



**Diary of events :-**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – 7.30pm Street Pastor prayer for Wellington**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May – 7pm Table Tennis evening**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May – 7pm Men's Steak night at Barley Mow**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May – 10.30am Special Song/Testimony time during worship**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – 11am Oaktree Court service ? (to be confirmed)**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May – 7.30pm Love East Africa event @ St John's Church (tickets £5)**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May – 4pm Street Pastor Team Tea at RGCC**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May – 7.30pm Bible Study with Dev – in Romans (keep up the reading !)**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May – 7pm Table Tennis evening**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – 3.30pm Messy Church @ RG School**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Barnabas England Team meeting**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May – 7.30pm RGCF hosting Joint church's prayer (please all support)**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May – 7.30pm Housegroups together evening**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Barnabas Leaders Day in Reading**

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May – 11am Wacky Wednesday Community event in the Park**

### **Regular meetings/events :-**

First Sunday each month 10.30am we celebrate communion during our worship

Every Monday at 10.30am is Forever Active 'gentle' exercise session (join in !)

First Monday each month at 7.30pm is Street Pastor prayer (open to all)

Every Tuesday at 10am is Bright Sparks our mums & toddlers time

Every Wednesday at 7.45pm is Encounter with God prayer evening (don't miss out !)

Each Thursday at 10.30am is our village Coffee Morning (invite friends !)

Each Thursday evening our housegroups meet (see host/leader for time & venue)

Every Friday at 10am is our daytime housegroup meeting at church

Every other Friday evening is the Table Tennis evening (see Ashley)

First Saturday each month is Men's event – breakfast or steak night (see Bryan/Dave)



(Children at the Joy Centre in Kwe Kwe Zimbabwe – part of our Barnabas Family)

### **Family news :-**

Congratulations to Paul & Jenny who were married at the end of last month – what a great celebration on the Sunday morning – big thanks to Catering Team for the wonderful wedding buffet, Winnie/Gwyneth/Andy for the beautiful flowers and decorations & Dev for conducting the marriage ceremony (in full ministerial garb !). Please pray for Paul & Jenny as they embark on their new married life together.

Laura has just opened a new beauty & slimming clinic at her home – all looks amazingly well equipped with latest treatments. Ask Laura to find out more. The business is called Le Petit Papillon (small butterfly).

If you are struggling with debt or need money management advice, we have local CAP (Christians Against Poverty) agents who are on hand to help – the courses they run are very successful and they are based on biblical principles – see Bob House for contact details.

Please continue to pray for Jenny Sawyer and her family who are seeking to relocate to Cornwall, but have experienced difficulties with house sale/purchase.

In line with our goal to see the prayer in the church increase, please continue to find others to pray with in smaller groups of 2/3/4. This helps target prayer needs, and deepens relationships.

The Love East Africa event at St John's church on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May – see poster on notice board for purchase of tickets @ £5 each (to include refreshments).

Another reminder about our new Bible Study evening on one Monday evening each month. We are studying Romans with Dev's helpful teaching. Why not join in, not too late ! Try to make the next one on 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby is launching a global call to prayer for all denominations from 25<sup>th</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> June called 'Thy Kingdom Come' – Christine and Caley are encouraging us to join with others to respond to the call – we are hoping to meet as churches and smaller groups in the town – watch this space ! Please be sure to come to the next Unity Prayer evening at RGCC on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm, to pray along this theme. We remind ourselves what Christine has often said about prayer – 'it's more exciting than you think !'

Maggie and Caley (and Larisa Jenkins from Life Central) are attending the Hillsongs Women's 'Colour' conference, in Wembley arena, along with 10,000 other ladies, during the first weekend in May ! We look forward to hearing the things God has been saying to them and those attending, which we are sure will be relevant to us in our situations.

We are still looking to have another baptism time shortly, and would encourage any who have not yet taken this vital step of obedience, to see one of the elders and we would be blessed to take you through the steps to baptism.

Please continue to pray for those who are sick, whether in body, mind or spirit – remembering that 'with God nothing is impossible for those who believe'.

Big thank you to Ashley, Emma & John for organising the distribution of the Easter cards to the whole of Rockwell Green and Westford, a great job done ! Thank also to all those from our church and All Saints who delivered cards to the various streets – a total of around 1200 cards were distributed – great effort !

We are blessed in Wellington that Councillor Andrew Govier has been re-elected to represent Wellington on the Somerset County Council. Andrew, who makes no secret of his faith in Christ, has faithfully served the town, borough and county for over 20 years. Our esteemed Borough Mayor, also a professing christian, has likewise been a great servant to our town over many years. Please pray for them as they continue to work tirelessly for the wellbeing of our town and area. The Mayor is pictured below.



(Madeleine, with members of her family, receiving her TDBC Citizenship Award 2017 from the Mayor, Councillor Vivienne Stock-Williams, at the recent ceremony).

***'But, continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen!' (2 Peter 3 v 18).*** How we travel the journey is an essential part of reaching the destination well – let's make every day count !