

Diary Dates

February

(8-11th) *Malcolm & Beverley on Salvation Army retreat)*
Sun 27th Phil Walsh is our guest preacher

March

Sun 6th: 1pm Cafe style church service (we meet in the cafe and church hall)
(17th-31st) *Malcolm & Beverley away on holiday)*
Sun 20th: 1pm Dr Jeff Stevenson is our guest preacher
Sun 27th: 10.30am Shared service with the Methodist church. *Visit of Gavin Calver (National Director of Youth for Christ) who will be preaching. An opportunity to hear Gavin who is a well known Christian speaker*

Possible mens get together to walk up the Beacon and then cook breakfast (camping style)- date & time t.b.c. Please see Kelvin

April

Sun 3rd: 1pm Mothers Day
Sun 10th: 1pm Jean Walsh is our guest preacher
Fri 22nd Good Friday (details to follow)
Sun 24th Easter Sunday celebration service

May

Fri 6th, 7.30pm Salvation Army Ivybridge presents a concert by the Sidmouth Gospel Choir and Salvation Army Divisional Fellowship Band. Poster will be put on the notice board in the foyer. This will be great musical evening.
Sun 15th, 1pm Visit of Mark Tailyour and One Touch who will be leading our worship.

(We are awaiting confirmation of other dates and will update the diary as dates come in!)

USEFUL WEBSITE

Why not visit www.focus.org.uk - a Christian site to resource Christians in today's world.

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Ivybridge Salvation Army Community Church NEWSLETTER



Jan/Feb 2011

The Bible – God's authority or just 'make your own mind up'

Recent events in the news concerning a Christian couple who run a guest house in Cornwall again highlight the growing gap between Bible believing Christians and the society of which we are part. The words of the judge who ruled on the case stated that attitudes in society had changed. The implication of this for Christians is actually quite startling. Christians in our country are now facing prosecution by not compromising the word of God. To live according to scripture can now land you in court. Most of you will remember a time (not too long ago) when this would have been unthinkable in a nation with a Christian heritage. We should not, however, be surprised. When the Bible is removed from a society and man's fallen nature becomes the judge on what is morally acceptable this is what we are going to get. We should expect a full on attack like this.

Perhaps more disturbing is when Christians – who claim the authority of God's word – don't actually live according to it, or somehow try to reason with it and then make their own minds up according to how they feel about it. The Bible is given to us by God and we are to accept its binding authority over our lives. Having God's Word means that we aren't left to 'make our own mind up' on matters of morality or belief but live in obedience to God's revealed will. I believe that this has been the biggest factor in weakening the witness of the church in our country. Once the authority of the word of God is no longer recognised there can no longer be a true witness.

A saying that used to challenge me as a young Christian was this – 'if you were arrested for being a Christian would there be enough evidence to convict you'? If the Bible was the judge, hopefully, we could all say yes!

Malcolm

COFFEE ROTA

If you would like to volunteer to make the teas & coffees after the service, please speak to Sue Gray or add your name to the list on the church table.

Thanks



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Totnes United Free Church, Fore Street, Totnes

YOUR KINGDOM COME

A local conference sponsored by Ivybridge Youth For Christ and Ivybridge Methodist Church offering worship, prayer, workshops, re-launch of Ivybridge youth for Christ and AGM.

A mixture of national, regional and local speakers and contributors. More details to follow. Dates are evening of Friday 25th March, afternoon and evening of Saturday 26th March, AGM afternoon Sunday 27th March.

Pat Reynolds



John Reynolds - Trip to Uganda

“On 1st February I am visiting Uganda for 10 days to see (and help with) the work of a Christian charity which Pat and I have been involved with for some years and which facilitates the education of children in a rural area of Uganda, right through to further education and into employment. I am very excited about meeting David whom we have supported through college and who is now a teacher.

I will be taking very few clothes and it seems such a shame to have an empty suitcase, so if anyone would like to donate any of the following lightweight items such as toothpaste, tooth brushes, black shoe polish, pens & pencils and wrapped sweeties they would be very gratefully received. I am happy to accept money and I can purchase these items if you would rather.

I will be returning with lots of photographs of very happy children to show you.”

Message from Ron Lamb: ISRAEL TRIP

I have not forgotten the Israel trip I have just been waiting for UCB to send me the itinerary and costs for their proposed tour in October 2011 which now seems imminent. Will let those who expressed an interest know a.s.a.p.