

# WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2010

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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

## "This is the day that the Lord has made"

### Chained and Cheerful: Christian unity, at what cost? Part 1

Phil 2: 1-4

Unity among Christians is often spoken about, often preached about and often prayed about. Is it just an ideal that is unattainable? Well, not according to the Bible. It is a place where God commands blessing (Psalm 133). It is a place of intense joy and security. It is desirable, since surely no-one really loves strife and tension, do they? In these four verses the apostle, being carried along by the Spirit, explains the basis and cost of Christian unity. The only question at the end of these four verses, one sentence, is whether or not I am willing to pay the cost for unity. As far as I am concerned it is not cheap! But is anything valuable, cheap? As we study these verses, which according to Martyn Lloyd-Jones '... contain perhaps **the** classic statement of the New Testament on the whole subject of peace and accord...', May God grant to us the willingness to pay the price for real, true, God honouring, soul-satisfying, joy-producing unity!

### This evening: Where will those believing in Christ finally end up?

Last week we considered the destination of those who enter judgment day without Christ as Saviour. This evening we'll consider together the destination of those who enter that day trusting in Jesus Christ as Saviour. The actual question asked reads as follows;

"In Gen 3 a perfect world order is marred by sin and doomed to destruction (2 Peter 3:10). As believers we look forward to an eternity in heaven worshipping God and the Lamb (Rev 7: 9-17). Then we read that the New Jerusalem comes down out of heaven from God to dwell on the 'New Earth' (Rev 21: 1-4). Do you understand the 'New Earth' to be a restoration of the perfect world of Genesis 1 & 2? (Maybe we'll have to wait and see)."

### Prayer Points:

- We thank God that Wendy got on well last week at Addenbrookes, but she has to go back for more tests tomorrow, so keep praying!
- Pray for Josh & Calum in the States
- Pray for guidance on the Kenya project
- Pray that the Lord will overrule in all the details concerning the Visa application for David & Shirley

**Association Handbooks** are available in the Lobby – please take one if you are interested. (You may like to give a donation towards the cost) The "Letter to the Churches" is written by our very own Pastor Kenny !

### Youth weekend : 25-27 June **NEXT** weekend!!

**Friday :** Senior FOY leave for their camp at Stonham

**Saturday:** Everyone is invited to spend the day at Lowestoft (meet to the south of the pier 11am onwards)

**Sunday:** Youth Day – Sunday School will be taking part in the morning

Evening service will be youth orientated

**Please be praying for the whole weekend** – that our young people may have a good time and know that the Lord is with them. Also come along to support on Saturday and Sunday!

### Don't forget the volleyball!!



## **DIARY FOR THIS WEEK**

### **Today:**

10am Prayer for all  
10.45am & 6.30pm Pastor Kenny  
Preachers out:  
David S at Walsham - morning  
Mark Drury at Framsdon - morning & evening

### **Monday:**

8pm OASIS – Bible study for young mums

### **Tuesday:**

9.45am Busy Bees  
7.30pm Prayer & Bible Study

### **Thursday:**

7.30pm 'Overview of the Bible'

### **Friday:**

6.30pm Junior & Inter FOY  
Senior FOY - Camp at Red House Farm for the weekend

**Saturday: CHURCH OUTING** to Lowestoft

### **Sunday 27 June**

YOUTH DAY  
Speaker: Matt Rushby from BCY  
Stewards: am Mary & Rod  
pm Nigel & Ray E

## **MUSICIANS NIGHT**

**Monday 28 June :**  
**7.30 - 9.00pm**



This is an opportunity for all musicians to get together for a time of teaching, fellowship and a bit of a sing song.

If you're interested in getting involved in the music here at BRBC - whether as a musician or a singer - it would be great to see you too. Thanks, Gav

**PARENTS** - Please remember to collect your children from Sunday School directly after the service. Thank you!

**Thanks** from Jo, Mark & Naomi for your prayers and enquiries while Naomi was in hospital – she is now feeling much better

## **Hunger crisis hits 10 million West Africans**

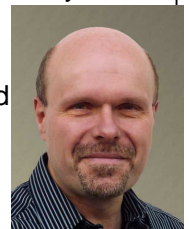
[www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org)

Tearfund partners are responding to an escalating crisis in West Africa where more than 10 million people are facing extreme hunger due to drought and poor harvests. In Niger, 8 million people – half the country's population – are affected by food shortages. Neighbouring Chad has 2 million people facing hunger and Unicef says 102,000 severely malnourished children will need life-saving treatment this year. Both countries have declared states of emergency after experiencing shortfalls in food production of 30%. **We will be sending a gift to this appeal. If you would like to contribute, mark your envelope "Drought West Africa Tearfund Appeal" and put it in the offering.**



**TRAINING AS COUNSELLERS:** Since the beginning of the year, BRBC have been sponsoring two of our members, Joanne Drury and Ray Eley, to study a course in Biblical counselling, run via The Institute of Nouthetic Studies. The course, which still has several months to run, takes place on a Thursday 9.30am - 12 in Ipswich. Ray and Jo have completed the basic training and are now moving into specific case studies. Both are enjoying the study and the discussion around the topics. Please feel free to speak to them about this if you are interested. It is hoped that, when they have completed their training, we will be able to use their skills within the work and ministry of the church.

We are launching a BRBC "**On-line Discussion Forum**" that will give folk within our church community the opportunity to raise spiritual issues of interest or concern. Such examples could be, issues raised by Sunday sermons or the Tuesday Bible Study, or topics that an individual might want some help with. The Forum will be moderated by Pastor Kenny with the help of other experienced Christians. If you would like to be involved, please speak to Steve Steele, or email him on [redacted]. This will enable him to issue you with a password and to explain how the system works.



## **Association Prayer Request : LEISTON Baptist Church**

1. Pray for the Lord's blessing on the inter-church BBQ (Leiston, Cransford, Laxfield, Sudbourne, Tunstall and Mendlesham Green) to be held at Sizewell on Saturday 26th June.
2. Pray that we may see fruit for our labours as we seek to reach out with the gospel on the doors, in the street, at the skate park, in the Middle School, through Songs of Praise at the Sheltered Accommodation and in Hollesley Bay Prison.
3. Pray that we as a church will be given wisdom and guidance as we seek to know the way forward following our pastor's retirement next year.