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We hope you will experience God's goodness and blessing as we draw close to Him this morning.

Meeting Leader: Chris Doughty

Speaker: Brookside Leadership Team

Band Leader: Indy Nottage

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We Dream of a Church ...Where it is acknowledged that victory can be overcoming trials and difficulties whatever the outcome.

WEEKLY DIARY

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Mon 28 th	13:30	Ladies Bible study	
Tues 29 th	18:00	Hey Tuesday	
	Evening	Small Groups	In various locations. (Contact Lynn Chetcuti for more details)
Wed 30 th	9:45	Busy Bees	Toddler Group.
	14:00	Open Door	Coffee and Cakes. Please Contact: Delareece Hanson for details
	Evening	Small Groups	In various locations. (Contact Lynn Chetcuti for more details).
Thur 1 st	18:00	Emerge	Discipleship group for year 11+
	18:30	GGBB	Yr 9—11 girls' group
	19:30	Youth Home Night	Speak to Chris Doughty for further details
Fri 2 nd		Men's & Ladies' Curry Nights	See below
Sat 3 rd	19:00	Saturday Extra Film Night	See opposite
Sun 4 th	9:30	Prayer Meeting	
	10:30	Morning Meeting	Meeting Leaders: Kev Davey & Linda Mitchell Speaker: Andy Morris Band Leader: Stuart Mitchell PA: David Banthorpe Visuals: Steve Goss

Curry Nights: 2nd December

There are men's and ladies' Curry Nights on Friday 2nd December from about 8pm:

- Men (at Brookside):** A time to meet up, have chance to chat, and discuss ideas for other social events. Bring a dish & a drink, or two, for everyone to share (a non-curry option will be available). See Andy Morris or Malcolm Godbeer for more details.
- Ladies (84 Pitts Lane, Earley):** If you've said you're coming please speak to Katie Baxter if you need to check what you need to bring.



CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Christmas is a fantastic opportunity to invite friends and family to join us as we celebrate the amazing gift of Jesus. Let's ask the Holy Spirit to show us who we can invite.

Sunday 18th December:

- 10:30 am: Christmas Family Celebration: worship and festive fun for all the family
- 6:30pm: Christmas Carol Evening: carols, reading and testimonies focussing on the hope that Jesus brings.

Christmas Day 10:30am: A short celebration for all the family.



Board Games for Kids Groups

Do you have any board games suitable for kids aged 5-11 years that you no longer use? We are planning a games session on Sunday 4th December and need to boost our stock of games. Please give them to Lynne Graham this week or drop them into the church office. Thank You!



Brookside Finances

We are so grateful to God, and everyone who regularly gives financially. This financial year we budgeted for a significant loss, knowing we could cover this from our reserves if necessary, but trusting that God would provide. After 4 months we are significantly better than budget – but not yet in the break-even situation we are believing God for. At the end of October, income was £5.8k more than budget and costs were £2k lower than budget. This left us £2k short of breaking even for the year to date. However, in November, £1.5k (including gift-aid) was given by someone who felt prompted to underwrite our first quarter shortfall – thank God! If your circumstances have changed, or if you don't tithe or regularly support the church financially please prayerfully consider reviewing your giving.

Saturday Extra Film Evening: 3rd December

Everyone is welcome to this regular film night at Peter & Beth Munday's—2 Nightingale Road, Woodley, RG5 3LP. The next planned date is 17th December.



Church Directory: Change of Details

- Steve & Zoe Goss River View, Station Road, Woolhampton, Reading, RG7 5SF
Tel: 0118 971 2689

Prayer for Life Issues and Breakthrough

From today we are planning to make time each month to pray with people who need to see a touch from God in their lives, during our time together. This will take place on the fourth Sunday of the month in the context of Communion.

Advent Prayer dairy : First Sunday of Advent – Who is coming?

Nov 27th [Micah 5:2](#) “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

Nov 28th [Psalm 2:10-12](#) Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling. Kiss his Son, or he will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Nov 29th [Psalm 110:4](#) The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: “You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.” (*This means he will be a priest, a mediator between God and man, and a king of peace and of righteousness.*)

Nov 30th [Zechariah 9:9](#) Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, ...

Dec 1st [Zechariah 9:9](#) ...lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Dec 2nd [Genesis 49:10](#) The sceptre will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his.

Dec 3rd [Deuteronomy 18:15](#) The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him.

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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