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Welcome to the service today. There is a crèche provided once the service has started - speak to either Fliss or one of the folk that welcomed you this morning.

If this is your first time visiting us, please stop for a coffee after the service and make yourself known to either Scott, our minister, or one of the other leaders.



Toddington Baptist Church

Forming friendships, finding faith, forging foundations

NEWSLETTER AND DIARY

JULY/AUGUST 2010

July/August Diary

July

4th	Sunday	10:30am	Scott - Communion
6th	Tuesday	10:00am	Open Door
		8:00pm	3D Group
7th	Wednesday	9:00am	Hurly Burly
		3:00pm	Assembly at Parkfields (Scott)
		5:00pm	3D Group
10th	Saturday	9:00am	CTTC Prayer Breakfast for Mission - Sow and Pigs
		1:00pm	Yeldall Open Day
11th	Sunday	10:30am	Ruth Bottoms
12th	Monday	8:00pm	Away Weekend Planning Group
13th	Tuesday	8:00pm	3D Group
14th	Wednesday	9:00am	Last Hurly Burly before Summer Holidays
		5:00pm	3D Group
15th	Thursday	8:00pm	Leaders Meeting
18th	Sunday	11:00am	Messy Church - Sandy!
20th	Tuesday	10:00am	Open Door
21st	Wednesday	7:45pm	Church Meeting
22nd	Thursday		Leaders and Partners Social
25th	Sunday	10:30am	Scott
27th	Tuesday	5:30	Open BBQ for Church Family - Scott's

August

1st	Sunday	10:30am	Adrian Bagg - Communion
		4:00pm	BMS Tea - Susan Lodge
7th	Saturday	8:00am	Mission Breakfast - Shirley's
		10:30am	Carr Garage Sale for Kisumu
8th	Sunday	10:30am	Scott to speak
15th	Sunday	10:30am	Scott to speak
22nd	Sunday		Fellowship Sunday (no service at TBC)
29th	Sunday	10:30am	Tony Harris

Scott and family are on vacation from Mon 16th August – 1st Sept – if you have any pastoral needs during this time please contact one of the other leadership team.

February 2011 Church Weekend

The whole church is going away together, already over 30 have booked in but there are still places. So if you haven't booked or you would like more information, speak to Scott or Fliss. A reminder that the fund for this event is open to all donations and if you haven't set up a standing order for this and would like to do so, speak to Fliss.



Prayer Space - Soaking all that we are and everything we do or plan to do in prayer.

TBC now has a functioning Prayer Team who would be very happy to pray with either visitors or regulars after services. Look for the prayer team badges with the above picture on them. If you have a prayer request that the team could pray for over the forthcoming week you can either give it to one of the team or place it in the prayer box at the back of the church. Each member or regular visitor is prayed for daily/weekly by individual members of the team – if you haven't already done so please fill in one of the prayer profile cards next to the prayer box and put it in the box so that your card can be given to the team member assigned to pray for you this month. Feel free to drop in a note if your prayer needs change or especially if you know there has been an answer to prayer!

Saturday 7th August

– Mission Prayer

Breakfast at Shirley's (8am) followed at 10.30-1pm the **Carr Family**

Garage Sale

– all proceeds go to the Kisumu orphanage to build a new toilet block and wash room! All sorts of useful items on sale –and if anyone would like to add a few cakes or have a few quality items they have no more need for – then speak to Scott or Fliss ASAP de-clutter and at the same time help to improve the health and quality of life at the Osare Orphanage. The sale will be at 18 The Cleavers - all welcome!

Sunday 18th July
Sandy!
MEET THE SURFERS
Toddington Baptist Church
Starts 11am
Craft-Sandcastles-Celebration & BBQ
Life's a beach!
Come and celebrate it.
Sun - Sand and BBQ's
It must be summertime
All welcome to a new expression of Church, Whole family fun, worship and celebration a chance to enjoy some fun in the Sun. We're going on holiday for a week or two but we WILL be back in September (26th—Watch this space)

Hot SANDY Places – Are you a beach person? That is - do YOU like beaches? Most people do, especially tropical ones, perhaps with a beach bar and scuba opportunities. Even a British beach, with ice-cream, surf and wonderful sandcastles. I love making sandcastles – usually major engineering projects involving dams and the redirecting of water resources across a golden mile! Generally beaches are to be ENJOYED, you may (or may not) get hot tired and sand in every orifice but it's a good tired and often a grand day out... Deserts on the other hand are hot sandy places that leech the life out of you. Not many beaches are mentioned in the bible and only one foolish sand castle, but there do seem to be a lot of deserts and desert journeys mentioned. Deserts seem to be there to journey through – sometimes slogging along in parched heat – deserts then are to be ENDURED. I suppose on a package holiday to the Sahara – a desert might be considered beautiful and ruggedly charming... but mostly they are tough places best avoided.

The trouble is it seems that everyday life, certainly the Christian life is filled with both beaches and deserts. Places when we kick back relax and ENJOY life and living in God's presence, we don't go anywhere, or are doing anything significant – deserts however often lead to places of growth – the promised land, they represent journeys of endurance – tough but beautiful opportunities to show our commitment, our determination and willingness to go where God leads. Live long enough and seek God passionately and you too will find yourself occasionally crossing a desert – the trick is not to get stuck there – not to wander

around and around in circles bemoaning the heat – but instead be led out and through those times, by the presence of God. You could say we should look to Him so that we don't get (our) just deserts!

"At once the Spirit sent Jesus out into the desert, and he was in the desert for forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him." Mark 1:12,13
"Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside" Luke 4:14