  
(Children start in church and then go to their classes.)
- 27<sup>th</sup> All Age Worship  
*Joining together as the family*  
*\*One Service at 10.30 am only*  
(Children stay with their parents for the entire service.)

### ***Evening Service (6:30 pm)***

- 6<sup>th</sup> Joint Service at 7 pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Prayer and Praise  
*Seek the Lord....*
- 20<sup>th</sup> Carol Service
- 27<sup>th</sup> No Service
-