

BULLETIN

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God of glory and strength, come and sit with me.

Open me up to your light and truth.

God of glory and joy, come and be still with me.

Guide me in all I say and do.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two covenant tablets in his hand, Moses didn't realize that the skin of his face shone brightly because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw the skin of Moses' face shining brightly, they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called them closer. So Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and Moses spoke with them. After that, all the Israelites came near as well, and Moses commanded them everything that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

Exodus 34:29-33

Body language. Research indicates that non-verbal cues are not only significant tools for communication but also a natural barometer of one's emotions.

We've heard of the expression, "You can just tell from the look on her face." Or better yet, "It's written all over her face!" No room for poker face. Rather, the non-verbal expression is captured physically, and it's there for all to see.

This is what happens to Moses. And all because he was talking with God. A conversation with the Holy One. A literal mountain top experience. It's an experience that his very own body couldn't contain.



EARLSWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

This is what happens when we engage in an intimate relationship with the Holy One. It's a relationship that forever changes us. The change is so real that everyone around us can tell something is different, and it's there for all to see.

The best part is — we don't need a mountain. We simply need to confess that yes, we can't go at this alone. We need you, God. Come and be the change in our life.

God of glory and grace, I thank you for inviting me into a relationship with you. May your love within me be so evident that even my face and body cannot contain the joy of being known by you. Amen.

God the Creator, bless me and keep me.

God the Redeemer, smile upon me and be gracious to me.

God the Light, lead me in the path of wisdom and truth.

Adapted from D365.org By Aram Bae



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

**January 19th & March 15th
After the morning service**

REPORTS FOR THE CHURCH MEETING

HOLIDAY CLUB:

Holiday Club this year will be from 27th July till 31st July 2020.

Please let Jonathan know if you are able to help.

TODDLERS:

Jonathan visited Toddlers in December to bring the story of the Nativity before a special guest in a red suit arrived. Numbers can be varied but this is par for the course.

SPARK:

Spark restarted on 9th January for School years R to 5. As the weather improves we will begin to advertise the club and seek to grow the numbers.

YOUTH CLUB:

The new joint youth club with Christ Church Nutfield restarted on January 5th. Numbers have stabilized at around 16 per night. We are planning to include a trip this term, details TBC.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Numbers continue to vary but a positive time with the children is always enjoyed.

FAMILY FUN:

There was a low turnout at the December Family Fun due to family commitments and illness, but a good time was had by those who did make it.

COFFEE CLUB:

Coffee Club met at the Carvery in December for its annual Christmas lunch and the first one back after the Christmas break was well attended.

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

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:

Family Fun 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.

"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.

HOUSE GROUP:

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

SPARK (From September):

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

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 January 31st, February 14th & 28th and March 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.

YOUTH CLUB:

6.00pm - 7.30pm Term time Sundays.
For children in Yr6 and up.

19th Jan, 16th Feb, 15th Mar
at Earlswood Baptist Church

2nd Feb, 1st Mar
at Christ Church South Nutfield.

PRAYER AFTER THE SERVICE:

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.

CALENDAR: February - March 2020

FEBRUARY:

Sun 2nd 10.30am Communion Service led by Jon Bartlett
6.00pm Youth Group @ South Nutfield
 Tue 4th 8.00pm House Group
 Wed 5th 10.30am Ladies Prayers
 Thu 6th 9.00am Toddlers
 5.30pm Spark
Sun 9th 10.30am Morning Worship led by Revd. Jonathan Hardwick
 Tue 11th 8.00pm House Group
 Wed 12th 10.30am Ladies Prayers
 Thu 13th 9.00am Toddlers
 5.30pm Spark
 Fri 14th Coffee Club
Sun 16th 10.30am Family Service led by Revd. Jonathan Hardwick
6.00pm Youth Group @ EBC
 Tue 18th 8.00pm House Group
 Wed 19th 10.30am Ladies Prayers
 Thu 20th 9.00am Toddlers
 5.30pm Spark
 Sat 22nd 3.00pm Family Fun
Sun 23rd 10.30am Morning Worship led by Revd. Jonathan Hardwick
 Tue 25th 8.00pm House Group
 Wed 26th 10.30am Ladies Prayers
 Thu 27th 9.00am Toddlers
 5.30pm Spark
 Fri 28th Coffee Club

MARCH:

Sun 1st 10.30am Communion Service led by Revd. Jonathan Hardwick
6.00pm Youth Group @ South Nutfield
 Tue 3rd 8.00pm House Group
 Wed 4th 10.30am Ladies Prayer
 Thu 5th 9.00am Toddlers
 5.30pm Spark
Sun 8th 10.30am Morning Worship led by Revd. Jonathan Hardwick
 Tue 10th 8.00pm House Group
 Wed 11th 10.30am Ladies Prayer
 Thu 12th 9.00am Toddlers
 5.30pm Spark
 Fri 13th 10.30am Coffee Club
Sun 15th 10.30am Family Service led by Revd. Jonathan Hardwick
 Followed by Bring n Share Lunch & AGM
6.00pm Youth Group @ EBC
 Tue 17th 8.00pm House Group
 Wed 18th 10.30am Ladies Prayer
 Thu 19th 9.00am Toddlers
 5.30pm Spark
Sun 22nd 10.30am Morning Worship led by Jon Bartlett
 Tue 24th 8.00pm House Group
 Wed 25th 10.30am Ladies Prayer
 Thu 26th 9.00am Toddlers
 5.30pm Spark
 Fri 27th 10.30am Coffee Club
 Sat 28th 3.00pm Family Fun
Sun 29th 10.30am Morning Worship led by Revd. Jonathan Hardwick
6.00pm Youth Group TBC
 Tue 31st 8.00pm House Group