

## 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.

**John Watts** heads up the worship team.

**David Blane** leads the administration team.

**Neil Richardson** is the Finance Manager.

**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** 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 to those in need and organises CAP money management courses.

**Rosie Smith** watches over the prophetic ministry.

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

# folNEWS

News from the *Fountain of Life*

JANUARY 2013

*Dear Friends,*

Welcome to 2013! A new year is bound to bring with it an assortment of emotions. There can be a sense of rejoicing, regret or nostalgia at the passing of the old; and the coming of the new can bring with it a mix of emotions from the relish of fresh challenges and renewed expectation, to fear of the unknown and the unexpected.



Whatever may lie in store, it's great to have the reassurance that God's love never fails. Indeed, as Isaiah declares (41:13): 'I am the Lord, **your** God, who takes hold of **your** right hand and says to **you**, do not fear; I will help **you**.' You are held in his grip and He will never let go.

Your reputation is based on what others think of you; your character is who you really are and in the end character is everything. So, let us make 2013 a year of character-building through having a focus on harvesting the fruits of the Spirit. Galatians lists nine: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. In his book, *Epiphanies of the Ordinary*, Charlie Cleverly<sup>1</sup> adds three others: forgiveness, faith and thankfulness. Each month let us focus on seeking to bear one of these fruit in abundance. We start with love. May it be said of us as it was observed of the early Christians: see how they love one another.

Vision and call are key to us living a life on purpose. Usually the opportunities for me to set out the vision of the church are limited to Sunday morning sermons. This year I would like to have more of a vision conversation with as much of the whole church as possible. As the vocabulary implies, I would like this to be less of a presentation, although obviously I will say something about what I believe God is leading us into, but there will be more emphasis on space for questions, dialogue, reflection and prayer.

So, please do your best to prioritise Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, from 7pm to 9.30pm in your diaries - it would be great if home groups would make this your priority for that week. As much as possible, I want us to be moving forward together and of one mind, heart and spirit.

Foundational to any church resembling its founder is love: whoever loves God must also love his brother (1 John 4:21). May January and the whole of 2013 be a season of growth in the fruit of love to His praise and glory.

With love and prayers

*Stephen & Pippa*

# folMINISTRIES

## MERCY MINISTRIES



### LOCAL HOMELESSNESS

We are fortunate that Breckland Council have been working hard to ensure that there are fewer known homeless people in Breckland this year. They have also been able to extend the overnight provision so that it includes more than just the nights when the temperature goes below freezing for more than three nights in a row. This means that more work can be done on individual solutions. The council have been looking for a volunteer (or two) to work a 'shift' with a staff member from 8-11pm in the evenings in Thetford to help to settle people down for the night. The need is for the colder weather and so it might not make much sense for anyone to travel needlessly - but if this interests you and you live in or near Thetford, or you work in Thetford and could extend your day occasionally please let me know at [mercy@folchurch.co.uk](mailto:mercy@folchurch.co.uk), 01760 440 837 or 07979 264 047 and I will pass on your details to the relevant person at Breckland.

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

[mercy@folchurch.co.uk](mailto:mercy@folchurch.co.uk)

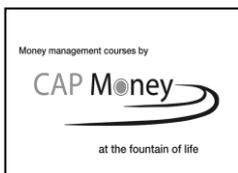
or

**07979 264 047**

Heather Nunn, Emergency Prayer Chain Co-ordinator

## FOODBANK UPDATE

Thetford Foodbank distribution centres are now open in Watton and Brandon. This is great news that more people will get help when they need it. Early in December Tesco's arranged for Foodbank collections at their stores over a weekend and this is likely to be repeated twice a year. There was a fantastic response from members of the public, both at Thetford and at Watton. On Saturday alone 1173kg of food was collected at Thetford and 711kg at Watton (Sunday total not known at time of writing this), ensuring that needs will be met over the Christmas period. We thank God for this wonderful provision. In the meantime, our normal collections continue via the marked plastic box in the foyer.



### CAP MONEY

The next CAP Money course will be running for three weeks (two hours per week) in January, starting on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January in the evenings. This course will be run by our CAP Money coaches Colette Wilkinson and Julia Seaman. Please see them to join.

## WARM PACKS

Please don't forget we have Warm Packs which we can give to anyone who is finding it hard to keep warm. The packs contain various items to help people stay warm, such as snuggle blanket, gloves, hat, thermos flask etc. If you know of someone who would benefit from receiving a pack please phone me 01760 440 837 or 07979 264 047, or email [mercy@folchurch.co.uk](mailto:mercy@folchurch.co.uk)

## CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Thank you so much to all the home groups and individuals who took on the task of giving to our FoL Christmas Hampers this year. We just loved being able to give to a number of families and individuals known to us to add to their Christmas festivities.

## 'OUR PLACE'

(For families with special needs)

What a faithful God we have - and a faithful team, too! Thank you, Jesus, that you are the reason for the season of joy! The Family Day on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2012 was a Christmas celebration with music, craft, carols, nativity play and laughter from our visiting 'balloonatic'. We certainly felt the love of God moving among us - which reminds us of 1 John 1:7 - 'Let us love one another, for love comes from God.'

This was the largest number we have ever had gathered together - there were over eighty of us. Many new people came and we have had lots of very positive feedback. This has given us opportunities to witness to God's goodness and love for us all.

Each time we meet we learn new things and we would really appreciate it if you could donate chiffon or brightly coloured silk scarves that you no longer use - or you happen to see in a charity shop on your travels - as these are a great resource to use at *Our Place*. Thanks and abundant blessings.

*Jim and Wendy Sargeant*

### 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.



## NEED TO TALK?

Did you know that Fountain of Life now 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 884704).

## Volunteer opportunities: rewards out of this world!

### Website manager

We have a need for someone who would love to take charge of our website, keeping it up-to-date both in design and content. If this could be for you then please talk to Stephen Mawditt or Dave Blane. E-mail: [admin@folchurch.co.uk](mailto:admin@folchurch.co.uk)

### Graphic design

Would you love to be involved in the creative design of our promotional literature? This would include welcome packs for guests, invitations, information on events and different ministries within the church. If you have the skills to do any aspect of this work then please talk to Stephen Mawditt or Dave Blane. E-mail: [admin@folchurch.co.uk](mailto:admin@folchurch.co.uk)

**Closing date for both of these appointments is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013**

# folCALENDAR

## JANUARY

### Sunday Worship

6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Tarrying Service: <i>Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:10-15; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12</i>
13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Holy Communion: <i>Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22</i>
	18.00	Feed the Soul: 1 Samuel 1:1-2:10
20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Service of the Word: <i>Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11</i>
	16.00	Furnace
	18.00	Feed the Soul: 1 Samuel 2:11-4:1a
27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Service of the Word: <i>Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21</i>
	18.00	Feed the Soul: 1 Samuel 4:1b-5:12

### Events (all activities at The Well unless stated)

1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30	New Years Day walk (followed by shared lunch at 43 Cressingham Road)
11 <sup>th</sup>	18.30	ID
12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Kidz Klub, Ashill
13 <sup>th</sup>	14.00	Good Companions
18 <sup>th</sup>	19.00	Awaken
	19.00	Youth Discipleship (location: see folyouth.co.uk)
19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Kidz Klub, Scarning
20 <sup>th</sup>	16.00	Furnace
22 <sup>nd</sup>	18.00	NWTP
23 <sup>rd</sup>	19.00	Vision evening
26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Digging Deeper: Martin Down on 'Can you believe what you read in the Gospels?'
29 <sup>th</sup>	18.00	NWTP

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).

**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 next course is a daytime Alpha, starting Wednesday 23rd January at 9.30am in The Bungalow. If you are interested in coming, please talk to Andrea Jolly (01366 727 197) or Stephen or Pippa (01760 440 363).



**Alpha**

### BOOKINGS

All bookings for the Worship Centre can be made through David Blane [admin@folchurch.co.uk](mailto:admin@folchurch.co.uk) 07990 543 131 or 01760 441 902.

### DEADLINE FOR folNEWS FEBRUARY 2013

The deadline for submitting news articles and testimonies for the February 2013 edition of folNEWS is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January. Please submit articles to [admin@folchurch.co.uk](mailto: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 folNEWS has been printed. Where possible, **please try to keep articles to 250 words** or less.