

Going out and coming in ...

Roland Panek is on a short-term mission trip to India with three other people from Jonathan Dunning's church (Meadowhead Christian Fellowship, Sheffield). This is from 20th February until 5th March and they will be based at Palakonda, UP, India. The team will provide the teaching at a Pastors and leaders conference for the 40+ village churches planted in the surrounding hills and mountains. There are other local pastors, not associated with Jehovah Jireh Ministries, who will be attending for the first time this year. Please pray for travelling mercies as the team move around visiting most of these village churches.

Please also pray for **Peter and June Gregory** as they prepare for their next trip to China. They plan to go there on 26th March and return home on 2nd May. Pray that the Lord will direct the arrangements for meetings with various contacts and groups during this time - and that they will know the powerful anointing of the Holy Spirit as they minister and serve.

Updates ...

Safeguarding issues

Joanna Wilkinson and Pam Forster are now the Joint-Coordinators for Safeguarding issues within the Fellowship. They are also responsible for the CRB checks (now renamed under recent legislation as DBS - "Disclosure & Barring Service"). Internal training and updates will be provided in due course for all volunteers with CRB checks currently in place. Please stay tuned for further details ...

Fellowship Telephone Directory & Address Book

If your address and/or contact details (as displayed in the 2011 Directory) have changed, or requires amendment, then please notify the church office and provide your current details.

Please note that we plan to produce a 2013 updated Telephone Directory & Address Book in the next few months, so don't delay in providing your correct details. There will be further checks and reminders in future weeks.

"You may think you are responsible for what you do, but not for what you think. The truth is that you are responsible for what you think, because it is only at this level that you can exercise choice. What you do comes from what you think."



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Jim's Jottings

Christmas has been but Easter is a-coming! The spring flowers are beginning to shoot out of the cold earth in preparation to display their colourful abilities shortly. Spring has sprung into action again!

Whether it be in the field, allotment or garden, all manner of seeds are being sown. The Lord told a parable beginning "A sower went forth to sow ..."

I was impressed that, today and everyday, we are ALL SOWERS. What a challenge! There is such a variety of seed; love, hate, joy, sorrow, peace, war, gentleness, strife, goodness, badness, meekness, aggressiveness, faith, agnosticism, temperance, excess

In the farming world, the plan is to grow "good" seed, which means two things: (1) that it must be no more than three generations old, and (2) free from extraneous matter (official wording). So, the question for each of us personally is: "Am I sowing good seed (God's pure seed), or am I sowing a mixture (polluted)? God's standards for us is the opportunity to sow the highest quality. He has already provided good wholesome seed that will yield a good harvest for eternity as well as for the natural family.

The Word of God is very definite: "We reap what we sow" - Galatians 6:7-8. We had better be sowing good seed - in the power and strength of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Jim and Cynthia

"Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you." (Hosea 10:12 - King James Version)

"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows." (Galatians 6:7 - New International Version)

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Programme: March - April 2013

March

- 1st 2.15pm Women's Day of Prayer (Ainderby Steeple)
7.30pm Celebration: Ben Hudd (Sheffield)
- 3rd 10.30am Bible Study & 6.15pm Celebration
- 5th 7.30pm Prayer Meeting
- 8th 7.30pm Celebration: Paul Abell (Scarborough)
- 10th 10.30am Bible Study & 6.15pm Celebration
- 12th 7.30pm Prayer Meeting
- 15th 7.30pm Celebration: David Bolton (Harrogate)
- 16th Church Social: Games Night (further details to follow)
- 17th 10.30am Bible Study & 6.15pm Celebration
- 18th 7.00pm Leaders Meeting
- 19th 7.30pm Prayer Meeting
- 22nd 7.30pm Celebration: Andy Frost (Leeds)
- 23rd 2.00pm Prayer for Israel Meeting: Passover Celebration
- 24th 10.30am Bible Study & 6.15pm Celebration
- 26th 7.30pm Prayer Meeting
- 29th 9.30am Churches Together, Thirsk - Walk of Witness
12noon Churches Together, Northallerton - Walk of Witness
7.30pm Easter Celebration: Guest Speaker + Simple Faith
- 30th 7.15pm Easter Celebration: Guest Speaker + Simple Faith
- 31st 10.30am Easter Celebration: Guest Speaker + Simple Faith
6.15pm Easter Celebration: Guest Speaker + Simple Faith

April

- 5th 7.30pm Celebration: David Shearman (Nottingham)
- 7th 10.30am Bible Study
6.15pm Celebration
- 9th 7.30pm Prayer Meeting
- 12th 7.30pm Celebration: Jonathan Dunning (Sheffield)
- 13th 2.00pm Prayer for Israel Meeting: Holocaust Day
- 14th 10.30am Bible Study & 6.15pm Celebration
- 16th 7.30pm Prayer Meeting
- 19th 7.30pm Celebration: T.B.A.
- 21st 10.30am Bible Study & 6.15pm Celebration
- 22nd Jim at Southend-on-Sea
- 23rd 7.30pm Prayer Meeting
- 26th 7.30pm Celebration: Rev. Ian Knox (Alnwick)
- 28th 10.30am Bible Study & 6.15pm Celebration
- 30th 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).