

WHO'S WHO?

Stephen and Pippa Mawditt: Stephen leads the Fountain of Life church and the Fountain Network. Pippa serves alongside him on the leadership team.

Paul Wilkinson is ordained and serves on the leadership team as assistant minister.

Wendy Sargeant serves on the leadership team as Reader and heads up Our Place and the prayer ministry team.

Phil Starling heads up the worship team supported by **John Watts** as Worship Pastor.

David Blane leads the administration team.

Neil Richardson is our Finance Manager

Rysia Bane serves as Treasurer

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

Ben Hyde 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.

Susan Walker heads up Good Companions our ministry to older people.

Freddy Hedley heads up training and equipping, including the New Wine training 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, which includes our partnership work with Christians Against Poverty.

Rosie Smith watches over the prophetic ministry.

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

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News from the *Fountain of Life*

FEBRUARY 2014

Dear Friends,

I realise that not everyone will have been in church on Sunday 5th or 19th January and therefore I want to make sure that everyone is aware of the exciting developments within the Fountain of Life which became effective from 1st January. As well as our change of charitable status (note our new registration number: 1153552) to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) there are three other initiatives which have been agreed with the Trustees and the Bishop.

Firstly, with effect from 1st January I am reappointed as minister of the Fountain of Life but with two changes. The first is that the role formally embraces responsibility for the Fountain Network and the second is that I shall no longer be stipendiary through the Church Commissioners but paid direct by the Fountain of Life church.

This brings to conclusion a conversation I initiated with the Bishop in April of last year for various reasons. There is a need for us to strengthen the leadership team and we need a more sustainable model for how we do this, and it has to start with me as the senior leader.

I have for some time felt that there needs to be a greater integrity between the way in which I am remunerated alongside the rest of the staff team.

We need to be structured in a way that enables us to fulfil our dual calling to be pioneering as a missionary congregation and operate as a resource church encouraging and equipping others in their own local settings.

We are still as much a part of this diocese and therefore the Church of England as ever. It is the Bishop of Norwich who has authority to appoint me and my licence and primary accountability is to him. Nothing changes from that point of view.

What does change is that we have agreed a revised contribution to the diocese based on the Fountain of Life making its own arrangements for its local costs of ministry.

As a family we shall be buying 43 Cressingham Road from the diocese which will continue to be our home. With regard to housing, for future leaders of the Fountain of Life the church of course has its own property at The Stables, and even if this were not suitable, then renting is still a cheaper option than the current arrangement.

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Secondly, with effect from 1st January we are partners with Rural Ministries and Tas Valley Cell Church to appoint a rural evangelist. Jessie Walrond, is 25, a speech therapist and comes from Wycliffe College, Oxford, with a Certificate in Theological and Pastoral Studies. She will be employed by the Fountain of Life and seconded to Tas Valley in a project managed by Sally Gaze, the diocesan Fresh Expressions officer and minister of the local church there.

Jessie's brief will be to establish a county-wide network of young Christian adults and offer apologetics and evangelism training across Norfolk + Waveney. All the funding for this post will come from sources outside of the Fountain of Life.

This post is a good example of the value and potential of the Fountain Network as it demonstrates the need for an alternative structure operating alongside and within the existing diocesan structures with the flexibility to enable appointments like this to be made.

Thirdly, with effect from 1st January David Blane has been certified by the Bishop to be an Authorised Worship Assistant (AWA) serving at the Fountain of Life. As many of you know Dave is himself exploring what God is calling him to in the future; but for the time being believes God continues to call him here. This is an excellent way of affirming his sense of call and releasing him into a more public ministry. It is a voluntary post and Dave will continue to be employed as our part-time administrator.

Part of Dave's AWA brief is to research how we effectively engage in mission in a rural context to young adults and our hope and intention is for Dave to have a close working partnership with Jessie and others.

It is no co-incidence that all of these changes became effective on the 1st January. As I mentioned on January 5th someone came to me at the beginning of December and described a picture that they sensed God was giving to them. In their mind's eye they saw a dead field; then a fresh field with flowers. They felt the Lord saying that it was time to leave the old life and enter the new; that this was related to the church and that we would be entering into a change which would have a significant impact in releasing a surge of new life.

This person was then reminded of Deuteronomy 8 where the people of God are warned that when they enter the promised land they must 'Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God' (v11). A warning for us to heed: in the words of Hebrews 12:2 - 'let us fix our eyes on Jesus' as we enter this new season together. Do talk to us if you have any questions on any of the above developments.

With love and prayers

Stephen & Pippa

Digging Deeper

DISCIPLESHIP AS HOSPITALITY

This is your last chance to book in for our Kingdom Theology Day with Lucy Peppiatt, Matt Lynch and Freddy Hedley on 22nd February.

The day will run from 10am - 4pm (please bring your own lunch!) and will explore this crucial theme of our calling to be and make disciples.

The event is open to everyone and costs £15 (free for those on the Digging Deeper course). Please book by phoning 01760 441902 or emailing admin@folchurch.co.uk

Dave Blane

UNITING THOUSANDS TO WORSHIP ONE

New Wine - United National Gatherings 2014: Week 2

Date: Sun, 3 Aug 2014 to Sat, 9 Aug 2014

Venue: Royal Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet

Join the FOL Church for an unforgettable week with acclaimed teaching, passionate worship and life-transforming prayer.

Just before he went to the cross Jesus prayed to his Father: 'Protect them by the power of your name...so that they may be as one as we are one' (John 17:11).

At New Wine churches come together each summer to share in a common vision. *Local churches changing nations* is the message to a divided and strife-ridden world.

We asked Stephen what the New Wine event adds to our church family. Here's his response:

'Loads! New Wine is a great event for everyone of all ages to engage with God, be inspired and encouraged by stories from around the globe testifying to the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and, plenty of opportunities to be personally challenged and receive prayer in the power of the Holy Spirit. It's also a brilliant opportunity to experience life together as 'family', build up our friendships with and commitment to one another and have fun. Perhaps most importantly those who go to New Wine so often come back fired up with a shared vision to see God's Kingdom come, with lots of practical ideas on how to realise this and with a renewed sense of personal calling and vigour.

So, this year, if you have never been before make this New Wine your first - from the early days in the life of this church New Wine has been a place of inspiration for us, and this year promises to be no different.'

“It's also a brilliant opportunity to experience life together as family”

Pippa adds:

'Another way of attending the event is to serve on team. This is a great opportunity for growing and developing your gifts and ministries and making new friends in the process.'

Come and join the FOL Church on this adventure as together we seek God's presence and power.

If you are not able to go to New Wine this year but would love to help a family/individual go, FOL church has a bursary that can be paid in to. Alternatively, if you'd love to go, but can't afford to, FOL church can look at helping you with covering the costs for the New Wine Week.

Please speak to David Blane about paying into the bursary and Becky or John Watts about the New Wine Event.

Becky and John Watts



BOOKINGS

All bookings for the Worship Centre can be made through David Blane admin@folchurch.co.uk | 01760 441 902.

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Some things are looking different this year here at **folyouth**. We have launched a series of new groups this term and have a new logo to give us a fresh look for 2014. So we thought it would be good to update you guys on what we have been up to.

Thirst: is a small group for young people in school year 6 - 8. It is a place where people are welcome, community is built, fun is had and faith is deepened. It happens on the 1st Friday of the month in Scarning and the 2nd Friday of the month in Ashill, 6:30 - 8pm.

Elevate: is a small group for young people in school year 9 - 11. It is a place of belonging, where the young people are challenged to aim higher as their faith develops while having fun and supporting each other. It happens on the 1st Friday of the month, 6:30 - 8pm and is based in a home in Dereham.

Encounter: is a monthly event for young people in school year 9 - 11. It will include worship, teaching, fun and refreshment and will be a time for connecting with the creator of the universe. It happens on the 3rd Friday of the month, from 7 - 9pm and will be based at the Stables.

Year 12 + group: There is also a new as yet unnamed group which is meeting twice a month for those in year 12 and up. They are meeting on the 1st Sunday of the month in the evening at Stephen and Pippa's from 6 - 8pm, and also on the 3rd Sunday of the month in the morning during the church service. This should be a great group for deepening faith and supporting each other.

Socials: We are also organising a variety of social events for the young people to come to and invite friends to. These will tend to happen on the 4th Friday of the month or close to it depending on what we are doing.

For more information on these are other things check out the **folyouth** website and/or sign up for the update emails from the **folyouth** team. There are also lots of updates and ways to have your say on the **folyouth** facebook page.

Ben and Matt



the parenting teenagers course

The Headmaster of Norwich School and the Friends of Norwich (PTA) have asked us (Norwich School Prayer Group) if we would be able to run the Parenting Teenagers Course again for parents at the school and outside too.

The easiest time for us and the school is in the second half of this term. We will be using a Norwich School classroom, the Blake Studio, for the 5 Monday evenings following half term, starting 24 February.

We know that everyone is incredibly busy but if anybody would be able to commit to playing a part in putting this Course on, we would be very grateful please! Cake making, leading groups, setting up and/or setting down afterwards, welcoming people, doing the tech-y bit, taking coats or serving coffee - all of these roles are up for grabs!

Please could you let us know as soon as possible on s.carroll293@btinternet.com if you might be able to do this. We know how valuable we have found the course and, having done it 3 times now, we are still learning new things as our children change and grow and present us with new challenges.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Rachel Carroll, Selina Watts and Heidi Burr

BE A BETTER LISTENER

Date: Saturday 8 February 2014

Time: 10am - 4pm

Venue: Cloverfield Community Church, Yarrow Close, Thetford, IP24 2TZ

A one day course led by MBACP accredited counsellor Margaret Bazely, that will help you to be a better listener, and to worry less about saying the wrong thing.

“The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught - Isaiah 50:4”

You are asked to commit yourself to the whole day. You need to be clear from the outset that your main need is for training rather than for personal emotional support. You will need to be prepared to participate in a variety of exercises which will include sharing personal experiences.

We all need to find a healthy balance of giving and receiving in our lives. To help with this there will be the chance to look at ways of getting our own support and referring others on to receive the best help available. **Please bring a packed lunch, notebook and pen. Drinks will be provided throughout the day.**

No prior training is needed, just enthusiasm and a willingness to learn!

The workshop will be led by Margaret Bazely, an MBACP accredited counsellor and trainer. Donations are gratefully received to cover her fee.

The course is free but please book in advance by using the address below

<http://shop.dioceseofnorwich.org/products/be-a-better-listener>

Contact Claire Mead (claire.mead@norwichanglican.org, 01603 882335) for more information

Wendy Sargeant



If you are someone who wishes to support others in your church and community without directing or advising, this workshop is designed for you. Perhaps you are already a good listener. This workshop will help you to be more comfortable alongside the person who is coping with day to day problems and to worry less about saying 'the wrong thing'. There will be activities designed to help you to improve your listening skills and learn more about what helps and hinders the listening process.

GIVING

If you would like to give regularly to the Fountain of Life then please pick up a "How Can I Give" form from a member of the welcome team. Also feel free to use the offering boxes on the pillars if you would like to give a one-off donation.

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OUR PLACE

Please continue to pray for the lovely people who come to Our Place (special needs folk and their families or carers). Please pray that God will meet their deeper needs as we do our best to love and serve their practical needs and as we continue to have fun together at various events. We had a good number attend our Carol Service in December as well as the Fountain Party last summer. This shows we are a church where ALL feel welcome. Praise God!

The next event is a Film Afternoon on 15 February from 2.30 - 4.45 pm. We will be showing a sing-along version of Oliver - since musicals are a firm favourite and we all enjoy singing along together whether our voices are good or not! These afternoons give an opportunity for parents/carers to chat and relax while the film runs and the team get alongside folk where appropriate. One Mum usually brings her cross-stitch and enjoys a bit of quiet time.

As always with our film show afternoons any of you are welcome to join us - we love to share our popcorn!

Jim and Wendy Sargeant

DOES ANYONE FANCY A TRIP TO THE THEATRE?

John Newton: Amazing Grace

Date: Tues 11 Feb 7.30pm

Venue: Norwich Playhouse

'Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me'

In 1779, poet and clergyman John Newton poured a lifetime of personal experience into a song that was to become one of the most recognisable anthems ever penned in the English language.

Told through word, folk song and physical theatre, the story of John Newton's remarkable life will be laid out before you. His transformation from slave ship captain to church leader and author of arguably the most famous hymn ever written is sure to leave you amazed and inspired.

Ages 12+

2 hours including interval

Noah: A Musical Adventure

Date: Sat 3 May 7.00 pm

Venue: Norwich Playhouse

Saltmine Theatre Company presents Noah, a musical adventure, with Doug Horley (Duggie Dug Dug) playing the title role.

This show is jam-packed with exciting new songs and a brilliant new script.

Performed by six actors and featuring amazing puppetry, original music and innovative scenery, 'Noah' is guaranteed to delight the whole family

2 hours including interval

Tickets for both shows are available from the box office 01603 598598 or norwichplayhouse.co.uk

Rachel Carroll

folPRAYER

I BELIEVE

I was talking with my sister-in-law who was having some troubling stomach issues; her doctor was sending her to hospital for emergency scans and she was very worried. She had spoken to another friend who said they would put her name on the prayer list. This lady also told her to believe in God. My sister-in-law was so blessed that someone would think to say that; that I realised I had never told what I believe! That started this simple but true short statements of what I believe. Obviously the list is endless but it makes the point that some of our nearest and dearest may not know what it is that we really believe.

God

created the earth
hears and answers prayers
is my friend
is good
is faithful and true
is real
is safe and secure
is my rock
is love
is always with me
will never let me down
forgives me
sent Jesus His only son to die for me
heals my head my heart my body
gives me peace
gives me hope
gives me joy
is my friend and saviour
will see me in heaven

And I believe it!

You can continue the list...

Carol Edwards

NEED TO TALK?

Did you know that Fountain of Life has a listening team ready and willing to spend some time with you or someone you know? If you need more time to talk through an issue than is available during or after Sunday worship or home group, let us know and we will arrange to meet with you. We all need a bit of extra support at times in our lives and a Christian/prayerful perspective is important when we find it difficult to find a way through. Please contact Joy Fernando (01953 886786), Mark Clamp (01760 440493) or Tim Gibbs (01953 884 704).

THE ALPHA COURSE

is a wonderful foundation and introduction to the Christian faith as well as being a great place to make new friends. Our current course is running on Wednesdays 9.30am - 11:30am. If you are interested in coming, please pick up a leaflet or talk to Fred and Carol Edwards - 01760 440105



fo|CALENDAR

Feb 14 Sunday Worship

- 2nd 10.00 Service of the Word: *Malachi 3:1-5, Psalm 24, Hebrews 2:14-end, Luke 2:22-40*
18.00 Feed the Soul: *2 Samuel 7:1-9:13*
- 9th 10.00 Holy Communion: *Isaiah 58:1-12, Psalm 112:1-9, 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, Matthew 5:13-20*
18.00 Feed the Soul: *2 Samuel 10:1-12,25*
- 16th 10.00 Service of the Word: *Deuteronomy 30:15-end, Psalm 119:1-8, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Matthew 5:21-37*
- 23rd 10.00 Service of the Word: *Genesis 1.1-23, Psalm 136, Romans 8:18-25, Matthew 6:25-end*

Feb 14 Events

- 3rd 19.00 Worship Central Course
- 4th 18.00 WTC Training
- 5th 09.30 Alpha
14.00 Digging Deeper
19.30 Digging Deeper
- 7th 18.30 Thirst Scarning
18.30 Elevate (Dereham)
19.00 Worship Team Meeting
- 8th 10.00 Kids Klub Ashill
- 9th 14.00 Good Companions
15.00 Refresh (28 Welden Road)
- 10th 19.00 Worship Central Course
- 11th 19.30 Prayer Ministry Training
- 12th 09.30 Alpha
14.00 Digging Deeper
19.30 Digging Deeper
- 14th 09.00 Bezalel
18.30 Thirst Ashill
- 15th 10.00 Kidz Klub Scarning
- 17th 19.00 Worship Central Course
- 19th 09.30 Alpha
- 21st 19.00 Encounter- Stables
19.00 Awaken - Bungalow
- 22nd 10.00 Digging Deeper Day - Discipleship
- 24th 19.00 Worship Central Course
- 25th 18.00 WTC Training
- 26th 09.30 Alpha
- 28th 09.00 Bezalel

LOOKING AHEAD

New Wine Kids Workers Training Day 22nd March
Shampa Rice Leaders Lunch 25th March
Intents 23rd - 26th May

Thursday Prayers - 10am every Thursday in the worship centre term time.
Noah's Ark Parent and pre school gathering - 10am every Thursday in the bungalow term time.
Jam Youth Band 18.30-20.00 every Thursday term time
CAP Job Club - 9:30am every Friday in The Stables

All activities are at The Well unless stated

DEADLINE FOR fo|NEWS MARCH 2014

The deadline for submitting news articles and testimonies for the March 2014 edition of fo|NEWS is Friday 14th February. 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.