

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2016

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

Meeting Leader: Steve Prince

Speaker: Steve Goss

Band Leader : Isaac Robinson

*Brookside*  
Church

**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 30 <sup>th</sup>	Bank	Holiday	
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup>	Evening	Small Groups	In various locations. (Contact Lynn Chetcuti for more details).
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> June	14:00	Open Door	Coffee and cake. Everyone welcome (Contact: Joyce Goodwin)
	Evening	Small Groups	In various locations (Contact: Lynn Chetcuti )
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00	Brekkie@Brookie	See opposite
	9:30	Prayer Meeting	
	10:30	Morning Meeting	Meeting Leader: Chris Doughty Speaker: Beverley Hutton Hosting: Liz Casson-Smith Band: Isaac Robinson PA: Keith Penn Visuals: Lee Marshall

## Advanced Notice...

- Our next shared lunch will be on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June, straight after the morning meeting. The idea is for everyone to bring enough food for themselves and a little extra to share with others. It will be another great opportunity to chat and get to know others in our lovely Brookside Family.
- **Steve & Lorraine Box:** we're very pleased to be hosting Steve and Lorraine again in September. They'll be with us over the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> September.



## Another Buildings Update...

- **LED Lighting:** We've agreed fittings for the office, entrance and lino area and the current lighting will be updated soon.
- **Front window blind** has been installed.
- **Room Dividers:** We've received one estimate and another will be obtained. We're deciding where this sits on our list of priorities at this stage, i.e. whether to replace them immediately, or just remove them for now (for health and safety reasons).
- **Kitchen:** We've received a quote for the units which is within our £10-12k budget. Suitable domestic appliances have been identified. A flooring company will be coming soon, in order to provide a quote.
- **Boiler:** We're in the process of finding a plumber with whom we can discuss relocating the boilers in the ladies' loo in the loft.

### **Brekkie @ Brookie**

Sunday 5th June from 9.00am to 10.15am

The Loddon Hosting Group will be serving breakfast at Brookside to raise funds for the new kitchen and building refurbishment. Please come along and sample a fantastic breakfast:

Breakfast Roll and a drink £2.50

Pastry and a drink £1.00

Pastry, Roll and a drink £3.00

Drink only 50p contribution suggested



### **Fundraising for Building Improvements**

It's great to see the momentum building with a variety of fundraising initiatives that are springing up across the congregation. Lets continue to encourage and inspire one another with ideas and opportunities. Its not too late to get involved so contact Michelle or Liz to get on board.

Also we're delighted that Stuart Mitchell has offered to research and approach potential external sources of funding. Thank you, Stuart!



### **School Uniforms for Romania**

Alan & Jenny Crosse are planning to take uniforms and other items down to Devon on 3<sup>rd</sup> June so all donations need to be given to Alan and Jenny by Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at the latest.



### **Go Kart Day 12<sup>th</sup> June: 2—5pm**

It's that time of year again! It's just three weeks now until the annual Six Sixty Go Kart and Fun Day on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June, at Laurel Park in Earley. This is always a great community event, so put it in your diary, spread the word and bring your friends and family. If you'd like to enter a go-kart in the races, the cost is £5 per kart—see Isobelle Doughty for an entry form.



### **Brookside Finances – Good News!**

We are so grateful for recent gifts of £20,000 (£25,000 with gift aid) to go into the general fund, and £2,500 (plus gift aid) to cover the cost of all the recent work on changing the church layout and to purchase some additional PA equipment. As a result, we will finish this financial year with a surplus of approx £9,500. Apart from this, April income was slightly better than budget and expenditure was slightly higher than budget.

The budget for 2016/17 is in the process of being prepared. In order to achieve a breakeven budget we will be using some of our reserves. Ideally we'd like to see regular giving increase to cover our day-to-day costs so that as much of our reserves as possible can be redirected to cover the cost of improvements to our facilities, or other things that God may lead us into in future.

### ■ **Sunday Mornings...**

- 5th June: Beverley Hutton will be sharing about the work of Still The Hunger
- 12th June: Alan Magness—Revelation and the Word series
- 19th June: Church Camp AM and Café at Brookside, and our meeting at Loddon Primary School
- 26th June: Peter Munday—Revelation and the Word series.

## Prayer Diary 29<sup>th</sup> May - 4<sup>th</sup> June

"In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God...God created everything through Him, and nothing was created except through Him." John 1:1,3.

MONDAY. "Those who accept My commandments and obey them are the ones who love Me. And because they love Me, My Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal Myself to each of them." John 14:21. *Meditate on these words, allowing the Holy Spirit to take you deeper in your relationship with Lord. Take them with you through the day ...and beyond!*

TUESDAY. "If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and He will give it to you, He will not rebuke you for asking." James 1:5. *Let us pray for all those involved in the building programme: for grace and wisdom at each stage.*

WEDNESDAY. "After He gathered His own flock, He walks ahead of them, and they follow Him because they know His voice." John 10:4.  
*Pray for the Church: for those meeting to worship Jesus in different locations in our neighbourhood, for a growing relationship between us.*

THURSDAY. "God said, "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you." Hebrews 13:5.  
*Pray for: those who used to meet with us at Brookside, but now have mobility problems and are housebound, for us to find ways of keeping in touch.*

FRIDAY. "The heavens are Yours, and the earth is Yours; everything in the world is Yours – You created it all." Psalm 89:11...."May Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10b.  
*Let us pray that growing numbers of MPs have the courage to stand for justice, righteousness and integrity – before and after the referendum.*

SATURDAY."Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May Your Kingdom come soon."

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### 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](mailto:nigelandpat.bevan@btinternet.com)



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