

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.

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

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.

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

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News from the *Fountain of Life Network*

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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year!

In sharing his life with twelve disciples Jesus demonstrated that it's how we live with one another that bears the greatest witness. He went on to pray that our unity would lead the world to believe that Jesus is indeed the Son of God (John 17:20-21). In other words the way we work together, show our love for one another and deal with all the other calls to 'one another' in Scripture is dynamite evangelistically.



Church is called primarily to be 'family'. There are three pictures of this from our life together which come to mind as I write. The first comes from *One Christmas*. The comments from 'outsiders' were as much about the way the team worked together - and the extraordinary level of commitment showed - as they were about the actual production (which in itself was fantastically good). One person commented that not only was it the best production he had ever seen at Wayland, but also he had never seen a group of people work so effectively and happily together. It was the character and unity of the team which spoke to him most about the reality of God. Family!

The second picture comes from the Sunday morning when we prayed for the passing on of the *Ashill Kidz Klub* mantle from Tim to Matt. There was such a spontaneous outpouring of joy and celebration of all that Tim has sown into that ministry over the years, combined with a real sense of rejoicing over the fact that Matt has now been raised up to carry that work on. It was a great way of showing honour and recognising the value of legacy and succession, but also of us celebrating one another's gifts and ministries. Family!

The final picture is from the December *Musical Keys*. To take just one comment: 'I really enjoy visiting your church, it is so calming and the people who help are so welcoming.' Another event, another team, but the same picture: that of unity, love and welcome. Family!

These are just snapshots. Were we to play the whole video of our life together there would be many other illustrations of 'family'. It's a significant reason why we see the fruit of the Kingdom produced in our life together, it's part of the glue that holds us together and it invites God's presence all the more. He lives in 'family.'

'Love one another.' It is enough. May you live 2012 in the strength of knowing that come what may, God is for you and He is with you.

With our love and prayers

Stephen & Pippa

BEZALEL

Colourful quilts, a lovely sunny morning, coffee and cakes combined to make an exciting first exhibition of the Bezalel sewing group. We were so delighted to see so many people who were interested in seeing what we had achieved. Visitors came from other quilt groups, who were very impressed with the standard of work, friends, family and folk from our church. There was a very amusing moment when Elaine and Nicholas sang a song they had made up.

The Bezalel Quilt Song

'I've got to sew a quilt,' she said, 'I've got to sew a quilt.'
'If I don't finish it soon,' she said, 'I'm sure that I shall wilt!'
'Don't worry, dear,' said Sandra, 'though there's a lot to do;
I will always help you out and the same goes for our Sue!'
So Thelma sewed and Eileen sewed, Diane and Carol too;
With Doreen, June and Annie, they were a valiant crew!

Chorus:

With fingers pricked, and tempers frayed,
They sewed through thick and thin;
And sometimes went on through the night:
To stop would be a sin!

Joy looked at Liz, and said to her: 'I'll never do this again!'
'No never, nor will I. No, no!' replied Joyce and Elaine.

Chorus

There were twelve squares of different shapes, and every colour too:
From green and yellow, red and white, to many shades of blue!
Spring passed away, and Summer came, the leaves of Autumn fell.
And finally all the quilts appeared: said Stephen, 'You've done well!'

At the beginning of the year we decided to make a sampler quilt which incorporated many patchwork techniques. Most of the ladies were novices and only a couple had made a quilt before. We started off gently but it soon became obvious that it was going to be a challenge! But how they all responded was amazing. Elaine and Nicholas' song says it all.

iWONDERING ABOUT GOD

We have been going into Wayland High School to run *iWonder* for over a year now. *iWonder* is a chance for kids to come and have hot chocolate with us and discuss life's big questions with some real life Christians! At the most recent one we were discussing 'If you were God, how would you have made the world?' and some really interesting conversations came out of it. At one point a boy announced that he didn't believe in God because all the things that he reads about in the Bible don't happen anymore today. Just as I was about to explain about the miraculous things that God does, the boy's best friend (not a Christian) starts to tell us a story of how his mother was healed of gallstones

when he prayed for her. Then another kid tells a story of how he was healed when he was younger (related to the work we did at his primary school!). Out of the four guys in my discussion, three of them had firsthand experience of God's healing power! Needless to say, the boy in question went away thinking that maybe he just needed to look around a bit more to see God at work today! *iWonder* meet fortnightly on a Thursday lunchtime in Room 7 at Wayland High School.

David Blane



DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS UPDATE

Our DG group has had another year of studying the bible and sharing our lives. We have all grown closer as a group and Harriet and I believe it is not just the YP's who have grown this year. What we have been fortunate to observe is young people dealing with ever increasing stressful situations in a Godly and mature way. It has been our privilege to share this time with them.

Looking over the whole discipleship group structure it is great to see younger YP's joining groups and deciding they want to take the faith seriously. I look forward to seeing them grow over the years. My thanks go out to Rob and Helen for their commitment to the youngest DG, their involvement has caused a real growth in many of the younger members of our church.

Matt and Harriet Beckett

We've been continuing to dig deeper into God's word and share lives with each other in the older discipleship group these last few months. The range of topics covered has been very broad from praying for our non-Christian friends to investigating the *Occupy* movement at St Paul's Cathedral. Numbers have been sustained over recent weeks but we would certainly appreciate prayer for growth! Pray for vision for Adam as he continues to lead the group.

David Blane

When Adam asked me if Rob and I would run the youngest Discipleship Group, I thought to myself 'NO WAY!' It meant that we would have to lead bible study - this filled me with dread! I managed to avoid Adam quite successfully for a while (sorry Adam!) but needless to say, we could not avoid what God had called us to do.

We have Discipleship Group every first and third Friday of each month during term time and approximately ten 12-13 year olds attend. They are quite simply my most favourite kids ever. They never stop surprising me with their kindness, grace and passion for Jesus. When we asked them recently, 'What would you do with £100,000 donated to the church?' There were some truly inspiring answers - answers that reassure me that the future of the church is bright.

DG is an opportunity for the young people of our church to meet with their Christian friends to have fun, play games, chat, learn, pray and spend time listening to God.

Helen Walker (and Rob!)

If you would like to know more about discipleship groups or know someone between the ages of 11-18 that might be interested in joining a group, please email Matt Beckett (m.beckett@folchurch.co.uk).

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.



HOMWORK CLUB



Well, we've come to the end of another busy term in schools! One of *Mid Norfolk Kidz Klub's* newest ventures has been the launch of Homework Clubs in two local junior schools.

The vision: to reach children who need support with their homework and to build self esteem and raise aspirations.

We've had a fantastic time in both schools, enjoying excellent attendance and building great relationships with the children. Each session, we spend time supporting children with their homework, we have a chill and chat time with a big question and then a games time where we play traditional board and card games. Next term, these clubs will become a regular part of our school's work, we would value your prayers as we meet with these children.

The team: Matt Beckett, Dave Blane, Ana Paula Wedemann, Angela Sutton-Day, Maryanne Richardson, Joy Fernades and Juliette Richardson.

When and where: Watton Junior School (Tuesday's 3.15-4.45pm); St. Nicholas Junior School (Wednesday's 3.15-4.45pm).

I'll leave you with words from the children and team!

Here are some of the children's comments:

'I like coming here. I'm not sad anymore.'

'I enjoy now having more friends.'

'I'm getting my homework in on time.'

'Best place to get help.'

And from the team:

'Homework club has been really fantastic this term. I particularly enjoyed seeing the way the children appreciated the chance to do homework more than they did the games!' **Dave**

'Homework club has been a great opportunity to begin to get to know a small group of children more deeply, to share in their lives for a time and show a little of Jesus' love for them.' **Joy**

'Homework club has fast become one of the highlights of my week. Nuff said!' **Matt**

Thank you Jesus!

Maryanne Richardson

To receive prayer for an emergency or pressing need, email, phone or text:

mercy@folchurch.co.uk

or

07979 264 047

Heather Nunn, Emergency Prayer Chain Co-ordinator

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GREETINGS FROM BRISTOL!

What a wonderful year travelling around Canada! Living and working on the West coast I met some brilliant people and visited some incredible places - highlights have to include standing awestruck on top of Whistler Mountain and taking a wine tour through the beautiful countryside of Kelowna. However, after nearly a year away the pull of my family (and the great British dish of Fish and Chips) pushed me into taking an earlier flight - back to a rather sunny September day in the UK where my family had the shock of their lives when I turned up at home a month before they expected!



God has blessed me with a great job here in Bristol. I am working as a consultant to Universities and Oxbridge Colleges advising them how to make the most of their fundraising strategy. The job does involve some travelling around the UK and Scotland and in January I will be lucky enough to take in the sights of Edinburgh for 3 weeks whilst working at the Heriot-Watt University.

We have found a great church in Clifton, with a really lively and welcoming atmosphere! Oliver and I have been going to their Alpha group every Wednesday night and thoroughly enjoying the meal and discussions; each week there is a new revelation of just how awesome our God is. There is also a service on Sunday nights that we go to which is aimed at the younger generation... louder music, brighter lights that sort of thing!

A line from the Desert Song made me stop and think last week - it says "I know I'm filled to be emptied again, this seed I've received I will sow". Every day, in what might seem like the simplest of ways, we have the choice to shout the fame of Jesus and I pray every day I can grow just that little bit more in confidence to do that - at work, in a coffee shop, when I'm driving my car and someone cuts me up... 'going back to basics' as it were each week at Alpha has been an inspiring reminder of what it means to be a Christian, what it means to be 'more like Jesus'.

It would be great if you could remember Oliver and I in your prayers! Alpha finishes in a week and I'd love to find a home group to join, one in which we can connect with people not only on a bible study bases but on a social bases too - more Christian friends in the south west would be a wonderful blessing! ☺ Love to all my FOL family!

Athena Wilson

GREETINGS FROM MOZAMBIQUE



Thanks! I feel very blessed and I am feeling all the prayers from you guys! I sent a thank you to David when I received the money but I just want to make sure you all know how thankful I am! Seriously!! I would not be here without you all! I am struggling a lot at the moment but know that God wants me here, so I am using my credit card at the moment. Then when I get the £50 each month from my monthly supporters I use that to pay off straight away. I know God is in control so seeing what He does. I have my ticket home already so that's a lot of my mind.

I am missing you all so much and speak of you often. You are all such a family and I can't wait to come sit and talk with you all. Catch up with everything God has been doing!

My email address is ruth@irismin.org; I always love having updates from back home. I can't always reply straight away but I will get there! Lots of love and prayers,

Ruth Alexander

THE ALPHA COURSE

What is the Alpha course?

Alpha is a low-pressure, fun and informative course. It is a place to relax, share your thoughts and explore the meaning of life. The course is designed primarily for people who don't go to church, but are interested in the Christian faith.

How Alpha began

The Alpha course began in the late 1970s at HTB as a means of helping new Christians learn more about the Christian faith. In 1990, former barrister Nicky Gumbel realised the potential of the Alpha course to appeal to a wider audience and adapted the course to make it inclusive for anyone interested in the Christian faith.

The growth of Alpha in the UK and worldwide

The Alpha course spread during the 1990s, initially in the UK and then internationally, as more and more churches and groups found it a helpful and informal way to discuss questions about the Christian faith. There are now over 55,000 courses worldwide in 166 countries. Alpha is supported by all the major denominations.

We have an **ALPHA COURSE** starting on the 18th January at 43 Cressingham Road, Ashill. It will start at 7pm with a meal. If you are interested in going on this or potentially hosting an Alpha course please talk to Stephen or Pippa (01760 440 363).



Alpha

ALPHA IN WATTON

We have just finished running Alpha as a home group which started back in September. As a home group, we have been aware of trying to get a balance of 'up, in and out.' Alpha presented a good opportunity for us to focus on the 'out' element. It also enabled people to develop their giftings and created an opening for God to work outside the comfort zone of a regular home group meeting. For some delegates, the topics covered were very new ground but to others it was a refreshing reminder of who God is and what He has done for us. We would certainly recommend running an Alpha course to other home groups and are happy to pass on what we've learnt.

Adam & Julia Clarke

Having never been involved in Alpha in the past, I had no idea what to expect from the course. I found the sessions interesting and informative, as well as enjoyable. The talks were very good and it was nice that different people did each talk, so that we got a range of stories and experience from the different speakers. And the discussions following the talks were good, because we were in small groups and had plenty of time to ask questions, discuss the talk and pray. Overall, I enjoyed the course and learned a lot from it.

Mary Myerson

Alpha was really good this year. I have made firm friends and have learnt a lot about God and myself during the course. The food was always amazing and the company was just as good. I also appreciated having more than one person leading the sessions. The small group that I was in helped me to grow in my faith and allowed me to feel freer in my own skin.

Helen Pritchard

folHEADLINES

SAMUELS ROOM

The Samuels Room is an unstaffed facility for children aged two years or under and their parent/carer. There are lots of new toys for the babies and toddlers to play with and the room has also recently been decorated. We ask that to maintain a safe and fun environment for those who use the room, these rules are followed: 1) Only one adult (aged 16 or over) per child; 2) No children over the age of two years old. If there are any queries, comments or suggestions then please contact Helen Walker (01953 880 923/07872 587 008). Thank you.



DIAMOND JUBILEE

To mark sixty years of the Queen's reign the Diamond Jubilee will take place in 2012. The celebrations will centre around an extended weekend in 2012 on 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th June. The FoL Council have agreed that it would be good to get involved in local celebrations, to show love and support to activities already happening. Why not find out how you can support activities taking place in your local community. Ashill Parish Council are co-ordinating a 'Family Fun Day' on Monday 4th June. If you would like to get involved in the activities taking place in Ashill then please contact Becky Watts (email admin@folchurch.co.uk or phone 01760 441 902).

INCREASE COST OF CHURCH CD'S

From 1st January 2012 the cost of a CD will be £2. For those in ongoing ministry, the usual arrangements apply.

BEATITUDES RELATIONSHIP RETREAT

Over about a two year period Harriet and I have been talking over how we can help young people deal with the pressures of sex and relationships that the world throws at them, whilst also having a desire to see them act Godly in the relationships they enter in to. In February we are taking a group from foYouth to Sheringham for a three day retreat to help answer the questions they may have and give a biblical grounding for how God intends us to live with each other.

We feel there is a definite need for the church not to be silent on the topic of sex and relationship as we know that the world, TV, advertising, and their friends, to name a few, are definitely not silent on this subject. Our aim is to equip our young people to deal with the pressures of their world, to prepare them for any future relationships they may have and to encourage continued friendships with members of the opposite sex. The week is the 14-16th February 2012.

SAVE THE DATE!

Heidi Baker and Mark Stibbe will be joining us and teaching at the Fountain of Life on the weekend 19th and 20th May 2012. More details to follow - but make sure you save the date in your diary now!

BOOKINGS

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

fo/CALENDAR

JANUARY SUNDAY WORSHIP

1 st	10.00	Holy Communion: <i>Numbers 6:22-end; Psalm 8; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:15-21</i>
8 th	10.00	Service of the Word
	18.00	Feed the Soul: Exodus 1:1-2:25
15 th	10.00	Service of the Word: <i>1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-5, 12-18; Revelation 5:1-10; John 1:43-end</i>
	18.00	Feed the Soul: Exodus 3:1-4:31
22 nd	10.00	Holy Communion: <i>Genesis 14:17-20; Psalm 128; Revelation 19:6-10; John 2:1-11</i>
	18.00	Feed the Soul: Exodus 5:1-7:13
29 th	10.00	Service of the Word: <i>Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; Revelation 12:1-5a; Mark 1:21-28</i>
	18.00	Feed the Soul: Exodus 7:14-10:29

JANUARY EVENTS (all activities at The Well unless stated)

2 nd	10.30	New Years Walk (Cockley Cley)
6 th	19.00	Youth Discipleship (location: see folyouth.co.uk)
7 th	10.10	Kidz Klub Ashill
8 th	14.30	Good Companions
10 th	18.00	NWTP
13 th	09.00	Bezalel
	18.30	ID
17 th	18.00	NWTP
18 th	19.00	Alpha 1 (43 Cressingham Road)
20 th	19.00	Youth Discipleship (location: see folyouth.co.uk)
	19.00	Awaken
21 st	10.10	Kidz Klub Scarning
24 th	18.00	NWTP
25 th	19.00	Alpha 2 (43 Cressingham Road)
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

11 th February	10.00	Women Together
11 th February	13.00	Musical Keys
14 th -16 th February		Beatitudes Relationship Retreat
18 th February	10.00	Fabric Dying Workshop with Beccie Marshall
25 th February	10.00	Digging Deeper

DEADLINE FOR fo/NEWS FEBRUARY 2012

The deadline for submitting news articles and testimonies for the February 2012 edition of fo/NEWS is Tuesday 17th January. 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.