

WHO'S WHO?

Stephen and Pippa Mawditt: Stephen leads the Fountain of Life Network Church (FoL). Pippa serves alongside him on the leadership team.

Paul Wilkinson is ordained and serves as assistant minister of FoL Network Church.

Wendy Sargeant serves as Reader and heads up Musical Keys and our listening and prayer ministry team.

John Watts heads up the worship team.

Rebecca Watts leads the administration team and is PA to Stephen.

Neil Richardson is the Finance Manager.

David & Christine Buscall: David, assisted by his wife Christine, serves as the treasurer of the Fountain of Life.

Maryanne Richardson leads Kidz Klub in Scarning, oversees the schools ministry and offers pastoral support to families.

Ana Paula Wedermann is our Kidz Klub Primary Schools Worker.

Adam Jackson is our Youth Worker.

Matt Beckett is our Youth and Kidz Klub worker.

Andrea Jolly is our Family and Children's worker. Andrea runs a Christian pre-school - First Steps - and organises our children's ministry for 0-11's.

Freddy Hedley is director of the New Wine Training Partnership hub for East Anglia.

Andrew and Julia Rees head up evangelism, taking responsibility for organising guest services, events and activities such as 'God on the streets'.

Heather Nunn oversees our Mercy ministry to those in need and organises CAP money management courses.

Julia Seaman watches over the prophetic ministry.

Richard Dilks is our site warden and ensures the maintenance of the buildings and grounds.

Madeline Light leads St Stephen's Church, Norwich.

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News from the *Fountain of Life Network*

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Dear Friends,

This piece is influenced by two factors. First, the current bible readings on King Josiah who dedicates the nation of Judah back to God around 622BC. In doing so he affirms his renewed commitment to following the Lord with all his heart and all his soul. The other influence is listening to and talking with Andrea Minichiello Williams of *Christian Concern*.



There is a battle raging in our nation over three key areas: sanctity of life, protection of the family and the freedom to express our faith in the person and Lordship of Jesus Christ.

The debate on each of these areas of course becomes complex; yet when we apply a combination of reason, Scripture, tradition and the Holy Spirit there is clarity of position on each. It's just not very politically correct to state it! Each area deserves at least a sermon in its own right but let us start with clarity.

Sanctity of life: The particular focus currently is on assisted suicide - murder by any other name. Of course, there are some tragic and compassion-stirring stories upon which this debate often centres, appealing to emotion rather than reason. But, the ending of life is God's affair not man's. Society's responsibility is to provide effective care for the long-term sick and elderly, not oversee a progressive move towards euthanasia which will in the end only serve to endanger the most vulnerable in our society.

Protection of the family: Attention is currently focused on the campaign to redefine marriage to embrace same-sex partnerships. Scripture is as clear as it possibly can be from Genesis to Jesus that marriage is intended as a stable foundation for family life in the context of one man and one woman. This is not about demonising homosexuality: it's important to be equally clear that Scripture outlaws any heterosexual activity outside of the institution of marriage. It is about protecting the future of family life and the raising of children.

Finally, various high-profile cases have demonstrated the real difficulties that Christians can face in their employment for holding to traditional Christian views on the above, and even simply witnessing to their faith through the wearing of a visible cross.

There is no doubt that the nation needs to turn back to God. Josiah arrived too late to save the nation. Thirty years later the people of Judah were in exile. 'But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love.' (Psalm 33:18). The time for the army of God to arise is now. That's us!

With our love

Stephen & Pippa

folMINISTRIES

MEN'S MINISTRY AT FoL

The men's ministry at Fountain of Life is more active outside The Well than in it quite deliberately. We feel it is a two-fold ministry of support for believing men and a vehicle through which men can hear about Jesus through relationship with believing men, and to do this we have to go where the men are ... pubs! Now it's a hardship I know, having to go to pubs, talk about Jesus, drink beer and eat food but hey, someone has to do it!

Seriously though, we have run a couple of theme nights in McTaggart's Pub, Ashill. The first was a steak night, the second a curry night. Both were deliberately low key evangelism in order that the men of FoL could invite their not yet believing (NYB) friends, colleagues or employees. Both nights were a success and many NYB men saw Christians as normal men who enjoy beer, food and good conversation as much as the rest.

The ministry for supporting the men of FoL is run in conjunction with *Christian Vision for Men*

(www.cvm.org.uk), using their *Codelife* manual. *Codelife* is a 'rule of life for men that helps them to stay gripped and focused on living a full on, uncompromised Jesus-centred life, in company with others.' More information can be found at www.codelife.org. These monthly meetings are held in local pubs and are open to men from all the local churches, thereby fostering a brotherhood in Christ under the banner of *Men for Christ* (M4C). In May we will be having one of our famous Men's Breakfasts. Look out for posters advertising this.

I am always glad of ideas and suggestions for how we can build up the men of FoL and introduce new men to our church. Please do not be afraid to come and speak to me about whatever is on your heart. However, be ready to put your shoulder to the plough as well. Your brother in Christ,

Mark Clamp

NWTP RESIDENTIAL

As many of you will know those of us studying theology with the New Wine Training Partnership (NWTP) were on our second residential of the year a few weeks ago (20-24th Feb). At the end of this year those of us who are second years complete a diploma and this was therefore our last time all together as many will not be continuing next year. Despite this, it was far from a sad time as all the students on the course have been deeply affected and even those not staying on have found it of extreme worth. Indeed not one person I spoke to all week was without a testimony about how the course and the residential was a positive influence in their lives.



The time for me was a real time of blessing, re-energising and confirmation of God's hand in all things. Prior to the week I'd been very tired and although the teaching had been of the top quality we'd come to expect, I'd been struggling to enjoy the learning simply because of the drain on my already stretched time. The week completely changed all this. The enthusiasm of the lecturers was contagious and a real atmosphere of support tangible. In addition, the Holy Spirit was not only present but welcomed and encouraged, both in the worship meetings but also in the lectures. The week has reinvigorated my appetite for the material we are studying and although I'll not continue next year I strongly hope to return after a year or two gap.

I find it refreshing and encouraging to be part of an academic course that honours our God and the Bible which we study, while still challenging and being academically demanding. Indeed I was both surprised and pleased to learn during the week that Westminster Theological Centre (WTC, the partner college with New Wine for NWTP) is now the UK's largest theological training provider (the vast majority of its students being on one of the NWTP courses). Not bad seeing WTC only started seven years ago and NWTP is only in its 3rd year. This seems evidence in itself to me that God's hand is in it. Long may God continue to bless all the staff and students of NWTP.

Jim Shipman

womenTOGETHER

Hi, I'm Rosemarie MacDonald and I have the awesome privilege of leading womenTOGETHER. womenTOGETHER is about gathering women for a purpose.



At present we meet three times a year and our meetings are centred around our trademark great food and good company. But womenTOGETHER is about so much more than this. What I am endeavouring to do is to mobilize a movement of women

who, as we gather, come together in relationship. We each have a story to tell and we each have wisdom and insight we can share, and learn, as we join one another in our journey as travelling companions.

My desire is that wT will be a place where women will know how valued and important they are and where the potential placed within each beautiful woman will emerge to enable her to touch her world for God. Our aim is to provide a 'safe' place to bring our friends; especially those who do not attend church. We aim to show the love of Jesus in the way we lovingly serve and lavish the love of God upon each woman. We aim to make it a place where women can relax, make themselves at home and enjoy every minute. The programme might be ever changing but the constant will be the love of Jesus.

womenTOGETHER is about believing in women and inspiring them to live their lives to the full. It's exciting, it's missional, it's empowering, it's fun and so much more ... and we get to eat cake! I have so many fun, exciting plans for womenTOGETHER and I'd love for you to be a part of it. We are just at the beginning but we are on the move - the adventure has begun. Together we can reach out, be a voice of hope and bring change as we laugh and dream together. If you would like to be part of this movement in a more practical way then there are many ways you could help; I'd love to have you on team. Please contact me via Becky Watts.

Our next wT is being held on Friday 15th June (7-10pm). It's going to be a great evening - 'Wedding through the decades.' It will be fun, it will be action packed, it will be beautiful and we will be able to show and tell the amazing love of Jesus in a non threatening way; and the men are going to serve the women! We'd love to see you there - to join us on the journey. Bring your sister, your mum, daughter, neighbour. There's a party being prepared and you're our special guest, so don't miss out. Can't wait to see you there!

Rosemarie MacDonald

Our current **ALPHA COURSE** began on the 18th January and is going extremely well. We run Alpha regularly so if you are interested in going on our next course which begins on 16th May, or know anyone who might, or are interested in potentially hosting an Alpha course please talk to Stephen or Pippa (01760 440 363).



KINGDOM KNOCKING

Kingdom Knocking is a great opportunity for people of all ages to go out onto the streets of Norwich and talk to people - people that you maybe wouldn't talk to otherwise. One group of us were doing a survey about people's beliefs, to start conversations with them about what we believe and how we live life. Another group of us went and talked to the *Big Issue* guys and asked them if they needed anything. On that day they didn't seem to need anything much, but we bought coffees and for one homeless guy sitting on a bridge drawing, we bought pens. The kids seemed to really enjoy spending their money on other people. Although actually many of the *Big Issue* guys we talked to didn't want anything, it felt good to ask. It has made me think that maybe next time I walk past one of these guys I might ask him if he needs anything rather than just saying, 'No, thank you' to his offer of a *Big Issue*.



NYFC WITH GAVIN CALVER

On 24th February a group from fol/YOUTH travelled to Norwich Central Baptist Church to an event organised by Norwich Youth for Christ. We had plenty of fun worshipping God and playing games with other youth from the county and particularly enjoyed a talk by Gavin Calver (National Director of Youth for Christ). He spoke about the need for Christians to follow the lifestyle dictated by Micah 6:8: to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God. The next NYFC event is going to be on 25th May with Mike Pilavachi speaking. If anyone is interested in coming along with us please contact Matt at m.beckett@folchurch.co.uk

GENESIS FUN DAY



On 23rd February, sixteen people in the Genesis age group (10-14) gathered together for four hours of fun and games in the church. This was a great chance for friends to meet up in half term and for kids to meet and hang out with peers from Ashill, Scarning and further afield.

Fun was the order of the day with games involving sleeping bags being the favourite! (A life-size version of the mobile game *Snake* was particularly hilarious!) After a break for healthy packed lunches (plus the pizza, sausage rolls and chocolate we provided) we were back into big games, forming two tribes and making dens on opposite sides of the church (don't tell Stephen!). A few heated games of *Capture the Flag* later and we were ready to put everything back as if nothing had happened!

The Genesis Fun Day allowed us to get to know a few more young people from around the area and show them that Christians are just as able to have fun as anyone else!

FUN AND FRUIT AT 'ID'

ID is a youth group held at the church every month for school age Year 6 to Year 8. This is a place where the kids can run around and play crazy games but also spend some time learning about God. Over the last few months in ID we have been learning some of the fruits of the spirit. We started with faithfulness and the kids learnt how God is trustworthy but also how they could be a person to rely on. Then we went onto 'love', as it was near Valentine's Day, and we learnt about just how much God loves us but also how we should love one another. We learnt that love wasn't just a feeling reserved for our families and friends but was something we should have for everyone, just as God does. Love is about forgiveness when somebody does something wrong and doing nice things for people. Adam came in to talk about the *Random Acts of Kindness* that he did last year and this year for lent. This was where he would do odd jobs for people that he didn't know or just nice things for people he did - a difficult thing to keep up for forty days. So last month we talked about kindness and what The Bible says about it. ID is for anyone in school Years 6-8 and we love seeing new faces. If you would like to know more information please contact Matt at m.beckett@gmail.com.

HOME GROUPS: PLACES OF BELONGING AND DISCIPLESHIP

These are midweek groups that meet in people's homes either during the day or in the evening. The groups meet regularly to study the bible, build friendship together, have fun, worship and pray. Please talk to Pippa Mawditt (01760 440363) if you would like to join one or find out more.



THE FATHER'S HEART



The Father's Heart conference is set for 18-20th May 2012 and guest speakers are missionary to Africa Heidi Baker and Mark Stibbe, whose ministry focuses around God's love for the fatherless.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Heidi Baker, with her husband Rolland, founded *Iris Ministries* in 1980, as a non-profit Christian ministry dedicated to Jesus and service, especially among the poor. In that time they have seen God do amazing things and their ministry has expanded from starting with nothing to running an orphanage, well-drilling, free health clinics, feeding programs, primary and secondary schools, cottage industries, bible schools and 5000 churches in Mozambique and a total of over 8,000 churches in over twenty nations! Originally from Southern California, the Bakers are now based full-time in Pemba, Mozambique. They also travel to various places around the world to share their story, and to teach about God's love and what love in action looks like. The core value and message of the Bakers' ministry is God's love.



Dr Mark Stibbe was ordained in 1986, and was most recently the senior leader of St Andrew's, Chorleywood for twelve years, until leaving to start the *Father's House Trust* in 2008. His passion for the cause of fatherhood and the issues around fatherlessness arise from his own experience of being orphaned when he was a baby and subsequently adopted. This has given him a unique perspective on the deep wounds caused by fatherlessness. Since setting up the *Father's House Trust*, Mark has travelled all over the UK and throughout the world speaking about issues relating to the Father's love for the fatherless. He is also a prolific author, popular conference speaker and leadership consultant in the UK and overseas.



TIMETABLE

Friday 18 th May	12.30	The Well, Ashill	Leaders Lunch, with Mark Stibbe
Friday 18 th May	19.30	The Well, Ashill	Session 1
Saturday 19 th May	10.30	The Well, Ashill	Session 2
Saturday 19 th May	14.15	The Well, Ashill	Session 3
Saturday 19 th May	19.00	Norwich Cathedral	Session 4
Sunday 20 th May	18.30	St Andrew's, Gorleston	Session 5

Cost

- No charge for the Leader's Lunch. Please book separately.
- £15 per person for a full weekend pass.
- Otherwise £5 per session.

There is no separate programme for children and young people. The meetings will be suitable for young people aged 13yrs+. Babies are welcome to be with their parents free of charge.

To Book

Download a booking form from www.folchurch.co.uk or fill in a booking form which you will find in the foyer at the church or by request from admin@folchurch.co.uk

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‘SPLAG’ BUS COMES TO CARBROOKE

From Friday 6th April for five consecutive weeks, the SPLAG bus will be providing a place in the evening for young people in Carbrooke and Watton to come, chill out, eat cake and think about God. The bus, headed up by Chris and Jane Olley, is kitted out with comfy seats and drink making space to provide a mobile outreach venue. It will also provide a focal point for one of the SOAK afternoons in Carbrooke organized by North Breckland Youth for Christ. If you’re interested in helping out on the bus, making cake(!), dropping by to see what goes on, or being willing to pray for a particular evening, we’d love to hear from you.

Andrew and Julia Rees

GETTING CRAFTY!

Last month I was asked to run a workshop in textile printing at The Well and it was a real success. There were seventeen of us there of all ages and abilities and we had a really fun day filled with creativity and mess! Everyone who came was taught various methods of printing on to textiles, using everything from silk screens to potatoes. The outcomes were fantastic and everyone really used their creative skills to come up with individual designs, which by the end of the day they had printed on to their very own tote bag.

It seemed that all who came enjoyed themselves and it was great to see so many people being creative and making the most of learning from each other.

From my point of view it is such a blessing to be able to pass on such skills and to see individuals having space to be so creative; the satisfaction that everyone felt when their designs were finished was an amazing thing to see!

The next workshop that I will be running will be on Saturday 14th April and I will be teaching the art of felt-making. I am sure this will be another great day and I am excited to spend some more time with such creative people! There are just a few spaces left on this workshop and they are going fast; however, if you would like more information then please speak to Susan Walker who will give you any details needed. I would love to see you there! God bless,



Beccie Marshall

BOOKINGS

All bookings for the Worship Centre can be made through Rebecca Watts admin@folchurch.co.uk 07990 543 131 or 01760 441 902.

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APRIL SUNDAY WORSHIP

1 st	10.00	Service of the Word: <i>Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-end of 15.</i>
	18.00	Taking Back Sunday
8 th	10.00	Holy Communion: <i>Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18.</i>
15 th	10.00	Service of the Word: <i>Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2.2; John 20:19-end.</i>
22 nd	10.00	Holy Communion: <i>Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48.</i>
	18.00	Feed the Soul: <i>Exodus 23:10-24:18</i>
29 th	10.00	Service of the Word: <i>Mark 11:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-24.</i>
	18.00	Feed the Soul: <i>Exodus 25:1-26:37</i>

APRIL EVENTS (all activities at The Well unless stated)

1 st	18.00	Taking Back Sunday
	14.30	Good Companions
2 nd -5 th		SOAK (see Adam for details)
6 th	12.00	Good Friday service
8 th	07.00	Sunrise service (Houghton)
7 th	10.00	Kidz Klub Ashill
12 th	18.00	Youth film night
13 th	09.00	Bezalel
	18.30	ID
14 th	10.00	Felt-making workshop with Beccie Marshall
15 th	12.00	Paintballing (see Adam for details)
20 th	19.00	Youth Discipleship (location: see folyouth.co.uk)
	19.00	Awaken
21 st	09.30	Norfolk Alpha Accelerate
	10.00	Kidz Klub Scarning
24 th	18.00	NWTP
25 th	19.30	Intents meeting
27 th	09.00	Bezalel
28 th	10.00	Digging Deeper

Thursday Prayers - 10am every Thursday in the worship centre (term time only).

Noah's Ark parent and pre-school gathering - 10am every Thursday in the bungalow (term time only).

Jam 1 youth band - 18.30; Jam 2 youth band - 19.30; both every Thursday during (term time only).

LOOKING AHEAD

18 th -20 th May	The Father's Heart Weekend with Heidi Baker and Mark Stibbe
1 st -4 th June	Intents (see Adam for details)
4 th June	Ahill Jubilee Family Fun Day

DEADLINE FOR fo|NEWS MAY 2012

The deadline for submitting news articles and testimonies for the May 2012 edition of fo|NEWS is Tuesday 17th April. Please submit articles to admin@folchurch.co.uk. If dates for forthcoming events could be sent as soon as information is available then we will do our best to publicise even if fo|NEWS has been printed. Where possible, please try to keep articles to 250 words or less.