

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 and Colette Wilkinson Paul is our Assistant Minister and leads the Admin Team. **Colette** serves as the named person for child and vulnerable adult protection.

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

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

Neil Richardson is our Finance Manager with **Rysia Bane** serving as treasurer

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

Matt Beckett is our Youth and Kidz Klub worker.

Eleanor Alexander is our Youth Worker.

Matt Schwarzenberger is our Kidz Klub and transition worker.

Andrea Jolly is our Family and Children's worker. Andrea runs First Steps, a Christian pre-school.

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

Freddy Hedley is our Training Director.

Andrew and Julia Rees head up evangelism.

Heather Nunn oversees our Mercy ministry, which includes our work with CAP.

Rosie Smith watches over the prophetic ministry.

Joy Fernando coordinates our pastoral visiting team.

Fred Edwards is our Site Warden.

Carol Edwards keeps a record of testimonies.

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News from the *Fountain of Life*

September 2015

Dear Friends,

For many of us there is a hunger to see the church reformed in such a way as to see revival unleashed across the land. But what sort of reformation is it that we need or long for? For the Puritans it was holiness; for the Moravians a church on its knees; for Luther it was the priesthood of all believers and the Bible accessible to all; for Wesley the need for repentance and sanctification; for Wimber the pursuit of evangelism in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reformation derives from the Latin *reformare* which means 'to shape again'. When we think of 'church' we can all too easily think first of the institution, buildings, clergy or services. There is much that can distract us from our mission and call to reach the harassed and helpless with the good news of a Good Shepherd. There is much, especially in a rural context of multi-parish benefices, that needs to be re-imagined and re-structured.



But, reformation is not the language of church deconstruction. Rather more it suggests the picture of a sculptor or artist shaping a work of art which glorifies its creator. It requires patience, time and commitment. It speaks of forming culture, values and priorities. The promise of Jesus is to build his church. He is the supreme artist at work. His church is to represent heaven on earth and we get to share in His creative work. He builds his church on and through us. So, in what ways do we need to see the culture of the church reshaped to reflect heaven more?

We need to be a people shaped by the Word. Every reformation involves a rediscovery of the authority of Scripture. Nehemiah needed an Ezra; Josiah a Hilkiah and Shaphan; Pentecost a Peter to root the present in the context of the promises of Scripture. The authentic church of Jesus Christ is a prophetic voice into the culture. It is not just a presence of influence but an agent of transformation. We set the standards for the culture and the world in which we live - not vice versa. That's the call: to be a holy nation and a royal priesthood. The promise is that we are a people belonging to God. We're loved by a 'good, good Father. It's who we are'. A great privilege and a huge responsibility.

We need to be a people of the Spirit. Unashamedly given over to the promise of the gift. That simple prayer echoed down the ages: 'Come Holy Spirit'. As E.M Bounds, church leader of the 19th century wrote: "What the Church needs to-day is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use -- men of prayer, men mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men - men of prayer." Nothing has changed except that we would add women and children too!

We need to be a people shaped by the mission imperative to make disciples who will in turn shape the culture of the world with the values and vision of the King-

dom of heaven. A group of unchurched young people recently attended a Christian event nearby (Intents). By the end of the weekend over half had committed their lives to Jesus and were hungry for the word of God - wanting to be connected to a church back home. When we partner a confidence in the Gospel with a surrender to the power of the Holy Spirit we become agents of transformation. As John Wimber was fond of saying: 'everybody gets to play'.

We have just returned from the New Wine summer event at Shepton Mallet. One of the things I love about New Wine is the understanding that the local church is the hope of the nation. A commitment which is now shared by organisations such as CAP, Tear Fund and Westminster Theological Centre who all value working in partnership with the local church

The overwhelming success of the SNP in the recent election spoke to me about the potential for a nation to be changed. I am not particularly qualified to comment on Scottish affairs but three aspects stand out to me. There was clear and strategic leadership, a political vacuum to be filled, a certain fervour for national identity that were all part of the swing factors. I'm sure it's not as simple as this but it seems as if overnight a nation changed colour and allegiance. One result in particular caught my eye - a 39% swing to the SNP. What would this nation, region, area look like if there was a 39% swing to the person of Jesus Christ? Overnight. And, why shouldn't there be?

All we need are the swing factors. A spiritual vacuum in the land, strategic leadership and above all a fervour for the King and His Kingdom. Let's assume we have the first two: not unreasonable - there are signs of spiritual hunger and thirst in many and sundry places; and, certainly within the Church of England, a leadership with mission on its radar.

So, fervour for the Kingdom of God. It starts with the house of God.

With love and prayers..

Stephen & Pippa

Service of Dedication and Blessing of Marriages

During our morning service on Sunday 1st November there will be an opportunity to rededicate and bless marriages. Please do contact me if you are married and would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm your vows together - perhaps to mark a special anniversary; a new season of married life; or, after a time of difficulty in marriage.



Stephen E: s.mawditt@folchurch.co.uk T: 01760 440363

Preaching Course

Over the next 4 months I am running a preaching course which will be held on the second Saturday of each month, starting on the 10th October and finishing on the 9th January. We shall meet from 9.30am to 1pm and there will be a mixture of teaching and opportunities for practice with feedback.

It is intended to be helpful in releasing gifts of preaching and teaching at all levels including small groups and missional communities, and will not necessarily have a Sunday application.

For practical reasons I am limiting the course to 12. Please contact me if you would like to take up a place - places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis! Contact: stephenmawditt1@gmail.com



Stephen

Testimonies

How many times do you say "Wow God has answered that prayer"? Well, we would like to gather a record of how our amazing God has answered your prayer requests whether that's private or corporate. Where it's appropriate we would like to add a few of them to FoLNews and our web page to encourage others in their walk of faith when they see what God is doing.

It would be great to have many so keep them short and to the point, maybe up to 100 words. I pray all the time but seldom hear of the outcomes. Recently I've heard of God healing or changing situations that I have personally prayed for twice a week. We would love to hear more about answered prayers so we're going to have a spot in FoLNews and on the web page, for just these kinds of testimonies. They need to be precise and to the point.

- What was the prayer need?
- How and when did the prayer happen?
- How did God answer?

I'm very excited because I believe we are seeing great things happening, I am going to be the gatherer of these testimonies and would love you to send them to me or the office.

admin@folchurch.co.uk or carol.edwards1122@btinternet.com

Alternatively phone me on 01760 440105, phone or text me on 07765362027 or come and talk to me.

Blessings, *Carol Edwards*

Bookings

All bookings for the Worship Centre, Bungalow or Stables can be made through the Church Office on admin@folchurch.co.uk or 01760 441 902

Alpha

Our next Alpha course starts on Wednesday 30th September at 7pm. Alpha is a chance to explore and question the meaning of life. Over a series of 11 weeks you'll find out about the basics of the Christian faith. The talks are designed to encourage conversation in a friendly, open and informal environment. No question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish. Each session includes a meal, a main talk and some time to say what you think. It's fun, relaxed and free! All evenings are held at 43 Cressingham Road, Ashill IP25 7DG.



Pick up a leaflet in the foyer - give one to someone you know. Complete the response slip on the leaflet or contact David & Christine Fitt: E: dfitt@hotmail.co.uk T: 01760 441787 or Stephen & Pippa Mawditt: E: s.mawditt@folchurch.co.uk T: 01760 440363.

Confirmation Service

The next Confirmation Service is on Saturday November 7th at 11am at Norwich Cathedral. If you would like to be confirmed or would like more information about what is involved then could you please talk to Stephen or Paul as soon as possible and by 30th September at the latest.

New Wine 2016 and Boulder Gang

As you probably know by now Maryanne, Matt and the Kidz Klub team are leading Boulder Gang (school years 5/6) at the New Wine summer event next year. It will be Week 1 which is on 23rd to 29th July 2016 at the Shepton Mallet showground in Somerset so this is the week to aim for if you are planning to come. You can camp on site or make your own arrangements to be off-site either self-catering or B & B.



Check out the New Wine website which is www.new-wine.org for more information. It would be great to see more from the Fountain of Life there next year especially as a lot of us will be there in order to help make Boulder Gang happen. There will be a need for team and these places are free.

Please talk to Maryanne or Matt for further information. It is also possible to apply to serve on other teams at New Wine if Boulder Gang is not your fit.

Holy Communion, Confirmation and Children

For the benefit of those new to the church I thought it might be helpful to restate our usual practice with regards to the receiving of Communion. We welcome all those present who know and love Jesus to come forward and receive the bread and wine, irrespective of church background or allegiance. Those who become members of the Fountain of Life will be invited to attend a service of Confirmation, in keeping with the traditional practice of the Church of England which views Confirmation as the normal rite of passage and gateway to regular participation in the Lord's Supper. However we will respect your decision not to do so and this will not debar you from receiving communion.

When children reach the age of 11 they will usually be invited to consider being confirmed. Under the age of 11, or until a child has been confirmed, parent(s), or those present with caring responsibility for the child, will be invited to share the bread and the cup with their children. This recognises that the primary responsibility for nurturing children in their faith rests with the parents and seeks to be inclusive of children when we gather around the table of the Lord. It is a family meal!

During the time of receiving communion we encourage a 'comfortable' silence and atmosphere of worship to be maintained which enables us all to encounter the presence of God as we break bread together. 'When Jesus was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him.' Luke 24:30-31a

Love and prayers

Stephen

God Doing More

My missionary friend, Heidi, has had an extreme form of M.E. for eleven years. Last summer, however, she managed to teach six hours per week at a Cambridge Christian School. With the recent changes to the benefits system Heidi faced serious effects on her finances and some difficult choices to make. Furthermore, numbers at her school had dropped which affected her opportunities to work.

I brought these specific needs to the Prayer Meeting on 25th June during our Prayer Day and just eleven days later Heidi told me excitedly that the school had offered her sixteen hours work in responses to seeking God themselves about her future. Furthermore, they believed that God would supply the accelerated healing she needed to cope with the additional hours!

Heidi was unsure how to proceed, but believed that, as God had brought her this far, He would have an answer to all her concerns. Her answer came in the shape of a couple from Mexico making a planned visit to the school and praying for Heidi's healing. In her words, "A great wave of energy and power swept through my body like nothing I had experienced for nearly 24 years when I was commissioned to go to Kenya. God has relit the fire in my heart and in my spirit to be able to say, 'Truly I am healed at last!' A gift of the first month's wage followed the next day!

"God is able to do so much more than we can ever ask for or even think of." (Ephesians 3:20)

Christine Buscall

A MESSAGE FROM TRAIDCRAFT



Dear Friends

Traidcraft urgently needs help. We need **your** help because the world's poorest small-scale farmers, struggling to feed and support their families, need **our** help. It's the same message from the start of our mission 35 years ago - to practically apply the love and justice which lies at the heart of Christian faith to international trade, and so give the world's poorest farmers the opportunity to trade fairly and thrive.

In 2015 Traidcraft will show a trading loss for the fourth consecutive year. We are taking the step of communicating directly with Church leaders and members, to reinforce the work that have been battling to do. There are two misconceptions:

1. That the Fairtrade battle is won. Chocolate, tea, coffee and Fairtrade products are available in our supermarkets. But the job is not yet done. Injustice in trade and its resultant poverty is as much of a scandal now as it was 35 years ago, and right now we're doing everything we can to tackle it directly.
2. That Traidcraft and Fairtrade are the same. They are not. Traidcraft is an independent trading company with a linked development charity. We do not benefit from the sales of Fairtrade products in the supermarkets. Traidcraft trades with and supports the most vulnerable farmers and artisans. We pioneer to bring new commodities into the fair trade arena. Our linked development charity runs projects developing peoples' potential to trade their own way out of poverty in their own countries; and we lobby big business and government for changes to the way trade works so that it benefits the poor.

Our plea is simple...

- Ensure there's a Traidcraft Fair Trader in your church, offer them as much support as possible and buy Traidcraft products through them.
- Don't just serve refreshments with the Fairtrade Mark on them make sure they're from Traidcraft.

Watch out for our Autumn "Show you care" campaign and place whole church orders at Christmas time
There's more information about how to take action at www.traidcraft.co.uk/churchaction

Thank you for your ongoing love and support and please keep us, and those we strive to help, in your prayers.

Yours faithfully,

Andy Biggs

Chief Executive

CAP Debt Help

Christians Against Poverty gives free debt help to anyone. Thousands have already been given hope and a solution through our CAP Debt Centres. To contact our team for help, please phone

0800 328 0006

Thefford Foodbank

Thank you for your continued support for Foodbank. Presently the Foodbank is particularly short of the following items and would appreciate your help in stocking up on them:

- UHT Milk
- Sugar
- Longlife fruit juice
- Squash
- Pasta
- Tinned Rice Pudding

The Foodbank collection point is via the plastic container situated under the table in the Foyer.

If you know of anyone who is struggling to put food on the table we are able to issue Foodbank vouchers. Please contact Heather Nunn, 01760 440837 or 07979 264047.

Heather Nunn



New Prayer Request Number

To request prayer for an emergency or pressing need

Text or leave a message 07722 805404

Email joy.fernando@live.co.uk

Navigators Diamond Jubilee Celebration



Rachel Carroll writes - Would anyone like to join me in Leicester for this event?

I became a Christian at the age of 18 through the Navigators, who were befriending fresher's at my university. I was part of the Navigators small groups for years and have kept in touch with some of those friends ever since. This event is open to everyone, not just a reunion, and so I would love some of my Norfolk friends to join me there!

It's in Leicester on the 19th September 2015 to celebrate sixty years of the Navigators working in the UK, and to connect with friends new and old across the Navigators. Please talk to me if you'd like to know more.

Rachel

folCALENDAR

September 2015 Sunday Worship

- 6th 10.00 Service of the Word: *Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-end*
18.00 Feed The Soul: *Ezra 1:1-3:13 (Communion)*
- 13th 10:00 Holy Communion: *Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-end*
18.00 Feed The Soul: *Ezra 4:1-5:17*
- 20th 10.00 Service of the Word: *Proverbs 31:10-end; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37*
18.00 Feed The Soul: *Ezra 6:1-7:28*
- 27th 10.00 Holy Communion: *Esther 7:1-6, 9-19; 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-end; Mark 9:38-end*
18.00 Feed The Soul: *Ezra 8:1 - 9:15*

September 2015 Events

- 4th 18.30 Elevate
18.30 Thirst Scarning
19.00 Worship Team Meeting
- 11th 09.00 Bezalel
18.30 Thirst Ashill
- 12th 10.00 Kidz Klub Wayland
- 13th 14.00 Good Companions
15.00 Refresh (28 Welden Road)
- 18th 18.30 Elevate
19.00 Encounter
19.00 Awaken
- 19th 10.00 Kidz Klub Scarning
14.00 Our Place Film Afternoon
- 22nd 18.00 WTC Training
- 25th 09.00 Bezalel
- 29th 18.00 WTC Training
- 30th 13.30 Digging Deeper
19.00 Alpha
19.30 Digging Deeper

Morning Prayers - 9am every weekday in the Stables

Thursday Prayers - 10am every Thursday in the worship centre term time.

Noah's Ark Parents and Toddlers - 10am every Thursday in the bungalow term time.

All activities are at The Well unless otherwise stated

Dates to Save for Next Year

The Father's Heart 24th - 26th June 2016

New Wine - Boulder Gang 23rd - 29th July 2016

DEADLINE FOR folNEWS OCTOBER 2015

The deadline for submitting news articles and testimonies for the October 2015 edition of folNEWS is Friday 16th October. 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 them even if folNEWS has been printed. Where possible, **please try to keep articles to 250 words** or less.