

WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 15th November 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



It was with mixed emotions, on Thursday last, that we laid to rest the earthly remains of **Cheryl Birkett**, a valued friend and member of this church. Cheryl came into our church around 5 years ago and endeared herself to us in so many ways. She was always at the Prayer Meeting, a valued member of the Music Group, a regular helper at CHAOS holiday club, as well as serving on the Mission Committee. Cheryl had her own unique style, and a heart that loved her Lord. Her battle with cancer over the last two years challenged us all as we witnessed her total reliance on her faith and trust in the Lord Jesus. She genuinely did not fear death but saw this as the gateway to a wonderful future.

She will be greatly missed and there will always be a “Cheryl shaped space” at BRBC! Her witness continued on Thursday as Pastor Kenny conducted a moving funeral service and the many that attended were challenged by the Gospel that had meant so much to her.

THIS MORNING:

Mark 8:27 - 9:1

Introducing Jesus: One to be followed

The Son of Man HAD to die. In His death he destroyed the works of the evil one; He dealt with sin and has therefore removed the sting of death itself. But Jesus' work has massive implications not just for the Christian at the point of death, but for the whole of his/her life. What Jesus calls forth, from those who would follow Him, is a total commitment, as in total! It is not passive resignation, but active abandonment, namely of one's self. Are you willing to leave ALL for the superior joy of following after Jesus Christ?

Evening: Romans 12: 9-21

The Christian: A marked man or woman

According to the first two verses in Romans chapter 12, the Christian should be different from the world in which they lived. The Christian is one who is not conformed to this world, but rather, is being transformed into something else. They are being made more and more like Jesus. According to these two verses, a Christian man or woman will be marked on account of the fact they are doing the will of God. It is this that Paul is sketching for us in the next three chapters. The first place he begins is by positioning the Christian within the church, to be other-person centred, and to use their gifts to serve others. But in the verses we'll be considering this evening, he then moves on to outline the will of God more directly. Showing that the one who is doing the will of God, the Christian, will be a certain sort of person. Come and learn more!

BAPTISM NEXT SUNDAY, 22nd November, in the afternoon. We are delighted to be holding a Baptismal Service, when Megan Stannard, Sarah Lancaster and Emily Lancaster will be baptised.

Callum Macintyre will also be giving testimony as to what the Lord has done in his life.

Please come along and encourage these young people by your presence.

The service will commence at **3.30pm** and food will be served afterwards. **Note: NO evening service next week**

Matters for Prayer:

- Pray for Cheryl's family in their loss
- Please pray especially this week for guidance concerning additional help for Pastor Kenny
- Pray for 'Big Issues in a small room' – after an encouraging meeting on Thursday
- Pray for Sunday School as they prepare for the Christmas Carol Service

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

Tuesday Evenings for the rest of 2009

17 November DNA

Please note that the new 'Woolpit Group' will be meeting at the home of Mark & Elaine, 6 Stonalls, Woolpit (please ask them or David H for directions if you don't know where to go)

24 November Prayer Mtg
1 December Prayer Mtg
8 December DNA – 'Christmas Edition'
15 December Prayer Mtg
22 December Prayer Mtg & time of sharing
29 December No meeting

(DNA will start again on 12 January 2010 and continue every third week thereafter)

Forward Notice: There will be a short Church Members Meeting after the Prayer Meeting on **Tuesday 24 November**.

ADDRESS LIST FOR BRBC

Please let Brian Burman know of any amendments to your contact details by **Sunday 22nd November**.

Contact him by email or telephone: 01284 753474

brianburman@googlemail.com

If you are new to the church & would like to be added please also notify Brian.

"BIG ISSUES in a small room" ... has started now on Thursday evenings at the Bennett Arms. Pray for Pastor Kenny as he answers the difficult questions that people may have about Christianity and other big issues.

Association Prayer Request HOME MISSION ACTIVITIES

Please pray for the Home Mission Annual Meeting at Stowmarket on Monday 16 November – Cecil Bassett is preaching.

Pray for the Evangelism & Outreach Committee. Declan Flanagan (Rural Ministries) will be visiting on Monday 22 February to talk about 'Village Evangelism'.

Pray for the plans being made for Beach Mission at Hunstanton next year & that young people will join the team.

**Open Music Practice
Wednesday 18 November
7.30pm at BRBC**

Anyone who may be interested in playing an instrument or singing in Church is invited to an open music practice this Wednesday at the church.

For more information speak to Gav



'Would all ladies on the Creche rota please be available for a photograph after this morning's service. We will meet in the creche room at around 12noon. Many thanks.'



THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Today 15th November

10.00am Prayer time for all

10.45am & 6.30pm Pastor Kenny

Monday

7.30pm Sunday School Meeting at the church for ALL leaders and helpers

Tuesday

9.45am Busy Bees

7.30pm DNA

Thursday

7.30/ 8.00pm BIG ISSUES in a small room

Friday

6.30pm Junior & Inter FOY

8.00pm Seniors

Town Pastors - Dan & Rachel

Saturday

Town Pastors – Dave Durrant (for the first time)

Next Sunday – 22nd November

10.45am Pastor Kenny

3.30pm Baptismal Service

Stewards: am Mary & Rod

pm Nigel & Ray E

Rougham DNA are organising a '**Christmas Quiz**' in Rougham Sports Hall on **Thursday 26 November** at 8pm. This is an ideal opportunity to ask along friends who would not normally come to 'church' based events. There will be a short evangelistic talk during the evening. The cost is £10 per team (4 – 8 people) and the winning team will donate all proceeds to a charity of their choice. To enter a team please ring Stuart or Beth Hitchcock (01359 270519) **PLEASE PRAY FOR THIS EVENT TOO!!**

