

## 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.

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

**David Blane** leads the administration team.

**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.

**Ben Hyde** 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.

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

**Freddy Hedley** is our Training Director

**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, which includes our partnership work with Christians Against Poverty.

**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*

MAY 2014

*Dear Friends,*

In chapter 25 of 1 Samuel we have the story of Abigail, her husband Nabal and David. In a nutshell Nabal offends David by refusing hospitality to his men and David sets out to exact retribution. When Abigail hears about this she sets out to meet David whilst he is on his way and persuades him that the fruit of vengeance will be the 'staggering burden' of a guilty conscience. By all accounts her husband was not a pleasant person to live with - she is described as intelligent and beautiful but Nabal was surly and mean! It reminded me of the woman who was asked: 'Do you wake up grumpy in the morning?' Her response was: 'No, I leave him to sleep in!' Abigail could have concluded that this was the opportunity to set herself free from an unhappy marriage and begin a new life. She could have concluded that there was nothing she could do to change the outcome or that she did not have the right to interfere.

Instead, she takes a risk, sets off to meet David and helps him move towards his destiny by speaking words of wisdom. One of the unspoken heroines of the Bible. Her obvious honour of David helps him to be willing to listen and he responds to her influence. You can read for yourself how the story ends. One line in particular which caught my attention is when Abigail says to David: 'For the Lord will certainly make for my lord an enduring house, because my lord fights the battles of the Lord.'

Is it the battles of the Lord that we are fighting? This question challenges us in at least two ways. First, to examine our priorities. David was caught up in his own battle - his pride had been hurt, his honour must be satisfied - Abigail helped him to get his focus back on the purposes of God. Are our priorities His? But, it also reminds us that to see the Kingdom come we have to join in with God's battles. It's just a different way of putting what Jesus said: the Son can only do what he see His Father doing. What do we see the Father doing today? What is He fighting for?

WHO CARES ?

One of the ways as a church in which we can join in with what the Father is doing this summer and autumn is in partnering with others in the Who Cares? initiative. You will hear more about this during the month of May: it's an opportunity to listen to the needs and questions of our community and we can all be involved. It is a way of being like an Abigail - taking the risk in making the first approach and as we honour our community in this way may God open the door for the wisdom of the Gospel to be heard.

*With love and prayers*

*Stephen and Pippa*

# folFAMILY



God is on the move in rural Norfolk. New things are springing up around the county, and one of these is the Emerge network for 18-30yr olds. The first event held by the Emerge network is this coming Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May at St Stephen's church in Norwich. Expect an evening of worship, vision casting, cake, and networking. Come expectant to see God on the move...

The Emerge network has been formed as a partnership between the Rural Evangelism Project, based in the Tas Valley Benefice and The Fountain Network. The purpose of the network is to link up, strengthen and equip young adults in rural areas, to serve their local communities and explore God's calling for their lives. The network will work across denominations, and aims to reach even the most isolated and rural

of places. It exists to encourage and support those already on the ground, living, working and worshipping in rural areas.

*"Sometimes, the church gets a bit stuck when it comes to young adults" says Jessie Walrond, one of the organisers. "Once people have left a youth group they often slip off the radar, and may or may not return to church at an older age. Many of us aren't youth, but we still don't have the whole of our lives figured out. We're in-between. So where can we go, who can we connect with and how can we serve?"*

*The Emerge network seeks to engage with these questions by actively seeking to link up young adults in the same position, to support, encourage and resource them. We haven't got all the answers. But we believe God is breaking old moulds and trying something new. We believe he's on the move."*

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On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May, at 7pm, we are meeting in St Stephen's church in Norwich, for an evening of worship, networking, vision sharing and cake! We would love to see you there. Come and explore what this network could look like, meet other people and have some fun! For more information, find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/events/596153407147906> or send Jessie (jessie@tasvalley.org) or Dave (admin@folchurch.co.uk) an email.

We would love to hear from you!

*Jessie and Dave*

## Bookings

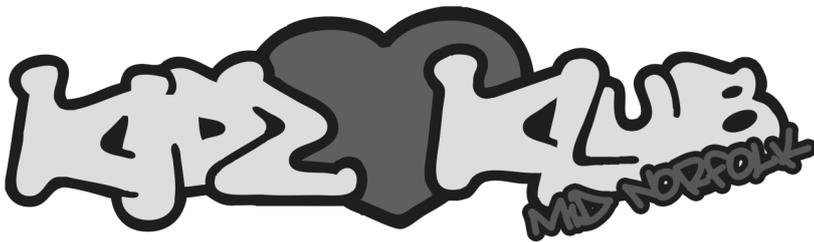
All bookings for the Worship Centre, Bungalow or Stables can be made through David Blane on [admin@folchurch.co.uk](mailto:admin@folchurch.co.uk) or 01760 441 902

## Engaging Children

It's been a month since our **New Wine Kids Workers Training Day** here in Ashill. Here is a little taste of what God did!

Matt and I were so encouraged when over 70 people who work with kids across the East (and beyond) turned up for what promised to be an exciting day.

Inspired by our guest speaker Mark Griffiths, national director of children's ministry for New Wine, we were **impacted** by the fact that children today are **three generations** removed from the Jesus story and **challenged** about it only taking **one** generation to change that.



That's us!

Not just the wonderful teams that work with children in different ways in our churches, schools and communities but all of us who are part of **God's family** - His dream, the Church.

We were delighted to have our friends from Holy Trinity Leicester, who joined us in hosting various seminars equipping and encouraging us to **engage** children in a variety of different ways from worship and teaching to drama and sports. Worship and prayer refreshed and sent us out!

We've since heard stories of sports being introduced into kids work to engage those on the fringes, tricks being used to engage children with the Gospel, creative prayer sessions helping children grow in their friendship with Jesus and many were impacted by Mark's message - to tell the Jesus story to this generation of children. We can do this more effectively together.

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One of our hopes from hosting these events over the last three years has been to develop a network of friends who work with children across the region, so that we can deepen relationships and continue to encourage and equip each other together, to reach this generation of children.

We are delighted that hope was shared! Over 40 people gave birth to the **New Wine East Kids Workers Network**. We will meet to worship, share and pray, as well as, continuing to provide an annual regional training event.

If you'd like to know more about this network or the work of Kidz Klub in Mid Norfolk, please email: [kidzklub@folchurch.co.uk](mailto:kidzklub@folchurch.co.uk) or speak to Maryanne Richardson or Matt Beckett.

*Maryanne and Matt*

**NewWine**  
*Local churches changing nations*

## Releasing Worship

As a worship team we've been growing increasingly aware over the last few months that God seems to be up to something very significant in the worship life of our region. In particular we're seeing an awakening in worship teams and musicians across Norfolk to the understanding that if we're going to see a real revival of praise in the people of this land then we need to be working in partnership with each other, supporting each other, across denominations, across the boundaries of style and technique to a place where we're worshipping the one true God as one body with one voice.

One of the ways in which we're saying 'Yes!' to God in this is by joining up with Neil Bennetts (National Director of New Wine Worship) and his team in hosting the New Wine Worship Training Day for the East. On Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am we're going to be meeting at the Well for worship, teaching and seminars from Neil and a number of guest speakers, and plenty of opportunity for networking with other worship teams from the area. The day will wrap up at around 16:00.



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*Phil Starling*

The event is aimed primarily for those actively involved in the musical life of their church, but there will be plenty of value for anyone with an interest!

If you'd like to come along then it's essential that you book in through [www.new-wine.org](http://www.new-wine.org). There is a small cost of £10 for entry.

## United 2014: 3rd -9th August

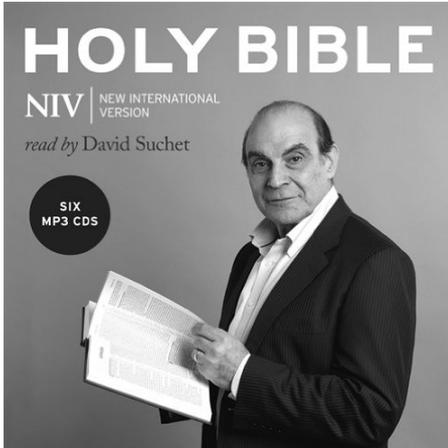


The early bird deadline of 7th May for the New Wine National Gatherings is fast approaching. This promises to be an amazing time for our church family to come together with churches from all over the country to worship, pray and learn together. It would be great to see as much of the church family as possible come together on this adventure! Please book in at [www.new-wine.org](http://www.new-wine.org) before 7th May!

*Dave Blane*

## Hearing God's Word

Would you appreciate the opportunity to listen to the entire Bible?



We are adding to our ministry resources an audio Bible presented by David Suchet which has just been released. It is currently available on mp3 cds with the option of a digital download. As well as having a set available for general use, an anonymous donor is willing to make this available for anyone who finds reading the Bible difficult or impossible due to aging/failing eyesight or literacy problems. We may be able to provide an ordinary cd option for those who are not able to access mp3 or make a download. If you would like to reserve a copy then please register for one with Pippa (01760 440363, pippamawditt@tiscali.co.uk)

*Pippa Mawditt*

## New Wine Discipleship Year

We are very excited to announce that from September 2014 we will be operating as a New Wine Discipleship Year Training Centre, offering the New Wine Discipleship Year to young adults based both in the Fountain of Life itself, as well as other partner churches in the area.

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The purpose of the Discipleship Year is to equip, encourage and empower those aged 18-24 with solid foundations for life as a follower of Jesus, with a particular focus on **Making disciples, Growing through community and Transforming mission.**

The year will encompass all the elements of our traditional internship, alongside the opportunity to be involved in wider regional and national New Wine events, as well as being part of a wider community of interns based in East Anglia. All the discipleship year students from the region will come together once a week for a day of teaching and equipping at the Fountain of Life.

I hope that you are as excited about this as I am! This generation has the potential to transform the culture that we live in for the Kingdom of God, and as we invest in this age group, we will see the influence of Jesus grow in this region.

If you would like more information either for yourself, or for someone that you know then please talk to me, or visit the New Wine website.

*Dave Blane*

# DISCIPLESHIP YEAR

2014-15

# folMERCY



The next three week **CAP Money Course** will be run by Julia Seaman and Colette Wilkinson at The Stables at 7.30pm on Wednesdays 28<sup>th</sup> May, 4<sup>th</sup> June and 11<sup>th</sup> June.

Get access to simple online tools to build your budget and learn a system that really works to manage your money - however much you do or don't have! The Course is free and open to anyone. The course is accessible to anyone and is fun to do - no personal financial information has to be shared but, if needed, CAP Money Coaches are available for 1:1 help in confidence.

To book your place or find out more please e-mail [mercy@folchurch.co.uk](mailto:mercy@folchurch.co.uk) or telephone Heather 07979 264047.

*Heather Nunn*

## Mid Norfolk CAP Debt Centre

What a great launch of the Mid Norfolk Debt Centre at our morning service on 27<sup>th</sup> April!

As the centre manager, I am now seeing clients and we hope and pray that the outcomes for these people will be positive both for their financial futures and their relationship with God. If you would like to be involved I can be contacted at 07598 398030, [gravers@3strands.net](mailto:gravers@3strands.net).

*John Graver*



## CAP Job Club

We are still without a manager for the Job Club and so this service will not be available for the time being. Please pray for God's guidance for a clear way forward.

*Heather Nunn*



# folMERCY

## Thefford Foodbank

Thank you for continuing to support the Foodbank by supplying food via the plastic box in the Church foyer. It never ceases to amaze me just how many 'car-boot-fuls' of food I end up delivering. The Foodbank continues to feed many people and your contributions are very much appreciated.

*Heather Nunn*



To request prayer for an **emergency** or  
**pressing need**  
phone, text or e-mail:

**07905 039201**

or

**joy.fernando@live.co.uk**

## Need to talk?

Did you know that Fountain of Life 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 884 704).

## 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**

# fo/CALENDAR

## May 2014 Sunday Worship

- 4<sup>th</sup> 10.00 Baptism: *Acts 2:14a, 36-41 ; Psalm 116:1-3,10-17 ; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35*  
18.00 Feed The Soul: *1 Timothy 2:1-3:16*
- 11<sup>th</sup> 10.00 Holy Communion: *Acts 2:42-end ; Psalm 23 ; 1 Peter 2:19-end; John 10:1-10*  
18.00 Feed The Soul: *1 Timothy 4:1-5:16*
- 18<sup>th</sup> 10.00 Service of the Word: *Acts 7:55-end ; Psalm 31:1-5,15-16 ; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-4*  
18.00 Feed the Soul: *1 Timothy 5:17-6:21*
- 25<sup>th</sup> 10.00 Holy Communion: *Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:7-end; 1 Peter 3:13-end; John 14:15-21*

## May 2014 Events

- 2<sup>nd</sup> 19.00 Worship Team Meeting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.00 Kidz Klub Ashill
- 6<sup>th</sup> 18.30 WTC Open Evening
- 7<sup>th</sup> 13.30 Digging Deeper  
19.30 Digging Deeper
- 8<sup>th</sup> 20.00 Song Writing Workshop
- 9<sup>th</sup> 09.00 Bezalel  
15.30 Alive  
18.30 Thirst Ashill
- 10<sup>th</sup> 19.00 Emerge (St Stephen's, Norwich)
- 11<sup>th</sup> 14.00 Good Companions  
15.00 Refresh
- 13<sup>th</sup> 18.30 WTC Training
- 14<sup>th</sup> 13.30 Digging Deeper  
19.00 Alpha (3 Chapel Lane)  
19.30 Digging Deeper
- 16<sup>th</sup> 19.00 Encounter  
19.00 Awaken
- 17<sup>th</sup> 10.00 New Wine Worship Training Day  
10.00 Kidz Klub Scarning (Scarning School)
- 20<sup>th</sup> 18.00 WTC Training
- 21<sup>st</sup> 13.30 Digging Deeper  
19.00 Alpha (3 Chapel Lane)  
19.30 Digging Deeper
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> Intents
- 23<sup>rd</sup> 09.00 Bezalel
- 28<sup>th</sup> 19.00 Alpha (3 Chapel Lane)
- 30<sup>th</sup> 15.30 Alive
- 31<sup>st</sup> 10.00 Shine 2014 - Hephzibah Ministries Fun Day

### LOOKING AHEAD

- 7<sup>th</sup> June Kingdom Theology Day with Bob and Mary Hopkins  
8<sup>th</sup> June Watton Carnival  
8<sup>th</sup> June Pentecost Prayer (Norwich Cathedral)  
28<sup>th</sup> July - 1<sup>st</sup> August Scarning Holiday Club  
3<sup>rd</sup> August - 9<sup>th</sup> August New Wine  
11<sup>th</sup> August - 15<sup>th</sup> August Ashill Holiday Club

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

Noah's Ark Parent and pre school gathering - 10am every Thursday in the bungalow term time.

Jam Youth Band 18.30-20.00 every Thursday term time

All activities are at The Well unless stated

### DEADLINE FOR fo/NEWS JUNE 2014

The deadline for submitting news articles and testimonies for the June 2014 edition of fo/NEWS is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. 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 fo/NEWS has been printed. Where possible, **please try to keep articles to 250 words** or less.