

Weekly Meetings

Sunday 3pm Prayer
4pm Afternoon Service (followed by tea in the lower hall ~ please bring some food to share)
Both at the Salvation Army, High Street

Tuesday 7.00pm Prayer at the Salvation Army with the worship team
7.30pm Worship practice
Prayer continues in the lower hall

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on the disciples over 2,000 years ago and the good news is that the same power is still available today.

Olive shared the welcome news from Christine in Peru that financial problems had been partially resolved. Pray on that the authorities will recover missing documentation.

Joe (Roberts) sang a beautiful song he had composed (and has also recorded) entitled 'What I'm worth'. We were all blessed, Joe, as we listened.

Finally, the children, who had gone out with Christine, came back bearing red flags and danced as with banners while we all sang 'He brought me to his banqueting table and his banner over me is love'. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the service ended with great rejoicing.

Thank you John and Christine for all your hard work putting the service together. It doesn't 'just happen' but requires time on the phone contacting people, time spent making things and, most importantly, time spent with God to know his will.

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Increasing numbers of people live on their own, which can be a lonely experience. Here is a lovely poem which may bring hope and encouragement if we are in this situation ourselves or which we may be able to share with someone:

I live alone

*I live alone, dear Lord,
Stay by my side,
In all my daily needs
Be Thou my guide.
Grant me good health,
For that indeed I pray,
To carry on my work
From day to day.
Keep pure my mind,
My thoughts, my every deed.
Let me be kind, unselfish
In my neighbour's need.
Spare me from fire,
From flood, malicious tongues.*

*From thieves:
From fear and evil ones.
If sickness
Or an accident befall,
Then humbly, Lord, I pray
Hear thou my call.
And when I'm feeling low,
Or in despair,
Lift up my heart
And help me in my prayer.
I live alone, dear Lord
Yet have no fear
Because I feel
Your Presence ever near.*



The King's Church Swanage



Bulletin
February 24th-March 1st, 2008

***Devote yourselves to prayer,
being watchful and thankful.***

Colossians 4:2

Sunday, February 24th
Tim and Kim with us

Please let Ann have any entries for the bulletin by Thursday morning prior to the relevant Sunday
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This week, next week and beyond

- Wednesday, 27th February, 7.30pm at Swanage Methodist Church: Discovering our Jewish Roots ~ Rev'd Rob Richards speaking on his book 'Has God finished with Israel yet?' The first two events in this Lent Course 2008 have been well supported and very good indeed.
- Sunday, 2nd March: Farewell to Colossians with Mike!
- Saturday, 15th March, 10am-4pm: 'Build Your House' ~ a day for ladies, organised by KC21. Speakers: Kim (Grant) and Karen Burningham. Venue: Alton Maltings Centre, Alton, Hampshire
- Maundy Thursday, 20th March: as a 'grand finale' to the Churches Together roots course, there will be a Passover meal at 7pm at All Saints' Church. This will be a 3-course meal with wine or fruit juice with everyone joining in the celebration of a Passover meal, as Jesus celebrated at the Last Supper. There are many symbols in the meal, reminding those celebrating of the history of salvation ~ from the children of Israel being brought out of Egypt to the coming of Christ to save us. Places are limited to 100 across all churches and cost £7 per head, so please let John Burke, our Churches Together rep know if you would like to come.

Prayer: are we a people of prayer? Let's pray:

For our family here in Swanage, also William and Christine in Peru and Jonathan, Matty and family in Central Asia (see update below). For family and friends who don't know the love of the Lord.

Update from Jonathan and Matty

PTL for a good trip back to the UK, useful medical appointments (Tom's head has been cleared for another year) a fun family wedding and lots of encouraging time with great supporters like you!

Pls pr:

- For safe travel for us all Sun. 24th (i.e. TODAY)
- That Jonathan will meet up with Matty and boys fine at first stop-off.
- Opportunities with mountain friends during few days in capital.
- Blessing on seminar re: setting up a business ~ may we (J & M) learn lots.
- A good transition back to projects, NGO life and relationships up north.
- Continued protection over our health, safety etc; good new start to language learning; many more opps to share good things.
- That we'd employ the right lady to help with kids, language, house etc.

Thanks so much for your support!

lol, Matty, Jonathan, TNT and Joel.

UK Church Directory

See our entry: www.findachurch.co.uk Enter either Swanage or BH19, click and follow the link for King's Church, Swanage. It looks really good and hopefully will help others to find us.

Opportunities to serve God in Bulgaria

A message from Craig Sibthorpe, whom Tim works closely with in Bulgaria and whom Mike and Ann got to know during the Tent Mission out in Bulgaria in 2005: Craig writes:

We have recently acquired EU funds to sponsor two young people to come and work with us for a year. Basically to the right candidates your stay in Bulgaria

will be free! The candidates would share a flat in Plovdiv and work with us on various interesting projects. You would also work closely with the 12 volunteers on our sister project. Together with them you would receive Bulgarian lessons and go on excursions.

Craig needs to start interviewing potential candidates as soon as possible so if you are interested and between the ages of 18-30, ask Mike or Ann for contact details

Sunday, 17th February

Family service ~ and it was great to have **10 children** with us. John and Christine led the service, opening with a time of worship during which we realised afresh the great love God has for us.

The whole service focused on **the love of God** with John referring to that wonderful love song in the Bible, the Song of Solomon. John had asked several people to share something God had laid on their hearts and first was Veronica with the verses: *God has poured out his love into our hearts* (Romans 5:5) and *Love is patient, love is kind.....does not brag.....does not take into account a wrong suffered* (1 Corinthians 13:4-8). Veronica then told a story about a lady missionary who allowed God's Word to soften her heart, who did not keep a record of wrongs but **exercised a belief that behaved**. She had *clothed herself with compassion* (Colossians 3:12), she had *put on love, the perfect bond of unity*.

Stuart on his paper round had had opportunity to talk and pray for a lady with a bad hip who had subsequently received significant improvement in mobility.

Hallelujah!

Hilde had received a song some 15 years ago, which she wouldn't sing to us (can we hear it some time Hilde? Perhaps we can use it in worship.) However, she did read it to us and it is based on the Song of Solomon chapter 2 verses 10-13. **The church is like a bride asleep that needs to arise** for the world to see.

Ezekiel 36:26 ~ *I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh*. Healing for Suzie had come under attack whenever she stepped out and told anyone. But as people that week had prayed for her on the spot, she had felt the enemy crushed there and then. **Praise the Lord!**

John and Stuart got a lot of congregation participation in a rap called '**God is bigger than that**'. Do it again some time: it was a good proclamation of truth and great fun!

Derek brought the message: '**Healing is a truth that needs to be ministered not just spoken about**'. He referred back to the Sunday two weeks earlier when after teaching given by Tim and Kim on moving in power in healing, we had seen this ministry in operation, with people being released from sickness in the name and by the authority of Jesus. As Derek said, sickness is a defeated enemy, defeated through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Sadly, many do not receive their healing because they are not sure whether it is God's will to heal them. When the leper (Luke 5: 12-13) begged Jesus to make him clean if he was willing, Jesus replied, "I am willing." Healing is not just for Christians but also for non-Christians. We need to be channels of God's healing to those in need. God's intentions have not changed since Jesus gave his great commission. Power was