



“Even the wilderness and desert will be glad in those days (see Ch 34, a message to the Nations). The wasteland will rejoice and blossom with spring crocuses. Yes there will be an abundance of flowers, and singing and joy !” Isaiah 35 v 1&2

Diary for the month :-

Friday 1st Nov – 7pm Table Tennis evening

Saturday 2nd Nov – 7pm Joint church worship evening at RGCC

Sunday 3rd Nov – 10.30am Chris leading with Gareth & Rachel Owen

Monday 4th Nov – 10.30am Forever Active

Tuesday 5th Nov – 10am Bright Sparks parent & toddler time

Thursday 7th Nov – Day of prayer & fasting for Barnabas, meet @7pm

Sunday 10th Nov – 10.30am Bob H & Bob R leading us

Sunday 10th Nov – 2.30pm Contact the Elderly tea party at RGCC

Monday 11th Nov – 10.30am Forever Active

Diary for month (cont)

Tuesday 12th Nov – 10am Bright Sparks

Thursday 14th Nov – 7.30pm Church Together

Friday 15th Nov – 7pm Table Tennis evening

Saturday 16th Nov – Barnabas Leaders Day in Reading (see below)

Sunday 17th Nov – 10.30am Caley & Laura/Dan leading us

Monday 18th Nov – 10.30am Forever Active

Tuesday 19th Nov – 10am Bright Sparks

Wednesday 20th Nov – 12.30pm One Team Community meeting

Thursday 21st Nov – 7.30pm Church Together

Friday 22nd Nov – 7pm Quiz Night for Christian Aid (St Johns Church)

Saturday 23rd Nov – 10am Church on the Streets (see below)

Sunday 24th Nov – NB No Church Service (see below)

Monday 25th Nov – 10.30am Forever Active

Tuesday 26th Nov – 10am Bright Sparks

Thursday 28th Nov – 7.30pm Church Together

Friday 29th Nov – 7pm Table Tennis evening

Saturday 30th Nov – 10am Call to Prayer (& fasting)

Saturday 30th Nov – 7.30pm Skittles for Christian Aid at Barley Mow

Family & Other News :-

You will note that on 16th November there is a Barnabas Leaders day in Reading – on that day the responsibility for the England churches will be officially handed over to Gareth & Rachel Owen – please pray for them as they oversee Barnabas England into the purposes God has for us in this coming season in our nation. Pray for the next generation, that our current crop of young people will rise to the challenge of stepping up to leadership.

Family & Other news (Cont)

You've already had a reminder via email about the joint worship evening on Saturday 2nd November at 7pm which RGCF are hosting. We are joining with Life Central and Living Light to declare the praises of God in and over our town.

Once again we are spending one Saturday on the street sharing the love of Jesus. We will be out on Saturday 23rd November, which means we won't be having a Sunday gathering on 24th November. This month we will be looking to give things away as people engage with us (pre-Christmas give aways), hopefully with an opportunity to share Gods free gift of salvation in Jesus. As we have shared recently it's a matter of sowing seeds. We meet at 10am on the 23rd to worship together before going out on the street at 10.45am. It was good to have some praying at church, some on the streets engaging with passers by, while others were praying around the streets. There is a place for everyone in this exciting new shape of church !

You will see that Gareth & Rachel are with us again on Sunday 3rd November, it's always great to have them, and we especially want to pray for them as they take on the role of overseeing the England Churches for Barnabas (see note above).

On a lighter note a few folks from Life Central are gathering at the Iron Duke on Saturday 2nd Nov to watch the Rugby World Cup Final : England v South Africa, we are invited to join them if that's our thing ! The Duke does a great full on breakfast at very reasonable price ! Kick off is at 9am our time.

Please make every effort to make our next Saturday prayer call which is on 30th November from 10am onwards. If you can fast as well that would be good.

Great news to report from the Bible Society Song of Praise held at RGCC on Sunday 27th October, the evening raised over £400 for Children's Bibles for Malawi. Thanks for a great turn out and generous giving – praise God for the work of The Bible Society.

Family & Other News (cont)

There are still a number of people we need to keep in our prayer, as mentioned last month. It seems that a significant number of folks in the church are under attack in one form or another, and we need to stand firm in covering one another in prayer on a regular if not daily basis, as we proclaim Jesus 'Victor & Healer' over each other.

Please pray for Bob & Maggie's extended family as their son's wife's parents were involved in an horrific road accident in South Africa in which her mother (Miranda) was killed along with another couple travelling with them. Her father (Peter) is seriously injured in hospital in Port Elizabeth, along with the driver of the vehicle they were in. Our daughter-in-law has flown to South Africa along with her three siblings to be at dad's bedside. Your prayer is appreciated through this shocking and difficult time. If you want more information go to the Mail Online which covers the story; Peter & Miranda Harris are their names, the children are Jo, Esther, Jeremy and Beth (married to Matt House). There are eight grandchildren also who are grieving the loss of a beloved and brilliant grandma. All three who died were amazing and dedicated servants of the Lord, so they will be received in the courts of heaven with great rejoicing !!

Jane Benton has been in Israel for 10 days, and we look forward to hearing about her amazing trip, with lots of photos no doubt, in due course. Thanks to all those who have spent time with Andy and looking out for him during Jane's trip.

Advance Information :-

Living Light, Life Central and our church are looking to put on a Christmas presentation on 21st December, involving music, drama, video and interactive pieces. It will, subject to confirmation, take place at the Wellington Junior School Hall, as a neutral venue. If you would like to sing, act, steward or serve in any way please let Maggie know.

Advance Information (cont)

Our next church on the streets Saturday will be 21st December, when we will be looking at all things Christmas, should be fun.

The packing of Besom Christmas Hampers will be Monday 9th December from 2pm – please come and support and help with this vital ministry. Let Madeleine or Colin know if you intend to help.

Dave & Clare Cleave are leading us again on December 8th.

Please remember to use your prayer diary to pray for everyone in the church on a regular basis – your prayer makes a difference.

“Do not be anxious or worried about anything, but in everything [every circumstance and situation] by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, continue to make your [specific] requests known to God.” Philippians 4 v 6