



**Diary of events for May :-**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May - 7pm Table Tennis evening

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May - 10.30am we welcome Dave & Clare Cleave once again !

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May - from 1pm May Day in the Park (support needed - see below)

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May - 7.30pm Trustees and Elders meeting

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May - 12.30pm Town church leaders prayer lunch

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May - 10am Besom cooking sessions begin

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May - 10.30am Call to prayer (please join us)

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May - 4pm Street Pastor Team tea at Pete & Chris Gibson's

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May - 11am Oaktree Court service (see below)

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May - 7pm Table Tennis evening

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May - 8.30am Men's Breakfast at church (guest speaker Rev Sam Griffiths)

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May - Bob & Maggie in Reading teaching on the Barnabas School (see below)

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May - 10.30am our guest speakers will be David & Sue Tucker (see below)

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Bob H off to Africa (see below)

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May - 10am second Besom cooking session

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Bob H back from Africa

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

First Sunday each month we celebrate communion together during our worship time

Every Monday is Forever Active - a gentle exercise class starting at 10.30am

First Monday each month is our prayer for Wellington hosted by Street Pastors at 7.30pm

Every Tuesday is Bright Sparks mums & toddlers time starting at 10am till 12 noon

Each Wednesday evening is Encounter with God worship & prayer evening

Every Thursday morning at 10.30am we hold a Coffee Morning (bring a friend)

Housegroups meet every Thursday evening (times and venues vary)

Every Friday morning the daytime housegroup meets at 10am at the church

Third Saturday each month we hold a Men's event as announced (see David T)



### **Family News :-**

As May is upon us we find ourselves without the Abraham family who sadly left the church towards the end of April. It was a sudden loss for all of us, however it is important to accept their decision, and pray that God will heal them and show them His loving purpose for them wherever they choose to fellowship.

With the departure of Dev; Bob & Bob are taking the opportunity to seek God regarding a new leadership structure in order to take the church forward into all that God has for us. We are mindful of the many 'words' we have had about God doing a new thing - please pray that we will hear God clearly and follow His plan.

## Family News (cont) :-

Many of you will know Paul & Heather Garratt who were in our Barnabas family in Reading, and who came to minister at a Heatree House weekend a number of years ago. Please pray for them and Heather in particular, who is very ill with cancer in a Sue Ryder hospice - pray for Paul and all the family at this critical time.

Please continue to pray for Adam & Laura & girls as they await the arrival of their new baby boy. We trust to God's perfect timing and peace for the birth.

Please remember also Bill & Ruth in your prayer, as they navigate the challenging stage they have reached in their long & fruitful life together. It is difficult for them to get to church regularly, so it's important we cover them in prayer in these days.

As I write this Andy is still in hospital, & the medical staff are still deliberating about the best course of action. Please pray for wisdom for them, and complete healing for Andy. Also remember Julie & Sue, and continue to pray for their ongoing healing.

You will see from the diary above that we have the rearranged visit of David & Sue Tucker on 20<sup>th</sup> May - as reported in the last E-news it is worth inviting friends or family to hear David's amazing testimony of healing.

You will also note that we are hoping to have a Christian presence at the May Day in the Park event on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May. If anyone is willing to help set up and be at the stand during the afternoon please let Bob H know asap.

We have a small but perfectly formed team (Marion, Sandra & Bob H) that visits Oaktree Court once a month and we are always happy for others to join us either occasionally or every month if you feel you can. We visit on the third Wednesday each month at 11am and we are usually finished before 12 noon.

Please pray for Bob & Maggie's visit to Reading on 19<sup>th</sup> May as they will be teaching on the newly formed Barnabas School of Kingdom Life (a progression from BSSM).

You will also see that Bob H will be in Africa again at the end of May - please pray for him and Gareth Owen (from Reading). Please pray for a fruitful visit, including divine appointments, and for health for them both (especially in the digestion department !).

Huge thanks to Dan & David T for stepping in to sort the techy stuff out so that we can continue more or less as before on Sunday mornings. Dan has been putting a proposal together for the Elders and Trustees to consider - once again thanks to Dan.

## Final thought :

'Don't do something permanently stupid just because you're temporarily upset'. Quote not attributed, but could have been something Solomon would have said !