

# WEEKLY NEWS

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**As a Church, we want to bring people to know Jesus, and into membership of His family; to develop, encourage and motivate them to worship God and to serve Him in the Church and the community**

## A NEW YEARS MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR IN THE HIGHLANDS

May I wish you all a very happy New Year from Gillian, myself and the whole family. We are well and truly stuck back into the highland way of living and I've realised people up here all speak funny! The locals suggest that means we've been away far too long and it may be time to come back, while I suggest they need elocution lessons.

When Brian suggested that I write a piece for the News Sheet for when I am away, I wasn't too keen, but the more I thought about it the more I came round to the idea.

This past year has been a delight to be your Pastor. Following in the line with a good, Godly Pastor I know of, called Paul, I from the depths of my heart give thanks to God for you all. I've heard Pastors speak about their churches with frustration and resignation and I am pleased that I have little cause for either sentiment. As a church you have the wonderful ability to encourage and build up. There seems to be a oneness of spirit in all the essentials whilst there is a willingness to disagree in love on non-essentials surely heading in the direction of maturity. Praise be to God.

This past year has seen practical ministries of love and support being seen across the church. With comments from people like; 'I didn't realise that people actually cared so much' or 'I though I wasn't so well thought of'. Seeing members of the fellowship savouring the love of the fellowship with delight and joy has been perhaps the high point of this past year, may our love for one another continue to grow. God is good. God is faithful. Prayers have been answered by the wagon load; conversions, baptisms, a hunger for God developing/increasing, missions undertaken, evangelism, and lots more. As well as the highs, we've wrapped ourselves around those whose year has been highlighted by pain, for some all that meant was prayer, but what power resides with the God of prayer. Some within our fellowship have savoured the delights of God in the midst of heartbreak and proved the all sufficiency of Christ. I have felt like a student among his teachers.

As a church we have cast our vision for the future. May God give us the courage to chase after His glory in seeking the fulfilment of this vision. May we see His hand working in our midst to a greater and greater degree, and oh that we might yet taste the sweetness of revival (personal, corporate and even national). Pray.

My prayer for us as a church is that our love might grow and increase indeed abound, that others might see our love for one another, recognise that we are Christs and turn and give glory to God. May this year that lies before you bring ample opportunity to glorify God, I know that it will, and may you make the most of every opportunity.

Your Pastor in Christ

Kenny

## **New Beginnings**

This morning we say farewell to WP, Rachel and Olivia as they leave for a new life in South Africa. We have greatly enjoyed their friendship and fellowship and we pray that the Lord will bless them abundantly. May He keep them by His grace, sustain and equip them further for His service.

## **Baptism**

This evening Becky will be baptised in obedience to her Lord. We pray that her witness may be the means of others wanting to do the same. May the Lord speak clearly through our service this evening and to Him be the glory

### Challenge Text

Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the Message of God's good news to one and all

### This Weeks Diary:

Today: 10.00am Prayer for all  
10.45 New Beginnings  
6.30 Baptismal Service  
8.00pm Beetons Lodge  
Tuesday 7.30pm Prayer & Bible Study  
Thursday 2.30pm Ladies Meeting  
7.30pm Alpha

### Next Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2009

10.00am Prayer for all  
10.45am Pastor Kenny  
6.30pm Pastor Kenny  
Monday 7.30pm Deacons  
Meeting  
Tuesday 7.30pm Prayer Meeting  
  
Stewards .am Dave D & Ian A  
pm David B & Stuart H

**APOLOGIES TO CHURCH MEMBERS:  
THE NEXT CHURCH MEETING IS ON  
THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**2009**

**Be strong in the Lord  
and in the strength of  
His might.  
Ephesians 6: 10**



### *THE ALPHA COURSE*

*The new Alpha course starts on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2009. The Lord has been pleased to bless the earlier courses, please pray for this new one that more people will come to learn of His wonderful salvation.*

*More info:*

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### Association Prayer Request *Brockley Baptist Church*

1 God's help for the older members of our congregation in their weakness.  
2 That those who have served the church faithfully for many, many years will not grow weary in well doing.  
3 That everyone who attends might make a commitment to Jesus, be baptised and join the church

### PRAYER ITEMS:

Many in the fellowship have colds, 'flu and severe coughs. Pray for their recovery and return to good health.  
Remember Pastor Kenny and family in Scotland for Hogmanay.  
For Becky as she is baptised tonight.  
Those whose jobs are insecure at the moment, and for those seeking employment.  
The preaching of the Word throughout 2009 that the Lord will be pleased to bless.

### MISSION COMMITTEE

We have recently welcomed Jenny Bugden onto the Mission Committee. Please remember her in your prayers along with other members of the Committee as we meet from time to time to plan mission activities for our Church.

During January we would ask you to continue to remember James in your prayers and the work he was involved with in Brazil. Also this month we ask your prayers and support for the work of Asia Link. David Quinn is due to take our services here on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January when he will be able to give us an update on the work of Asia Link, so please come along and hear him if you possibly can.

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### CHRISTMAS GIVING.

Thank you for your giving over the Christmas period. As a result we have been able to send £659.45 to Spurgeons and £582.18 to Caring for Life. Both amounts included a top-up from our Mission Account of £250. Please continue to remember to pray for these two organisations as well as others we have supported during 2008.