



# WILLESBOROUGH BAPTIST CHURCH

## Elm Tree Farm 10th—12th April



Please pray for our youth weekend this Easter break. Pray that they do indeed encounter God in a close and personal way over the weekend. Please pray for the leaders and their families on the run up to the weekend as well as for strength and God's leading during the weekend itself. The leaders are Paul Martin, Patsy Ayathurai, Terry Golding, Mike and Kathy Walters.

## Easter Holiday Club 16th April

Our church building will be opened to 30—40 primary school age children. Please pray that this will be an opportunity for God to touch these young lives and their families. Please pray for God's anointing upon all leaders who voluntarily give up their time to reach out to the community in this way. Praise God for their faithfulness and may this time be a blessing for all and have far reaching effect in both expected and unexpected ways.



## Prayer Focus

March & April 2015



### Home Family

#### Pray for our Leadership Team

As our minds have turned to the recent appointment of Elders and Deacons, we need to be mindful and supportive of our leadership team. One way we can regularly support them is to remember them in our prayers.

#### Please Pray:

That they will grow closer to God and be led by Him in all they do. Pray also for their families.

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| Alan Dinnie    | Teresa Butcher   |
| Ron Ashman     | Barry Cassé      |
| Mavis Gibbs    | George Gibbs     |
| Roger Whiteley | Miles Moore      |
| Keith Gwilym   | Ben Oliver       |
|                | Charles Pickford |
| Paul Martin    | Robin Wise       |
| Lyn Edwards    | Kathy Walters    |

God is building a home. He's using us all—irrespective of how we got here—in what he is building. He used the apostles and prophets for the foundation. Now he's using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after day—a holy temple built by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home.

Ephesians 2:21-22

## Messy Church Prayer Requests

- Prayer for good relationships to be built between the families that come along and the team of people who run Messy church.
  - Prayer for enthusiasm, energy and encouragement for the team that help, especially Hannah and Roger who are co-ordinating the whole thing each month.
  - Pray for good opportunities to talk openly with parents about God.
  - Pray that we would see families start to come along to church on a Sunday.



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## Stepping Stones Contact Centre

It is a real privilege to work as part of the Stepping Stones Team. You really are the hands and feet of Jesus reaching out to sometimes the most hurt and broken situations and you can show the Love of God just by being there. Without the volunteers the sessions could not take place and parents would not see their children. It is great to watch God work and He answers prayers EVERY session. It's not hard, you just need to come with a servant heart, a non judgemental attitude and be prepared to show Gods love to people who often don't know Him. He blesses your socks off each time and you have made a real difference in the world by the time you leave.

## Prayer Requests

- Stepping Stones could do with an injection of younger people, ideally couples to take on leadership.
- Pray for more volunteers
- Most of us who help are in our 60s (or older) and as there is a considerable amount of lifting and 'humping about' as we set it up and clear up, this is always a bit difficult.

"We can only shine brightly for God if we have really met Him as the true God that He is"



The youth will be looking at the above statement and associated implications at Elm Tree Farm and it seems a good place to start for us all this Easter. There is much talk about passion for Jesus but how do we catch that passion? We can't be passionate about someone we hardly know so it makes sense to get to know Jesus. How do we do that? I could mention the Bible or prayer; in which Jesus is to be found, but I suspect you've heard that before.

I find myself asking the question 'How much do I want to know Jesus? Do I want to have a passion for him or do I want him to just make my dreams come true like some distant Fairy Grandfather? Is my love for Him an insurance policy or is he truly my greatest desire?'

Until we desire him with all of our heart, passion and revival remain simply words. Maybe the prayer needs to be 'Lord, please give me the desire in my heart to truly know you and chase after you'. Because it is Jesus who grants that desire and without him sparking that in our hearts, we cannot hope to want him enough.

Ask Him to light His fire in your heart but only if you truly want Him for Himself and be prepared for your life to be changed from inside out.

## Worship Team Prayer Requests

- The team is currently without a single leader and are sharing leadership duties between them; please pray for God to provide a leader to take the worship team forward.
- Prayer for Robin's recovery. We miss him!
- Prayer about integrating the youth band into the main worship team and how best to do that so we can all grow in our gifts and serve God and the church. Also the need to discover others in our church who have gifts in music so they can join us.



## Wednesday Prayer Event 18th March

### Isaiah 40:27-31

Why do you complain, Jacob?  
Why do you say, Israel,  
"My way is hidden from the LORD;  
my cause is disregarded by my God"?  
Do you not know?  
Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He will not grow tired or weary,  
and his understanding no one can fathom.  
He gives strength to the weary  
and increases the power of the weak.  
Even youths grow tired and weary,  
and young men stumble and fall;  
but those who hope in the LORD  
will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.

On Wednesday evening, we will begin our prayer time by focussing on the above scripture. What does it say to you personally and to us as a church? How can we find the enthusiasm and energy to respond to the prompting of our Father God or is He still waiting for us to remember our first love? Come along at 7:45 and let us join together as one body reaching out to our Lord and Master.



Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.  
Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your heart. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy 6:4-7



## From Tozer The Dangers of a Shallow Faith

My life, my love I give to thee,  
Thou Lamb of God who died for me;  
O may I ever faithful be,  
My Saviour and my God.

I now believe Thou dost receive,  
For Thou hast died that I might live;  
And now henceforth I trust in Thee,  
My Saviour and my God.

O Thou who died on Calvary,  
To save my soul and make me free,  
I'll consecrate my life to Thee,  
My Saviour and my God.

I'll live for Him who died for me,  
How happy then my life shall be!  
I'll live for Him who died for me,  
My Saviour and my God!

## Prayer chain

Remember to send any prayer requests to:  
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