



Dates for May and beyond:

- 2nd May – Playgroup Prayer 9am
- 2nd May – Journeys 10.15am in the Snug
- 3rd May – Thursday Club Planning Meeting 6pm
- 5th May – Traverse 7pm
- 6th May – First Sunday One Church celebration
- 7th May – Walk & Talk 7pm
- 9th May – Journeys 10.15am in the Snug
- 10th May – Thursday Club re-launch
- 10th May – ‘Hands On’ Prayer 7pm in The Hut
- 13th May – The Bridge 11.15am
- 16th May – Journeys 10.15am in the Snug
- 16th May – Church Members Meeting 8pm
- 19th May – Prayer Breakfast 9am
- 20th May – Bridge Lunch following our morning worship.
- 21st May – Walk & Talk 7pm
- 23rd May – Journeys 10.15am in the Snug
- 24th May – ‘Hands On’ prayer 7pm in The Hut
- 25th May – Oasis
- 27th May – The Bridge 11.15am
- 28th May – Bridge the Gap 7.30pm
- 30th May – Journeys 10.15am in the Snug

Note: The OneChurch Celebration for July is Sunday 8th July

Please remember in your prayers:

- **Amy D** for her future plans now she has returned to Britain.
- **Brenda O’S** for her work as she has returned to Romania.
- **David & Carole** and their canal ministry. Thank God for the improvement in Carole’s health. Pray for decisions to be made about this summer’s ministry on the canals.
- **Wayne** as he goes to Ethiopia this month, for safety in travel and that his skills will be put to good use. Pray for Mary and the family while he is away.
- **Claire** as she heads up Playgroup and, for her team, as they have growing links into our neighbourhood.
- **Teresa** recovering from a successful operation that she gains strength in her body and will be kept free from infections.

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We continue this month to look at our theme of discipleship particularly looking at faith sharing, prayer and worship. Discipleship is often a costly road to travel because once we choose to have Jesus as Lord over all our life it is not unusual to find that commitment challenged. As we said at the beginning of this series it is the disciple who takes up their cross – that means to put yourself in the place where we may experience hardship. It is the place where we deny our self in order to have Jesus first. Remember our morning looking at the persecuted church.

The cross is the place of death but leads to resurrection and new life. If you are feeling in a difficult place at the moment – hold on. If you feel prayer is difficult, ask others to pray for you.

The God who has called us is faithful and we know, because we have heard the faith stories, and we know because the Bible teaches us that God is leading us on to new life. This month let us share, pray and worship together and see where God may lead us.

Jeff

Bridge the Gap

Our next Bridge-the-Gap in our ‘adventures in learning, understanding and doing series’ is on Monday 28th May. This month we are again looking at the Holy Spirit, who He is and why He is important in our growth as Christians. Coffee and tea from about 7.15pm and the session starts at 7.30pm.

The sessions are aimed to be practical so that you can learn something to apply to everyday life. All are welcome to attend including young people. The evening is split roughly into three parts – 20 min teaching followed by discussion and application.

Bridge over the Seas

Ecuador – Amy is now back home after her year away. Please continue to pray for her as she re-settles back in Britain and gets use to our culture once more. Pray too that she will soon know what God's plans are for the future.

Romania – Continue to pray for Brenda as she shares and cares for families in this poor country. Brenda has returned to Romania after her brief Easter break. Pray for good health and for strength as she continues to live with and share with the people in her village.

Journeys

'Journeys' are a set of DVD stories recorded from around the world telling how Jesus has inspired people. For the five Wednesdays in May Pauline Ross will be showing the DVDs in The Snug (at the far end of The Hut). Each week there will be at least one story to view. Join with others, and invite people along. Each session will be from 10.15am for about an hour with time for a chat and a drink included.

Pray for Playgroup

Each term we try to have a time to pray for Playgroup as it is an important part of what we do In The Bridge. Claire and her team work hard to make Playgroup such a success and it's good to be able to pray for them.

Our next prayer time is on Wednesday 2nd May from 9am to 10am in the Hut next to the kitchen. Come and go as you are able. Do join with us or if you are unable to be there remember to pray for them particularly on that day.

Persecuted Church

As we began our new series on discipleship after Easter we looked at a DVD about how some Christians are physically persecuted for their faith. In particular we looked at a DVD about India produced by Open Doors a Christian agency seeking to care for Christians in need. Details of Open Doors can be found on the internet at www.opendoorsuk.org Another organisation doing similar work is the Barnabas Fund found at www.barnabasfund.org

On the back of The Bridge Info Shelves is a map and list of countries where severe persecution exists

Alex & Hannah

As most of us know by now, Alex the student pastor for The Source, will be leaving us at the end of July. He will have completed his training and will be moving to a new church in Stafford in September.

There are two events here in July which will help to bring Alex's time here to a good ending. The first is on Sunday 8th July when Alex will be formally ordained as a Baptist Minister. This will be part of our One Church Celebration. **Please note our One Church event for July is the **SECOND** Sunday of the month.** Usual time of 10.30am

The second event is on Sunday 22nd July from 3 to 6pm when the whole church is invited to join together for cream teas, and presentations with lots of child friendly entertainment. EVERYONE is welcome.

On Sunday 2nd September Alex is formally accepted into the church at Stafford and we are also invited to attend this event. There may be a coach going from Aylesbury depending on how many people plan to go. If you are considering this please let the office know.

Sports Quiz

As part of the summer emphasis on the Olympics, The Source have organised a Sports Quiz Night that will be run and presented by Christians in Sport. The quiz, opened to all, is planned for the evening of **Saturday 14th July** so begin to think if you would like to take part and who you might invite onto your team. More details later.

Children's Work

Our review of the children's work continues. So far we have looked at a Mission statement for Thursday Club. We are now in the process of reviewing the programme to see how we can develop into a new era of work.

If you are interested in getting involved in some way, it's not too late to join the planning evening. Next meeting is on 3rd May at 6pm.

Thursday Club is part of The Bridge outreach and care in our community and we want to see this local contact continue. With Dave no longer being employed in his children's worker role we want to develop a way to ensure not everything falls to him to do. For now do pray and see if God may be calling you to this area of work.