

Going out and coming in ...

Peter and June Gregory are preparing for their return journey from China after spending the past five weeks meeting, ministering and encouraging many contacts and groups throughout the rural countryside. They arrive back home on Wednesday, 1st May. Please pray for God's care and protection during this final stage of the journey.

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.

Correspondence to overseas missionaries

We thank Mike & Joyce Stewart for their diligence in despatching letters, CDs and DVDs each quarter to our missionaries in different parts of the world. They are no longer able to fulfil this commitment. Is there a volunteer in the Fellowship who would be willing to take up the baton? The recipients have been blessed and are grateful for this contact with home base.

A more convenient way to give

Increasingly, more people are giving to the Fellowship by monthly standing order. If this is convenient for you, and you would like to set up a standing order payment from your bank account, then please ask Roland (or contact the office) for further details. It is an easy and straight forward thing to do and you can even do it yourself if you have internet banking facilities.

Also, if you are a tax payer, please consider giving via Gift Aid. For every £1 you give, the Fellowship receives 25 pence from the Chancellor of the Exchequer. We are grateful for this financial support from the Government.



Hollybush Newsletter

May - June 2013



Jim's Jottings

April showers bring forth May flowers - an old saying! Well, we have witnessed showers for over seven months now so there should be an abundance of May flowers this season. We are now experiencing an upsurge of interest and expectation in the things of the Holy Spirit, and now it is time to step up a gear or two. So, put a spring in your step again! The winter of discontent is behind us. The sadness and gladness of Good Friday and Resurrection Day has inspired us again. Be renewed again - stride out in to the future with a new Holy Ghost excitement, that is greater and deeper than a 'Laughing Policeman' syndrome, far beyond a joke book! This joy and peace wells up from deep within, that is rooted and grounded in the knowledge and surety of a wonderful 'God-given' personal relationship with the person of the Lord Jesus Christ, our wonderful Saviour.

On a more serious note, please continue to pray and do something regarding the passage of the 'Same Sex Marriage Bill', especially the connotations of the Bill that devalues the basis of marriage and undermines the need for long-term commitment. No Faith, no Jesus, no Cross, no Resurrection - Wow, Satan here we come!

But my declaration is: "I know in whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that Day". And in the words of the Apostles' Creed: "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen".

No doubts, just blessings! And all because of my best friend.

Jim & Cynthia

Quote: "I don't know much, but what I do know has changed my life."
(George Beverly Shea: Died 16th April 2013, Aged 104)

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Programme: May - June

May

- 3rd 7.30pm Celebration: Matthew Murray (Barnsley)
5th 10.30am Bible Study & 6.15pm Celebration
7th 7.30pm Prayer Meeting
10th 7.30pm Celebration: Team from Horizon Life Training Centre
12th 10.30am Bible Study & 6.15pm Celebration
14th 7.30pm Prayer Meeting
17th 7.30pm Celebration: Sarah Renton & Team (Halifax)
19th 10.30am Bible Study & 6.15pm Celebration
20th 7.00pm Leaders Meeting
21st 7.30pm Prayer Meeting
24th 7.30pm Celebration: Larry Sturm (Texas, USA)
24th - 27th: Hollybush Youth Camp
25th Possible Celebration Meeting (with visitors from Nashville, USA)
26th 10.30am Bible Study & 6.15pm Celebration
28th 7.30pm Prayer Meeting
31st 7.30pm Celebration: Rob Parker (Bridlington)

June

- 2nd 10.30am Bible Study & 6.15pm Celebration
4th 7.30pm Prayer Meeting
7th 7.30pm Celebration: David Russon (Consett)
9th 10.30am Bible Study & 6.15pm Celebration
11th 7.30pm Prayer Meeting
14th 7.30pm Celebration: T.B.A.
16th 10.30am Bible Study & 6.15pm Celebration
18th 7.30pm Prayer Meeting
21st 7.30pm Celebration: T.B.A.
21st - 23rd: Clifton Baptist Youth Camp (York)
23rd 10.30am Bible Study & 6.15pm Celebration
25th 7.30pm Prayer Meeting
28th 7.30pm Celebration: T.B.A.
28th - 1st July: Urban Saints (Youth Camp)

“How little chance the Holy Ghost has nowadays. The churches and missionary societies have so bound Him in red tape that they practically ask Him to sit in a corner while they do the work themselves.” (C.T. Studd - Cricketer and Missionary to China).

“O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams.” (St. Augustine)

Stop press

For those who can remember the Dr Billy Graham crusades, the lead soloist every night was **George Beverly Shea**, whose memorial service was held just a few days ago - he attained the age of 104 years. A packed service (with about 1,000 people) was held at Anderson Auditorium, Montreal, North Carolina, USA. Dr Billy Graham and Cliff Barrows were also in attendance, both of them about a hundred years old. What a mighty trio!

We remember with thanksgiving and wonder these amazing days, 1954 onwards. Wembley, Earls Court and Haringey stadiums, and also Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, where Cynthia and twenty other local young people made commitments, some for eternity. Since those days there have been many expressions of God's wonderful Salvation through Jesus Christ, and many of us are recipients of His grace and favour.

Pastor Richard Taylor was booked to be with us on Friday, 3rd May at our evening celebration meeting but can not now come. We are now beginning to realise this must be an “Act of God”, as we now hear and read of some sovereign movement of the Lord and power of God at Victory Church, South Wales, on a nightly basis. Hallelujah! Please pray for another outpouring upon Wales and indeed our land.

Hollybush needs you!

Last year's Family Camp was a great success - largely down to the hard work of all those who volunteered and played their part with a servant heart - thank you, again!

There are only twelve weeks to Family Camp (from the start of May)! So, we need to start planning the Family Camp Rota and this can not be done without your willing support again. **Hollybush needs you Volunteers, take one step forward!**

The Rota schedules will soon be displayed in the main church and we need volunteers to sign-up for the following areas:

Cafe: food prep; serving; washing up; cleaning; and till (Cashier)

Children & Youth: Play Tent (3-5yrs); Children's Mtg. (5-11yrs); Youth Mtg. (11-18yrs); and Bouncy Castle (for use by very young children only!)

Facilities: Toilets & Showers (Church and Caravan Park; AM & PM); Car Parking (AM & PM Mtgs.); Day Visitor's Registration (AM & PM Mtgs.); and Litter Picking.

Outlets: Pie Stall (lunch time only); Tuck Shop (three times per day?); and Mission Barn (as per opening times)

Please note: Preference will be given for an area of service to those who volunteered for the same area of service for the 2012 Family Camp - e.g. Pie Stall: Peter & Maureen Elliott and Maureen Holmes.

As last year, if you can only make a small contribution to the above areas of service then that will be greatly appreciated. In fact, the more (volunteers), the merrier!