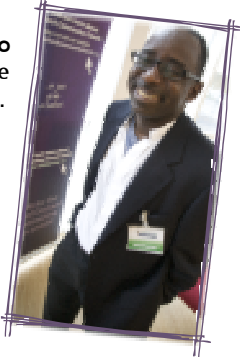


VISION NIGHT see the bigger picture

Welcome! Are you new here?

If so, Welcome! You may be a visitor to one of our Sunday services, or in some other way making first contact with WCC. We hope you have been made to feel welcome because really, you are welcome! You may be wondering how you can plug into church life a bit more, or even considering making this your 'home church' and giving all you can to help in our mission... if so, here are a few pointers:



1. Stick around on Sunday long enough for refreshments in the Café to meet some new people; come and say hello to Tim, Helen and other leaders who will usually be found in the reception area after each service!
2. If you haven't done so, fill in (and place in the offering) a yellow slip with your details and we'll get in touch and keep you up-to-date weekly by email with WCC news and points for prayer.
3. Attend the next *Growing Together* course for newcomers — see right.

Growing Together is a course of three evenings open to people who are wishing to find out more about who we are, our vision and the part they can play in it. It will be a helpful way for you to figure out if you could and should put roots down into WCC as your 'spiritual home.' It is not a sales exercise - it is simply a way of helping you find God's plan for your life regarding local church involvement.

The evenings will consist of a food, a time of getting to know one another through sharing testimonies, small group discussions and an opportunity to hear about the Vision of our church and meet the Senior Leadership Team, staff and ministry group leaders.

Our next course starts in February as follows:

- Wed 1st Feb 7.30pm: full finger buffet provided
- Wed 8th Feb 7.30pm: desserts, cheese and crackers
- Wed 22nd Feb 7.30pm: bring and share buffet - you bring and share!

If you would like to attend our next course you are more than welcome to come along; it would be helpful for catering purposes to know if you are able to make the three evenings.

Please contact Julia Graham in the church office by phone 01923 331382 or by email - see the back of Unity.

Did you know...

There is a parking guide to the Wellspring on our website so you know where to park on Sundays

You can now donate to WCC through text giving - write, 'WELL17 £[amount]' to 70070

You can listen to sermons online

The Journey With God Prayer Journals are still available on sale - get yours today!

EYES WIDE open *Flourish* inspiring women for each & time as this...

Saturday 4th February
10:30am—5:30pm
Here at The Wellspring
£7.00 including lunch



Ladies...

We are thrilled to be able to invite you ladies, teens included, to join us for our next Flourish day on Saturday February 4th. We've called it 'Eyes Wide Open' because we expect it to be a time when the eyes of our hearts will be opened wider we see more of what God sees. Expect a day for friendships to be made and deepened, for passionate praise, for intimate worship, for a wonderful buffet lunch, blessed space for inspired prayer in creative prayer rooms and the chance to present some questions and hear some answers during an interactive Q&A time.

We are also thrilled that this time we are incorporating a teen stream for our young women aged 13-18 to enjoy both integrated and youth tailored sessions. Girls we invite you to join us 'because you are worth it'.

Price is £7 per person, for more information and registration forms pick up a leaflet at reception or email nikki@watfordcommunitychurch.org for further information or to book your place.

the marriage course

Marriage Course – starting January 31st a series of seven evenings designed to enrich any couple in their relationship whether you have been together 2 years or 25 years

The course explores important topics including communication, resolving conflict, forgiveness and love in action. Couples sit together for each session and spend quality time together

If you are interested in joining the next Marriage course, please contact Paul and Tracey Baxter via email: marriage@watfordcommunitychurch.org or call 01923 331382, cost is £55 per couple

Official bits/contact details...

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Preparing for Marriage?

Preparing for a marriage can be both an exciting and overwhelming time! There are all sorts of conversations to be had, plans to be made, involving many people and with loads of wonderful complications!



However, we believe in investing in great marriage, not just planning a great wedding. It can easily become focussed on preparing for one day in particular. Whilst the marriage day is very significant we recognise that preparing to build a healthy, strong, fulfilling marriage means talking about more than just menus and colour schemes. So we are thrilled to introduce a new marriage preparation course. This is an informal course over 5 evenings, in the comfort of our Wellspring Café.

Guests will enjoy some inspiring and helpful presentations as well as guided discussions and delicious desserts with refreshments. We invite all engaged couples to take time out of the busy season of wedding preparation to join us as we help you build a marriage for a lifetime.

To register for your place, or for more information, please do contact us at marriage@watfordcommunitychurch.org or speak with Paul and Tracey Baxter. This course starts on February 27th and runs for 5 weeks, cost is £20 per couple.

Unity JANUARY 2012

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Welcome to the first edition of 'Unity' of 2012, a year of adventure!

I believe we are stepping into an exciting, unpredictable and enjoyable season as a church family. This is a time for each of us to discover new things about living for God and to respond to the changes around us with faith and creativity. Most importantly, it must be a year when Jesus himself leads us forward.

Following Jesus always has been, and always should be, an adventure. There are places to go, people to meet, lives to touch, prayers to pray and new perspectives to discover. Long periods of stagnation are not God's plan for our lives. Look at the gospel accounts of Jesus and his band of followers and we can well imagine a few glances exchanged behind Christ's back asking, "where is he taking us now?" By the end of his earthly ministry, many of Jesus' enthusiastic followers had abandoned him because he wouldn't fit into the mould they had made for him. He prioritised the poor and sinful, he talked of being a King who suffered, he walked his disciples into Jerusalem knowing it would mean rejection and punishment. He would not be directed by the expectations of others - he did what the Father sent him to do and showed us what it means to live a life of adventurous obedience.

So as we start out this year, let's not fall into the trap of thinking we can steer the Spirit of God to fulfil our agenda. As an individual I encourage you to be ready and adaptable in response to God's guidance and leadership in your life. God knows what he will do with you this year!

Be confident and reassured that I am not your leader, Jesus is! Yes, as leaders of this Church, my team and I will do our best to serve you, encourage your creativity and faith to grow as we work in unity to see God's vision for us become a reality. However, to lead you well we need to be led. Thank you for praying for discernment and courage as we follow the God of new directions.

Be confident and reassured that I am not your leader, Jesus is!

As we stepped into 2012 I believe the Lord has spoken to me about going beyond borders, going off the map of what we have known, trusting him with some new directions. To this end, I must urge you to come to the Vision Night at the end of January (29th, 7.30pm). I want all of you there, as there are some exciting plans taking shape that I'd love us to explore together.

When the risen Jesus (and wasn't his resurrection a surprising new direction!) sent out his disciples he gave them this charge:

"I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit... And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matt 28:18-20 NLT)

Step out in faith this year, and be reassured: We are not walking alone!

- Tim Roberts



DIRECTIONS?

NEW

Off to Africa!

To Burkina Faso:

Heather Cameron & Helen Roberts

On 10th January Heather and Helen will be donning their safari hats and mosquito spray, heading off to West Africa to visit the Bama School Project, which Heather heads up. The aim of the trip is to build on our strong relationships with school and church leaders there, exploring how we can make an even bigger difference through our partnerships in future years.

To Kenya: Sam Theobald

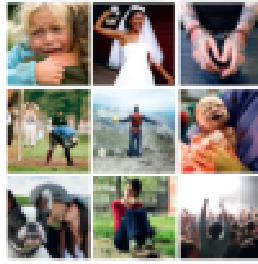
Sam writes: "On the 13th of January I will be going for a week to Kenya to join my brother and father to bring solar powered lighting to an orphanage and the homes of a number of children sponsored through *Compassion*. My brother has set up a not-for-profit company to provide solar-powered lighting to developing countries, with an aim to spread spiritual light, as it spreads physical light. By replacing kerosene lamps with solar lighting it makes education and study in the evening more possible."

For both trips, please pray...

- for people and equipment to arrive safely
- for Heather, Helen and Sam to be kept in good health
- for the teams to bring light into dark places, both physical and spiritual.
- for stronger relationships with African workers and leaders
- for the families back home

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THE ALPHA COURSE 



LIFE IS WORTH EXPLORING

WHO WILL YOU BRING TO THE NEXT ALPHA COURSE?

It's an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian Faith. It's relaxed, non-threatening, low key, friendly and fun. It's here at The Wellspring Church Centre and there is a meal together at the beginning of each session which gives everyone the opportunity to get to know one another. This is followed by a talk given by a speaker and then we divide into small groups for a time of discussion.

WHEN... Thursday evenings, starting 26th January 7.30pm and continuing for eight weeks

HOW TO BOOK... call the church office or email: alpha@watfordcommunitychurch.org

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FRIDAY

6th messy games; 13th dinner walk
20th Watford sleepout; 27th cy outing



SUNDAY

8th *Noah's Journey* – David and Marlon
15th *Abraham's Journey* – David and TBC
22nd *Abraham's Journey* (part 2) – Nafisa and David
29th No Pride - Baptisms!

Please Sign Up for early bird ticket (£85) for Soul Survivor before 31st January

Letters at CY display wall in foyer

Baptisms

The Bible-inspired tradition for believers in Jesus is that they are baptised in water as a public confession of their faith, that they have been cleansed and (as Jesus taught), 'born again'. To this end we hold water baptisms here regularly, and the next opportunity for this is on Sunday 29th January.

If you haven't been baptised and would like to be, please contact Julia Graham in the office; she will put you in touch with someone like John Lubbe, (or even with John himself!) who will be glad to discuss this with you further.

VISION NIGHT 1930 Sunday 29th January


What's happening in January?

- Quite a lot actually, a great start to the year with our English language school and Job Club back up and running as well as many other ministries; leading up to the start of both the Alpha and Marriage Courses. Also, remember we have baptisms on January 29th in the morning and then in the evening a hugely important Vision Night - do all you can to not miss that!



Poste haste...

Please make use of the clear post box on the reception desk to post any of your yellow slips, letters to staff, standing order mandates, words of encouragement even!! *The staff team love to hear from you.*

MON	TUE	WEDN	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
2 Gen 11-23	3 Gen 14-25 1000 Little Springs Toddler Group Community Groups	4 Gen 3 Job Club Community Groups	5 Gen 4	6 Gen 6	7 Gen 7:1-23	8 Gen 7:24 - 8:22 0900 & 1115 services: Tim Roberts: <i>Journey with God 2</i> Hospitality: Jackie F, Tushar M, David B, Maddy B, Rachel C, Wayne R, Leke G; Projection: Nathan/Anthony Springlets: Joy R, Rebecca P Forerunners: Linda C, Helen B, Sarah P First Aid: Julia MATCH DAY PARKING RESTRICTIONS FROM 1PM 1900 - Young Adults, Wellspring Café 2011 - Second Sunday prayer meeting The Wellspring
9 Gen 9	10 Gen 12 1000 Little Springs Toddler Group Community Groups	11 Gen 13 Job Club Community Groups	12 Gen 14	13 Gen 15 0630 Prayer, Oats and Toast @ the Sorrill's	14 Gen 16	15 Gen 17 0900 & 1115 services: Tim Roberts: <i>Journey with God 3</i> Hospitality: Mike & Marie S, Brian & Virginia B, Claudia, Kay F, Sonia C; Projection: Ola/Samuel; Springlets: Rachel A, Bibi K, Adenike A; Forerunners: Hannah P, Amanda B, Renette H First Aid: Nikki W/Sue K 1900 - Free to Worship
16 Gen 18	17 Gen 19 1000 Little Springs Toddler Group Community Groups	18 Gen 20 Job Club Community Groups	19 Gen 21 SLT meeting - please pray	20 Gen 22 0630 Prayer, Oats and Toast @ the Sorrill's	21 Gen 23	22 Gen 24 Services 0900 & 1115: Jacqueline Gray preaching Hospitality: Peter & Carol T, Alison L, Cathy & John D, Eve P, Julia S, Rachel O; Projection: Ola/Samuel; Springlets: Fernando & Lucia L-P, Cynthia H; Forerunners: Rosie T, Rodger L, Becky P First Aid: Marion S/Catherine G 1930 - Churches Together Service at The Wellspring
23 Gen 25	24 Gen 27:1-10 1000 Little Springs Toddler Group Community Groups	25 Gen 27:11 - 28:22 Job Club Community Groups 1930 Quiz Night	26 Gen 29:1-30 SLT meeting - please pray 1930 Alpha Course 1 	27 Gen 29:31 - 30:43 0630 Prayer, Oats and Toast @ the Sorrill's 2000 Board Games Group @ The Wellspring	28 Gen 31 Walking Group	29 Gen 32 0900 & 1115 services: Guest Service - BAPTISMS - John Graham preaching Hospitality: Tracey B & Rodger L, Bernard A, Richard & Becky G, Alan & Shelia P, Wendy S Projection: Ben R; Springlets: Jo L, Maria T, Jeannie E; Forerunners: Catherine G, Marla-Jo C, Clare G; First Aid: Lucia L-P/Tracey B 1930 - VISION NIGHT!
30 Gen 33 2000 Adult Spiritual Development Ministry Group	31 Gen 34 1000 Little Springs Toddler Group Community Groups 1930, Marriage Course 1					

Looking ahead...

- 4th Feb: 'Eyes Wide Open' Flourish women's day
- 4th March: Missions Sunday, Ron Hibbert preaching
- 10-11th March: Peter & Mariette Stott
- 1st April: John & Dawn Andrews
- 8th April: Easter Feast!

Keep informed:

There are loads of ways you could (and even should!) keep informed by all things WCC - get our weekly email update, listen to sermons online, follow us on Twitter, Facebook, check out our website... You know, you can even call us on one of those amazing telephone devices, or even come in and ask any difficult questions to our staff team at The Wellspring. Either way, keep up to date and inspired!

