

WHO'S WHO?

Stephen and Pippa Mawditt: Stephen leads the Fountain of Life Network Church supported by his wife Pippa, who is on the leadership team.

Madeline Light leads the Fountain of Life congregation in Norwich based at St Stephen's Church.

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.

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

Maryanne Richardson is the co-ordinator 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 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.

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*

MARCH 2011

Dear Friends,

The Social Network is a film based on the founding of the website *Facebook* which, in just seven years, has established a base of 600 million users. I haven't seen the film and am not on *Facebook* but operating as a social network is certainly key to the life of a church. Friendships are the glue. Put simply, if people make friends at church, they tend to stay. If they don't make friendships, they tend to go.



The success of *Facebook* suggests that people are hungry for community and this is something in which the church should by definition excel - and in a more personal, real and radical way than *Facebook* can ever provide. One of the values of our church is to be a place in which people make friends easily and to which all ages can belong. One of our great strengths is the breadth of ages integrated - we have very much the feel of an extended family. One of the keys to this lies in having teams with an age-specific focus. We have fantastic teams based around friendship and strong relationship - a genuine commitment to each other. The fruit already produced by this is amazing and the potential for more is great. Just look, for example, at the *Taking Back Sunday* event led by our young people on February 10th or the plans for *One Christmas*. Fabulous! But let's mention two other age groups which should not slip under our radar.

In the UK, the percentage of over 60's is forecast to increase from 23% to 31% by 2050. A group so large that it itself is divided by sociologists into four separate age-bands. This suggests a significant mission field - praise the Lord for, and pray for, our *Good Companions* team as they continue faithfully to engage in this. The number of people aged between 20 and 29 attending church generally has declined by 62% in the last 25 years. At the same time right now unemployment in the early 20's is increasing and forecast to continue. Praise the Lord again for the number of vibrant young adults we have here, but how do we make further inroads into this group with the good news of purposefulness which living in the Kingdom brings? Pass any ideas on to Adam and Shona.

If we look across the church at different age-related activities the content looks very different but in the end the glue remains the same: friends stick together. Of course friendship also transcends age barriers. One of the joys we have discovered is the way in which each age group loves and values the others. We are an extended family and there lies another challenge for us. In a world that is desperate for real community how do we take this extended family on mission?

With love

Stephen & Pippa

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FoL NORWICH UPDATE

Since January, the 4 o'clock gathering in Norwich has started a new way of meeting. It is based on the previous pattern of refreshments, worship, reading, talk and ministry. However, now that we are not following the *Just10* material, we have chosen to use the readings for the 'two years through the Bible' as a guide for the preaching.

We have also added a Sunday with communion and another with a discussion in groups rather than a longer sermon. This structure honours those for whom the afternoon is their only worship service that week. The added structure, which was inspired by my visit to Ashill in the autumn, is also enabling me to delegate so much more and made it much more relaxed, which is good for us all.

The following insight given to Biddy Collyer, a member of the congregation, by someone in London who was praying for her and knows nothing of our situation, seems very descriptive of what we are experiencing:

'I got this strange picture of a lone warrior angel who was standing at a particularly nondescript door as a guard. I got the impression that behind the door was something hidden from the enemy and being birthed or created in secret and the angel was protecting what was behind the door. I felt something is happening behind the scenes that, when released, would have the power to change lives and cut generational ties. A new season perhaps?'

THE MEANING OF LIFE IS ... ?

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 starts on 2nd February (7pm) in Ashill and 7th February (7pm) in Norwich. If you are interested in coming please talk to Stephen or Pippa (01760 440 363).



MUSICAL KEYS

God has done wonderful things since He first gave us the vision to reach out to families with 'special needs' (i.e. body, mind and/or spirit) in February 2009. Nothing actually came into being at The Well until April 2010 when God brought a team together but here we now are, one year on, and we never cease to be amazed and blessed by what God is able to do (John 20:30-31). We have held three sessions of music, craft and story-telling during 2010 and on 29th January 2011 we held our first film afternoon. This was born out of the heartache of a family who were asked to leave a cinema because of the disturbance they were causing.

Folk left on Saturday saying how great it had been because of the acceptance, love and peace in the place. Not to mention the popcorn, ices, teas and coffees and excellent screen and projection! We give Him all the glory! And our network of contacts continues to grow thanks to Christians working together from different churches in the region. We trust He will continue to pour out His love to change lives because He is a God of love - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - and because we ask in Jesus' name. Alleluia!

If you would like to pop in for a cup of tea on one of our events, you would be more than welcome: 19th March (11am-3pm) is the next event.

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.





DIGGING DEEPER: 'DISCOVERING TREASURES OF THEOLOGY'

Have you ever wanted to dig deeper into God's Word? Ever wished you knew more about the world the Bible inhabited; or had the time to explore the theological foundations we hold dear? *Digging Deeper* may be the opportunity you've been waiting for!

Digging Deeper is a monthly gathering of exploration, where we will be digging for theological understanding with a mixture of upfront teaching and group discussion.

It takes place on the last Saturday of the month at the Fountain of Life (10am-1pm) and everyone is welcome to come along - no booking is necessary. There is a nominal cost of £5 to cover the costs of the day.

On Saturday 26th March the teaching will be delivered by the Bishop of Norwich, Rt Revd Graham James, on the topic of 'Incarnation'. There will be two sessions: the first, to focus on how the doctrine of incarnation came to be established and understandings that had to be corrected; and second, to develop this further and look at the practical implications for us in incarnating the Gospel in our church and culture.

For more details, contact Rebecca Watts (admin@folchurch.co.uk or 01760 441 902); or Stephen Mawditt (s.mawditt@folchurch.co.uk or 01760 440 363).

Future Dates ...

- April 30th: 'NWTP: Theology Taster Day.' An introduction to the New Wine Training Partnership between New Wine and Westminster Theological Centre to deliver accredited theological study and leadership training.
- May 28th: 'The Death of Christ and Atonement'
- June 25th: 'Jesus - Resurrection and Ascension'
- September 24th: 'The Trinity'
- October 29th: 'Finding Jesus in the Old Testament'
- November 26th: 'Matters of Eschatology'

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

07979 264 047

Heather Nunn
Emergency Prayer Chain Co-ordinator

'AGLOW' CAPITAL CITY PRAYER DAY

Following our Advent prayer theme, praying for the 'seven mountains of cultural influence' in our nation, I was delighted to be able to join a day of prayer for the nation on 12th February in London, organised by the women's prayer ministry, *Aglow*.

With similar events happening simultaneously in Edinburgh and Cardiff, over 80 of us from all over England, including a few brave men, gathered at Lancaster Gate to worship, take communion, be briefed and then inspired with a powerful prophetic word given through the national president of *Aglow*. The purpose of the day was not so much to petition God as to declare His Word over these key areas, including Israel.

We then split up into small groups and dispersed to the Houses of Parliament, Bank of England, Lloyds &

Stock Exchange, Westminster Abbey, Broadcasting House, UCL, Buckingham Palace, Royal Courts of Justice and Bevis Marks synagogue, where we made our declarations and spoke out blessings.

What an experience! On our return each group leader reported back and we were aware that much had been accomplished in the spirit that day. It is so good to know that over the past few years, God has been calling into being all kinds of different prayer initiatives and specific tasks in prayer and repentance, preparing the ground for what lies ahead. Lord, may Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven!

Annabel Valentine

fol FAMILY

MISSION TRIP TO BRAZIL: SUMMER 2011



As some of you may be aware this summer a group of us from the church are going to visit *Youth With A Mission* (YWAM) in Belo Horizonte, Brazil for a couple of weeks at the end of June.

YWAM's purpose is 'simply to know God and make him known.' We will be based at a place called *The Light House* which works with the children, teenagers and families in one of the largest slums in Belo Horizonte. They offer a variety of different clubs every week aimed mainly at children and teenagers, from help with their homework to sports clubs. We will be serving alongside the regular volunteers assisting them in any way we can. We are also hoping to take out lots of games and craft

equipment and bless the work that YWAM are doing in a practical way.

Please be praying for protection over the centre itself and for inspiration about what to take out to Belo Horizonte that will bless the work that teams out there are already doing.

Juliette Richardson

NEEDS AND GIFTS BOARD

Just a reminder that the 'Needs and Gifts' board in the foyer exists in order for us to bring to one another's attention things that might be helpful. It is not a sales board! It is primarily for us to specify something we need to be provided or have available which is good quality and freely available. There are one or two grey areas! For example, it can be helpful to make the church aware of job opportunities and it's a good way of making housing availability known. It would be useful if you would date your entry and once the need is met for you to delete it. Any entries will automatically be deleted after a month. Any doubts about the validity of an entry please talk to Becky Watts.

FOUNTAIN OF LIFE CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will be on Sunday 10th April 2011 (10am). As well as reviewing the past year and looking ahead, this day is also when we appoint new church council members (Trustees). At the meeting the following will be elected:

- ONE appointment as FoL representative on the Breckland Deanery Synod. This is for three years (until 2014) and the representative is a Trustee of the Fountain of Life
- There are FOUR vacancies for elected Trustees on the Church Council

Three of the Trustees will serve for four years and the fourth will serve until the Annual Meeting in 2012. That person would be eligible to stand for election again and if elected could serve for a further four years. The nominations form will be on the notice table from Sunday 13th March until 7.30pm on Sunday 3rd April 2011.

- Please pray about nominations
- Make sure that the person you nominate is willing and able to stand
- Arrange for someone to second the nomination

All new members (Trustees) are expected to attend the Church Council Vision Day on Saturday 11th June 10.00am-4.00pm.

- Anyone who is unable to attend the Annual Meeting may appoint one person to vote on their behalf. At the beginning of the meeting each person with a proxy vote must declare their name and the name of the one person on whose behalf they will vote

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1ST OCTOBER - SAVE THE DATE!

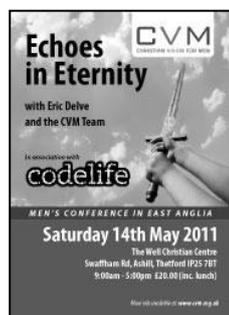
Paul Wilkinson's ordination service will be on Saturday 1st October 2011, 11am at Norwich Cathedral.

NEWCOMERS' SUPPER

The next newcomers' supper will be at 43 Cressingham Road on Tuesday March 22nd at 7pm.

NWTP TASTER DAY – 30TH APRIL

For anyone wanting to know more about the *NWTP Kingdom Theology Course* that is being run at The Well in partnership with Fountain of Life church, we are hosting a *Taster Day* on Saturday 30th April (as part of our *Digging Deeper* series). This will include a morning of theological input from Crispin Fletcher-Louis (Principal of *Westminster Theological Centre*), followed by an 'open' afternoon, when people can find out more about the course itself. The day is free and everyone is welcome. More details will follow in next month's folNEWS.



ECHOES OF ETERNITY

Calling all Christian men! The Christian Vision for Men (CVM) East Anglia regional Day is being hosted at the Fountain of Life on Saturday 14th May 2011 (9am-5pm). Join Eric Delve, Andy Drake and the CVM team for a day of teaching, worship, fun and inspiration! Talks include: * Christian Men: stupid or insightful? * Christian Men: pathetic or powerful in prayer? * Christian Men: slaves or sovereigns? * Christian Men: nice or dangerous?

The cost of the day is £20 (including lunch). To book, contact Mark Clamp (email: mark.clamp@cvm.org.uk; tel: 01760 447 486). Reserve your place today!

KIDS WORKERS TRAINING DAY

On Saturday 21st May we will be hosting a Kids Workers' Training Day at the Fountain of Life. This training and equipping day has been specially designed for people who want to see their children's and youth ministries rise to the next level. There will be teaching on how to develop and lead teams, as well as how to disciple kids and young people and show them how to pursue all God has for them through the power of the Holy Spirit.



This is an opportunity for you to meet with other kids' and youth workers in our area, as well as invest in our own kids' team with uplifting worship and focused prayer time. The speakers are not theorists, they are practitioners drawn from the cutting edge of youth and children's ministry.

The training day will present teaching dedicated to Kingdom leadership, showcase new approaches and demonstrate, through practical workshops, lots of great ideas that have been tried, tested and proven by experienced children's and youth ministries throughout the nation. So bring your team, be inspired, and become more effective at helping 0-14s encounter Jesus.

Tickets cost just £10 per person (refreshments included, but please bring a packed lunch) and bookings can be made online now at www.new-wine.org/events

BOOKINGS

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

foL CALENDAR

MARCH SUNDAY WORSHIP

- 6th 10.00 Holy Communion: *Exodus 24:12-end, Psalm 2, 2 Peter 1:16-end, Matthew 17:1-9*
16.00 Norwich: '4 o'clock Gathering'
18.00 Feed the Soul: *Genesis 38:1-39:23*
- 13th 10.00 Service of the Word: *Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11*
16.00 Norwich: '4 o'clock Gathering'
18.00 Feed the Soul: *Genesis 40:1-41:57*
- 20th 10.00 Service of the Word: *Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalm 121, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17*
16.00 Norwich: '4 o'clock Gathering'
18.00 Feed the Soul: *Genesis 42:1-43:34*
- 27th 10.00 Holy Communion: *Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42*
16.00 Norwich: '4 o'clock Gathering'
18.00 Feed the Soul: *Genesis 44:1-45:28*

MARCH EVENTS (all activities at The Well unless stated)

- 2nd 19.00 Alpha (location: Ashill)
4th 19.00 Youth Discipleship (location: see Adam)
5th 10.10 Kidz Klub Ashill
8th 18.00 NWTP
9th 19.00 Alpha (location: Ashill)
11th 09.00 Bezalel
18.30 ID (Years 6-8)
12th 08.00 Men's breakfast
10.00 Alpha Holy Spirit Day
19.00 Intents Revisited
13th 14.30 Good Companions
15th 18.00 NWTP
16th 19.00 Alpha (location: Ashill)
18th 19.00 Youth Discipleship (location: see Adam)
19.00 Awaken
19th 10.10 Kidz Klub Scarning
11.00 Musical Keys
22nd 18.00 NWTP
19.00 Newcomers' supper (location: Ashill)
23rd 19.00 Alpha (location: Ashill)
25th 09.00 Bezalel
26th 10.00 Digging Deeper: Incarnation
27th 19.00 Raise (location: Mattishall)
29th 18.00 NWTP

LOOKING AHEAD

- 10th April (10am) - FoL AGM
24th April - Raise (location: Mattishall)
28th April - Youth film night
30th April (10am) - *NWTP Theology taster day*
14th May (10am) - Men's conference
21st May - Children's Workers Training Day
27th-30th May - Intents Youth Alpha
28th May (10am) - Digging Deeper: *The Death of Christ and Atonement*
11th June - FoL Council Vision Day
11th June (10am) - Ladies Gathering
18th June - Men's breakfast
25th June (10am) - Digging Deeper: *Jesus: Resurrection and Ascension*
25th-29th July - Kidz Klub Scarning Holiday Club
30th July-5th August - New Wine
7th August - Kidz Klub Ashill Holiday Club preparation afternoon
8th-12th August - Kidz Klub Ashill Holiday Club
14th-18th - Soul Survivor Week 3

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).

DEADLINE FOR foL NEWS APRIL 2011

The deadline for submitting news articles and testimonies for the April 2011 edition of foL NEWS is Tuesday 22nd March. 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 foL NEWS has been printed. Where possible, please try to keep articles to 250 words or less.