

Brookside News



Summer 2017



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What's On This Summer...

SUNDAYS

23 rd July	10:30	Meeting Leader: Chris Doughty; Speaker: Stuart Mitchell; Band Leader: Indy Nottage
30 th July	10:30	Meeting Leader: Steve Prince ; Speakers: Steve & Zoe Goss; Band Leader: Isaac Robinson; Hosting: Penns; PA: Keith Penn ; Visuals: Alan Magness & Grant Swainston Harrison
6 th Aug	10:30	Meeting Leader: Ben Morrison; Speaker: Stuart read; Band Leader: Chris Mitchell ; Hosting: Lynne & Ben Graham; PA: Dave Robinson ; Visuals: Eden Smith
13 th Aug	10:30	Meeting Leader: Lynn Chetcuti ; Speaker: ?? ; Band Leader: Rob Cooke Hosting: Gerry Norris; PA: No PA; Visuals: Stu Gordon
20 st Aug		NO MEETING AT BROOKSIDE—6.30pm Family Service at Rushall Farm (see opposite)
27 th Aug	11:00	No meeting at Brookside—11am Family Gathering on Loddon Primary School playing fields (in the main hall if the weather's bad—see opposite)
3 rd Sept	10:30	No meeting at Brookside—10.30am at Loddon Primary School for everyone (due to refurb of our main worship area—see opposite)

OPEN DOOR

Will be meeting during the summer. Check the website or call the office for venues

COMMUNION & TEA: 6th Aug

16:00

Communion followed by afternoon tea. All welcome. (Due to main worship area refurb 3rd September will be confirmed).

YOUTH & KIDS EVENTS at Rushall Farm

- Church Camp: Saturday 19th – Thursday 24th August
 - Sunday 20th August: 2–5pm Family Day; 6.30pm: Family Service
 - Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd August, 11am –3.30pm Kids' Fun Days
- Booking Forms available from the website. See opposite for more details

BUSY BEES

13th Sept

9:45

First week back of the Autumn term for mums, carers and toddlers

YOUTH STUFF

Restart w/c 11th September

Sponsor a chair

Don't forget to sponsor a chair this summer. A gift of £60, or just £48 if gift-aided, will pay for one chair. Maybe you could pay for one in faith for someone who might join our church community over the coming year. Please put your donations in the offering basket (marked appropriately), or, send you donation via BACS to the church account with the reference 'CHAIR'. Sort code: 30-96-96; a/c no 04455271, letting Michelle know if your donation can be gift aided.



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Church Camp and Kids' & Family Days—at Rushall Farm

It's **Church Camp** time of year again! If your children are 11+, it's a week in the sun with amazing friends: encounters with God, learning to love others, helping kids make and do stuff, and discovering something about a life that is fulfilling, world-changing and BLESSED. Saturday 20th August—Thursday 24th at Rushall Farm — a week to change their life. More details from Chris Doughty.



This year's **Kids' Fun Days** start on Sunday 21st (2—5pm) with activities and fun for families. Then at 6:30pm the whole Brookside family is invited to come to a special family service in the barn. On Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd (11am—3.30pm) the fun will continue for primary school age children—under 5s are welcome but must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. More details from Hev Nottage.

Booking forms for both events are available from the back of the church or from the website.

Refurbishment of the Worship Area

The main worship area will be refurbished and out of action from Saturday 19th August to Friday 8th September. This means we'll be out of the building for three Sundays and here's the plan:

- Sunday 20th, 6.30pm: no morning meeting as there will be a family service for everyone at Rushall;
- Sunday 27th, 11am—1.30pm: meet on Loddon field/playground for light brunch (pastries/doughnuts/cookies, etc), and a main focus on time just to be together as family. Use of toilets at Loddon, and the option to move to the hall if the weather is bad.
- Sunday 3rd September, 10.30 am: meeting at Loddon for everyone— there will be activities there for all primary age children, and arrangements for our young people.

Sunday Meetings at Brookside: 10th, 17th, 24th September & 1st October

Sunday 10th September will be our first Sunday back in Brookside for our morning meetings. Whilst a group of us were away in Harrogate at the European Leaders Advance recently, Steve sensed God saying that we should have a season of Sunday meetings with considerably more space and time to encounter Father God in fresh ways, and that sometimes our expectation of encounter can be hindered by familiar routines. When we gather together as a church family our core purposes are three-fold: to worship, praise and celebrate the goodness of God; to be equipped for every good work as His priests; and to be family together.

So, for four weeks we will gather initially as a whole church family for the first part our time together. After the children go to their groups, we will continue in praise and worship (or however the Holy Spirit leads). We won't have any pre-arranged speakers: our goal will be to simply give time and space for the Holy Spirit to move among us, and for us to love Jesus and encounter the Father's love in fresh ways – without any limits created by planned items. Other notices and communications will be kept to an absolute minimum so we will all need to make an extra effort to absorb important information that will be communicated in different ways.

We'd love each of you to join us in starting to seek God now for a fresh outpouring during this time.

Brookside Finances—God is good!

At the end of June we came to the end of another financial year, and we are so grateful to God for his provision. Amazingly we have finished the year with a small loss of just £2.9k—which compares very favourably to the £30.6k loss that was budgeted at the beginning of the financial year! Actually we'd have ended with a £5.1k surplus if we hadn't made a decision to transfer £8k to the building fund. This improvement has been partly due to an increase in giving (mainly due to a number of significant one-off gifts), and partly due to control of costs. Thank you for your generosity. As we start another financial year we are trusting God that he will provide for us once again—both for our general running costs, but also for all the finances we will need to improve and extend our facilities.

Prayer Diary for August 2017

We are going to take time to read and meditate on Jesus' seven 'I am' statements. Let us use any extra time we have this month to read the verses in context and perhaps look at the articles referenced below on the internet, to build up a full picture of what Jesus really meant. Afterwards we can worship Jesus for who he is and apply what he said to our own lives, with thanks and praise

Week 1

John 6: 35, 51 **'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live for ever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.'**

www.gotquestions.org/bread-of-life.html

John 8: 12 **When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'**

www.gotquestions.org/light-of-the-world.html

Week 2

John 10:7-9 **Therefore Jesus said again, 'Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture.'**

www.gotquestions.org/I-am-the-door.html

John 10:14-15 **'I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep.'**

www.gotquestions.org/Good-Shepherd.html

Week 3

John 11:25-26 **Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.'**

www.gotquestions.org/resurrection-and-life.html

John 14:6-7 **Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.'**

www.gotquestions.org/way-truth-life.html

Week 4

John 15:1,4-5 **'I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.....Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.'**

www.gotquestions.org/true-vine.html

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.

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