

Stop press ...

(One of the most important messages that you will be challenged with)
ALL members and friends of the fellowship please mark Saturday, 12th January 2013 in your diary - (but more importantly, in your mind and spirit) - as we call you to make it a day of prayer here at Hollybush from 8am to 8pm. It is imperative that we combine in unity as we proceed into the coming year - not with good ideas, but with God-plans - personally and collectively.

Prime time with God

Items for thanksgiving (Sometimes un-noticed)

What about tithes and offerings?

Thank you everyone for your financial support and to Peter Gregory our Treasurer. As a fellowship we support 14 different missionaries or missions on a monthly basis which equates to £12,120 per annum. In addition, over £15,000 has been given to other missions and missionaries in 2012.

Gifts and sale of cards for "Bibles For China" have now reached £83,926.62! May the Lord continue to bless the card-makers and all friends who make other items for sale.

For anyone desirous to make a special donation (or legacy) to the Fellowship and require bank details, then please contact the Office.

Office Administrator

Joanna has now been our Office Administrator for almost a year and has become very competent and efficient in office skills. A complete change from "Retailing" to "Re-heading". J.J.J. (Just Jim's Joke)! Prayer requests for the Prayer Chain are welcome. Also, leave your prayer requests on the Fellowship Office answer phone.

Pastors' Personal Assistant

Roland Panek has been with us almost every weekend since February 2012 (now working two days for the Fellowship from January 2013) and he is getting to know more of the Fellowship members. In February / March he will be going to India for two weeks with a team from Jonathan Dunning's church in Sheffield. This will be his ninth short-term mission trip to India.



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Jim's Jottings

Although the world was going to end on the 21st December last year, we are still here. Many people made panic provision for the proposed calamity - all in vain! Praise God nothing, but nothing, will occur until and after the Lord Jesus (no longer a Bethlehem babe) appears in all His Power and Glory, and a new day will dawn. The how and when, no one knows, therefore beware predictions!! Believe what the bible declares, implicitly.

Until then, observe the word of the Lord that situations will worsen - Jesus said so. Troubles, death, homelessness, shootings, stabbings, rape and robbery will continue to hit the headlines. Floods, wars, full prisons and illnesses will escalate. Hate and jealousy replace love and joy. And into our 21st Century mess, Jesus himself steps among us and declares, just as He did to those fishermen 2000 years ago, saying "Don't be afraid, I'm here. Now let me take charge." If we do that, we are secure. The problem is we don't let Him take control of our lives fully, and then stay in a position described by St. Paul as "carnality." One foot in the Kingdom, the one foot out - concerned rather about our reputation, respectability, selfishness and security.

The personal challenge is a closer walk with God - to eliminate the negatives, lies, innuendos and half-truths of yesteryear - to be what we are supposed to be, to love one another with a "pure heart", to build up rather than denigrate, to speak 'the Truth in love' and to live what we preach. Painful but profitable, radical but self-restoring spiritually, and being part of God's answer to our world.

For this New Year I am taking up the challenge of being a true witness and disciple of the Saviour of the world. I trust you will do likewise. Have an exploratory New Year. Make a difference - internally and for eternity!

Bless you.

Jim & Cynthia

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Programme: January-February 2013

January

- 4th 7.30pm Celebration: Kingsley Armstrong (Northallerton)
5th 2.00pm Prayer for Israel Meeting
6th 10.30am Covenant Service
6.15pm Celebration
8th 7.30pm Prayer Meeting
9th 1.00pm "Knit & Natter" (Small Church)
11th 7.30pm Celebration: Andrew Newlove and Family (Thirsk)
12th Hollybush Day of Prayer
13th 10.30am Bible Study
6.15pm Celebration
15th 7.30pm Prayer Meeting
18th 7.30pm Celebration: Sara Denton & Team (Halifax)
20th 10.30am Bible Study
6.15pm Celebration
22nd 7.30pm Prayer Meeting
25th 7.30pm Celebration: Pastor Kemi Ilori (Leeds)
27th 10.30am Bible Study
6.15pm Celebration
29th 7.30pm Prayer Meeting

February

- 1st 7.30pm Celebration: "Resqued" Youth Band (Bradford)
2nd 2.00pm Prayer for Israel Meeting
3rd 10.30am Bible Study
6.15pm Celebration
5th 7.30pm Prayer Meeting
8th 7.30pm Celebration: T.B.A.
10th 10.30am Bible Study
6.15pm Celebration
12th 7.30pm Prayer Meeting
15th 7.30pm Celebration: Brian Mills (International Prayer Co-ord)
17th 10.30am Preacher: Brian Mills (International Prayer Co-ord)
6.15pm Celebration: Brian Mills (International Prayer Co-ord)
19th 7.30pm Prayer Meeting
22nd 7.30pm Celebration: T.B.A.
24th 10.30am Bible Study
6.15pm Celebration
26th 7.30pm Prayer Meeting

Hollybush Servants

As members of Hollybush Christian Fellowship, we are all servants of God, and we all have responsibilities and duties with the Church Family, and all are equally important to the smooth running of God's Work.

Here are just some with particular out-of sight jobs you may not be familiar with:-

Door stewards – arrange the seating for us all – take charge of the congregation if the Fire Alarm sounds.

Sound Team — test the Fire Alarms every week – test the Emergency Lighting every month.

Pastors' Personal Assistant – ensure the Pastors are not burdened with unnecessary disturbance – assist the Pastors in the office and process the accounts – look after visitors.

Café Manager – ensure that all Health & Safety legislation is adhered to – temperature checks on fridges, freezers and fryers – ensure food in store is legally usable - as well as sometimes cooking.

Hollybush Leadership Members – appointed internally by the Pastors to assist and advise on all spiritual, personal, and disciplinary matters within the Church, including arranging the programme of speakers and Bible Studies.

Leadership Team: Jim & Cynthia Wilkinson (Pastors), Peter & June Gregory (Bible Studies, Prayer Team), Arthur Bennison (Video Team), David & Pam Forster (Pastoral Visiting, Café, Safeguarding), Tom Nicholson (Music).

Hollybush Trustees – appointed by legal process and required by law to ensure that Hollybush Christian Fellowship adheres to the Trust Deed (constitution) – have ownership of all Fellowship property and assets vested in their care – the legal employers of all paid staff – responsible to the Charity Commissioners and HMRC.

The Trustees are: Jim & Cynthia Wilkinson, Joanna Wilkinson (Office Administrator, Safeguarding), Arthur Bennison, Peter Gregory, George Wood (Door Stewards), Charles & Valerie Marwood, Graham Wilson (Sound Team).

Hollybush Employees are: Irene Holt & Jill Grey (Cleaning Team), Joanna Wilkinson (Office) & Roland Panek (Pastors' Personal Assistant).