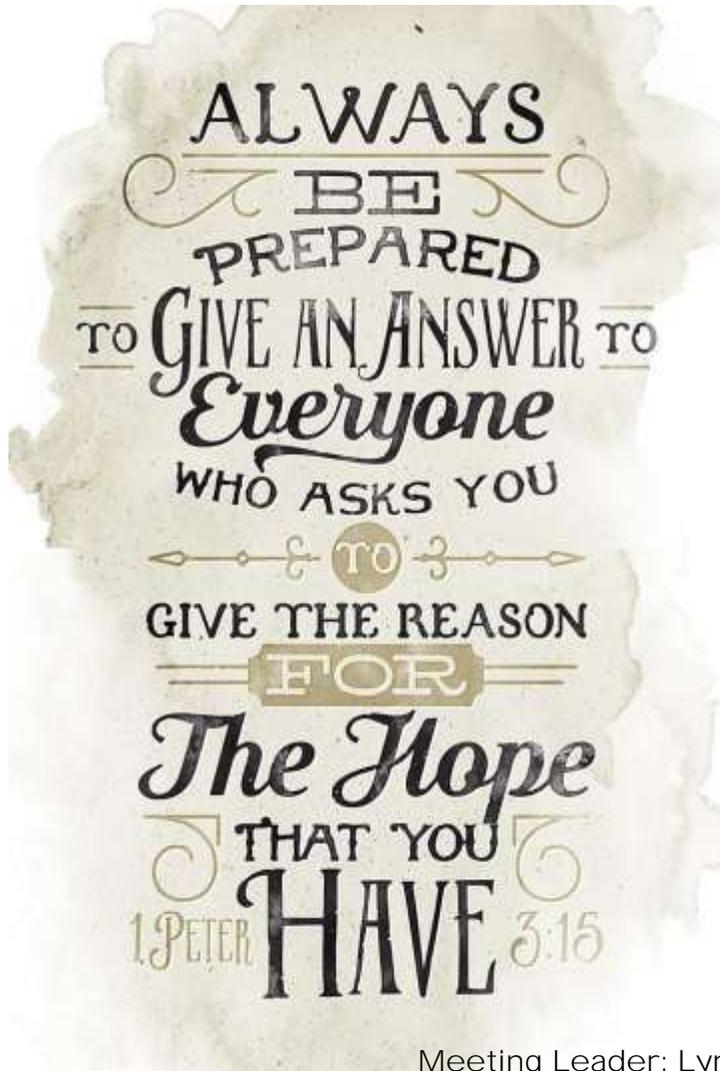


# Brookside News

Sunday 12th February 2017

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Meeting Leader: Lynn Chetcuti

Speaker: Steve Prince

Band Leader: Chris Mitchell

# What's On This Week...

Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Leadership Hub	
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Needles & Pins	For all interested in Needlecraft. Meeting at Brookside.
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	Evening	Small Groups	In various locations. (Contact Lynn Chetcuti for more details)
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	14:00	Open Door	Coffee and Cake. All welcome. Contact: Joyce Goodwin for details
	Evening	Small Groups	In various locations. (Contact Lynn Chetcuti for more details).
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Worship & Healing	Still the Hunger
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	19:00	Saturday Extra Film Evening	2 Nightingale Road, Woodley
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Church Camp AM & Cafe	See opposite
	10:00	Meeting at Loddon Primary School	Meeting Leader: Jo Gordon
			PA: David Bunney
			Visuals: Lee Marshall

## Monthly Pentecost Sessions: Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm

Worship, lingering and 'soaking' in God's presence, and intercession. The first *Pentecost Session* will be at Brookside on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Dates for subsequent sessions are: 26<sup>th</sup> March, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 28<sup>th</sup> May & 25<sup>th</sup> June.



## Buildings News

The planning application for our much needed extension will be submitted in the next few days—see the display at the back of the church. Please pray this would go through without any problems, and that God would provide financially.

Amelia has created some lovely cards and all the profits will go towards the building fund—just £3 each from the back of the church.



## Saturday Extra Film Evening - 18<sup>th</sup> February 7pm.

Everyone is welcome to this regular film night at Peter & Beth Munday's—2 Nightingale Road, Woodley, RG5 3LP. Forthcoming dates are: 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March.



### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February

- **Church Camp AM:** 10:30am - 12 noon at Brookside: A fantastic fun morning for children in Years 1-6. Under 5s are welcome but must be supervised by an adult.
- **Church Camp AM Café:** 10:30am—12 noon in Brookside Surgery. An opportunity for parents with kids at Church Camp AM to have a coffee and pastry, build friendships and share parenting tips.
- **Gathering at Loddon School, Hillside Road, Earley, RG6 7LR,** including a light breakfast from 10am. Our meeting starts at 10:40-ish.



### Transformation: Womens Breakfast; Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 10-12 noon.

We are very pleased to be welcoming Heather Pocock from Kerith Community Church as our speaker for this event.

A light breakfast will be provided. Tickets from the Church Office, 0118 9664474, £3 in advance, £4 on the door. For further details please speak to Jo Gordon.



### Discipling 18-35 Year Olds in Today's Culture—Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February

You may be aware that Freedom in Christ have launched a fantastic new resource, *disciple*, which focuses specifically on 18-35 years olds . On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2017 (9.30am—4pm), we'll be hosting an interactive day for anyone interested in reaching out to and discipling this specific age group. Brookside people have been offered a reduced rate of £15, and if you're willing to help we've got some free places. Places can be booked online at [fcm.org.uk/dctour2017](http://fcm.org.uk/dctour2017). Or speak to Liz or Linda for more details.



### Still the Hunger: Worship & Healing, 7.30pm Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February

These monthly events are an opportunity to worship, receive prayer for healing, meet the Still the Hunger team, and find out more about what they do. They take place at 11 Glebe Road, Reading, RG2 7AG. Everyone welcome.



### Prayer Ministry Training: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm

If you would like to be available for God to use you in praying for others, or grow in confidence in prayer ministry, please join us—whatever your level of previous experience. We'll look together at being led by the Holy Spirit, values, practical guidelines and practices that bring security and protection. Book your place with the church office. Further info from Anita Prince 0118 9626841.

### Bible Study

No ladies Bible study next week. The group will resume meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> February at 1:30pm with a new study on Samuel. For further details please speak to Beth Munday.

**Prayer** If you would like prayer for yourself, a friend, neighbour or family member, please contact Pat Bevan on 0118 9611937 or e-mail; [nigelandpat.bevan@btinternet.com](mailto:nigelandpat.bevan@btinternet.com)

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## Prayer Diary 12<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017

"For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our inner-most thoughts and desires." Hebrews 4:12.

*This week we are focusing prayer on the work of Bible Society.*

MONDAY: "For it is You who lights my lamp; the Lord my God who lightens my darkness." Psalm 18:28.(ESV) *In Pakistan 60% of women cannot read or write. Bible Society offers 6 month literacy courses, on graduating, each women receives an Urdu large print Bible.*

*Imagine how being literate brings a sense of value and empowerment and pray for more women to benefit and for the growth and support of these courses.*

TUESDAY: *"Many Algerian women hide their faith in Jesus. Most are controlled by the males in the family, and have few rights, are illiterate, have no friends and never go out on their own. Bible Society produces audio Scriptures, on a small device that looks like a mobile phone, which contains the whole Bible." Pray with imagination and compassion!*

WEDNESDAY: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:5 (ESV) *"Challenging fear and misunderstanding between people of different religions is essential if we want to see stability in the Middle East. In Lebanon, we're hosting interfaith debates between Christians and Muslims. In Turkey, we're working with students at Islamic theological faculties to challenge perceptions about Christianity and present an accurate view of the Bible." Pray for all involved.*

THURSDAY: *"If you visit China today, you'll see churches so full that people spill out onto the pavement. Rural villagers walk for hours each week to attend services. Young people are turning to Christianity because it's a new way of thinking, different from traditional beliefs. And city high-flyers are coming to faith because their lives feel empty.... We need to print 5 million Bibles a year for every new Christian to have one!" There is plenty to pray for here.*

FRIDAY: *"Please pray for Open The Book: bringing the Bible to life for every child in every primary school. We have wonderful teams of volunteer storytellers from churches using drama, mime, props and costumes to dramatise Bible stories in primary schools throughout England and Wales. ...we are impacting the next generation with the Good News! Pray for our storytellers who invest their time and energy ...throughout the year."*

SATURDAY: "Let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God." 1John 4:7. (CEV)

### 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.

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