

# BULLETIN

FEBRUARY & MARCH



**EARLSWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH**

Jesus, Light of the world,  
come and sit with me.  
Shine your wisdom unto me.  
Jesus, Light of my life,  
come and be still with me.  
Direct me in your truth.

The Lord is my light  
and my salvation.  
Should I fear anyone?  
The Lord is a fortress  
protecting my life.  
Should I be frightened of anything?  
Psalm 27:1

A little bit of fear doesn't hurt, right? We've been told, after all, to stay away from danger, be it a hot stove or strangers bribing us with free candy or cuddly puppies. I shall harbour a little bit of fear to keep me in good standing with the world!

There is, however, a difference between caution and fear. The former is healthy and often a practice of sound judgment while the latter can be debilitating and a practice of living in darkness.

In today's passage, the psalmist boldly claims the Lord to be the promise of salvation and assurance. It's a truth statement and a practice of living in the light. The difference between this stance of bold proclamation and a stance of fear is undeniable. The psalmist proclaims the promise that the Light of the world will take care of us. No amount of fear can hurt with this promise of life.

*Jesus, Light of the world, thank you the gift of life found in you. Guide me to practice living in your light. Empower me to shine your love, mercy, and grace even in the smallest ways, so that the promise of your Light extends beyond the people and world that I know. Amen.*

Christ my Redeemer,  
be alive and real in my life.  
Christ my Friend,  
be near and true to your word.  
Christ my Light,  
be honoured in what I say and do.

Adapted from d365.org  
Written by Aram Bae



**CHURCH MEETING**

**20th January  
after the  
morning service**

# REPORTS FOR THE CHURCH MEETING

## **CHRISTMAS:**

The Christmas period was, as usual, a busy time with Carols in the Belfry, Family Fun @ 3, the Carol Service and Christmas morning services besides our regular Sunday services. The carol service was well attended with just under 60 present.

## **TODDLERS:**

Toddlers is continuing to get good numbers after the Christmas break. Before Christmas Jonathan visited to bring the Christmas story, carols were sung and there was a special visitor dressed in red and white!

## **SPARK:**

Spark numbers were steady last term and we ended the term with Christmas parties and at the time of writing has only just started back for the new term.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

Number vary week to week but Lindsey and the team do a great job looking after whoever is there. The switch from Scripture Union material to Urban Saints seems to have gone well.

## **FF@3:**

We continue to get a regular number of around 25 to 30 adults and children.

## **COFFEE CLUB:**

In November we had the first “Coffee Club – An Extra Cup” – and extra morning where a visitor from SES Water visited to bring information and useful tips. We hope to have another of these with a different guest soon. Coffee Club continues to be popular and well supported both by our own church family and those that live locally.

## **HOUSE GROUP:**

House Group has grown in numbers recently which prompted a move to meeting at the church instead of at homes, however we believe that the extra numbers can now be accommodated we shall return to meeting in homes.

## **FABRIC:**

The only outstanding job at the moment is to clear the gutters. We plan to have a Spring Cleaning Saturday in April. We will publicise a date as soon as possible.

## **CHILD PROTECTION:**

DBS checks need to be updated and will be carried out before Easter this year. Maxine and Barbara completed level 2 training in November 2018 and Jonathan, Jon and Rachel completed levels 2 and 3.

# 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 so please turn your hearing aid to the setting "T".

## **FAMILY FUN @ 3**

Please come along and support this family orientated, community congregation on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 February 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

## **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.

## **SPARK:**

5.30pm - 6.30pm Term time Thurs.  
For children in Reception to Yr3.

## **SPARK+:**

5.30pm - 6.30pm Term time Fridays.  
For children in Yr4 - Yr6.

## **HOLIDAY CLUB 2019:**

Holiday Club dates for 2019 are 29<sup>th</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

# CALENDAR – FEBRUARY & MARCH 2019

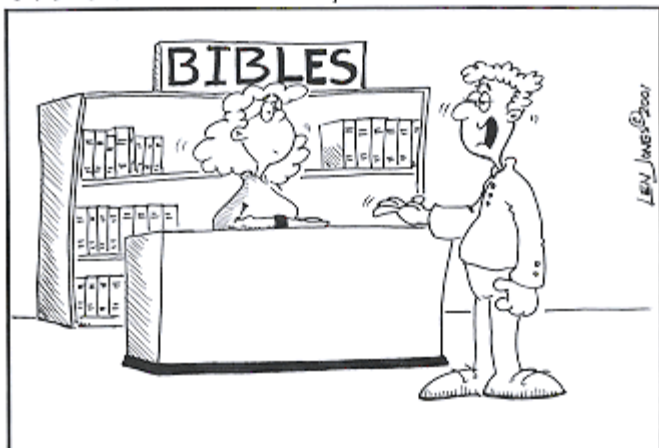
## FEBRUARY:

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> 10.30am Coffee Club  
 Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.30am Communion  
 Revd J. Hardwick  
 6.30pm Deacons Meeting  
 Tue 5<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm House Group  
 Thu 7<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Toddler Group  
 5.30pm Spark  
 7.00pm Railway Club  
 Fri 8<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm Spark Plus  
 Sun 10<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Morning Worship.  
 Jon Bartlett  
 7.00pm Railway Club  
 Tue 12<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm House Group  
 Thu 14<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Toddler Group  
 Fri 15<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Coffee Club  
 Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Family Service.  
 Revd J. Hardwick  
 6.30pm Worship &  
 Ministry  
 Tue 19<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm House Group  
 Wed 20<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Railway Club  
 Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> 3.00pm Family Fun @ 3  
 Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Morning Service.  
 Speaker TBC  
 Tue 26<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm House Group  
 Thu 28<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Toddler Group  
 5.30pm Spark

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**ALTAR EGO** by Len Jones



"What I really need is a translation that won't leave me feeling guilty, convicted, or in need of making some kind of decision."