



to know Him and to make Him known

WEST KINGSDOWN BAPTIST CHURCH

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Newsletter - October 2017

Regular Activities:

Sunday: Worship Service 10.30 am to 11.45am, followed by tea / coffee.

Communion usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month

Sunday 1st October 10.30 - 11.45 Harvest Festival

Sunday 8th October 10.30 - 11.45 Who do you think you are? 2

Sunday 15th October 10:30 - 11.45 Who do you think you are? 3

Sunday 22nd October 10.30 - 11.45 Who do you think you are? 4 Communion

Sunday 29th October 10.30 - 11.45 Who do you think you are? 5

Mondays: luncheon club at Kings Church: £5:50 per head for 3-course meal

Tuesdays: Catch Up for toddlers and carers. Not on the 24th, half term.

Wednesdays: Zumba at 09:30 with Michelle,

Thursdays: 2 pm Women's Fellowship at the church

**Prayer & Share during October: Thursday 12th
Thursday 26th**

Home Groups:

West Kingsdown: 2 pm Tuesday 3rd and 17th

New Ash Green - 1000 Friday 6th and 20th.

Ronald's group - Thursday 5th, Friday 20th

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 11th October Jan, Barbara and Rev Anne are going on a North Kent Churches away day at Meopham Green organised by SEBA.

Wednesday 18th October Rev Anne takes Key stage 2 assembly at WK school.

Also on Wednesday 18th October, FOCUS ON FAITH Bible Day for women at Ryarsh 9.15 - 2.15 Cost: £10 incl. soup & sandwich lunch Speaker; Emma Dipper

Tuesday 24th October @ 7.00 Church Meeting

Thursday 23rd November at 7:30 pm at Kings Church

Oddments, a Christian Theatre company is bringing a performance of **The Hiding Place**

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"What a powerful performance showing how God's love can overcome hatred and evil - it's an inspiration to us all"

News, comments and information

We are starting a new sermon series for this autumn entitled: *Who do you think you are?* To gain a sense of identity we need to tell the story of where we have come from; the aspirations, hopes, faith and failures of our spiritual ancestors. What is our spiritual DNA? We will be looking at the lives and families of Abraham & Sarah, Isaac & Rebecca, Jacob & Leah & Rachel (selections from Genesis 12-35). What did they learn of God that can help us on our faith journey today?



Prayer for Healing

The leadership team now consisting of Anne, Peter and Anne, Jan, Malcolm, Norman and Barbara would like everyone to know that we are always willing to come and pray with anyone who has a particular need for healing be it physical or emotional. We are also willing to anoint with oil, as James says: *Is anyone among you ill? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord* - James 5:14

Below, a recent letter from Rachel Stevens of Tear Fund, who will complete this trip in the first week of October

Dear friends

... I'm heading off to the DRC and Rwanda for 3 weeks; the first week will be spent in and around Goma, hopefully having an opportunity to travel with Tearfund's Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) advisor who is also out there from the UK. We're hoping to be able to fit some sensors to a couple of the water systems which will identify if/when the system starts to fail or break down, and hopefully will prove more effective than relying on people checking.

The middle week will be spent just across the border in the town of Gisenyi in Rwanda; that week will mainly be spent in a training workshop where we'll be training local staff on how to undertake the endline surveys for the project; the survey will give us, and the donor, a good sense of how successful the intervention has been i.e. are people still using the water systems we constructed, are they still using the latrines they constructed, and are they practising good hygiene behaviour i.e. handwashing with soap.

The third week will be spent back in the Tearfund office in Goma, working with the team on various administrative tasks.

If you were able to pray along the following lines it would be much appreciated:

Safety in travel, both getting out to Goma tonight/tomorrow (two flights, one 4 hour road trip, a couple of borders to cross), and whilst visiting the field - as it's rainy season in DRC at the moment which always adds an extra challenge or two

That all the luggage arrives - I'm taking four of the sensors in my two rather large bags - along with lots of other items the Tearfund team

have requested; it will be good to have both bags arrive in Kigali tomorrow morning

Good health - we're likely to be staying in some interesting accommodation at times, so please do pray that we keep fit and healthy, and have good sleep

Good relationships with the team - for sensitivity in coming in as the outsider into a challenging working environment;

With many thanks and every blessing - Rachel

AMEN Shoeboxes

Now we are officially in autumn the task of collecting AMEN shoeboxes starts in earnest! I know that many churches collect extra items to go with the boxes and these are much appreciated. Please can I remind you that the items required this year are baby clothes, blankets, hats, scarves, coats and boots. We are unable to accept other items of clothing because of the problems of storage and space on the truck. It would be really helpful to us if you could check that any donations are in good condition and that boxes of goods are clearly labelled with a list of contents.

Thank you again for your hard work on behalf of AMEN. Last year we collected 2122 shoeboxes and we would love to improve on that again this year. - Jan Jones, Shoebox coordinator

October Prayer Diary

1st - Sunday. Pray for **Rev. Anne** leading the Harvest Festival

2nd - Pray for **Dorothy Himsworth**

3rd - **Tear Fund:** Pray for **Rachel Stevens** in her last week in Africa, in Goma

4th - Pray for **Ann Crome**

5th - Pray **Louise Brown**

6th - Pray for **Arabella** presenting 'Bible Explorer' in schools this week

7th - Pray for **John and Jum Hancock**

8th - Sunday: Pray for Rev. Anne leading the service

9th - Pray for **Arabella** in the schools of High Halden, Culverstone, Bodiam and Long Lead this week

10th - Pray for **Catch Up** this morning

11th - Pray for **Nick and Julia Hardy**

12th - Pray for the **Women's fellowship** this afternoon

13th - Pray for **Clive and Dorothy Himsworth**

14th - pray for **Mv Logos Hope** in St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda until 17th

15th - Sunday: Pray for **Rev. Anne** leading the service

16th - Pray for **Arabella** in High Halden, Culverstone, and Bodiam this week

17th - Pray for **Cameron Wade**

18th - Pray for **Reverend Anne** speaking Key stage 2 assembly at WK school.

19th - Pray for the **women's fellowship** this afternoon

20th - pray for **Mv Logos Hope** in Castries, Saint Lucia until 7th November

21st - Pray for **Jan Jones** and family

22nd - Sunday: Pray for Rev. Anne leading the service

23rd - Pray for Janet and Les Kemball

24th - Pray for the **church meeting** at 7pm

25th - Pray for **Doris and Joe Kitchener**

26th - Pray for the **Women's Fellowship** this afternoon

27th - Pray for **Gordon Nugent**

28th - Pray for **Nick Hardy** on his birthday

29th - Sunday: Pray for **Rev. Anne** leading the service

30th - Pray for **Win Brown** on her birthday

31st - Give thanks for answered prayer this month