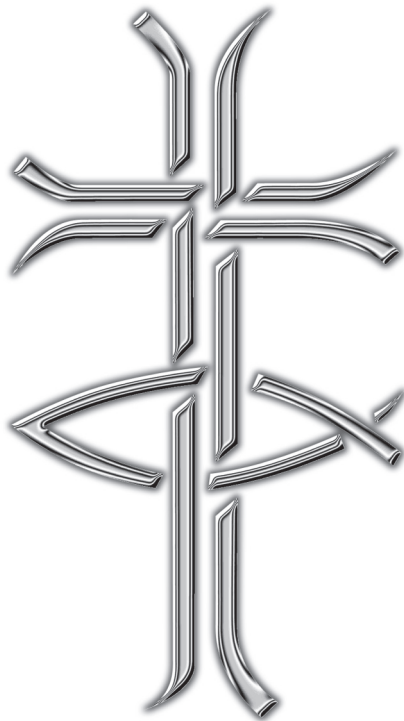


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The Recorder

June 2010

News and views from Redland Park &
New Brunswick United Reformed Churches



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Preachers for 11am Services

June 6th	To be advised
13th	Angus Gregson
20th	Angus Gregson (Cradle Roll)
27th	Debz Spinney and friends (Arts for ministry)

Speakers for Womens' Guild

June 2nd	No meeting as holiday
9th	D.I.Y.
16th	Stuart Johns
23rd	To be advised
30th	Winnie Fry

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN FUTURE GUILD WILL COMMENCE AT 2:15pm

We remember all our folk who are not well at the moment especially Shelia who is recovering from a knee operation and for Elaine who has also undergone surgery in the last few weeks. We hope you will all be feeling on top form again very soon and we assure you of our continued prayers.

It was with great joy that on Sunday May 2nd we witnessed Lisa Waines receive her Brigadier Brooch from the Rev. Mary Piggott. Lisa had put a lot of hard work, over many years, to obtain this award and we send her our warmest congratulations on this wonderful achievement. Well Done Lisa!

The Waines family are really giving us cause for celebration this month, as we celebrate that John has completed his TLS course and has passed his assessment. John has combined this course with a full time job and we are so pleased that all his dedication has seen him achieve his goal. Well done John! We look forward to sharing with you at your Commissioning Service on Saturday 19th June at 2:30pm.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Our next church meeting will be on Thursday 24th June at 7:30pm.

Dear friends,

The Synod ministers' Spring School was an excellent event. It was entitled "Ministry on the Edge." We heard from various of those who work in situations where others might not go. What moved many of us was hearing from the Reverend Peter Doodes who works with the Beachy Head Chaplaincy. Beachy Head, as you may know, is a beauty spot down on the south coast. However because of the high cliffs it is also a suicide spot. The chaplaincy team there works with those who would feel that all is hopeless and that there is nothing left to live for. Remarkably, they discover, is that all some people need to know is that someone cares for them and loves them. We heard also from the Street Pastors working on the streets on Torbay on a Friday and Saturday. Their presence has reduced crime by some 25% and the police have come to see them as a necessary and valuable presence.

Again it is an essential expression of care to which others respond. Both of these can be seen as the command to love others and we love ourselves. But the inspiration for all this work is the love of God. These two essential commandments, it would seem, still have the greatest relevance to our lives and world today. John's gospel is essentially based on a theology of what this love means. It is a curious thing to note that while many non-Christians can be involved in this kind of altruistic work, that it is a fact that the bulk of such voluntary work most often comes from Christian-based organisations. There must be something special about that which calls into being and forms us as a community. There must be something special about encountering God. Just maybe this is something to do with the power of the resurrection and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. In the meantime, this week, what about just finding someone who needs a little bit of love? For then it could make all the difference in the world!

Dougie



Carole Atter has been poorly recently but we hope she is now on the mend.

Her son-in-law, Nick, was injured in a car crash in France but is not as badly injured as first feared and is now recovering back home. Our best wishes to both of them.

Sally and Terry went to visit Pamela and Paul Gray in Northern Ireland as Paula is getting married in the Autumn and Sally has been asked to organise the flowers. We wish all the Grays well, and congratulations to Paula and her fiancé.

Henry Dickenson had a fall recently and badly bruised himself, but is busy getting on with things. He and Joyce are flying to Newcastle at the end of June for the baptism of their great-grandson, with Henry conducting the baptism and James Breslin leading the remainder of the service! We wish them all well.

John Bryant has not been very well and is currently undergoing some treatment; we hope that this proves successful and we send him our wishes.

Please pray for David and Christine Lloyd, Mary and Norman Crick, and anyone else you know that they will know God's healing hands.



FLOWERS

If you appreciate the Church flowers and would like to contribute to the ever increasing cost please contact me.

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OR speak to Carole Atter, Carol Fry, Laura Jones, Janet Owen or Jane Pedlar



I wish to thank everyone for their cards, visits and calls during my recent illness.

The kindness I received really lifted my spirits. Carole Atter

Here are the Lectionary readings for June and the first Sunday in July. Now that Pentecost is over we're into the long period in the church calendar called "Ordinary Time" (or "Just Get On With It") until Advent.

Many preachers use the lectionary readings as a basis for their preaching. The suggestion is to read them sometime in the week before Sunday worship so that if they are the ones used, it might help you get a bit more from the sermon.

June	OT	Psalm	Gospel	NT
6th	1Kings 17:8-16	146	Luke 7:11-17	Galatians 1:11-24
13th	1Kings 21:1-21a	5:1-8	Luke 7:36-8:3	Galatians 2:15-21
20th	1Kings 19:1-15a	42 & 43	Luke 8:26-39	Galatians 3:23-29
27th	2Kings 2:1-2, 6-14	77:1-2, 11-20	Luke 9:51-62	Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Jul 4th	Isaiah 66:10-14	66:1-9	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Galatians 6:1-16

CELL GROUPS

A 'Cell' is a group of people who meet in each other's home once a week. The meetings operate loosely around a structure of: Welcome - Worship - Word - Witness, using Dougie's sermon from the previous Sunday as material for discussion. It is a very safe and relaxed environment in which faith can be explored openly, honestly and prayerfully.

There are now three Cell groups who meet at the following times:

- Monday, 7:30 -9:00pm: contact **Les Brentley** and **Les Fry**
- Tuesday, 7:30 -9:00pm: contact **Annie Manuel** or **John Neugebauer**
- Saturday, 10:00am -11:30: contact **Dougie Burnett**

If you'd like any more information or would be interested in joining a Cell group, please contact any of the above leaders.

What's On?

CHRISTIAN AID DAY

15 May 2010

This year the sun decided to shine and it was wonderful to be able to have many of the stalls outside and this also meant that people were happy to stop and browse

The plants and bric-a-brac did a brisk trade and the book stall, both outside and within the church proved very popular. It was good to be able to stop for a coffee and later on to enjoy some of the delicious food cooked by our Korean friends.

The total for the day was £850.00 with some extras coming in afterwards.

Thank you to all helped beforehand and on the day. A special thank you to Teblez Mebrahtu who with Aida and Zeb sold home-made cakes etc. and raised the magnificent sum of £140.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

9 – 15 May 2010

A big thank you, from me, to all those who collected in the streets of Redland during Christian Aid Week. Altogether we collected a total of £1046.69 (+ £127.34 Gift Aid). This is less than last year but is still excellent considering that we had a number of problems this year – at the last moment two of our regular collectors were in hospital though I am pleased to say that they are now both progressing well.

It was good to have the Saturday Cell doing some of our roads and I have to thank Lesley and Mal who helped out at the last minute.

As usual some of our collectors did much better this year whilst others found their roads rather disappointing! Everyone who collected, whatever the amount, knows that the money will go to help the poor of our world through Christian Aid.

So again a big THANK YOU to all our collectors.

JANET OWEN



AN OPEN LETTER TO PARENTS

From Redland Park Junior Church

Dear Parents,

We make no bones about it. Our mission is to teach your children about the love of God, who sent his son Jesus Christ to earth as a human being so that all might be saved. We teach the Christian faith, not about faiths in general, and we tend to assume that by bringing them inside the doors of our church it is about this that you wish your children to learn.

However the assumptions stop there. All families are different and all children are different. Young and old, we are at different stages in our journey to faith. Like all churches, we would prefer it if you could make a base line commitment to involvement in our community but we quite understand if you do not feel able to do so.

Twenty first century lifestyles, and the general secularization of Sundays have made an enormous difference to the way we worship on a Sunday morning. Gone are the days that many of us can remember when the front pews were full of children, seen but not heard, who disappeared after the second hymn and did not reappear until after the postlude. Now the numbers of school age children are very sparse indeed for a number of reasons; sporting commitments, the burden of homework, and Sunday shop-working all take priority. Parents feel they cannot insist that their children attend

when they do not attend themselves. In Junior church we are not judgmental and we welcome your children whenever we see them.

We also recognize that, to attract younger children to our All Age Worship services and to our activity days, we need to provide what children and their parents are looking for in church. We cannot assume that you will be attracted to what we have to offer. Which brings me around to the purpose of this letter.

Please tell us what works for you and what does not. We do not have massive resources, either in terms of people and money, but we will try and respond as best we can if an obvious need is not being fulfilled. Please speak to Dougie or Jane and we will be very happy to hear from you.

You know what we want, which is to teach your children about the loving God of our Christian faith. Now tell us how you want us to deliver that teaching.

We look forward to hearing from you

Redland Park Junior Church

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Redland Park Church Calendar

June

Sun 13 10.30am Morning Worship – Rev Dougie Burnett
 10.30am Korean Worship – Upper Room
 7.30pm Worship of Prayer, Praise & Music

Sun 20 10.00am Prayer Time
 10.30am Family Worship – Rev Dougie Burnett
 10.30am Korean Worship – Upper Room

Sun 27 10.30am Morning Worship Rev Dougie Burnett
 Bring and Share Lunch
 10.30am Korean Worship Upper Room
 7.30pm Worship of Prayer, Praise & Music

July

Thu 1 2.30pm First Thursday – Tea at the Gudgeons
 Sun 4 10.30am Morning Worship Rev Dougie Burnett
 Communion
 10.30am Korean Worship – Upper Room



Vision4Life Year Of Prayer 2010.

March 21st 10am Prayer Time *(Conference Room)*
 28th (to 4th April) Part of URC 24.7 Holy Week Prayer

April 18th 10am Prayer Time *(Conference Room)*

May 23rd 10am Prayer Time Pentecost *(Conference Room)*

June 6th VISION4LIFE 2. "Praying Alone." Including Communion
 19th Prayer Workshop 10am – 2pm Suggestion
 20th 10am Prayer Time *(Conference Room)*

July 18th 10am Prayer Time *(Conference Room)*

August 15th 10am Prayer Time *(Conference Room)*
 29th VISION4LIFE 3. "Challenging Prayer."

September 19th 10am Prayer Time *(Conference Room)*

October 17th 10am Prayer Time *(Conference Room)*
 31st VISION4LIFE 4. "Exploring Prayer."

November 21st 10am Prayer Time *(Conference Room)*

December 19th 10am Prayer Time *(Conference Room)*

Also see:
Weekly Cell Prayer Theme and Weekly Prayer prompt in Service Order.

Pass it on!

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It's no rumour, it's the truth, so
Pass it on! Pass it on!
Time for you to raise the roof, and
Pass it on! Pass it on!
Take His message to the world,
Let His standard be unfurled,
Trumpets sound and bagpipes skirl,
Pass it on! Pass it on! Pass it on!

Tell your neighbours and your friends, just
Pass it on! Pass it on!
Of the love that He extends, so
Pass it on! Pass it on!
Pass His manifesto on,
Forgiveness for the wrongs we've done,
Eternal life for everyone,
Pass it on! Pass it on! Pass it on!

E-mail, Text or Fax will do,
Just pass His message on.
Any way that spreads His word,
He'll leave the choice to you!

Tell the world about the Lord, just
Pass it on! Pass it on!
Spread His all-embracing word, and
Pass it on! Pass it on!
It's your duty and your task,
This the Holy Spirit asks;
Don't wait for anyone to ask!
Pass it on! Pass it on! Pass it on!

Secretary's Notes by Sally King



A good morning was had for our Christian Aid Sale. The sun was shining so the stalls were at the front of the church and we took more money than last year. Good weather makes such a difference to the sale. Thanks to all who did the selling and of course those who did the buying.

There will be a book sale in July.

What a good atmosphere we had at our Pentecost service with balloons flying from the pews. (we did have a delivery of balloons the week before by mistake luckily they were taken away and a new lot delivered on the correct day). If anyone happened to see 3 balloons flying around the Downs they had escaped from Terry's car. He was taking them home for Ellie Peters (who came to church with us) forgot he had the balloons and opened all the car windows surprise, surprise they escaped !

Hopefully everyone at the service could see the plasma screen we had hired for a demonstration showing the hymns and clips used by Dougie. We should soon have estimates for installing screens. If anyone has constructive views please talk to Dougie or Terry.

The Blue Spirit choir led by Eloise sang beautifully during the service and hopefully they will be joining us at a service at least once a term.

Please try and join us on the 4th Sunday of the month for our family service and bring and share lunch. It really is a good time for a chat and most people are away by 1pm.

Best wishes

Sally

Deadline for contributions for the **July/August**
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