

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

Morning: Chained and cheerful

The kindness of God in allowing suffering - Philippians 1: 29-30

Even as you read the title of this sermon it may cause a little query within your mind. Or perhaps even questions to the validity of such a statement. Surely the kindness of God is seen in the removal of suffering, indeed, in the absence of it. But as we spend some more time in this letter, written to a church in the midst of agony, we might find something a little different than expected. But once more this requires us thinking about our thinking, gaining a gospel perspective on the difficulties of life itself.

Evening: Hermeneutics: Just how do you interpret the Bible?

The question we'll be dealing with this evening is this: "I have always found the paradoxes in the Bible fascinating and not disturbing. One in particular has always perplexed me,

ie, Matthew 6: 1-4 and Matthew 5:16 which one do we follow?"

We'll not just be looking at these two texts, but actually figuring out how to interpret the Bible itself, especially in the face of apparent contradictions and/or paradoxes.



**“BLESS THE LORD O MY SOUL
AND FORGET NOT ALL HIS
BENEFITS, WHO FORGIVES ALL
YOUR INIQUITY, WHO HEALS ALL
YOUR DISEASES.....WHO
CROWNS YOU WITH STEADFAST
LOVE AND MERCY, WHO
SATISFIES YOU WITH GOOD.....”
PSALM 103:2-5**

Prayer Points:

- Continue to pray for Hannah Strawson
- Pray for those who are elderly within the Fellowship and who feel the strains of everyday life
- Remember our children who are on holiday from school this week
- Pray for guidance re the Kenya project and the need for a project leader
- Pray for Ronny Heyboer as he returns to Borneo and for the work at the village
- Pray for David & Shirley, currently back in the US, and for the plans that are being made to enable them to return in September
- Pray for Pastor Kenny as he carries out his pastoral work in and around our fellowship

Association Prayer Request : Young People at Exam Times

1. Please remember in prayer our Young People who are busy preparing and taking examinations that God will give them the help that they need during what can be quite a stressful time both for themselves and for their families!
2. Pray in particular for young Christians who are involved in leadership positions in Christian Unions etc at college or university, that they may be able to strike a right balance between preparation and study for courses and involvement in Christian work.
3. Please pray for our young people who will be looking for employment following their examinations that they may not become unduly anxious but have faith in the Lord's guidance with regard to their future careers.

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Today:

10am Prayer for all
10.45am & 6.30pm Pastor Kenny
Communion to follow morning worship
Preachers out:

David S at Charsfield am & pm
Rowland at Barton Mills pm

Tuesday:

7.30pm Prayer & Bible Study

Thursday:

7.30pm 'Overview of the Bible'

Friday:

Richard Martin - Town Pastors

Saturday:

7.30pm FEAST
Male Voice Choir at Bacton Manor
Bruce Cameron-Laker – Town Pastors

Sunday 6 June

am: Mark Drury
pm: Steven Jones
Pastor Kenny at Laxfield am & pm
8pm Beetons Lodge

Stewards: am Bruce & Charles
pm Pam & Dorothy

Deacons Election – at the Church Members Meeting on Thursday, both Jonathan Armstrong and Stuart Hitchcock were elected to stand as Deacons. We wish them, and their families, God's blessing as they serve in this way.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

For those who are interested in joining the church, please speak to Pastor Kenny.

VACANCY.....

An interesting job opportunity has come up at SIM-UK based at Wetheringsett Manor, near Stowmarket. Please see notice board for Job Description:

PA to the SIM-UK Director & International Personnel Director.

NEW VENTURE.....

We have been asked by Kelly Baker, along with Emma Bryant, to make the Fellowship at BRBC aware of a new work they feel called by God to set up. They are planning a small group for people with Mental Health Issues who are Christians or interested in exploring Christianity, but who feel unable to attend regular 'Church' for one reason or another.

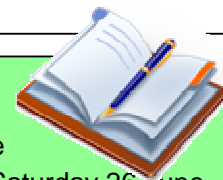
They have been offered a venue by MIND on a Friday afternoon, for an initial period of 12 weeks, starting in September.

Having discussed their vision with Pastor Kenny, they are asking for the prayer support and practical interest of the Fellowship at BRBC.

If you would like more information please speak to Kelly (or Ray or Rachel Balmer who will direct you to Kelly who you may not know yet).

Future Dates for your Diaries:

- Senior Youth Camp: 25 – 27 June
- Church Away Day @ Lowestoft - Saturday 26 June
- Youth Day – Sunday 27 June
- Welcome service for David & Shirley – Sunday morning 12 September + Fellowship lunch
- Harvest services – Sunday 26 September



BORNEO WORK PARTY 2011 ??

Following on from Ronny Heyboer's recent visit and his passionate description of the work at the village in Borneo, a number of people have shown interest in a possible

re-visit next year, to be involved in the ongoing construction project. This would not be an easy trip, or for the faint hearted, but if you are interested and would like to know more, please speak to Ray B or Steve Steele