



THE ROCK NEWSLETTER 2011.



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Pastors Notes:

A Story from an unknown source got my attention the other day:

A large sum of money was given to Rowland Hill to dispense to a poor pastor. Thinking that the amount was too much to send all at once, Hill forwarded just a portion along with a note that said simply, "More to follow." In a few days the man received another envelope containing the same amount and with the same message, "More to follow." At regular intervals, there came a third, and a fourth. In fact, they continued, along with those cheering words, until the entire sum had been received.

C. H. Spurgeon used this story to illustrate that the good things we receive from God always come with the same prospect of more to follow. He said:

"When God forgives our sins, there's more forgiveness to follow. He justifies us in the righteousness of Christ, but there's more to follow. He adopts us into His family, but there's more to follow. He prepares us for heaven, but there's more to follow. He gives us grace, but there's more to follow. He helps us to old age, but there's still more to follow."

Spurgeon concluded, "Even when we arrive in the world to come, there will still be more to follow."

In a world where people seem to never have enough, where the accumulation of THINGS never satisfies. A world that *knows* that there is more to life than what is owned and how much is in the bank but continues to seek its answers in these things. Isn't it good to know that it is not a **what** that meets our deepest needs but a **who**!

A relationship with the living God can start today! A relationship that is not intended to rest in the hereafter but is intended to start in the here and now.

James 1v 17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

The good news of Jesus is open to all and will never change.

JUNE

Wednesday 1st. Afternoon Prayer....Venue TBA.

Thursday 2nd. B & B at the Feathers....8pm.

Sunday 5th. "Let my people go"...

Tuesday 7th. Coffee Club...Teddy Bears picnic..Black Park.

Tuesday 7th. Home Group.. Mary's home.

Wednesday 8th. Afternoon Prayer..2.30pm Ian & Jen's home.

Thursday 9th. B & B at the Feathers. 8pm.

Sunday 12th. Pentecost Sunday.. Service on the Green.

Special meeting at Gold Hill 1.30pm BBQ at 4.30pm.

Tuesday 14th. Coffee Club....Wimbledon lunch.

Tuesday 14th. Home Group..Wendy's home.

Wednesday 15th. Afternoon prayer...2.30pm Ian & Jen's home.

Thursday 16th. B & B at the Feathers. 8pm

Sunday 19th. Healing Service....BBQ lunch.

Tuesday 21st. Coffee Club...Fair trade day.

Tuesday 21st. Home Group. Pat Jackson's home.

Wednesday 22nd. Afternoon Prayer Ian & Jen's home.

Thursday 23rd. B & B at the Feathers 8pm.

Sunday 26th. "Sheep Dip"...Why Baptism?

Tuesday 27th. Coffee Club.

Tuesday 27th. Home Group.. Geoff's home.

Wednesday 28th. Prayer Afternoon/ Ian & Jen's home.

Thursday 29th. B & B. At the Feathers. 8pm.

Sunday 3rd. July...."The Bible" All of it.

ALL OUR MEETINGS.

Sunday morning services continue as usual beginning at 10.30am in the Memorial Hall when we have hot drinks and a chance to catch up with each other before the service “proper” which starts at 11am.

Coffee Club. Join us for coffee and stay for a light lunch. 10am -2.00pm. in the Reading Room. We meet each Tuesday except the 1st Tuesday of the month when we go on an outing. Most weeks there is a “Rope table” with all sorts of things for sale. Once a term we have a Fair Trade table, so you can stock up on all that delicious fair trade chocolate. Recently we have been having some delicious home made soup at lunch time.

Home Group. For all ages. Come along and experience the friendly atmosphere. We try to make Bible study easy and relaxing, meeting in an informal way in a different home each week.

B & B. is short for Bible & Beer. A club for 17..up to??

This year we have permission to use the back room at the Feathers Pub in CSG. We look at the Bible in an informal way... discussing events in the world and in your lives..things that matter to you. *Would you say “I don’t believe in God” or “why does God allow suffering?” or “what about evolution?”* Those are exactly the sort of things we talk about! Come along and join in.

GOLD HILL. We are in the process of forging closer ties with **Gold Hill Baptist Church** They have a Special meeting on June 12th. and we will be able to join them after lunch (1.30pm) and stay for the BBQ. Pastor Ian and Steve would also like to encourage you to attend their evening services if you are able. If transport is a problem please speak to Ian.

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CHURCH EVENTS AND PLANS

Birthdays this Month.

*ROBERT PENDRAY on the
30th.*



LOOKING FORWARD.....

THE ROCK.

June 7th...Coffee Club...Teddy Bears Picnic..Outing to Black Park

Bring your own favourite Teddy and a picnic. Mini Bus leaves at 10am from the village Green. (Pray the weather is fine)

June 12th. Pentecost Sunday.....Joint Service..Churches Together, on the Village Green 10.am. And afterwards at Gold Hill.

June 19th. Healing Service...at The Rock.

JULY.

July 5th. Coffee Club Outing to Marlowe. 10am Village Green.

July 10th...Guest Speaker at the Rock...Mr. Williams..Deputy Head of CSG Junior School.

July 16th....Ladies Breakfast...Reading Room..Speaker..

Katinka Van Wyk.(from the Pure Living Co.). 25 spaces only. book early for a space.

July 23rd...Coach Outing to Bournemouth...Limited number of seats available. Please book as soon as possible. Reserve spaces . Telephone 01494 870770. Cost £15.00. £5 deposit required.

UNIVERSITY. Some of our young friends are graduating from University this year. Some are home for the summer holidays and will have new addresses soon. We will update the addresses on the prayer table as soon as possible so that you can write. In the meantime please continue pray for them.

PRAYER AFTERNOON.

We set aside Wednesday afternoons as a time for prayer, and meet at Ian @ Jen's home at 2.30pm. Please do come along if you are able. We usually spend a couple of hours but you can come later than 2.30 or leave earlier than 4.30pm, it is up to you. If you are unable to come to the meeting would you be able to spend a short time on Wednesday afternoon praying for The Rock and "Prayer matters" in your own home? Each month we will give you suggestions for prayer in the newsletter.

PRAYER MATTERS.

Thank you for praying so faithfully. Thank God for His answers to our prayer... Pray for The Rock.

We thank God for the great improvement in **Andrea's** health and for the swift healing in **Mary's** ankle, please continue to pray. **Cheryl** has the "all clear" but still needs to rest.

Pray for **Mark** for complete healing. For **Jean** after her accident,

Pray for **Jagoda & Michael** who are to be married in August. Please pray for **Ida** who is recovering slowly and her son who is ill. Pray for **Mavis** who may need another operation.

Please pray for **Chloe**, Heather's friend.

Pray for **Megan**, it was lovely to see her in Church last week.

VILLAGE EVENTS.

14th. June FairTrade Evening at Deanway United Church. 7.30 for 8pm. Tickets £10. (includes glass of wine and light refreshments.) Contact 01494 874511.

18th. June. 9am—1pm. Local Produce Market.. Village Green. Come along and support local traders.

16th. July. Preben and Margaret Andersen present their “Summer Hoe Down” BBQ and dance. 7pm Memorial Hall.

Financial support of the Rock

The Rock is funded entirely by voluntary donations.

If you would like to support The Rock financially you can do so via cash offerings, cheques payable to The Rock or standing order. You may also like to consider making a bequest in your will.

If you are a taxpayer we are able to claim Gift Aid on your donations on completion of the appropriate form.

Please speak to Wendy Lawson (01494 874871) for further information, and be assured that all donations will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Thank you.

God's protection over people



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