

Why do we bother?

This is the title of the leading article in a recent Churches Together newsletter which Mavis shared with us during our last open worship time. The article says “We bother with other parts of the Church because we need each other....Without the rest of the Church, with their insights, (however misguided we may believe they are) we are less than the Church.....There is only one church, our named groups within it are only a fragment of the whole.”

I read shortly afterwards, from Leanne Payne’s “Listening Prayer”, “When we come together as God’s people, He inhabits our praises and prayers in a greater way. Our brothers and sisters are gifted by the Spirit in ways we are not. Their speaking and listening to God sharpens ours, adding dimensions of wisdom and knowledge we would not otherwise gain”

In Roger Standing’s recent sermon he urged us to understand the significance of unity in the church because the unity of God is the basis of our unity. Jesus prayed “that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me” John 17:21.

Roger’s passage included v.16 “From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work”. He said “There is a filling of the spirit that is on the community of God’s people when they are gathered together so that God’s presence is deeper and richer and fuller when we are together than ever we know independently. God’s presence is more than the sum total of our parts—in him you too are being build together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his spirit. There’s a presence of God we know together that we don’t know apart”

As we come together this month at the holiday club from various backgrounds and churches, what an encouragement that we are in line with his purposes in seeking to work together with other Christians and praying for a unity of Spirit so that, in Jesus’ words “the world may believe that you have sent me”

Jenny



JULY 2010 UPDATE

SUNDAY SERVICES

STOKE POGES SCHOOL, ROGERS LANE

Sunday 4 July 10.30 am	MORNING SERVICE <i>Lionheart and Lamb gentle</i> <i>Ephesians 5:21-6:9</i>	Leader: Peter Whittle Speaker: Sam Brewitt-Taylor*
Sunday 11 July 10.30 am	COMMUNION SERVICE <i>Weapons serve the power</i> <i>Ephesians 6:10-20</i>	Leader: David Henson Speaker: Geoff Bath
Sunday 18 July 10.30 am	MORNING SERVICE <i>Holy and Just God</i> <i>Leviticus 19</i>	Leader: Geoff Bath Speaker: Tom Stockwell*
Sunday 25 July 10.30 am	HOLIDAY CLUB LAUNCH SERVICE	Speaker: Brian Lowrie
Sunday 1 Aug 10.30 am	MORNING SERVICE <i>Atonement and sacrifice</i> <i>Leviticus 1</i>	Leader: Geoff Bath Speaker: Dan Halpin

*from St. Ebbe's

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HOMEGROUP

Sing for Joy

This study looks at what the Bible has to say about why we sing and delves into Scripture to help us think about the nature of praise and worship

Wednesday 7th July

The function of church music
5 Hazell Way

Monday 12th July

The gift of musicians
Pilgrim's Way, Park Road
8.15pm for 8.30 start

PRAYER MEETING

8PM on Wednesday 21st July
5 Hazell Way

Focusing on praying for the Holiday Club

CHURCH MEETING

Please note that the July church meeting was cancelled, but could members make a note that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 23rd September and the AGM will be on Thursday 14th October

Sunday 25th July – Friday 30th July

JUNGLE JAMBOREE



is now fully booked!

STOKE POGES MENS GROUP

Tring Brewery Visit – Thursday 8th July

There are still places left on this visit to the Tring Brewery, so if you would like to come, please let Tony know this Sunday (4th July).

Women Need 2 Talk

warmly invite you to....
enjoy your breakfast with us and hear
JOYCE GLEDHILL - 'No mistake!'

Saturday 17th July
@ Gold Hill Church Hall
8.30 am - 10 am
£5 each for your breakfast
Call 01753 887173

Gifts for June: £1020

Rota for July—Sept:

Please note that there is a new rota which will be circulated to those involved. If you are not available on any of the dates please could you arrange a swap and either mark it on the rota on the noticeboard or let Jenny know.



Points For Prayer

Do not be anxious about anything but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6

Final preparations for holiday club will go smoothly and problems with venues for the youth night will be successfully sorted out.

Brian and the family will have a good restful trip in Bournemouth and he will be refreshed for his time here.

All those who have volunteered from other places will quickly feel part of the team and will find being part of Holiday Club an encouraging experience.

For David and Colleen as they start to pack up and move to Rome.

David & Agnieszka and the boys as they travel around the U.K. that their time with other churches will be fruitful. Pray that the children will cope with the many different experiences they are having.

The men's outing to the Tring Brewery on Thursday.

If you have any prayer requests there is a core group (see below) willing to receive phone calls at any time. Depending on the request, they will guarantee to pray straight away and, if requested, forward the details to members of the church who have specifically said they would be part of the prayer team. The core group can also send out your prayer request to the email prayer group.

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