



September 2016 Newsletter

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." *Ephesians 4:2-3*

Sunday preachers for September:

4 th 10:30am	Brian Lamming	6pm	Chris Wintle
11 th 10:30am	Lyall Drewitt	6pm	Ebley Wharf outreach <small>or if wet at the chapel: Prayer, Praise & Worship</small>
18 th 10:30am	David Raistrick	6pm	Philip Hopes

25th Harvest Services:

10:30am	Clive Dale	6pm	David Raistrick
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A 'Bring and Share' meal will follow the morning service.

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2 nd 10:30am	Chris Newport	6pm	Gareth Davies
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Prayer time 10am in the Vestry before each morning service

Regular meetings:



Wednesday groups

10:30am Ladies Bible Study

(Information: Caroline, Joan or Chris Lawes)

7.30pm Ebley Chapel Group *(Clive Dale)*

Including a Prayer time

7.30pm Stonehouse Home Group *(Terry Gillard)*

8.00pm Thrupp Men's Group *(Brian Short)*

During September the above groups may meet informally or miss a meeting.

Please contact the leader for information during this period.

Fridays 7:30pm Prayer at the chapel

*For more information, email: clivedale@yahoo.com
or phone Clive Dale on 01453 755705*

Special dates:

25 th September	Harvest
26 th November	Outreach Event: Robert Clifford & Dave Bilbrough
3 rd December	Ann Absalom - Bible Teaching Day

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5 th February	Derek Cleeve (am) - who used to be the Chaplain of Bristol City football club.
5 th March	Philip Moulden (am)

3rd Saturday Evening each month

Refreshments at 6:30 for 7pm start

17th September

'PILGRIMS PROGRESS'

15th October

'OCTOBER BABAY'

19th November

'THE CROSS AND THE SWITCHBLADE'

Under the auspices of Scrolleaters.



other Meetings & Events:

Thursdays – Ebley Art Group

10.00am-noon The group is an informal group who meet between 10am and noon. To know more please email margo@margosearle.wanadoo.co.uk.

Desiring Truth (please see Rosie for further information)

'From Fear to Faith' - six-week seminar from 16th September
24th September - Lunch Seminar
22nd October - Seminar at Watermoor, Cirencester

Newsletter

For the October issue please pass details of events, pictures, etc. to me to by 21st September.

Clive Dale phone 755705 email:clivedale@yahoo.com

FourWards

Please let me know of any items that we would want to place in the Parish Council's newsletter which is distributed to 4,000+ homes. The next edition will be published in October and included events from November to February/March.

Future Church & Leadership meetings:

Leadership: 19th Sept.

Church Meetings: 26th Sept (*including AGM*); 14th Nov.

Church Meeting

- The meeting will also include the AGM.
- If you want to raise anything that the leaders can discuss, please contact me beforehand.

'A Listening Ear'

Anyone requiring prayer or a listening ear etc. please contact the Leadership Team or telephone 01453 755705. We will then arrange for an appropriate person to contact you. This is an interim arrangement until a contact list of can be published.

Leadership Team:

Terry Gillard; Chris Newport; Stella Gray; Sandra Dale; Mike Juggins, Jean Letheren and Clive Dale

Secretarial duties

Currently Stella is Treasurer and Secretary for the chapel. We urgently need people to come forward and take on one or more of the roles listed below. Please seriously consider what you can do to help.

- Emails – answering genuine emails and (mostly) deleting spam;
- Minutes of Meetings – this is where most help is needed;
- Applying for Grants – required as COHC have sent their survey;

- Correspondence & postal address – acting as post box & answering/distributing as appropriate;
- Social Media – the way forward to reach out into the community;

If you can help please contact Stella on 01453 828050

August Workday

Hopefully you have noticed that the Sunday School Room is a lot tidier since the workday. The Stable has also improved, the light shades in the church been cleaned amongst other jobs.



Above, some of the workers enjoying some fish & chips

Childrens Work

➤ We have an opportunity to continue the work of going into Cashes Green School to take some of their assemblies.

- We have three small children waiting for a Sunday School.
- We have enough enthusiastic volunteers to start, and would welcome others that would like to be involved in a rota basis.
- We now need to meet to:
 - † Plan a rota;
 - † Identify the starting date;
 - † Plan promotion etc.

Ladies Fellowship

A number of Ladies have decided to start with a first meeting in ScrollEaters at 11.30am on the 1st or 2nd September. Confirmation will be decided on Sunday Morning 28th August.

Mens Breakfast

Listen out for an announcement when this new meeting will start.



OUTREACH

† Greenaways/Ebley Wharf.

We held a service on the 14th August and had a very good turnout and met a number of new people. We are hoping to hold another service at 6pm Sunday 28th August.



Special event - 26th November

■ Robert Clifford of the 'Way and the Spirit' will be leading an afternoon session.

■ Dave Bilbrough Dave and his son Dan will be leading an evening of music.

More information about the above will be available later.

† Emmanuel & Associates International.

"Effectively Communicating the Gospel into Every Home"

We are currently trying to arrange a meeting with Wyatt Gwin, (President) during October. Please pray for our leadership team that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit as they discuss and plan the opportunities available to us.

Sierra Leone Mission Reading Music Festival Salvage Day

Some of the fellowship are going to Reading on August Bank Holiday Monday to collect tents, sleeping bags, and other items which will be sent for use in Sierra Leone or sold to raise funds to help pay for the shipment.

Christmas Shoe Bags

We will be filling the Christmas Shoe bags during the month, in time for delivering them to Gatwick at the end of September. Date and time to be announced.

Slough Community Church

Time is moving nearer for the launch of the church. House groups will be meeting in September and maybe October, before starting the church late October/early November. The later start may be due to the treatment of an illness for one of the leadership team, which may have to take place in the Philippines.

Please pray for:

- The Lord to guide them in everything they plan and do;
- That an operation for Jenny can take place in the UK.
- That the leadership are happy with the hall that's available at an affordable rent.
- That all those four additional families showing an interest will be led by the Lord to join them.



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Sierra Leone Mission.

Prayer Letter

Sunday: Pray for the pastors in Sierra Leone as they preach and lead services today: that they might be faithful to the word of God.

Monday: Pray for the sick, including: Rev. Angel Lamin who has cardiac problems and Revd. Paul Bangura who has suffered a partial stroke.

Tuesday: Pray for economic relief as the inflation is on the increase in Sierra Leone, causing a serious hike in prices of goods and basic commodities.

Wednesday: Pray for an amicable solution with community people and Government for the land problems the Connexion is having at Jui, Grafton and Mile 91.

Thursday: Pray that the resurfacing of laser fever in the Eastern part of Sierra Leone will be controlled and eradicated.

Friday: Thank God for the provision of Bethesda. Pray for the new children; that they might settle in quickly.

Saturday: Pray for wisdom for Bishop Theophilus, Alex Dixon, Daniel Koroma and Magnus Bendu.