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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 fill in one of the welcome cards telling us about yourself and why not stop for a coffee after the service and make yourself known to either Scott, our minister, or one of the other Leaders.



NEWSLETTER AND DIARY

FEBRUARY 2012

February Diary

1st	Wednesday	9.00am	Hurly Burly
		12.30pm	3D Group
		8.00 pm	3D Group
2nd	Thursday	8.00pm	Leaders' Meeting
5th	Sunday	10.30am	Geoff Colmer - Communion
6th	Monday	7.45 pm	CTTC AGM at TBC
7th	Tuesday	8.00pm	3D Group
8th	Wednesday	9.00am	Hurly Burly
		12.30pm	3D Group
		8.00pm	3D Group
9th	Thursday	8.00pm	SAPS Strategy and Planning
12th	Sunday	10.30am	Scott to speak on Vision—United to Share
14th	Tuesday	8.00pm	3D Group
15th	Wednesday	2.30pm	CARS 2—Picture House
		8.00pm	3D Group
19th	Sunday	10.30am	Scott to speak on Vision 2—Who needs love?
21st	Tuesday	10.00am	Open Door
		3.00pm	Assembly at Parkfields
		8.00pm	3D Group
22nd	Wednesday	9.00am	Hurly Burly
		10.30am	Ash Wednesday Hunger Lunch
		8.00pm	Ash Wednesday Prayer Meeting
23rd	Thursday	9.00am	Community Café at TBC
25th	Saturday	2.30pm	The Green Lantern—Picture House
26th	Sunday	10.30am	Scott to speak—Knowing Him—Missing Essential
27th	Monday	8.00 pm	Events Planning Team Meeting
28th	Tuesday	8.00pm	3D Group
29th	Wednesday	9.00am	Hurly Burly
		12.30pm	3D Group
		3.00pm	Assembly at Parkfields
		8.00pm	3D Group

HOW'S YOUR VISION—YOU SHOULD HAVE GONE TO PUNCH THE OPTICIAN

Vision and statement of purpose appears to be essential in modern practice for each committee, group or organisation and in recent years most recognise the need to state what they are all about – preferably in lay –terms.

For example the London Olympics Committee states:

"We are responsible for staging a memorable Games in the summer of 2012. We will deliver the best possible Olympic and Paralympic Games experience for everyone involved, ensuring a real legacy and inspiring people to join in and truly make these 'everyone's Games'."

Such a statement is useful both for those serving in an organisation – to inspire and to maintain clear purpose – keeping the MAIN THING – the main thing – as all organisations seem to serve to rot! It is very easy to get a bit lost, with the doing the task so that sometimes we lose sight of the forest for all the trees... Expensive building projects and international sporting events aside – the Leadership Team have been trying to think and plan with clarity around the MAIN THING of TBC. We've come up with a statement too – at the very least it is a starting point – an indicator to keep us on track through 2012 and beyond.

Stop for a moment and consider – What IS the main thing of TBC? Why do we exist and what is our unique calling within this community? Do we exist for ourselves, for services of worship, for teaching and training, for family life?

Well our answer is this:

"TBC is a Christian community who are united in sharing the good news of Jesus and demonstrating the love of God amongst ourselves and with those around us."

Read that again – don't get stuck on individual words – but listen to God – is this a good summary of His purpose for us as a Church? Before Lent starts (12th and 19th Feb) I will be breaking the above statement down and teaching on it – explaining first how it's about being united around Jesus and His message and then exploring who the love of God is meant to be shared with. I hope that this will be good preparation as we enter into Lent and rediscovering the person of Jesus.

The Community Cafe

This is an independent group of friends in the village who are seeking to create community around coffee and cake, whilst encouraging charity giving to local village projects. Our own Christie is on the organising group and she approached the Leadership asking whether they could borrow the Church as a venue once a month on a Thursday. We are glad to support and encourage this venture - please tell your friends about it and join in by popping in on the 3rd Thursday of each month - in January they raised over £50 to go to St George's School and they hope to double this in February (Thursday 23rd) for the Parkfields mini bus fund.



Sunday 18th March
MUM!
MOTHERS DAY
at Toddington Baptist Church
Starts 11am
Happy Mothers Day
Craft-Baking-Celebration & Lunch
Calling all Sons and Daughters...
Come and Celebrate Mothers!

Family Weekend Away Update 8-10 March 2013

The trip is now open - **BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW** - Cost of the weekend works out at £140 per person - and includes full board, fellowship teaching and so so very much more! We are asking folks to pay a £14 deposit per person to book your place before Easter. Monies should be paid to James and standing orders can be set up so that costs are spread over the next 10 months or so. There is a small fund set aside from last time. Anyone can apply for a hardship grant from this by speaking confidentially to James. Money should not be the reason why anyone cannot come - God has got it covered and He wants His whole family at TBC to be there.

Prepare - Here comes LENT

We don't always make a big deal of preparing for Easter through Lent - this year is different. We kick off with a whole Church and friends Prayer Meeting on Ash Wednesday - 22nd Feb (don't miss this launch) and then we are encouraging everyone to pick a day (one of 40 from 22nd to Easter Week) to pray specifically for the church and the community for an hour on that day - we want to cover the whole of Lent.

Also for the first time we are embarking on a 48 hours of continuous prayer. Lists will go up soon but put the dates in your diary now - we will start 9am on 30th March and go through to 9am on 1st April. Besides all this prayer we will be following a preaching series on Sunday - re-discovering, encountering and journeying with Jesus. So use this season of preparation to draw close to Christ and let His life fill you.