

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 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.

David Blane leads the administration team and oversees the New Wine Discipleship Year and Young Adults Ministry

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 Assistant Youth 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.

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News from the *Fountain of Life*

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Dear Friends,

I have just finished reading the latest update from Simon Guillebaud who leads Great Lakes Outreach, committed to the transformation of Burundi and beyond. He tells the story of a pastor serving in an ISIS-controlled territory who had seen three men in his church shot and killed for simply running children's clubs in their homes. This pastor spoke these words: "Whenever we see disaster and tragedy, we run towards it. We see throughout history that it is in these alarming moments that God works. It is in times of war, not peace, that history is changed. Would any of your churches have ever dreamed that one day they would be full of Sunni Muslims?! Our nets are breaking with those coming to know Jesus ...despite - maybe because of - these terrible times!"

The promise of which we are reminded during Advent is found in Isaiah 9: 'For to us a child is born - of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.' It's a promise of increase, of multiplication, of growth, of the advancement of a culture which is more like heaven than earth. It happens when 'forceful' people take hold of it and take risks to see His Kingdom advance.

The fields are always ready for harvesting but they are dependent on seed being sown. The harvest today is dependent on the faithful sowing of those who have gone before us. We are invited to enter into the privilege of changing the world through the way we sow our lives. When God is at work the reaper overtakes the sower and we find acceleration! It's called revival. We live in those days. So, how do we sow? Well, many answers - but here's two for starters!

By giving. 'He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows generously will also reap generously.' (2 Cor 9:6). We give in all sorts of ways: financially (praise God for the Gift Day outcome); through the offering of our talents and our time; in how we set our priorities; in loving and serving others. As we give ourselves to live for Him.

By prayer. Prayer changes hearts, hearts change individuals, individuals change nations and the world. In the Bible we find great examples of prayer: the considered, purposeful prayer of Nehemiah who prepared the way for the return of the exiles; the desperate, passionate prayer of Hannah who saw barrenness replaced by Samuel; the powerful prayer of the early church who saw the place in which they met shaken by the power of God; the intimate prayer of Jesus who cried simply 'Abba Father'.

So, please sign up to pray during our special Advent '40 hours to change the world' during December 12th to the 14th. Come for an hour or longer - there will be resources to inform your prayers and the presence of God to inspire them.

On a regular basis, on the first Sunday of the month, we shall be hosting a prayer gathering at 9am at The Well. This is open to all so if you are able to come earlier on those days please do join us. We start on Sunday December 7th. With our love and prayers for a great Christmas.

Stephen and Pippa

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generously”**

For the Sake of the World

40 Hours of Prayer is an amazing opportunity to encounter God on a more personal level. You can also hear about the ministries of the church and their prayer needs. Matthew 26:41 says "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." The idea behind 40 Hours of Prayer is that the church, its ministries and the congregation will be filled with the spirit and subsequently led by the spirit, not by flesh. It also challenges us, as well as encouraging us, to personally lead a life of prayer.

“You might want to do just one hour or maybe challenge yourself to an all-nighter!”

It will begin at 5pm on Friday the 12th of December and will run until 9am on Sunday the 14th of December. There is an opportunity to celebrate the event, with a worship session from 7-9pm on the Friday. Also, at 7am on the Saturday there is an opportunity for early morning worship. The rest of the times you can sign up for hourly slots in the foyer. You might want to do just one hour or maybe challenge yourself to an all-nighter! Please feel free to bring along your children because there will prayer stations to accommodate them.

I really urge and challenge you to come and join in, by putting aside some time that weekend to pray with us. I hope to see you there!

Matt Schwarzenberger

Gift Day 2014

First of all may I say thank you so much for your response to our Gift Day this year. An incredible sum totalling £31,352.75 was given or pledged. Excluding the gift aid tax to be claimed this represents £12,907.72 given towards the work of Kidz Klub and £17,475.63 towards the appointment of an assistant minister. This will enable us to move forward in both of these areas into all that God has planned for us to do.

Of course, if you've missed the opportunity to give but would like to participate then please pop your gift in an envelope marked Gift Day and place it in one of the pillar boxes. Thank you so much for all you give and do that sustains the ministry and life of this church family.

Neil Richardson

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

07905 039201

or

joy.fernando@live.co.uk

Ruth Alexander

I got the honour of house sitting for this Christian couple who have built an amazing house and retired here. Their house is located on one of the best beaches, has great security and someone to do the washing up!

I breathed. I relaxed. I smiled. I wasn't in survival mode for just a moment. I was able to sleep without fear, without mosquitoes, without stress. I turned off the phone and got away. It was bliss. I thought of my kids every moment of those five days I was away, but I knew they were in good hands. I surrendered all to God and let Him bless me. It was so easy!

I thought back to my surgery. That moment they were putting me to sleep and God took me to the song 'I surrender all' as I tried to ignore the fear. A moment I needed healing for afterwards. A moment I felt puzzled about and asked the common question 'where were you God?'. I surrendered all in the moment and it went wrong. It didn't go according to my plan I had made and told God all about. I had made a little box for God to go in and asked Him to colour in the lines. He didn't. He didn't go near the box I tried to put Him in. I didn't follow Jesus' example of surrendering all and walking to that cross. Jesus didn't make a box but followed His father willingly.

Still so much to learn.

However when I laid down in the hammock outside this huge beach house, watching a mother and baby whale swim by, doing tricks and bringing a lot of attention to themselves. I once again find myself saying those three little words that hold meaning. 'I surrender all'. With surrendering all it means following Him where He leads. It means adventures, extreme joy, extreme heartache, dreaming big and falling more and more in love with my Saviour.

He is on the move, so I am too.

God is closing the chapter of me living in Pemba. He is leading me to England for a new adventure there. What will I do there? I am still not sure. Maybe working full time, maybe education or maybe ministry. I do know that when I get back in January (date still unknown as ticket still not booked) that I will go on a 6-week maternity nurse course and then hopefully get an 8-week job after that. Beyond that will be a surprise.

My time in Pemba has been one I will never forget. I am so pleased I did it, living the dream with amazing people along side me. My Pemba family will forever be close in my heart and I look forward to future visits and adventures around the world with many of my friends. I look forward to watching my babies grow up and dreaming big for them. Seeing them walk into their destiny and not letting any limitations hold them back from what God has for them. I know I will always be learning lessons from Pemba. My time has been a blessing and I know Pemba will forever be blessing those who step foot on the red dirt soil.

But for now I will be concentrating on 'finishing well' here and continue to be training up my Mozambican friends with all the childcare skills I know. I want to teach anyone who wants to listen about our Saviour, knowing any seed I sow while I'm here will grow. It will be a busy season but I want to finish this part of the race as well as I can.

Prayers in this transition period would be appreciated, as they are much needed! There are many details that need to be sorted out. Also a big thank you to everyone who has supported me during my 4 1/2 years here. Couldn't have done it without you all!

So all you UK folks out there...Get ready! I'm coming!

Ruth Alexander

Agape - A support group for those experiencing loss

Do you sometimes feel

'I want to be heard'

'I want to be understood, rather than fixed'

'I want to be accepted in my downs as well as my ups?'

The Fountain of Life church recognises the need for listening to those who have suffered bereavement of any kind (family member, marriage, job...) and are starting a support group in the new year called Agape. It will meet weekly in the main church building for one hour, plus refreshments. We will seek to listen to each other's feelings. You won't be responded to with 'fix-it' solutions. Your feelings will be acknowledged, and this in itself will help you to heal and grow.

The group will be confidential and is open to all. It will develop as a safe place to talk about how you are feeling and also respond to each other. There will be no agenda. The group will find its own way. You can bring to it your present feelings, which may change from week to week. You will not be pressured to speak at all if you do not want to.

Prayer will be available after the meeting if anyone desires it.

The first meeting of the group will be on Thursday 8th January 1:30 - 2.30pm in the worship centre. For more information or to book in please contact Carol 01953 884993 or Joy 07905 039201.

Carol and Joy

Jane on the radio!

I will be on the radio again with a modern retelling of a parable on Sunday December 7th between 8.30 and 9am. Tune in on BBC Radio Norfolk 95.1FM or listen back anytime on iPlayer.

Jane Clamp

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).

New Year's Day Walk 2015

Once again, having your best interests at heart, Stephen & Pippa have organised an excellent walk in the Norfolk countryside to ensure you begin the New Year in robust physical condition. Always a popular event walking together is a great way to catch up with existing friends and make new ones.

This year our walk will be around 5 miles in length and we shall be starting out from the Lynford Arboretum parking area. This is found by turning left (coming from Swaffham on the A1065)) just before the Mundford roundabout. Go past Lynford Hall until you come to car park a few hundred yards further on. Map and instructions will be available nearer the time. Walking boots or solid shoes recommended.



There will be a shared lunch afterwards - please bring a contribution of food - at Stephen & Pippa's home: 43 Cressingham Road, Ashill IP25 7DG. Those who would like to come to lunch without the walk are also welcome!!

Rendezvous for the walk will be at 10.30am on Thursday 1st January. We should be back in Ashill for lunch around 1.15pm.

Full directions, map and sign-up sheet will come nearer the time. We hope you can join us!

Stephen and Pippa

Fountain Celebration

Fountain of Life and Fountain Network are joining together to host a celebration evening on Saturday March 28th 2015 at 7pm. Details are still being confirmed but it will be an opportunity for worship, testimony, teaching and ministry in the power of the Holy Spirit with our 'extended family'. Save the date!

Stephen Mauditt

Bookings

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

Mid Norfolk CAP Debt Centre

Our Debt Centre manager, John Graver, has been working with clients for the last six months now and continues to meet with relevant organisations, agencies and church leaders throughout mid-Norfolk, as time allows. So far a total of eight clients are going through the process of becoming debt-free. All have a support worker alongside them providing the link with a local church.

“Please continue to pray for this project and especially for John Graver”

Job Opportunity

As John's time is limited we are looking for a voluntary Community Links Coordinator(s) to work to market the Centre. The Community Links Coordinator role is an official CAP role for which one day's training is required at CAP HQ in Bradford. I will be delighted to talk to you if you might be interested in the role and a job description and person specification are available.



Funding

We have secured funding through local grants and one-off and some regular gifting from churches and individuals. Thank you to everyone who voted for the project in Lloyds Community Fund 2014 after the Debt Centre was selected for funding. We came second and will receive a further £2,000 towards the project. We are covering a very large area and the Management Group will be considering the way forward in the Spring. There are different routes we could take to enable more people to access the service - but of course, whatever we do will cost more. So we continue to look for more financial support from churches, either regular or one-off gifting, whilst applying for grant funding where we can.

Prayer

Please continue to pray for this project and especially for John Graver as he carries out this work. We would love to see specific prayer groups dotted around our geographical area to support the work on the ground. If you would like to be involved as a support worker/befriender John can be contacted at 07598 398030, gravers@3strands.net.

Heather Nunn

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

Christmas Hampers

The Fountain of Life organise a distribution of Christmas Hampers to local families and individuals who would benefit from a blessing at Christmas time. Please donate your hamper items in a large, new 'bag for life' rather than a decorated box as it is more practical, easier to distribute and will be of use to the recipient. If you are part of a homegroup you will be asked to contribute to your homegroup hamper as you can. Completed hampers can be brought into church and left under the foyer table. Ideally bring your hampers to church on 7th December to help give us adequate time to distribute them - but if not, 14th will be fine.

Mercy

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy
James 5:11

If you're not in a homegroup and you'd like to help, please use the list below to purchase something special that can be added to a food parcel to go out via Thetford Foodbank distribution point in Watton. These items can be left in the usual plastic container under the table in the church foyer any time up to Sunday 21st December.

It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35

Please ensure all food dates will last over the Christmas period.

Food Items (Non-perishable, not valuable, newly purchased and no alcohol)

- Biscuits
- Chocolates
- Sweets
- Tins
- Tubes of savoury snacks (e.g. Pringles)
- Cakes (including Christmas cake - ensure use by date is after Christmas)
- Christmas pudding
- Jams
- Chutneys
- Sauces in jars
- Crackers for cheese
- Bottles of drink (non-alcoholic)
- Cartons of Juice
- Pasta (dried)
- Nuts/Peanuts

Non-food items (nothing second hand)

- Toys
- Christmas Crackers
- Teddy Bears
- Toiletries (e.g. Shower Gel, Creams)
- Candle
- Tinsel and Baubles
- Christmas themed napkins
- Stationery
- Vouchers (e.g. Tesco, Boots)

For more information contact mercy@folchurch.co.uk, 01760 440837, 07979264047

Heather Nunn

fo/CALENDAR

December 2014 Sunday Worship

- 7th 10.00 Service of the Word: Isaiah 40: 1-11; Psalm 85:1-2,8-end; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1: 1-8
18.00 Feed the Soul: 1 Peter 3:8-4:11
- 14th 10:00 Service of the Word: Isaiah 61:1-4,8-end; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8,19-28
18.00 Feed the Soul: 1 Peter 4:12-5:13
- 21st 10.00 Holy Communion 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16; Psalm 89:1-4,19-26; Romans 16:25-end; Luke 1:26-38
17.30 Carol Service
- 28th 10.00 All Age: Jeremiah 31:15-17; Psalm 124; I Corinthians 1:26-29; Matthew 2:13-18

December 2014 Events

- 3rd 10.00 First Steps Nativity
- 5th 19.00 Worship Team Meeting
- 6th 10.00 Kidz Klub Watton
16.00 Celebrate Christmas (Scarning School)
- 12th 09.00 Bezalel (with shared lunch)
18.30 Thirst Ashill (Genesis Room)
- 14th 14.00 Good Companions
- 18th 10.00 Noah's Ark Party
- 19th 16.00 Family Fun Time
19.00 Encounter Christmas Party
- 20th 10.00 Kidz Klub Scarning (Scarning School)
- 24th 23.00 Midnight Communion
- 25th 10.00 Christmas Celebration

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.

All activities are at The Well unless stated

Christmas at the Fountain of Life

21st December Carol Service (4pm tea, 5.30pm start)

24th December Midnight Communion (11pm)

25th December Christmas Celebration (10am)

1st January New Years Day Walk (10.30am)

DEADLINE FOR fo/NEWS JANUARY 2015

The deadline for submitting news articles and testimonies for the January 2015 edition of fo/NEWS is Friday 12th December. 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.