



Jude and Gloria would like to thank everyone for their support during the production of the Newsletter and would welcome any comments, ideas and feedback.



# ALDERMANS GREEN FREE METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

April - May 2011



### EASTER SERVICES



**Good Friday Service**With communion

Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:00-8:00pm



Easter Sunday April 24th

8:30am Communion

11:00am Morning Service

6:00pm Evening Service

# Your Church Needs You!!!





# **DEEP CLEAN – Monday April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Volunteers needed to give the church an extra clean and sparkle ready for Easter. A list of jobs will be available in the church. Please come and help. Church open varied times during the day/evening.



New volunteers required to 'top –up' the cleaning rota. This is around a 2 hour commitment only 5-6 times throughout the year. Please see Joy Standell for more details.



The 'tea' ladies would welcome any help people can offer to assist in serving the drinks or washing up after. Please talk to Val.

### OVERSEAS MISSIONS Coffee Morning

The Overseas Missions are hosting a coffee morning on behalf of 'Tear Fund'

on Friday 20th May 2011 10.30 - 12.30

for further information please see Helen Fuertig or Joy Standell

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### THE BIG CHURCH DAY OUT

**A National Event** 

All tastes and Age groups accounted for. New this year 'the big church fete'

28<sup>th</sup> and 29th May 2011

Gates open 11:00am Events start 2:00pm - 10:00pm
At Wiston House in West Sussex, BN44 3DZ.
Tickets required, please see church big day out website
<a href="http://www.bigchurchdayout.com">http://www.bigchurchdayout.com</a> for tickets and lots more info.

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MEMBERS MEETING
June 7<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm in Jubilee Hall

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#### SUMMER CRAFT FAYRE

2<sup>nd</sup> July in Jubilee Hall. Please see Rita if you can help

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#### **PANTO**

Dates for Panto are 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> December Matinee Saturday

A workshop will be held in summer holidays; please let Kirsty know your holiday dates so arrangements can be made.

Auditions announced soon.

Please see Youth Newswire for details.



### YOUTH CELEBRATION

(Sunday School Anniversary)

### **Sunday May 8th**

Services 11:00am and 6:00pm

### **SERVICES**



# May 29th

AM - Rev. John Leslie PM - Sue Over

All other services during April & May Reverend Peter Norton

#### **COMMUNION**

First Sunday of each month – Evening Service Third Sunday of each month – Morning Service

### Dear Friends,

Not so long ago I read about two brothers who had advertised a special winter wonderland experience for the family. They had offered the experience of a life time with picture perfect winter landscapes, reindeer, and to be able to see Father Christmas.

Most of you will have heard that they were taken to court for fraud, what they offered was not any thing like what was actually there.

You will also be aware of the way in which Estate Agents describe houses that they want to sell, they will not tell you the down sides but will use phrases like quaint, meaning old and in need of demolition or good project for the DIY enthusiast, when they mean it will take years to sort this lot out.

I hear people say that they want to hear the truth, not half truths, they will say, 'don't beat about the bush tell me what has happened'. The trouble is that when you do, the response can be, "well you could have softened the blow a bit".

Maybe that is why folk find it hard to take what Jesus had to say because he did not beat around the bush but went straight to the point. In the 'Sermon on the Mount' His teaching on the Law, managing your anger, lust, divorce, vows, retaliation, loving your enemies, giving, etcetera are clear but seem to be at odds with so much of what is accepted now.

I don't think that Jesus could be blamed for misrepresentation but many would call his thoughts good but out of date, (I would call them right and true for all time).

# **Dates for the diary:**

#### WEST END VARIETY

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm
A selection of songs and
Performances from West End shows.
Tickets £5 Adults

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£3.50 Concessions

#### WALK OF WITNESS

Good Friday, **April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00am**Please see Peter for more details

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#### **FELLOWSHIP EVENING**

at Fife St Church On **Saturday 14 May at 6.30pm**, Followed by a buffet



#### **FLOWER ROTA**

April	Donor	Arranger
3	Val	Preston
10	Audrey	White
17	Joyce West	Pat
24	Easter	Ladies
30 <sup>th</sup>	Wedding	Wedding
May		
8	A Batchelor	Pat
15	Jude Dunne	Janet Almey
22	Lynne &	Stuart Porter
29	G Tranter	

The thing is that people have not changed. We still do the same things that they did in Jesus' time it's just that some of the means of doing them have altered.

We all need advice and I cannot think of a better place to go for that than to the Bible. It does not hide things, people are described for what they are and God expresses his love towards them through it all.

So verses like "I will never leave you or forsake you" and "I will be with you always to the end of the age" show us what the truth is, God loves us and wants the best for us always,

The one we can trust is Jesus.

God bless you

Peter



#### THANK YOU

I would like to thank all who helped in any way for the Women's World day of Prayer Service on the 4<sup>th</sup> March. Friends who came from other churches said how much they appreciated the warm welcome and good atmosphere they experienced here at Aldermans Green Church. The offering taken for the work of the movement and for the projects run by Christian charities amounted to £90.00.

Thank you

Doren Williscroft
God bless.



'The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Matthew 21:9

#### **CHOIR**

An Area Association Fellowship Evening
Join us at the Fellowship Evening at Fife St Church
on Saturday 14 May at 6.30pm,
followed by a buffet

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#### **OVERSEAS MISSIONS**

A big 'Thank You' to all that handed in their boxes.

On Friday 20th May 2011 10.30 - 12.30 Coffee Morning is being held on behalf of 'Tear Fund'

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month a retiring plate will be left at the back of the church for offerings to go towards our Overseas missionary work.

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#### HOME GROUP

Join this lively group for Bible study and discussion, meeting on Alternate Wednesdays at 7.30pm On

April 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, May 11<sup>th</sup> and 25th

At venues announced in church.

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#### **COVENTRY CITY MISSION**

Need donations of good quality clothes and bric-a-brac. Please drop off at Deedmore Rd, Tel 76615931

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#### **CAMP 2011**

Planned for October break or possibly a long weekend.

If you're interested please hand in a
deposit of £20 ASAP.

Please see Michelle





Red Nose Day at Youth Club.



## Summary of Members Meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> 2011

Opening Devotions were made. This was followed by Apologies, and Minutes and Matters Arising from December's meeting. The Executive November meeting minutes were presented and reports made by the Trustees.

Easter arrangements for services were discussed and dates and times finalised. Sausage and bacon batches will be provided between 8:30am and 11:00am services. A report was received from the Half Yearly Meetings for the Region/National meeting and votes were made for representatives to take back to their next meetings.

Any other business promoted 3 main topics as follows:

- 1) Next Deep Clean of the church was planned for Monday 18th April ready for Easter. As many volunteers as possible would be appreciated and a list will be provided of jobs so people can tick them off as they are done. Church will be open at different times in the day.
- 2) Apologies are to be made in writing and given to Stuart before the day of the meeting. Verbal apologies on the night will no longer be accepted. This is to ensure that a quorum can be obtained for voting. Anyone may attend and participate in the discussions but only members may vote. Members are expected to attend every meeting but it would be appreciated if they could attend at least two a year whenever possible.
- 3) Notices must be handed in or emailed (<a href="mailto:churchsec@ntlworld.com">churchsec@ntlworld.com</a>) to Stuart by Friday night.

# The Choir perform at St James







On Saturday 19th March 2011 at St James, Old Hill, Aldermans Green Choir were joined by some of Fife Street Choir for an evening of fellowship. An excellent evening was enjoyed by all.













