

Messenger

October / November 2007



Spiritual HEAL + H CHECK

As you read this many will be involved in the 40 Days Campaigns

So why not take a few minutes to check out the list on the right.

For example: How would you describe a mature and active disciple of Jesus Christ. How would we know if we saw one? Do you intend to please God with your use of time, of money, of talents, with your relationships?

Think and pray through the checklist. It may appear daunting, but it is a good set to work towards at whatever pace you decide.

- Be a Christian
- Worship in church at least once on a Sunday
- Read the Bible and pray daily
- Join a church small group
- Attend the church prayer gatherings
- Take Christian responsibility for you time, your talents and your money
- Consider membership of the church planned giving scheme
- Support a Christian mission society with both prayer and finance
- Witness to family, friends and others
- Have a role as a Christian in the local community
- Read a Christian book or magazine
- Practise hospitality

A French Evening

With a visit from Simon Allchin from France Mission

Founded in 1957, France Mission was founded as an evangelical movement with 50 years of experience sharing the message of the Bible in France, and tracing its roots back to the earliest days of French Protestantism. One of France's most dynamic church-planting organisations, France Mission has a vision to see evangelical churches grow through multiplication. Today, France Mission has over 50 churches in nine regions of France.

**St John's is hosting a French Evening on Friday 19th
October at 7.00pm**

There will be a two course meal:

Poulet a la francais with vegetable

crème brulee or tarte au citron

a glass of French wine

French coffee

There will be an opportunity to hear from Simon Allchin who is from Marseille and also sing some French worship songs

Free tickets are now available but there will be an offering for the work of France Mission

**St John's Church Hebburn give an
invitation to a special**

Memorial Service

to remember loved ones

6.00pm Sunday 25th November, 2007

Loved ones, whose funerals have been conducted by the ministry team of St John's Church, during the past 12 months will be remembered with gratitude and thanksgiving

ST JOHN'S GIFT DAY SUNDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2007

St John's Annual Gift Day is taking place on 4th November.

The PCC has decided to use the gifts to help the ongoing work of mission and ministry in our parish and community.

We are asking those who are committed to the ministry at St John's to consider prayerfully making a financial gift to the church. A good response for our gift day will help considerably towards the ongoing work in both parish and diocese.

Our churchwardens and treasurer have written a helpful article to help us understand our financial obligations as a church.

There will be Gift Day envelopes available and also at the church



St John's will again be hosting an

Annual Remembrance Service.

Sunday 11th
November

The normal patterns of services are changed for this important occasion and details are as follows

9.15am Holy Communion (finishing at 9.45am)

10.15am A Remembrance Service with a procession to the War Memorial for an Act of Remembrance at 11.00am and then continuing to the Kelly Memorials in Hebburn Cemetery. (There will be no facilities for children's activities at this service)

6.00pm Holy Communion

! RECALL NOTICE !

The Maker of all Human Beings is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart. This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units. This defect has been technically termed Sub-sequential Internal Non-morality, or more commonly known as SIN, as it is primarily expressed. Some other symptoms:

- Loss of direction,
- Amnesia of origin,
- Selfish, or violent behaviour,
- Idolatry,
- Depression or confusion in the mental
- Foul vocal emissions
- Lack of peace and joy
- Fearfulness
- Rebellion

The Manufacturer, Who is neither liable or at fault for this defect, is providing factory authorised repair and service free of charge to correct this sin defect. The Repair Technician, Jesus, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required. The toll free number to call for repair in all areas is P-R-A-Y-E-R. Once connected, please upload your burden of SIN through the REPENTANCE procedure. Next download ATONEMENT from the Repair Technician, Jesus, into the heart component. No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, Jesus will replace it with:

- Love,
- Kindness,
- Self-control
- Joy,
- Goodness,
- Peace,
- Faithfulness,
- Patience,
- Gentleness,

Please see the operating manual, HOLY BIBLE, for further details on the use of these fixes. As an added upgrade, the manufacturer has made available to all repaired units a facility to enable direct monitoring and assistance from a resident Technician, the Holy Spirit. Repaired units need only make Him welcome, and He will take up permanent residence on the premises.

WARNING: Continuing to operate the human unit without correction voids the Manufacturers warranty, exposing the unit to dangers and problems to numerous to list, and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded. For free emergency service, call on JESUS.

DANGER: The human being units not responding to this recall action will have to be scrapped in the furnace. The SIN defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven so as to prevent contamination of that facility. Thank you for your attention.

Please assist where possible by notifying others of this important recall notice.



Crutch Amnesty

The Accident and Emergency Department at South Tyneside District Hospital is asking for help from its patients by offering a crutch amnesty. The failure to return crutches to the A&E department after injuring an ankle or knee may seem trivial to some, but each pair actually costs around £7 and last year the South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust A&E Department issued around 800 pairs of crutches for these types of injuries. It is estimated that only a quarter of these crutches and other walking aids have been returned.

“In 2006 the A&E department spent over £3,000 on simply replacing walking aids for patients. This is a huge amount of money that could be used to benefit patients in other ways. If anybody has a pair of metal crutches, a walking frame or walking stick under the stairs at home or abandoned in the garage we would really appreciate their return to the A&E Department at South Tyneside District Hospital or the Nurse Lead Minor Injuries Unit at Palmer Community Hospital, Jarrow – No questions will be asked!” said Julie Russell, Nurse Manager in the A&E Department.

‘South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust Member’s News – Summer 2007’

If anyone in the parish has any crutches or walking sticks which are not now needed, we would be more than willing to come and collect them from you and return them to the A&E Department

Thelma & Arthur Pattison
Tel: 0191 483 2051

Christ Church - is preparing to pilot a Fresh Expression of church called Messy Church.

Messy Church - will take place after school and with the aim of bring families into a church environment. Each event will have a biblical theme - which will be taught through craft activities, songs and stories. Afterwards everybody will sit down to a meal as a church family.

We plan to begin on **Monday - 15th October**, from 3:45pm - 5:45pm.

We ask you to pray for messy church project, those leading the leading and preparing various activities and for those who will be attending the event.

ST JOHN'S – DONATIONS SEPTEMBER 07

Special Concerns – Pat Carey’s visit to Lidetta	
Coffee Morning	
Special Effort	
Peggy & Cyril Mudditt	
Dorothy Goss	
Anon	
	TOTAL £381.00
YOUTH & COMMUNITY	
Knit & Natter	
	£200.00
GENERAL FUND	
Agnes Holmes and friends	
	£ 8.00
RESTORATION FUND	
In memory of my mother Dora Henderson	

and aunt Anne Cooper, from Norma with love I miss them both.	£25.00
In memory of her dear Mother Dora, from Norma Wilson	£25.00
CHURCH FLOWERS	
Loving birthday memories of Jack From Doreen & Ann Layton	£20.00

LEPROSY MISSION	
In memory of my gran Elizabeth Marchbanks from Granddaughter Lesley	
In Memory of a dear Mum Elizabeth Marchbanks from Daughter Elizabeth Others	
	TOTAL £46.42

HARVEST 07

Harvest 2007 was a brilliant and spiritually fulfilling experience. Harvest is our local youth evangelist event, at Whiten Castle, in which leaders can bring youth groups to get to know God and learn about what it means to be a Christian. It has been running for 21 years and has seen many people come to Christ, many great speakers and worship bands and God do amazing things.

There was lots of activities to do ranging from the serious stuff like seminars and high fibre to the silly stuff like yogurt drinking (Yes Justin and Alan took part in this madness). Hint for everyone never mix yogurt drinking with a gyroscope (ask Alan). We also had our budding Harvest's got talent singer Miss Sarah Tomkins, whom got to the semi final, Well Done!! The turn out was amazing with a wide age range and it was great to see everyone worshipping at the main event on a nighttime. We had speakers including Mike Prilevachi, Phil Collins (Not the singer) and Mark Ritchie and they all had a message from God to deliver to the youth. The music was great including Yfriday every night and Steven Riley who ran the worship at High Fibre.

This year's Harvest was based all around the theme of living in the kingdom of God and there were many interesting and important things to be learnt here. These included, that's God is a healer, we must seek first the kingdom of God and use the gifts Christ has given us wherever that may take us. One thing that really sticks out if our memory is the last two nights in the main event. The Spirit of God was there in those meetings. On the last night God healed many people within the main tent and we were taught how to pray for others. We think this was effective as it increases God's power and the number praying.

There was youth from many different churches at harvest including our youth group 'Yell'. Many youngsters became Christians and were really challenged by God, as were we. We think it was a great experience and that next year we should aim to encourage more youth to come and learn more about who God is and what it means to be a Christian. So bring on next year!!

Justin & Rebecca Dummer



TOBI – THE NEW VOLUNTEER

Hello to everybody. I am Tobi, the volunteer from Germany, who will spend one year in your community. My whole name is "Tobias Litschko". That is usually not a German name. But after the Second World War the Slovaks forced my Grandfather to take a Slovak name, because he lived now on their land. I am from "Frankfurt am Main", which is in the south of the federal state "Hessen". It is in the southern middle of Germany. I have lived there for my whole life. My other Grandfather was a civil engineer and built a house in "Berg-enkheim", which is the part of town I live. The house consists of three flats. In the ground flat lives my Grandmother, my Grandfather died before I was born.

In the first floor live my parents and my younger sister. My older sister and me live in the second floor, but my mother was still cooking and washing for me. Now it is over with it. Unfortunately =(. But she told me how to cook, wash, iron and do everything else in a household. So I am prepared extremely well to live on my own. And the first washing and ironing were successful. My father's name is "Klaus" (53), my mother's name is "Eva" (will become 50 on the 22nd of December, that is one reason I have to go home at Christmas). My older sister's name is "Tatiana" (23) and my younger sister's name "Vanessa" (17). My whole family apart from my father is Roman Catholic he is a Protestant.

I am a sporting guy. In Germany I was rowing on the river "Main". Also I was jogging and sometimes I was biking and playing football and basketball with friends. My favourite football team is "Eintracht Frankfurt". They play in the first league (Bundesliga) in Germany. I have to admit that they are not the best team, but they are still good.

In my remaining free time I help in our church. I support in different occasions and organise camps for children and youth for the catholic and protestant church. I help also in the protestant church, because when I was young the Catholic Church had no activities for the young people and so I joined the protestant activities. And when I became older I became a leader of children groups and organised camps for them. That is why I support the catholic and protestant church in children and youth work.

I just left school in Germany. I done my German A-levels, it is called "Abitur". And now I am here in England to learn the language and work one year for god. I have always wanted to go one year in another country and England is a lovely country with a beautiful countryside. I hope I can help you in church and cause you much fun. After this year I want to study civil engineering. I hope we will spend a breath-taking time together.



WHAT'S THE GOSPEL?

What's the gospel? I'll put it in a sentence.

The Gospel is the news that Jesus Christ, the Righteous One, died for our sins and rose again, eternally triumphant over all his enemies, so that there is now no condemnation for those who believe, but only everlasting joy.

That's the gospel.

You Can't Outgrow the Gospel

You never, never, never outgrow your need for it. Don't ever think of the gospel as, "That's the way you get saved, and then you get strong by leaving it and doing something else."

No! We are strengthened by God through the gospel every day, till the day we drop. You never outgrow the need to preach to yourself the gospel.

How the Gospel Strengthens

Here's an illustration, and I use it not because it's any big deal to speak from my life, but because it's what I walked through and where I most pointedly in the last year experienced the power of the gospel to make me strong. (Many of you are walking through things much heavier than prostate cancer—much heavier.)

Do you remember the verses that I shared with you back in February that were almighty for me? It was that moment right after the doctor says, "I think we need to do a biopsy," when this stab of fear comes. It didn't last long, mercifully.

And then came—what? 1Thessalonians 5:9-10. It's just as pure gospel as you can get.

God has not destined you for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for you so that whether you wake or sleep you will live with him.

Settled. Peace like a river.

The Gospel Is Perfect for Your Needs

That's just gospel—perfectly timed, perfectly applied, perfectly suited to my need. That's why the Bible is so thick—because there are so many different needs that you have. And there are suitable places where the gospel is unfolded for you, so that if you immerse yourself in the whole book, always with an eye for what Christ has wrought for you and purchased for you in this thick, glorious history of God's interaction with people, he will give you what you need.

Therefore, everything in me says, and I hope to say until the day I die, "Now, to him who is able to strengthen me, according to Paul's gospel, to him—to that God—be glory forever and ever."

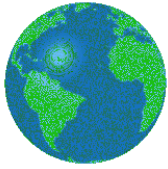
God came into history in Jesus Christ; he died in order to destroy the power of hell and death and Satan and sin; and he did it through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

A Plea to Believe

I know that there are people reading this who are not trusting Jesus Christ, and therefore can only expect condemnation. So I'm just going to plead with you here at the end, lay down that rebellion. Lay it down. And simply embrace the gospel that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Righteous One, died for your sins. He was raised on the third day, triumphant over all his enemies. He reigns until he puts all of his enemies under his feet. Forgiveness of sins and a right standing with God comes freely through him alone, by faith alone.

I plead with you, don't try to be strong in your own strength; it will not be there when you need it. Only one strength will be there—the strength that God gives according to the gospel.

Don't put it off.



Global Poverty Prayer Week (12th – 18th November 2007)

There is a time for everything. A time to kneel and a time to stand, a time to pray and a time to talk. But there is never a time to look the other way. There is never a time to ignore the truth. There is never a time to turn our back on suffering and injustice. Commit to praying today, be apart of the miracle!

Tearfund's – 10-year vision is to see 50 million people released from material and spiritual poverty through a worldwide network of 100,000 churches, by prayer. Over the Global Poverty Prayer Week – people are asked to pray for 5 main aspects:

MONDAY – HIV: A baby is born with HIV and five people die of an AIDS-related illness every minute. This is preventable – it's about justice. We want to stop and reverse the spread of HIV in countries where our partners work by 2015.

TUESDAY – CLIMATE CHANGE: We work to prevent food shortages and forced migration caused by climate change. Our mandate to care for God's creation demands that we take action.

WEDNESDAY – DISASTER RESPONSE: More than 90 per cent of people who die from natural disasters live in poor countries. And with climate change increasing our work preparing for and responding to natural disasters is essential

SUNDAY: Today is the climax of the prayer week. Churches, youth groups and student groups around the globe will be praying as one. The whole world will be circled in prayer

THURSDAY – TRADE JUSTICE: Unjust trade rules mean that people in poor countries are missing out on earning a fair wage. It's once again time that the church speaks for those whose voices are seldom heard.

FRIDAY – WATER AND SANITATION: By this time tomorrow another 5,000 children will have died from water related diseases. We're working hard to give everyone in the communities where Tearfund works safe water and toilets within 500 meters of their homes

SATURDAY – GET ACTIVE ON CLIMATE CHANGE: This December the UN summit on climate change will meet and to agree how the world will tackle climate change. Join others and spend Saturday telling our leaders how much action you want them to take.

For more information see: [www.bepartofamiracle.org.uk/Prayer+ week](http://www.bepartofamiracle.org.uk/Prayer+week)

Dates for the diary

Messy Church begins at Christ Church on Monday 15th October 3.45pm A special event for children and parents with craft, storytime, food and fun

Bright Lights Party on Wednesday 31st October in St John's 6.00pm. Celebrate with style with games, food and fun. Tickets 50 pence

Confirmation is being held in St Cuthbert's, Hebburn on Thursday 8th November at 7.00pm with the Bishop of Jarrow, anyone wishing to be confirmed please see David Osman as soon as possible.

A Fairtrade Evening is being held on Friday 23rd November at St John's. 7.30pm It will be an opportunity to purchase fairtrade items for Christmas.

SERVICES & CONTACTS

Worship @ Christ Church - Jarrow

SUNDAY: 9:15am – Holy Communion, **TUESDAY:** 9:15am – Morning Prayer
WEDNESDAY: 1:30pm – Holy Communion

Worship @ St John's - Hebburn

SUNDAY: 9:15am – Holy Communion, 10:30am – Holy Communion + The Hub
 The HUB is activities for children and young people including: Crèche (0-3s),
 Scramblers (3-5's), Climbers (5-7's), Explorers (7-11's), Pathfinders (11-14's)
 6:00pm – Evening Worship [except 1st Sunday on the month]
THURSDAY: 10:00am – Holy Communion

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