

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.

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.

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News from the *Fountain of Life Network*

MARCH 2012

Dear Friends,

During one of Stephen's recent sermons I was reminded of an inscription on a 'free' pen that I recently somehow acquired. At the time I could only remember the first two words: Passion and Power. I knew there was a third 'P' but could not call it to mind - otherwise I would have interrupted him in mid-flow! Upon my return home I searched for and found the pen. The third 'P' stands for: Productivity. It would have made a very good three-point sermon!



Pippa's point is a good Kingdom principle: fruit is produced when passion and power come together. We can be very passionate about all sorts of issues and people: injustice, oppression, the poorest of the poor, those in prison, the suffering, child slavery, the sex industry, famine, war. But, without the power of God, the hope fuelled by our passion can so easily turn into despair. On the other hand, if we have power without a motivating passion and love then we can equally easily become self-serving, self-seeking and manipulative of others.

God wants us to be passionate about Him, passionate about others and passionate about receiving more and more of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our own lives so that we may be productive and fruitful for the growth of His Kingdom.

It has been amazing in recent weeks to hear something of the stories of those called to serve the King overseas: Paul Rose and the work of *Christian International Peace Service* in Northern Uganda and Ghana, George and Corinne Moore called to Kazakhstan, Ruth Alexander's work in Mozambique, Bridget Carroll en route to Peru in South America. But, of course, we're all called to be missionaries. It is equally thrilling to hear daily of everyday stories of you engaging in mission wherever you live and your impact in the lives of those around you as you step out and take risks.

On top of all of this it's a huge encouragement to hear stories of what God is doing through other people in other places. Expect to be bowled over by Heidi Baker and Mark Stibbe in May; but before that on 26th March at Norwich Cathedral another great 'saint' of this age, Andrew White, will be speaking out of his experiences as an extra-ordinary vicar in Baghdad. We would really encourage you to get along to one of his sessions if you can - see inside for more details.

Finally, fuelling the passion, releasing the power and undergirding productivity, is a life of prayer. If, during Lent, every adult member of this church alone spent an extra fifteen minutes a day praying for revival that would be, approximately, an additional 2,400 hours of prayer. That could just prove to be the tipping point!

With our love and prayers

Stephen & Pippa

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MUSICAL KEYS



We had a lovely time at our film afternoon and were blessed by God's love, joy and peace in the place as well as tea, coffee, cake and popcorn (and a fun craft table)! We know that God is doing a new thing as the word 'new' keeps popping up in clear ways. We made some *new* contacts, through three *new* carers and we know that God has something *new* for some of us to be doing regarding visiting. Isaiah 43:19: *See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.*

At Fountain of Life we talk about 'missional communities' and *Musical Keys* team is one of them - a very different expression of the Body of Christ, indeed.

We had several of our regulars missing at the film afternoon due to the tragic death of little eight year-old Tilly the week before. *Please, please* pray for Mandi, her husband Steve and their family at this difficult time. Steve has recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer and they are in the process of finalising the adoption of one year old Billy who they have been fostering for over a year. Pray God's Holy Spirit of shalom over them and the other families who struggle with their 'special needs.'

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for opportunities to minister to these wonderful people.

Jim and Wendy Sargeant

Our current **ALPHA COURSE** began on the 18th January and is going extremely well. We run Alpha regularly so if you are interested in going on our next course, or know anyone who might, or are interested in potentially hosting an Alpha course please talk to Stephen or Pippa (01760 440 363).



THE FoL NETWORK PASTORAL LISTENING TEAM

We may give this a snappy title eventually! Any ideas?

There has been a listening team at the Fountain of Life for a few years now. It was originally set up to provide some structured listening support for those people who may need more time to discuss issues than is available after the services or through home groups or normal friendship groups. This team has been faithfully and expertly led up to this point by Wendy Sargeant and we would like to thank her for her guidance and support as we re-launch the team, this time with the wider needs of the FoL Network in mind.

We have booked three training evenings in The Well: Wednesdays 27th June, and 4th and 11th July, 7-9pm. These evenings will be a refresher course for existing team members and an introduction to the Listening Ministry for new people.

Would you like to join this new team at this exciting time in the church's development? If so, please speak to any of us for more details and to book your place. In order to produce materials we need to know if you would like to come to the training evenings by Sunday 17th June.

Mark Clamp, Tim Gibbs & Joy Fernando

MERCY

NORFOLK WARM AND WELL

Although we are, hopefully, now through the coldest winter weather, it can still be difficult for people to keep warm. The *Norfolk Warm and Well* initiative is aimed at helping reduce the detrimental effects that cold housing may have on vulnerable households. On behalf of Breckland Council we hold:



- **Warm packs:** These are 'male' or 'female' and consist of items such as a 'snuggle' blanket, gloves, thermometers, etc. If you know anyone who would benefit from receiving one of these packs please let us know.

Also, Breckland Council currently offers the following assistance:

- **Insulation (other than loft or wall):** e.g. Radiator reflector panels, pipe lagging, draught proofing - supplied and fitted *at no cost*. If you know of anyone who might benefit please let us know.
- **Loan heaters:** electric halogen heaters for use when normal heating has failed (e.g. boiler breakdown) *at no charge*.
- **Emergency oil supply:** Containers of heating oil (several days supply) if a household can't secure a delivery. *The oil will need to be paid for* and the containers will be recovered for reuse afterwards.

Further information can be found at www.norfolk.gov.uk/warmandwell and we hold contact details for access to the above services (contact us by email: mercy@folchurch.co.uk or phone: 07979 264 047).

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

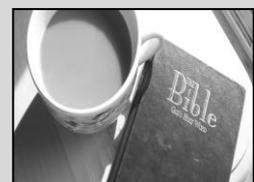
YOUTH FILM NIGHT



Film night is an opportunity for the young people to get together with their Christian or non-Christian friends in a very relaxed atmosphere to watch a film. Last film night we watched *Voyage of the Dawn Treader*. A good group of youth came and probably too much popcorn and slushies were had by all! Adam is organising the next one for the 12th of April and I know he hasn't picked his film yet, so any suggestions from the youth as to what you would like see I'm sure would be appreciated!

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.





RELATIONSHIP RETREAT



During February half term, sixteen young people and five leaders descended upon Greenhedges, Sheringham for the first Beatitudes Relationship Retreat. For many months, Matt and I had felt a need to speak openly and honestly with the young people of our church about sex and relationships. In a world which is openly fuelled by sex, young people are often confronted with ideas and images which can be confusing and misleading and that coupled with day to day life in high school means these kids have little idea about the real beauty of sex.

Across the three day retreat, there were four sessions involving discussion and small group time where the yp's had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss their feelings and ideas about relationships. The sessions looked at *Sex is a gift*, *Marriage is a friendship*, *Questions are normal* and *I have a worth*.

As well as talk there was also time for action! After a visit to the beach (which was freezing!) and a walk into Sheringham town for a much needed hot chocolate for the leaders, the girls were treated to an afternoon of pampering whilst the boys prepared the evening meal - a meal which was complimented by candlelight and romantic music ... the boys really got into it!

We feel that everyone who came benefited from hearing God's truth about sex and his desire for our relationships, and are pretty sure that some very important and tough questions were answered during the retreat and that is what we always desired. To have been able to give God's answers to these questions is a real privilege and honour and so important when very different answers can be easily found in the world around us.

Harriet Beckett

Things the kids have said about the relationship retreat ...

'I found this retreat great fun: not only could I spend some awesome time with friends but God as well. Ultimately this retreat answered many if not all my questions about God's attitude to relationships and that there is someone for everyone out there. In addition, it proved yet again that God has a plan for everyone and that we should accept the challenge and do God's work full-heartedly and willingly.'

'The relationship retreat was amazing and it was so good to be in a fun environment where we could talk about issues that are not always easy to talk about with people you can trust. A lot of laughing and a lot of learning!'

'The relationship retreat was an awesome time in which all of us got to spend time together, learn about relationships and God's view on them but also have a lot of laughs!'

'The relationship retreat was amazing!! We had lots of laughs and fun times, as well as learning God's view on our relationships in a fun and easy environment.'

A boys opinion ...

'I really enjoyed spending time with friends and getting to know you all better, I even enjoyed cooking and decorating the table! I have enjoyed learning about what God has to say about relationships and sex. I hope you organise another one on a different topic soon!'

THE FATHER'S HEART



The Father's Heart conference is set for 18-20th May 2012 and guest speakers are missionary to Africa Heidi Baker and Mark Stibbe, whose ministry focuses around God's love for the fatherless.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Heidi Baker, with her husband Rolland, founded *Iris Ministries* in 1980, as a non-profit Christian ministry dedicated to Jesus and service, especially among the poor. In that time they have seen God do amazing things and their ministry has expanded from starting with nothing to running an orphanage, well-drilling, free health clinics, feeding programs, primary and secondary schools, cottage industries, bible schools and 5000 churches in Mozambique and a total of over 8,000 churches in over twenty nations! Originally from Southern California, the Bakers are now based full-time in Pemba, Mozambique. They also travel to various places around the world to share their story, and to teach about God's love and what love in action looks like. The core value and message of the Bakers' ministry is God's love.



Dr Mark Stibbe was ordained in 1986, and was most recently the senior leader of St Andrew's, Chorleywood for twelve years, until leaving to start the *Father's House Trust* in 2008. His passion for the cause of fatherhood and the issues around fatherlessness arise from his own experience of being orphaned when he was a baby and subsequently adopted. This has given him a unique perspective on the deep wounds caused by fatherlessness. Since setting up the *Father's House Trust*, Mark has travelled all over the UK and throughout the world speaking about issues relating to the Father's love for the fatherless. He is also a prolific author, popular conference speaker and leadership consultant in the UK and overseas.



TIMETABLE

Friday 18 th May	12.30	The Well, Ashill	Leaders Lunch, with Mark Stibbe
Friday 18 th May	19.30	The Well, Ashill	Session 1
Saturday 19 th May	10.30	The Well, Ashill	Session 2
Saturday 19 th May	14.15	The Well, Ashill	Session 3
Saturday 19 th May	19.00	Norwich Cathedral	Session 4
Sunday 20 th May	18.30	St Andrew's, Gorleston	Session 5

Cost

- No charge for the Leader's Lunch. Please book separately.
- £15 per person for a full weekend pass.
- Otherwise £5 per session.

There is no separate programme for children and young people. The meetings will be suitable for young people aged 13yrs+. Babies are welcome to be with their parents free of charge.

To Book

Download a booking form from www.folchurch.co.uk or fill in a booking form which you will find in the foyer at the church or by request from admin@folchurch.co.uk

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THANK YOU FOR PRAYER

Geraldine Rowarth would like to thank all those who have been praying for her husband Ian, over the last few months. Ian, who has dementia and Parkinson's Disease, was taken into hospital three days before Christmas with pneumonia. He thankfully defied medical predictions by recovering from this. However, his everyday needs meant that Geraldine could no longer look after him at home, even with extra help from carers and family.



He has been truly blessed to have been given a place at a local nursing care home, Thorp House in Griston. Although mostly unaware of his situation, Ian is settling in to everyday life there. Geraldine and her daughter Sally would like to invite any of his many friends from the Fountain of Life to visit him there - to brighten his day and maybe to pray with him. It would mean so much to them and the family. Please ring Geraldine on 01953 881 436 if you would like to do this.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

This year's Annual Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 25th March 2012 at 10am. Last year's minutes are included in this edition of *folNEWS*. We will also be appointing new members of the church council (trustees).

There are four vacancies for elected church council members. Please pray about nominations and complete the nomination form on the notice table. Make sure that the person you nominate is willing and able to stand (i.e. their name is entered on the electoral roll and they are age 18 or over), and arrange for someone to second the nomination. All new trustees will be expected to attend the council meeting on Thursday 10th May (7pm) and the church council vision day on Saturday 23rd June.

Church 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.

Jean Watson

SEMINAR WITH ANDREA MINICHELLO WILLIAMS



Andrea Minichiello Williams is known to many as founder and CEO of *Christian Concern for our Nation* and Director of the *Christian Legal Centre* and is a powerful and effective speaker. She is at the forefront of defending the freedom to express our Christian faith in the public sphere, standing for truth and Christian values, especially in legislation.

You are warmly invited to come and hear her speak on current issues on Wednesday 14th March at 7.30pm at the House of Prayer, Fishergate, Norwich NR3 1SE. (Note: the church minibus is free at time of writing so that might be handy for a group of 12 or so).

Annabel Valentine

FIT FOR PURPOSE

A few years ago in the Fountain of Life we had a season of analogies connected with church and various things to do with ships and the sea - lifeboats, crew, lighthouses and more. At a recent meeting of our intercessory prayer group, we were reminded that Martin had said that, as a church, we should be like a battleship, not a cruise liner.



I was drawn to look afresh at the photo that we have of the battleship, HMS Nelson, in which my father served as Gunnery Officer (I was baptised in the ship's bell!). This was a lean and efficient fighting vessel with well-trained, disciplined crew able to depend on each other to fulfil their allotted role in whatever situation should arise. 'Good order and naval discipline' was often quoted in our family, to my annoyance as a teenager! Compare this to the top-heavy floating hotel which was the Costa Concordia, with her captain wining, dining and disposed to show off, motley crew with different languages and cultures and seemingly only the sketchiest idea of what to do in an emergency, resulting in panic and loss of life and an ignominious end.

I believe this to be a timely reminder to guard against the danger of complacency, self-indulgence, entertainment and performance which can creep into the church, replacing alertness, keeping watch and self-discipline. Above all it is vital for each of us to recognise our calling and gifting and take every possible step to be prepared in readiness for what is to come. All our roles are important and interlinked, and we need to affirm one another and know that each is in the right place, equipped by God for the specific things He has called us to do. To that end, in our prayer group we are praying specifically for the release of the five-fold ministry of apostle, prophets, pastors, teachers and evangelists in our midst.

Whilst I was still pondering on this, and after our recent *Awakening the Church* meeting, I went for a walk at home and stopped to watch a barn owl - my first sighting for two or three years. Suddenly into my mind came the sentence, 'The pent-up power of heaven is waiting to be released by your prayers.' This impacted me greatly, not least because I'm coming to a deeper understanding in these days that we need to be not just asking God to do things, but doing so with the authority He has given us (Luke 9:1, 10:19), and as the Holy Spirit leads us, releasing His power to drive back the darkness. For this we need to be totally focused on Him. He is waiting for us to pray and we need to go deeper and higher. Worship is key and clearly God is speaking to a number of different people about freedom and creativity in worship.



Along with many others, I believe we are near the time when God will be pouring out the power of heaven in response to the prayers of the saints over the years and in line with His plan of redemption. We don't know what this will look like but surely He is calling us loud and clear to get ready, so that when the day comes we won't be running around, caught unawares asking, 'What am I meant to be doing?' Instead, like a battleship crew, we will know what is expected of each of us and go straight to our action stations to rescue, help and guide. I'm urging myself and you to seek God to show us what He is requiring each of us to do and put in place and what we should leave to others, so that we will be in position and prepared, a church fit for the Master's purpose as the drama of salvation approaches its climax.

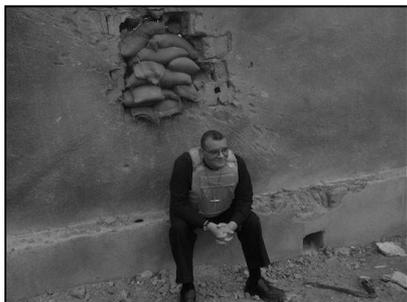
You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. Luke 12:40

Annabel Valentine

folHEADLINES

VICAR OF BAGHDAD VISITS NORWICH

A SEMINAR FOR CLERGY AND CHRISTIAN LEADERS



Faith Under Fire is an afternoon seminar with Canon Andrew White, vicar of Baghdad, running at Norwich Cathedral Hostry on Monday 26th March (2-5pm).

Andrew White has an extraordinary ministry of reconciliation and conflict mediation in the Middle East. Having worked for many years in Israel and Palestine, including negotiating the end of the Bethlehem siege in 2002, Canon White now works almost exclusively in Iraq. As the news reminds us almost daily, this is one of the hottest spots in the world to be a vicar! Andrew has also developed a major focus on reconciliation in the Holy Land as well as involvement more widely around the Middle East.

Andrew will be speaking on *Searching for Peace in the Middle East*. He will tackle issues that confront for Judaism, Christianity and Islam in that region, give an analysis of the situation in Iraq and reflect more generally on the Arab Spring. There will be two addresses with time for questions/discussion and a short break for tea in the middle.

All clergy, ministers and lay leaders (e.g. readers, preachers, wardens, home group leaders, youth leaders, etc) from any church in the area are invited to attend this seminar. Your spouses are welcome to come as well. Admission is free, with an offering in support of the church in Baghdad. For more details or to book, email dkgillett@btinternet.com

N&N COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS: 2012 BUBER LECTURE

Later on the same day, March 26th, Andrew White will also be delivering this year's Buber Lecture for the *Norfolk and Norwich Council of Christians and Jews*. He will be speaking on *Faith in Peace Making in the Middle East*. The event is at Norwich Cathedral, starting at 8.30pm (entry from 8.15pm via the West Door. Please arrive quietly), and admission is £3.00. There will also be a collection in aid of Andrew White's work in the Middle East. Some may also wish to attend the Cathedral Eucharist for the Feast of the Annunciation from 7-8pm. For further information, telephone 01263 579 576 or email margaret.bradley1@gmail.com

DRAMA WORKSOP AT FoL

I remember going, rather grudgingly to see a Christian theatre company for the first time. I suspected sandals on naked feet, 'I love Jesus' T-shirts and badly strummed guitars. The reality was anything but. It was dynamic, compelling and challenging. I was mesmerised by the power of the performances. My judgemental attitude was proved very wrong. In fact, I was so struck by the brilliance of the show that I went on to work with that company, *The Riding Lights Theatre Company*, a few years later, having completed three years at drama school in London.

Drama can have a powerful impact in delivering a message. Why not come and join me on Saturday 28th April for a fun workshop, exploring possibilities and the potential for a FoL drama group. Discover how to release and use the creative gifts God has given you for his glory. The workshop will run from 2-5pm and is for anyone who is 12 to 120 years old!

Rachel Kehoe

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

MARCH SUNDAY WORSHIP

4 th	10.00	Holy Communion: <i>Genesis 17:1-7, 15, 16; Psalm 22:23-end; Romans 4:13-end; Mark 8:31-end.</i>
	18.00	Feed the Soul: <i>Exodus 15:22-17:16.</i>
11 th	10.00	Service of the Word: <i>Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22.</i>
	18.00	Feed the Soul: <i>Exodus 18:1-20:21.</i>
18 th	10.00	Holy Communion: <i>Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21.</i>
	18.00	Feed the Soul: <i>Exodus 20:22-23:9.</i>
25 th	10.00	Service of the Word: <i>Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-13; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33.</i>
	18.00	Feed the Soul: <i>Matthew 26:1-28:20.</i>

MARCH EVENTS (all activities at The Well unless stated)

2 nd	19.00	Youth Discipleship (location: see folyouth.co.uk)
3 rd	10.00	Kidz Klub, Ashill
	10.00	Alpha Holy Spirit Day (43 Cressingham Road)
6 th	18.00	NWTP
7 th	19.00	Alpha 7 (43 Cressingham Road)
9 th	09.00	Bezalel
	18.30	ID
	18.00	Treasure Hunt (see Adam)
10 th	10.00	Kingdom Knocking (see Adam)
11 th	14.30	Good Companions
13 th	18.00	NWTP
14 th	10.00	Genesis Fun Day
	19.00	Alpha 8 (43 Cressingham Road)
16 th	19.00	Youth Discipleship (location: see folyouth.co.uk)
	19.00	Awaken
17 th	10.00	Kidz Klub, Scarning
	10.00	Who let the Dads out?
	11.00	Musical Keys
20 th	18.00	NWTP
21 st	19.00	Alpha 9 (43 Cressingham Road)
23 rd	09.00	Bezalel
27 th	18.00	NWTP
28 th	19.00	Alpha 10 (43 Cressingham Road)
	19.30	Intents meeting
29 th	10.00	Easter Fun Time
31 st	10.00	NWTP taster day

LOOKING AHEAD

1 st April	Taking Back Sunday
2 nd -5 th April	SOAK (see Adam for details)
5 th April	Watch and Wait
6 th April	Good Friday Service
12 th April	Youth film night
14 th April	Felt Making Workshop with Beccie Marshall
15 th April	Paintballing (see Adam for details)
28 th April	Digging Deeper
18 th -20 th May	The Father's Heart Weekend with Heidi Baker and Mark Stibbe
1 st -4 th June	Intents (see Adam for details)
4 th June	Ashill Jubilee Family Fun Day

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 fo/NEWS APRIL 2012

The deadline for submitting news articles and testimonies for the April 2012 edition of fo/NEWS is Tuesday 13th 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 fo/NEWS has been printed. Where possible, please try to keep articles to 250 words or less.