

Brookside News

 Sunday 3rd December 2017

INFLUENTIAL NOBODIES

Meeting Leader & Speaker: Steve Prince

Band Leader: Chris Mitchell

**To be a transformational community empowered to courageously reveal Jesus
and His Kingdom wherever we go**

What's On This Week...

Sun 3 rd	16:00	Communion & Afternoon Tea	All welcome. Contact Joyce Goodwin for further details.
Mon 4 th	13:30	Ladies' Bible Study	All Ladies welcome. Please speak to Beth Munday for further details.
	19:00	Rest in God	See opposite
Tues 5 th	18:00	Chat Room	Discipleship group for years 10+
	Evening	Small Groups	In various locations. (Contact Lynn Chetcuti for more details)
Wed 6 th	9:45	Busy Bees	Toddler group
	14:00	Open Door	Coffee and Cake Contact: Joyce Goodwin for details
	Evening	Small Groups	In various locations. (Contact Lynn Chetcuti for more details)
Thurs 7 th	18:00	Emerge	Discipleship group for years 11+
	19:30	Youth Home Night	Speak to Chris Doughty for further details
Fri 8 st	07:00	Morning Prayer	An hour for prayer at Brookside: speak to Chris Mitchell or Isobelle Doughty for more details
Sun 10 th	9:30	Prayer Meeting	
	10:00	Morning Meeting	Meeting Leader: Steve Prince Hosting: Liz Casson-Smith PA: Dave Banthorpe Visuals: Stu Gordon Band Leader: Rob Cooke

Saturday Extra - Film Evening 16th December

All welcome to our last film night before Christmas 7pm for 7:30pm start, 2 Nightingale Road, Woodley. Please speak to Beth or Peter Munday for further details.



Christmas Events...

- Christmas Family Service: 10:30am, Sunday 17th December
- Carols by candlelight: 4:30pm, Christmas Eve
- Christmas Day Celebration, 10:30am

Invite your friends and family—flyers are available at the back of the church.

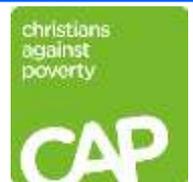


CAP Money Courses—January 2018

This free course teaches budgeting skills and a simple cashed-based system that works. Whether you free pretty organised or whether it's a lucky dip every time you try to withdraw cash from your account, the CAP Money Course will help you take complete control of your finances. Daytime and evening courses starting at Brookside:

- The day-time course starts on Tuesday 16th January at 10:20am
- The evening course starts on Wednesday 17th January at 7:30pm

Speak to Michelle McInnes or Martin Westacott for more information or to book a place.



Communion and Afternoon Tea: 3rd December

We will be meeting together for Communion followed by afternoon tea at 4pm this afternoon. Everyone is welcome. For further information please speak to Joyce Crockford.



Ladies' Bible Study

The Ladies Bible Study is meeting for the last time this year on Monday 4th December. The group will meet again on Monday 8th January 2018. If you are interested in joining this group please speak to Beth Munday.

Corporate Prayer at Brookside

Rest in God: Mondays 7 –8 pm

One of our core values is encounter: The path to transformation is fuelled by God's presence, so everything we do will intentionally enable encounter. As a result, Isobelle Doughty is hosting a special *Rest in God* hour on a Monday from 7-8pm. Please feel free to drop in at any point during the hour to spend time in His presence and listen to His heartbeat. If you have any questions, please contact Isobelle Doughty.

Morning Prayer: Fridays 7—8am

We have now been meeting together to pray on a Friday morning for 9 months. The first half of our time is spent in God's presence and during the second half we pray through the things that he's speaking to us about. Everyone is welcome, we'd love you to join us in prayer. Speak to Chris Mitchell or Isobelle Doughty for more details.



Prayer Diary 3rd-9th December: *The first candle to be lit in Advent symbolises HOPE. The word 'hope' is often used in the sense of a vague wishing that something may happen, but in the Bible it is a certain hope based on the promises of God. Each day this week read the paired verses that tell what God promised and how he fulfilled that promise. Allow these verses to give you hope as you use them to pray.*

- Sunday:** Isaiah 9:2 and 6-7, Matthew 4:12-17 Heavenly Father, thank you for fulfilling your promise to send your Son as a great light for people in darkness. I pray for those I know who are walking in darkness (*name them here*) and ask you that you will allow them to see your Great Light, Jesus. Please give them the opportunity to repent and turn to you.
- Monday:** Isaiah 11:1-5, and 10, Matthew 21:17, Romans 15:11-13 Thank you Father, that the stump of Jesse's family appeared devoid of hope and lost in obscurity, but you sent your Son to that family and made him the Saviour for all nations. Please encourage those I know who feel excluded, I (*name them here*) and show them Jesus who can give them hope.
- Tuesday:** Isaiah 35:5-6, Isaiah 61:1, Luke 7:20-23 Heavenly Father, thank you that your Son came to bring healing and good news. I pray that you will reveal Jesus to (*name them here*) so that they may receive the healing they need and accept the good news of salvation.
- Wednesday:** Isaiah 42:1-4, Matthew 12:15-21 Thank you Father that your message of salvation is for every person in every nation. I pray for everyone I know who has left their home just as you did to bring good news in other countries. (*name them here.*) Give them the power of your Spirit and hope in your promises.
- Thursday:** Isaiah 56:3-11, Hebrews 12:1-3 Lord Jesus, thank you that you looked ahead to the prize of seeing men and women saved and so were able to endure all your sufferings. I ask you to renew my hope in the things you have promised me, so that I can follow your example when things get hard for me.
- Friday:** Isaiah 56:6-7, Acts 10:1-47 Thank you God that you did not restrict your promises to your chosen people but made them available to all mankind. Please give me the faith not to mentally exclude anyone from the possibility of salvation. I open myself to you to receive more promises and increased hope.
- Saturday:** Isaiah 61:1-3, Luke 4: 16-20, John 14:12 Dear Jesus, all our hope is based on what you have done for mankind. But you have promised that if we believe in you we will do even greater works than you did on Earth. Lord, give me hope that can comprehend this thought and turn it into a promise to me.

E-prayer chain: If you would like our e-prayer group to pray for your, a friend, neighbour or family member, please contact Pat Bevan on 0118 9611937 or e-mail; nigelandpat.bevan@btinternet.com

Pastoral Care and Support

Most pastoral care and support happens naturally through small groups and relationships across the church. However, sometimes extra support is needed, and we have a pastoral team who can help you find this if the need arises. Please contact Peter Munday, Anita Prince, Malcolm or Rose Godbeer or the church office.