

BULLETIN

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If we are to love our neighbours, before doing anything else we must see our neighbours. With our imagination as well as our eyes, that is to say like artists, we must see not just their faces but the life behind and within their faces. Here it is love that is the frame we see them in.

Frederick Buechner:
Whistling in the Dark (1988)

We always give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you. We've done this since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all God's people. You have this faith and love because of the hope reserved for you in heaven. You previously heard about this hope through the true message, the good news, which has come to you. This message has been bearing fruit and growing among you since the day you heard and truly understood God's grace, in the same way that it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world.
Colossians 1:3-6

Have you ever gotten a note, message, text, email, card, or letter that sounded this great? Wow, think about how much more the love of God is known because of people like the Colossians who loved their neighbours enough to share the Good News with them!

Imagine what life would be like if we set up a regular (daily, weekly, monthly) practice of thanking God for Christians who share God's love with their neighbours. What regular spiritual practices do you have? What ways can you develop a new practice that is devoted to recognizing acts of kindness and seeing how your neighbours have shared God's love with you and others?



EARLSWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Be intentional about letting others see the love that God has shown you through them and others. Send a message through your favourite media to someone this week, thanking them for their acts of kindness.

Stephanie Vance

Dear God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, guide me to see acts of kindness in your name. Be with me as I seek to share your love in the world. Amen.

God loves us.

Not because of or in spite of anything.

There is no qualifier to God's love.

God asks us to love in the same way.

Go and love today and always!

Adapted from d365.org



**Church Meeting
followed by
Bring and Share Lunch**

**July 21st
After the morning service**

REPORTS FOR THE CHURCH MEETING

HOLIDAY CLUB:

Holiday Club will soon be upon us beginning on July 29th for 5 days.

Please pray for us and the children as we look at Jesus' last week before his death and resurrection.

If you are able to help please see Jonathan.

TODDLERS:

Toddlers is continuing to go well with a group of regulars attending.

SPARK/YOUTH CLUB:

Spark will finish at the end of this month for the Summer break. In September Spark will meet on Thursdays for children in Reception to year 5 and the new Youth Club will begin for children in years 6 and above.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

As always the number vary week to week but the sessions are well received by the children.

FF@3:

The next Family Fun at 3 will be in September as we have Holiday Club at the end of July.

COFFEE CLUB:

Coffee Club will continue through the summer months only missing July 29th because of the Holiday Club.

HOUSE GROUP:

House Group continues on a Tuesday evening with good attendance. We are currently meeting in the church to accommodate numbers.

FABRIC:

Nothing to report.

CHILD PROTECTION:

Nothing to report.

INFORMATION

PRAYER:

There is an open invitation for prayer at the end of each morning service. If you would like prayer, with or without the anointing of oil, then please make your way to the front row of chairs during our closing songs.

PARENTS:

Could we remind you to collect your children from Sunday School straight after the service. The team need to pack away and cannot assume responsibility for children after the service.

HEARING AID USERS:

We have a hearing loop; please turn your hearing aid to the setting "T".

FAMILY FUN @ 3

Family Fun @ 3 is a family orientated, community congregation that normally meets on the 4th Saturday in the month from 3.00pm - 5.00pm. If you are able to join us as a volunteer "Enabler" it would be great to see you. If you would like some flyers to hand to family or friends then please see Jonathan.

HOUSE GROUP:

House Group meets each Tuesday evening at 8pm. Please speak to Jonathan or Jon for the venue.

COFFEE CLUB:

Coffee Club meets every other Friday at 10.30am for the more "senior" members of our fellowship and community. There will be tea, coffee, cake, board games and other fun activities. Coffee Club will meet on July 19th July, August 2nd, 16th & 30th and September 13th & 27th.

PRAYER:

Regular prayer takes place at the Tuesday House Group and there is a Women's Prayer Meeting on Wednesday mornings in term-time. If you have specific prayer requests then please contact Jonathan.

"LITTLE ARK" TODDLER GROUP:

Term-time Thursdays, from 9.00 till 11.30am. Speak to Maxine for more details. There will be a Teddy Bears picnic in August – please ask Maxine for details.

SPARK (From September):

5.30pm - 6.30pm Term time Thurs.
For children in Reception to Yr5.

YOUTH CLUB:

6.00pm - 7.30pm Term time Sundays. For children in Yr6 and up.
8th Sept at Christchurch, Nutfield and
22nd September at Earlswood Baptist Church

CALENDAR – AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2019

AUGUST:

- Sun 4th 10.30am Family Communion Service led by Revd J Hardwick**
- Tue 6th 8.00pm House Group
- Sun 11th 10.30am Family Service led by Jon Bartlett**
- Tue 13th 8.00pm House Group
- Fri 16th 10.30am Coffee Club
- Sun 18th 10.30am Family Service led by Jon Bartlett**
- Tue 20th 8.00pm House Group
- Sun 25th 10.30am Family Service led by Jon Bartlett**
- Tue 27th 8.00pm House Group
- Fri 30th 10.30am Coffee Club
- Tue 3rd 8.00pm House Group
- Thu 5th 9.00am Toddler Group
5.30pm Spark
- Sun 8th 10.30am Morning Worship led by Revd Jonathan Hardwick**
6.00pm Youth Club @ Christchurch South Nutfield
- Tue 10th 8.00pm House Group
- Thu 12th 9.00am Toddler Group
5.30pm Spark
- Fri 13th 10.30am Coffee Club
- Sun 15th 10.30am Family Communion Service led by Revd J Hardwick**
Followed by Church Meeting and Bring n Share Lunch
- Tue 17th 8.00pm House Group
- Thu 19th 9.00am Toddler Group
5.30pm Spark
- Sun 22nd 10.30am Morning Worship led by Jon Bartlett**
6.00pm Youth Club at EBC
- Tue 24th 8.00pm House Group
- Thu 26th 9.00am Toddler Group
5.30pm Spark
- Fri 27th 10.30am Coffee Club
- Sat 28th 3.00pm FF@3
- Sun 29th 10.30am Family Service led by Revd J Hardwick**

SEPTEMBER:

- Sun 1st 10.30am Communion Service led by Revd J Hardwick**

