

Brookside News

Sunday 15th January 2017

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

“NOT A DAY
GOES BY WITHOUT HIS
unfolding grace.”

2 Cor 4:16

Meeting Leader: Steve Prince

Speaker: Steve Prince

Band Leader: Chris Mitchell

What's On This Week...

Mon 16 th	1:30	Ladies Bible Study	Speak to Beth Munday for further details
Tues 17 th	16:00	Hey Tuesday	Group for children in years 1-5
	Evening	Small Groups	In various locations. (Contact Lynn Chetcuti for more details)
Wed 18 th	9:45	Busy Bees	Toddler Group
	14:00	Open Door	Contact: Joyce Goodwin for details
	Evening	Small Groups	In various locations. (Contact Lynn Chetcuti for more details).
Thurs 19 th	18:00	Emerge	Disclipleship group for year 11+
	19:30	Youth Home Night	Speak to Chris Doughty for further details
Fri 20 th	19:30	Worship & Healing Evening	Still the Hunger Glebe Road
Sat 21 st	19:30	Saturday Extra Film Evening	2 Nightingale Road, Woodley
Sun 22 nd	10:30	Church Camp AM & Cafe	See opposite
	10:00	Meeting at Loddon Primary School	Meeting Leader: Stuart Mitchell Speaker: Mart Westacott Band Leader: PA: David Bunney Visuals: Lee Marshall

Brookside Finances

At the end of November income was £7.5k better than budget and costs were £2.6k lower than budget. Overall we are £10.2k better than budget, which puts us in a good position after 5 months bearing in mind that we budgeted for a full year loss of £30.6k. However, we are still £2k down on the break-even position we'd like to be in. Thank you for your generosity that has brought us to this improved position, and let's continue to thank God for his provision.

Sunday 22nd January

- **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.



Leadership Hub

Here's a reminder that Leadership Hub 2017 starts again this evening **at 7.30pm** at Brookside. Leadership Hub is specifically for **everyone involved in leadership** in some capacity at Brookside. As a leadership team (BLT) we also want to encourage those who know God is calling them into some form of leadership to talk with someone from BLT to decide whether Leadership Hub might be something you can connect with.



Vision

As you are probably aware, just before Christmas the leadership team brought our new Vision Statement to the whole church and we thank you for your feedback and comments. One aspect of our vision is to be a **transformational community**. As we mature in our relationship with Jesus through getting to know Him better, and as the Holy Spirit fills us and leads us, we can be confident that inner transformation will happen in our hearts and minds. The result of this is that we will naturally be transformational in every community we find ourselves. This will be true in our homes, families, work and study environments, social groups etc. As we'll be hearing today, we can be releasers of grace as we walk in the forgiveness God has won for us and as we choose to forgive those who offend and hurt us. Is there anyone you might need to forgive at the start of this New Year?

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Advance Notice: Discipling 18-35 Year Olds in Today's Culture

You may be aware that Freedom in Christ recently launched a fantastic new resource, disciple, which focuses specifically on 18-35 years olds – the young adults who are often called the "missing generation" in our churches. We're very excited that on Saturday 25th February 2017, we'll be hosting an interactive day for anyone interested in reaching out to and discipling this specific group of people. More details to follow early in the new year.



Prayer Diary 15th—21st January 2017

"I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray constantly, asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope He has given to those He called - His holy people who are His rich and glorious inheritance." Ephesians 1:16,17.

At the beginning of 2017 let us use Paul's prayer for the Church meeting in Ephesus, as a template/example, as we pray for the Church meeting in Brookside and elsewhere in the community- for all the groups who make up the whole.

MONDAY: *For all who work in the office, full or part time: for their time in and out of the building, and for their families.*

TUESDAY: *The Chat room: For the leaders and the 9-11year olds, 'Exploring how to follow Jesus. For the preparation and outworking. (growing in their knowledge of God)*

WEDNESDAY: *Busy Bees toddler group: For the people setting up and running this group. For each child and the adults bring them.*

Open Door: For those welcoming and those attending. (understanding the confident hope).

THURSDAY: *Emerge, discipleship group for year 11+*

GGBB, group for 9+ girls

Youth Home Night: For all leading and attending these foundational groups.

FRIDAY: *For the small groups meeting on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, in different homes: For growing relationships and encouragement in the outworking of being Church.*

SATURDAY: "God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made Him head over all things for the benefit of the Church. And the Church is His body: it is made full and complete by Christ, Who fills all things everywhere with Himself."

For all our preparations for meeting as Church tomorrow, For those listed on our Brookside News sheets, and all the young people and children's work. For all of us!

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.

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

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