

WHO'S WHO?

Stephen and Pippa Mawditt: Stephen is the leader of the Fountain of Life Network and the congregation at Ashill, supported by his wife Pippa, who is also on the leadership team.

Madeline Light is the ordained leader of the Fountain of Life congregation in Norwich based at St Stephen's Church in the City.

Paul Wilkinson is in the process of training for ordination.

Wendy Sargeant is a Reader in the Church of England and heads up our listening and prayer ministry team.

John Watts heads up the worship team for the network.

Rebecca Watts leads the administration team of the Fountain of Life Network and is PA to Stephen.

Neil Richardson is the Finance Manager for the Fountain of Life Network.

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

Tim Wilson is founder of Mid-Norfolk Kidz Klub and leader of Kidz Klub in Ashill.

Maryanne Richardson is the coordinator of our youth and children's ministry as well as responsible for Kidz Klub in Scarning.

Ana Paula Wedermann is our Kidz Klub Primary Schools Worker.

Adam Jackson is the Youth Worker for the Fountain of Life, Ashill.

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 and Ali Hedley head up our clusters. Freddy is also director of the New Wine Training Partnership hub for East Anglia.

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

Sue Hatherly and Heather Nunn oversee mercy ministries to the poor.

Carol Edwards watches over the prophetic ministry.

Fred Edwards is our site warden and ensures the maintenance of the buildings and grounds.

Martin Down is founder of the Fountain of Life church in Ashill. Martin is retired from full-time ministry and is our resident theologian.

folNEWS

News from the *Fountain of Life Network*

APRIL 2010

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the April issue of *folNEWS*. A packed month: celebrating Easter with its promise of new birth and new beginnings arising as we allow the 'seed' of our lives to die and bear fruit. Then our special celebration on April 18th which includes our annual meeting - a time to pause for thought, reflect on the past and look ahead to the future.



The 'breaking news' of the moment is the decision by Martin & Maureen to move to be nearer their daughter and family in Oxfordshire. It is their faithfulness and sacrifice which paved the way for the *Fountain of Life* to become established in 1996 and laid the foundations for the growth and fruit which has emerged since moving to *The Well* in 2004. They have always been an inspiration to us in walking the way of faith and we will miss the constancy of their support, their wisdom and all that is held dear in them as friends.

So, perhaps this is one of those occasions when we rejoice that it is not just for this life that we have hope - but real anticipation of a future eternity with friends in Christ re-united. Hooray! Which brings me to Alpha! We have just completed with Tim & Dilys, Jo and Rysia the Spring course which was attended by eight enquirers. It was one of the best courses (I always say that!) but it's just so exciting to see again the transformational power of God at work in shifting each person closer to Him. Some of the comments made: '*I was brought up as a Christian but not involved with Jesus for many years. I feel that the Alpha course has brought me back on course.*' Someone who decided to do the course '*because I'd lived all my life without God*' declared themselves after the Holy Spirit teaching day to be '*more persuaded*'. Believe me, that's shorthand for a real change. Finally, someone now describes themselves as having asked Jesus into their life, saying, '*It has confirmed to me that there is a God and the story of Jesus is true.*'

So, leaflets are now out for the summer course which starts on Wednesday May 5th. Use them to invite those you know and ... if you've never done Alpha then just do it!

Love and prayers for a very happy Easter.

Stephen & Pippa



Alpha

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folMINISTRIES

FROM BESOM TO MERCY MINISTRY

After a lot of deliberation and prayer we have come to the conclusion that it's time for us to call it a day for *Mid Norfolk Besom*. We've been feeling for some time that we haven't really been working quite as a Besom should and the core group has recently diminished for various reasons. It has been made more difficult because we haven't had any partner churches, which Besom now insists upon before a new Besom can be formed.

We have been able to serve people in various ways during our four years in existence and it's been great to have touched lives with God's love. We are also thankful for the way you have supported Besom. We now have *Mercy Ministry* which can take the place of Besom and give us more freedom in the way we work.

It feels as though God is calling us into new ways of service: one of which is the *CAP Money Management* course, which we hope to offer to the wider community in the future; and we will continue to look for ways to bless those in our area who need help or support.

Sue Hatherly and Heather Nunn

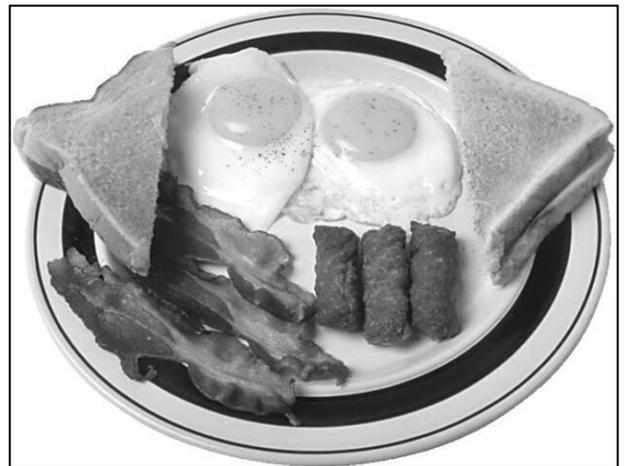
INSPIRING MEN OVER BREAKFAST

27th of February saw the first Fountain of Life Men's Breakfast. Twenty men turned up which included the Ashill PCSO and a guest from Downham Market.

It was noted that Chris Dunnett was the youngest there. Perhaps the 16 to 20 year old members of the church had a little trouble getting up for an 8.30am start on a Saturday! Needless to say all the men ate a hearty breakfast, cooked expertly by Graham and Adam Clarke to whom we are truly grateful. There was plenty of food for all and there were leftovers (when we have interns I'm sure not a scrap of food will be left over).

After the food I gave a short talk based around us working together to defeat the enemy's schemes. Dan Russell gave a talk about his upcoming cycle ride from London to Paris in September this year. Dan is opening it up to everyone at the Fountain of Life so contact either Dan or myself for further details. Everyone seems to have had a great time and I feel we now have something to build on. Let's build on it together brothers.

The next breakfast will be on 24th April starting at 8.30am and is open to all men aged 16 or over. Please feel free to bring a guest. If you bring a not-yet-believing friend they eat for free. Our guest speaker for that breakfast will be none other than 'big' Ron Smith. If there is any specific thing you would like me to organise for a breakfast or evening event (yes, I know you like curry John Watts) let me know and I'll sort it.



Don't forget on 22nd of May we are hosting the *Christian Vision for Men Norfolk Regional Day*. This year the main speakers will be Carl Beech and Andy Drake of CVM. Seminar speakers include Martin Down, Alaric Hunt and Tom Kent. The cost is £18 including lunch of fish or chicken and chips. For details either collect a flyer from the information desk or speak to me.

Your brother in Christ

Mark Clamp

GREAT DAYS WITH EN:LIGHTEN



Since last summer we have been working through a series of workshops designed to focus on different ways of serving. So far these have been a real success and we have seen a growth in opportunities to meet with new girls and challenge and encourage those who have been part of *en:lighten* since the beginning. We are continually amazed by these young women of God. It is inspiring how passionate they are and how much they want to serve.

On Saturday 20th February we had great fun baking a range of sweet goodies. During the day we made a range of cakes, which were suitably decorated with delicious frosting and decorations before

serving them to the parents. The girls had a great time learning new recipes, making and decorating the cakes and even tidying and washing up! After making and sharing lunch we had a time of looking at the bible together. The girls were encouraged to think of their lives as an act of worship and to reflect on ways they could serve during a time of sung worship led by two of the older *en:lighten* girls.

The next *en:lighten*, on Saturday 10th April, will follow this up with two of the girls taking a lead role by running a dance workshop. We are really excited at what God is going to do with the *en:lighten* girls over this next year but particularly during the summer when we are planning to run an event in which the older members of the group will take a much more leading role. More about that to come ...

Keep praying for us!

Harriet Beckett and Beccie Marshall



A CALL TO PRAYER FOR THE WHITE HART



As many of you will know, Pilot Light cluster in Swaffham is pursuing a vision to take ownership of the White Hart pub in town with a view to reopening it as a non-alcoholic youth venue. From day one this has been as much a matter of praying and trusting in faith as it has organising and planning, and has involved all sorts of ups and downs. We have been told we can rent it, then that the owners wanted nothing to do with us, then that we could in fact buy it ... and the latest twist is that they have rejected an independent commercial valuation and indicated they would want more than double this! Far from feeling dejected, our response is to pursue it even more vigorously in prayer. Any opposition only confirms the spiritual importance of what God wants to do in Swaffham and we

are now waiting for Him to open the next door even more dramatically than the last! Thank you for everyone who has been praying with us and please continue to stand alongside us and pray more fervently than ever for God to overrule.

Freddy Hedley

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Despite several people making the trek to Norwich from *Fountain of Life*, Ashill on a Sunday evening for over two years it is only now that a new congregation is ready to form. It has been an extraordinary journey. It has been an act of faith and has had many unexpected turns.



When we started there was no prospect of a move to St Stephen's, although Biddy Collyer from St Stephen's was one of the people who felt called to help in this work. Initially, apart from the team that came from Ashill, the congregation was mostly older people from the Great Hospital interested in something new and wanting to support me. However they soon found the format of the worship too strange.

Alongside these older people a small band of people began to gather who had a heart for what God was doing. People were healed, including one woman of a cataract. Someone gave his life to the Lord. We started to run Alpha, first with the Great Hospital congregation and then independently at Fishergate. Another person was saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Those of us who did not know each other before were beginning to get to know each other better.

It was this small group who moved with us to St Stephen's in May last year. Of course as many of

you know the chancel wall cracked on the day of my installation which has in many ways been an irritating distraction. However there was also a most wonderful rainbow in the sky that evening. I believe God will redeem our misfortune and the building will be more useable than it could ever have been without the disruption. Our joint evening services continued first in the St Stephen's building and now more recently in the Chantry Hall. The bishop has endorsed us working together from the outset and mentioned the monthly evening service at my installation.

Permission is great but it is only God who can show us how. In the Alpha talk on 'How to be filled with the Holy Spirit', Nicky Gumbel talks of J. John's frustration that preachers often talk about many different aspects of Christian life but leave out the 'how' bit of being a Christian. The simple answer to any 'How' question with God is always, 'Ask him'.

So that is what we did at St Stephen's on the 7th March. We asked 'How are St Stephen's and the Fountain of Life to work together?' The answer was very clear: we would not be given a whole set of instructions and details but we should just start by gathering a small working group together and begin there.

This was illustrated by someone who had visited a lace class the day before. She said that the modern generation of lace makers don't want exact patterns to follow - they prefer to push a pin into their cushion, attach some bobbins and start. The pattern develops as they work. This is what we are now in the process of doing. We will be at the AGM on April 18th to be commissioned.

Madeline Light

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.



foL TESTIMONIES

STORIES FROM OUR STUDENTS



I'm currently in the final year of a Masters in Social Work. I have recently finished my placement in a child protection team in Bury St Edmunds and am now based back at the UEA. I have two assignments left including my dissertation and I finish on the 2nd of July. It's been a challenge completing a full-time course and adjusting to a new home life, although Simon has been brilliant in looking after me!

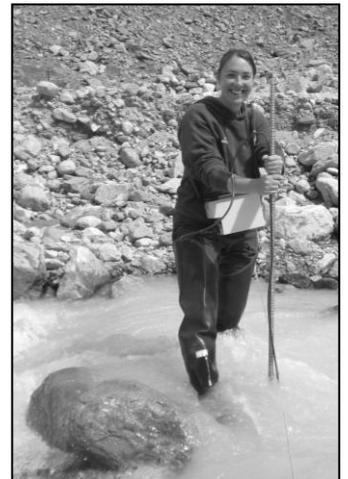
For the remaining month, please pray that I remain focused, not leaving my work to the last minute! Also, that God will have his hand in finding the right job for me. Thank you for your continued prayers.

Lou Mawditt

Uni is fun! I'm getting on really well with my music technology course at Derby (although things are getting BUSY) and I've made friendships that I know will last for life. I've been getting fully involved with the Christian Union and I've recently been made Evangelism Co-ordinator for the next twelve months. The role will be a huge challenge and it's not something I've taken up lightly but I trust that God will strengthen me. I've settled in a church here which is great and I'm starting to get involved with the worship team but I miss FoL a lot! Looking forward to seeing everyone again and finding out what God has been doing. I'm richly blessed - thanks for all the prayers and love. You're in my prayers too!

James Currey

Hullooooo!!!! So for those of you who have not had the pleasure of meeting me, I'm Helen and I've been at FoL since forever!! So, what am I doing with my life? Well, I am currently in my final year at Loughborough University and when I'm not playing hockey I'm studying for a BSc in Geography and Sport Science. Random combination, I know, but hey! I have, however, just about worked out what I want to do when I finish (hoorah!) as I think I want to be a tutor with the field studies council, which basically involves taking school kids outdoors and teaching them all about geography! But as for where, I just don't know. Hopefully somewhere by the seaside but we'll see what happens! So, a prayer point for me would be getting a job with the FSC - I'm going to start applying from mid-April. Otherwise, all is good. I go to a great church where they like giving us students lots of free food! I look forward to seeing you all soon!! ☺



Helen Winter

MINIBUS DRIVERS NEEDED!

Could you drive the Fountain of Life minibus for Good Companion Sunday Club to pick up the Ashill guests approximately once every three months? For further information please contact Jean Watson on 01953 881 842 or j.watson@folchurch.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OUR CHURCH AGM – APRIL 18, 4PM

The Fountain of Life's *Annual General Meeting* is on Sunday 18th April at 4pm and will also be the only time we gather together as a church that day. There will be no morning service or Feed the Soul and we want to encourage the whole church family to come to this important gathering. There will be a time of worship as well as taking this important time to review the last twelve months and prepare for the year to come. We will also be joined by the members of *fo*NORWICH and will be commissioning them as part of the *Fountain of Life Network*.

Regarding voting by Proxy, please note: Members who are unable to attend the Annual Meeting may appoint one person to vote on their behalf. This proxy vote must be declared at the beginning of the official meeting.

IT'S SPRING AGAIN AND THAT MEANS YOUTH ALPHA!

The 1st weekend in May (30th April to 3rd of May) will be a weekend of adventuring and exploring deeper with God. Last year was a phenomenal time. God really moved and we are hoping for bigger and better this year. I really want all the young people that came last year to come again and bring their friends - it's something they won't want to miss. We will have wide games, camping, activities and talks. There will also be worship, guest speakers and a big water fight! So see Adam Jackson for an application form or download it from folyouth.co.uk and there will be a wicked prize for whoever brings the most new people!



THE FATHER'S HEART WEEKEND, MAY 29-31

Bookings are still being taken for this exciting event which is being hosted by the Fountain of Life at The Well. There are programmes for all ages and is going to be a fantastic time - not to be missed! The main speaker is Mark Stibbe with Ian Parkinson and the Bishop of Lynn, James Langstaff also speaking. Doug Horley will be with us to head up the children's programme, assisted by Mid-Norfolk Kidz Klub and our own children's team. Youth will be run by Mark Tuma (from Norwich YFC), Pete McAllen and Pete Wynter. Tickets cost £15 per adult and £5 per child. For more information, or to book, contact Rebecca Watts (admin@folchurch.co.uk) or see our church website (www.folchurch.co.uk).

KINGDOM KNOCKING IN APRIL – OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

After such an amazing time Kingdom Knocking in January (read the testimonies in February's *fo*NEWS) we have decided to go again - this time on the 24th of April from 10am until 4pm. If you didn't come last time, I would greatly encourage you. It's basically spending time on the streets of Norwich talking to people about what they think about God, starting conversations, praying with people, seeking miracles, spending time with the homeless, buying a few meals and clothes and generally doing the stuff Jesus asked us to do!

There is a training evening on Friday the 23rd of April (6-7.30pm) and then we will be meeting at The Well at 9.15am on the 24th. There will be a Minibus to take us to Norwich and we will be back at The Well at 5pm. If you have any questions then email Adam Jackson (youth@folchurch.co.uk). Make sure we know you want to come because there will be limited places and it's such a great opportunity!

BOY'S NIGHT IN

On the 12th of April, *fo*YOUTH would like to invite you to a *Boy's Night In*: a night of games, consoles, films and music. Directed by Chris Babey, this will be a great night to bring your friends to, show off some creative talent with bands, media and perhaps some stand up comedy! Please bring your consoles, computers, games, board games, films and a friend or two. It's a sleep over, so remember your sleeping bags, midnight snacks and pillows. Please let Adam Jackson know numbers by the 11th of April. Under-12s are invited from 5-6.30pm and 12+ are welcome to stay until 10am the next morning!



BOOKINGS

All bookings for the Worship Centre can be made through Rebecca Watts admin@folchurch.co.uk 07990 543131 or 01760 440735.

folCALENDAR

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Sunday Worship

4 th	07.00	Sunrise Service
	10.00	Holy Communion: <i>Isa 65:17-end; Ps 118:14-24; Acts 10:34-43; Luke 24:1-12; 1 Cor 15:19-26</i>
11 th	10.00	Service of the Word: <i>Acts 5:27-32; Ps 118:14-end; Rev 1:4-8; John 20:19-end</i>
	10.00	Youth: <i>Taking back Sunday</i>
18 th	16.00	Celebration and Annual Meeting: <i>Acts 9:1-6; Ps 30; Rev 5:11-end; John 21:1-19</i>
25 th	10.00	Holy Communion: <i>Acts 9:36-end; Ps 23; Rev 7:9-end; John 10:22-30</i>
	18.00	Feed the Soul: <i>The Call - Gen 12:1-20</i>
	18.00	FoL in the City: <i>Chantry Hall Norwich</i>

Events (all activities at The Well unless stated)

1 st	19.00	Passover Supper
2 nd	12.00	Good Friday Prayer and Worship
3 rd	10.10	Kidz Klub Ashill
9 th	09.00	Bezalel Craft Group
	18.30	ID+ (Years 6-8)
10 th	10.00	En:lighten
11 th	14.30	Good Companions
12 th	17.00	Boy's Night in
16 th	19.00	Awaken
	19.00	Youth Discipleship (Location: See Adam)
	19.00	Awaken Prayers
17 th	10.10	Kidz Klub Scarning (Scarning School)
	11.00	Musical Keys
21 st	19.00	Deanery Synod
23 rd	09.00	Bezalel Craft Group
	18.00	Youth Kingdom Knocking Training
24 th	08.30	Men's Breakfast
	09.15	Youth Kingdom Knocking Norwich

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. Again, term time only.

Jam 1 Youth Band - 18.30, Jam 2 Youth Band - 19.30, both every Thursday in the Worship Centre.

LOOKING AHEAD

30 th April - 3 rd May	Youth Alpha camp
15 th May	Council Vision Day
22 nd May	Men's Conference
29 th May - 31 st May	'The Fathers Heart' - Fountain of Life Weekend at Home
28 th June	Destiny Africa Children's Choir
26 th Jul - 30 th Jul	Scarning Holiday Club
31 st Jul - 6 th Aug	New Wine Conference (North & East)
9 th Aug - 13 th Aug	Ashill Holiday Club
16 th Aug - 20 th Aug	Soul Survivor (week 3 youth camp)

DEADLINE FOR folNEWS 2010

The deadline for submitting news articles and testimonies for the May 2010 edition of folNEWS is only a few weeks away. Please submit anything to admin@folchurch.co.uk by April 25th. If dates for forthcoming events could be sent as soon as information is available then we will do our best to publicise even if folNEWS has been printed. Where possible, please try to keep articles to 250 words or less.