

Brookside News

Sunday 14th May 2017

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Meeting Leader: Steve Prince

Speaker: Stuart Mitchell

Band Leader: Chris Mitchell

What's On This Week...

Sun 14 th	16:00	Leadership Hub	By invitation
Mon 15 th	13:30	Ladies Bible Study	Speak to Beth Munday for further details
Tues 16 th	18:00	Hey Tuesday	Group for kids in years 1-5.
	Evening	Small Groups	In various locations. (Contact Lynn Chetcuti for more details)
Wed 17 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).
	19:30	Alpha course	Please see opposite
Thurs 18 th	18:00	Emerge	See Chris Doughty for further details
	18:30	GGBB	Group for girls in Years 9-11
	19:30	Youth Home Night	See Chris Doughty for further details
Fri 19 th	07:00	Brookside Morning Prayer	An hour for prayer at Brookside—see below.
Sat 20 th	10:00	Encounter Morning with Still the Hunger	See opposite
	14:30	Concert in aid of Jubilee Sailing Trust	See Below
	19:30	Saturday Extra Film Evening	2 Nightingale Road, Woodley
Sun 21 st	10:30	Church Camp AM & Cafe	See opposite
	10:00	Meeting at Loddon Primary School	Meeting Leader: Linda Mitchell PA: David Bunney Visuals: Steve Goss

Brookside Building Fund Raiser

Keep the morning of June 24th free for our fantastic Bring and Buy Sale. All contributions for the sale gratefully received so DE-CLUTTER NOW! For more details, see Fiona Fox.



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Sunday 21st May

- **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.
- **Meeting at Loddon School, Hillside Road, Earley, RG6 7LR,** for everyone not involved at Church Camp AM, including a light breakfast from 10am. Our meeting starts at 10:40-ish



Encounter Morning with Still the Hunger: Saturday 20th May, 10 - 12:30

An opportunity to come and dip a toe in the Still the Hunger experience of healing, breakthrough and worship. Breakfast on arrival. Recommended donation £5. Please speak to Beverley Hutton for further information: info@stillthehunger.co.uk www.stillthehunger.co.uk



School Uniforms for Romania

It's that time of year again! In support of the work Irene Mahoney is doing in Romania, we're collecting school uniform for children between 6 and 14 years old - a list of items needed is available at the back of church. Alan & Jenny Crosse are planning to take items down to Devon during the summer - date to be confirmed.



Sunday 28th May: Invitation for Prayer and Pentecost Session

- During our morning meeting, there will be our regular *Invitation for Prayer* when people will be available to pray for those needing a breakthrough or healing. Everyone is welcome to come for this, even if they are not regularly part of the Brookside family.
- At 7.30pm we have our next Pentecost Session, and professional artist Robert Brain will be with us. Robert is part of Peppard Common Church, and he has run very inspiring art workshops in the past, both in church settings and elsewhere. His experience is that when we ask the Holy Spirit to inspire, we can always expect something special. The format for the evening will be sung worship, space just to be, and Robert and his team will run an art zone for those who want to join in with that (you don't have to be good at art to participate!). If you want to find out more about him, go to this link https://www.artgallery.co.uk/artist/robert_brain

Charity Concert In aid of Jubilee Sailing Trust: Saturday May 20th at 2.30 pm, Brookside Church

Jubilee Sailing Trust uses tall ship sailing to give greater confidence and experience to disabled people. This fundraising concert will feature Hand-bell ringers, a choir and David Goodwin playing violin. Tickets are £5 in advance, or £6 on the door—refreshments will be available.



Martyn Joseph Concert

A great opportunity to hear this fantastic singer songwriter on Saturday 3rd June, 8pm, at St Nicholas Church, Sutcliffe Avenue, Earley RG6 7JN. Tickets are £16 from Lindsey.sharpe1@gmail.com.



Prayer diary 15th-21st May 2017 – Prayer for Irene in Romania

Don't forget continued prayer for Alpha

Monday: Irene runs groups for different ages; English teaching for school age Y4 and Y5, girls groups for Y4-5 and Y7-8 and kindergarten with mothers too. Pray that she will have opportunities to share God's love with them.

Tuesday: Pray that the children attending the groups will continue to come, especially the girls, who tend to leave the clubs as they move into the older group. There is no boys' group due to lack of male helpers and Irene can only do one off sessions.

Wednesday: Pray that Irene and her associates will be able to build stronger links with the children's families through visiting, food parcels and distributing clothes and household goods that come from the UK. Give thanks for the changing attitudes to disabled Irene has seen among the parents.

Thursday: Irene asks 'That we will be able to build trust with the children in a safe environment so they feel they can share their problems with us. (In the gypsy culture they are not encouraged to talk about emotions so it's very hard to form deep relationships with people here.)'

Friday: Pray that the children will learn to be more caring to others and co-operative in groups as Irene runs activities to encourage teamwork and has begun assemblies with homework club.

Saturday: Pray for visiting helpers both from Romania and England, that they will fit in and be very useful. Give thanks Irene's friend Jo, who has been contributing to Irene's heavy load of planning and preparation for the many activities.

Sunday: Pray for Irene's work running a Sunday School group at the Baptist church. Pray that she will get spiritual refreshment in the midst of her labours.

E-prayer chain: If you would like our e-prayer group to pray for you, 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.