

WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 25th October 2009

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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



Introducing Jesus: The ultimate thing

Often as one writes there is a dominant emotion that guides the mind, driven by the heart. It's when the emotions are mixed that words can become harder to use well. As I type even these words there is a mixture of emotions: hope, joy, sorrow, trust even yearning. I just left the hospital where this morning (Friday) at around about 7am Mary Hitchcock was taken home by her Father. Now she is with Him and absent from the body, which is better by far, now she beholds Him whom she has followed for so many years - far removed from pain, suffering and anguish. In His presence where there is a fullness of joy and delights for evermore. Her Saviour paid her entry.

Joy, hope and trust - but still sorrow. Sorrow for her family left behind, especially Mike. Sorrow for the fellowship's loss. But then I am reminded of this; 'There is a difference between sorrow and despair. Sorrow is a pain for which there are sources of consolation. Sorrow comes from losing

one good thing among others... Despair, however, is inconsolable, because it comes from losing an ultimate thing. When you lose the ultimate source of your meaning or hope, there are no alternative sources to turn to. It breaks your spirit.'

For the Christian sorrow is to be expected, since we live in a fallen world. We do lose and suffer the loss of good things among others, but we have no cause for despair, since the ultimate thing or rather person, will never leave us nor forsake us. He will guide us, comfort us and eventually take us to be with Him where He is, but he will never lose us. Sorrowful, yes! But despairing? No!! Since, 'from life's first cry to final breath Jesus controls my destiny.'

Morning : Mark 8: 1-26 Introducing Jesus: The One who has compassion

Evening : Romans 12: 1-2 The Christian Mind

For your Prayers:

- **Pray for Michael and the family at this time in the loss of Mary**
- **Pray for Cheryl who is now in the Macmillan Unit at the West Suffolk Hospital**
- **Pray for Duncan Pollard who has been in hospital**
- **Remember our children during this Half Term break from school**
- **Pray for our students**
- **Pray for the 'Big Issues in a small room' - that people will want to come and listen and ask questions about the Christian faith**
- **Pray for Pastor Kenny as he ministers to us at BRBC**

Tuesday evening Bible study

The Decalogue - 4 of 10

"The Sabbath"

Well, no one commandment seems to be as hotly contested as this one!

The Sabbath - what is the relevance for today? Equally what is its relationship to Sunday? Should I cook on a Sunday, should I work on a Sunday? Why are there so many different views on this subject anyway? Oh, and which one is right?

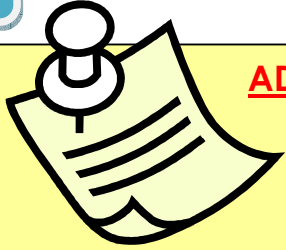
Our best wishes go to Megan who celebrated her 18th Birthday on Friday. May God bless you in the coming year.



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

CHURCH MEMBERS MEETING

THIS Thursday 29th Oct at 7.30pm - Agendas are available today for all members of BRBC. Please see one of the deacons for a copy.



ADDRESS LIST FOR BRBC

We are in the process of compiling a new address and contact list for BRBC as the old one is very out of date!

- ➔ If you are currently on the list, please check that your entry is correct. If there are any changes, or details that you wish to add (like an email address), please speak to Brian Burman who has printed forms for you to fill in, or email him on: brianburman@googlemail.com
- ➔ If you are not on the list and would like your details to be added, please also ask Brian for a form

NB: It would be good if everyone who attends BRBC could be on the list



Please note that there are a number of unclaimed dishes and plates on the trolley outside the kitchen. Please have a look to see if any of them belong to you. Thankyou!



"BIG ISSUES in a small room".

This is a series of talks by Pastor Kenny giving a basic introduction to Christianity. It will run for 4 or 5 weeks, beginning on Thursday 12th November. Please consider who you could invite to these talks. Some of you already have friends who may be interested.

PRAY about it too!!

Following on from this is a mini 'Alpha Course' planned in January.

For more information, please speak to Pastor Kenny.

Association Prayer Request: Grace Baptist Mission Meetings

1. This week we encourage much prayer for the Annual Meetings of GBM, to be held on Tuesday 27th October. We pray that the whole day will be of great encouragement and blessing to all who attend.
2. Please pray for all the practical arrangements, and for safety in all the travelling arrangements, especially for the transport, erection and dismantling of all the many displays which will be used for our information and benefit.
3. Last, but not least, do join in prayer for the Lord's blessing to be upon each one who will be taking a part in the seminars, presentations, the TOGO Rally, and for the guest preacher, Steven Currie.
PS. Robert & Hazel, and Alan & Barbara will be representing BRBC at the GBM Meetings – we pray that they will have a good day and safe journeys

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Today 25th October

10.00am Prayer time for all
10.45am & 6.30pm Pastor Kenny

Preachers out:

Mark Drury at South Ockenden Baptist Church, Essex, morning & evening

David S at Mendlesham Green, morning & afternoon

Tuesday

NO Busy Bees
7.30pm Prayer & Bible Study
Annual GBM Meetings in London all day

Thursday

7.30pm Church Members Meeting

Friday

NO FOY'S

Next Sunday - 1st November

10.45am Pastor Kenny
6.30pm Pastor Kenny
8pm Beetons Lodge

Stewards: am Dan & Charles
pm Pam & Dorothy