



*Brixham*  
BAPTIST CHURCH

A Church in the community, showing and sharing God's Love



**March - May 2010.**

## GET READY FOR THIS...

Welcome to another edition of our church magazine, packed full of reviews, news and previews of coming events in the next three months.

We ended last year, bowled over by some of the things God was doing amongst us, so it seemed only fitting to start this year with a ten pin bowling trip in January as part of a new programme of all age church events. Our next social will be at Brixham Sports Centre on 28th March and then we're at the Scala hall for a Barn dance with the Random Mackerel band on 15th May.



We welcomed Marvin from South Africa to our ministry team in February. He recently completed a degree at London school of theology and will be helping us in a voluntary capacity over the next six months. Marvin's already proving to be a valuable member of our team and you can find out more about him inside.

Work has now begun in earnest on our 'shop project' as we seek to convert the old 'Mission Adventure Sports' shop on the corner of our premises into a new meeting place for church and community. The 'shop' (yet to be named...ideas welcome) will serve light food and drinks and host various events, but its primary purpose will be to provide a meeting place for adults in the daytime and young people in the evenings. Best of all, we hope to have it open before our next magazine comes out in June!

Alongside this, we'll be providing a Christian book shop in partnership with Choice words (who recently had to close their Paignton branch) and hope to do a town wide mail out to let everyone know about the new initiatives on offer. We'll be out and about on the streets of Brixham with a mobile home in May (drop in for a treat!) and getting ready to celebrate the football world cup in style with international guests in June.

Before then however, we've a baptism service and youth weekend in March; a wedding and new home groups starting in April; a new songs evening and prayer concert in May; and the National Baptist Assembly this year is on our doorstep in Plymouth. Plenty to look forward to and get involved with, so come and join us...as we get ready for this!



Phil Marsden

(Minister: Brixham Baptist Church)

## LET GO AND LET GOD



A virus alert came up on my home computer screen. Each time I ran a scan I had a reminder of the potential threats that had entered my computer. A Trojan horse was on the loose.

I have no expertise on these things, so I contacted my friend who sorts the system for me. I thought I would have to take the computer to him to have this virus problem fixed, but as I spoke on the phone he told me what to do to allow him to take over operation of my system from his home.

It was amazing to see him work around the various screens and programmes that I had never seen (and didn't know existed) and then finally applying a 'fix' programme. The Trojan horse was finally in the virus vault and my computer safe again.

In everyday life we have many threats that come against us, making us lose our peace and joy, and like a virus they can worm their way into us, making us unfruitful and ineffective.

It is good to know that God is interested in all of our problems. Just as I needed to hand control of my computer over to my friend, so we need to hand over **all those things to God that we struggle with**. He is the expert in knowing how to deal with every issue that we will ever face. **God is the one who can handle what we can't**, so we need to **learn to let go and let God** direct and keep our lives.

1 Peter 5:7 reminds us to 'Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you'.

**Jim Collins**

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU – MARVIN MORRINGS



Marvin arrived in Brixham on 30<sup>th</sup> January to spend a few months working with Brixham Baptist Church. The following morning, he introduced himself to the church at the morning service. Here we reproduce much of what he said for the benefit of those who weren't there and for those who were so thrilled at his story they'd like to hear it again.

By Maureen Chivers.

I was born and raised under apartheid in South Africa. We were categorised according to the colour of our skin. Black skin meant "not worth much" and this is how I thought of myself. I remember being told by a teacher that I would never amount to anything. This became a bondage in which I was trapped. I ducked and

dived but didn't really face up to and deal with it. When I was 13 years old my parents separated. My mum moved 600km (375 miles) away to Durban. My dad didn't want me living with him, so I went to live with an aunt. I got involved in a gang, which was where I found my security and identity. It meant getting involved in violence because that was the way to prove you and be accepted by the gang. However, after my gang beat someone up at my instigation and the police were involved, I decided to break away from the gang culture. I went to live with my mum in Durban. The gangs were worse there and had guns. After 2 years I moved back to my home city where I was invited by a friend to join a Christian youth group.



I thought of Christians as being weird, carrying big black bibles and wearing suits – not my scene. However I was welcomed into the group. They played a lot of sport which I loved. I met a Pastor who explained the Gospel to me and, after a year, I gave my life to the Lord. **Psalm 27:10 says “Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me”.**

My parents had rejected me and I felt abandoned by them, but I came to realise how much God loves me. He gave me the love that my parents did not. This love transformed my life and showed me a new way of loving and living. It brought freedom from the bondage caused by my upbringing under apartheid and now I am not bothered about what people think of me as long as I know my life is pleasing to God.

I wanted to follow God’s plan for my life. As I fasted and prayed for direction, God gave me some verses: **“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour” (Luke 4:18-19).**

I went to visit my grandmother. I put on the TV there and the film “Jesus of Nazareth” was on. It was just at the point where Jesus had gone into the synagogue at Nazareth and stood up and read those very words from the prophet Isaiah. I was excited that God was commissioning me to serve him, but I wasn’t yet clear as to his timing as to where and when I should go. I knew I had to wait.

I went to work for Mercedes Benz. I had a good job there and got comfortable. I got into a relationship with a girl who was not a Christian. God challenged me over this and initially I argued with him, but then I obeyed and got out of the relationship. After 6 years with Mercedes Benz I joined YWAM (Youth with a Mission). I studied mission for 2 years and I really trusted God to take me forward as I let him have his way in my life. He has been faithful. There is a verse in Isaiah **“How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!” (Isaiah 52:7).** It reminds me of going on outreach to a remote village. As we approached, I saw a lady, a rather large lady, running and running towards us. When, out of breath, she reached us, I asked her, through an interpreter, why she had been running. The answer was that she had heard that a team was coming with the Gospel and she wanted to give her life to Jesus. It was a couple of years since the last outreach team had visited her village and back then she had not been ready, but now she was so eager to have someone explain the Gospel to her, that she could not wait and ran to meet those who were bringing good news and proclaiming salvation.

In 2004 I came to the UK to work with the Free Methodist Church in Lancaster. We went on a trip to India and on our return I was to speak at a service. God told me not to prepare anything, as He would give me the words to say (I jotted down a few points anyway!). Before the time came for me to speak, the Holy Spirit told me to make an appeal for people to come forward to receive from God. I went to the worship leader, asked him for the microphone and made the appeal. No one came forward. We went on with the worship. Again the Holy Spirit told me to make the appeal. In spite of the lack of response the previous time, I obeyed and again made the appeal. This time people did come forward. There was a real move of the Holy Spirit in that congregation and everyone was on their knees before God. **In 1 Samuel 15:22, the prophet Samuel says to King Saul “To obey is better than sacrifice”.** God may ask you to do something which you think is beyond you. Obey him. He will enable you and use you beyond anything you have known before.

In 2005 I again came to the UK, to study for my degree at the London School of Theology. I needed a visa and the application form for this was lengthy and daunting. I also needed £12,000 and had no money. **In Luke 12:22-26, Jesus says that we are not to worry but trust God to provide, just as he does for the birds – “And how much more valuable you are than birds!”** Through a bird that came and sang outside my door, God spoke to me and said that he would provide. He did: to cut a long story short, I got the visa and I got my degree. My fees had to be completely paid

before I could be awarded the degree and, with little time to spare I was £4000 short. I was called to a meeting with the Director to explain how this money was to be paid. I told him that I had written 40 letters to various trusts and was trusting God that the money would be forthcoming in time. He checked on the computer and informed me that £4500 had been paid into my account!

God prepares the way, but we have an active part to play – we need to take the first step along that way. In taking that step you can be sure that God is with you and He will never leave you or forsake you. I believe that God has brought me here and I am excited to be here. I want to get alongside the young people of Brixham. I see this church as a lighthouse where the broken can be restored, where the blind can receive their sight and where the deaf can hear. I know God is doing an amazing work here in Brixham and I am happy to be part of it.



## ANDREW AND ANGELA WILLIS.

We want to begin by expressing our grateful thanks for the wonderful service on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January; your encouragement was a great blessing as we set out to begin life in Sri Lanka.



As we write to you we are enjoying the warm sunshine and the lovely views of the hills and tea plantation across the valley. It is a wonderful setting in which to live and work.

We are grateful to the Lord that, despite the snow, we caught our flight safely from Heathrow on 13<sup>th</sup> January, arriving in Colombo early afternoon SL time (5 ½ hours ahead on GMT) the next day. After a quiet couple of days of Colombo we travelled to Norton Bridge.

By the Tuesday afternoon Andrew was teaching on the book of Joshua to the senior students with an interpreter. This continued in the February session (22-26). We were rather surprised and a little embarrassed when Andrew was approached by a small group and asked to take on the role of Principal – probably not as grand as the title suggests; we are yet to find out all this involves. We were assured that all the staff are in favour of this move and that it will assist Vincent with his heavy workload; He is Dean of studies and a tutor, and also has a role of CEO for Hope Outreach Ministries (HOMSA). Vincent and Milka, with their daughter Sharona, are our next door neighbours here at the South Asia Institute of Theology (SAIT).

We are also hoping that a meeting in Batticaloa at the end of February concerning the future of the Eastern Theological College will provide opportunities for Andrew to teach 3 or 4 times a year in the monthly sessions that are held there. It may be possible for Angela to travel more often (with other teachers) during these training weeks so that she can work with St. John's Mission in the clinics that they hold in many of the surrounding villages. Angela's main role (using her nursing experience) has been a little slower to get going. As of writing (early Feb) the dispensary had not yet been set up. We are also waiting to hear from a Christian surgeon whom we met in Colombo on our first weekend here. He co-ordinates the medical Christian fellowship in Sri Lanka and also organizes medical relief trips to rural villages and could use an experienced nurse. We both expected to be involved in the February session at SAIT with the start of English classes with the new students.

The next session here at SAIT will be 15-19 March and will coincide with the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of Every Home Crusade. It is a great privilege to be here for that occasion.

We pray that Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January and the following church meeting were fruitful and that you will know the blessing of the Lord in this coming year as together you seek to serve Him and fulfil His purposes for you.

Still praying for revival in Brixham; every blessing, Andrew and Angela.



## Homegroups



We currently have eight home-groups with 74 individuals attending. We also have a new home-group starting after Easter which will be particularly suitable for couples run by Jim & Marian Collins.

Groups are open to both believers and non-believers and can be a 'way-in' to becoming part of the fellowship. One of the groups recently multiplied into two groups, enabling them to continue

to invite others and there are now 20 ladies attending across the two groups. Our aim is for all groups to try and adopt this 'grow and multiply' principle.

The purpose of home-groups is to: -

- Ensure good pastoral care and fellowship for all
- Be a way for new people joining the church to integrate smoothly into the fellowship and form close bonds with others
- Be a place to receive discipleship and prayer relevant to individual needs



Home-groups vary in their style and when they meet, thus giving everyone a choice. We would really encourage everyone to be part of a home-group, so please consider this as an option for you.



There are groups that meet in the day and some in the evenings, mixed and single sex groups. Something to suit everyone!





For more details please pick up a leaflet from the church or contact Sandra or Pam and we can help you choose the right group for you.

Sandra Marsden 851905



Pam Pollock 883327



## MISSIONARY NEWS

What do these countries have in common? Sri Lanka, Nepal, Albania, Guinea, Italy, South Africa, India?  
We have links with them all!!



### **Sri Lanka – Andrew and Angela Willis**

They are now settling in with quite a bang as Andrew has already taken over as Principal of a Bible college.

### **Nepal – Sue Kemp**

Sue has seen wonderful answers to prayer as God has led her to set up a teacher training programme ; the latest being a young teacher who has offered her some of his time. His name is Matt Stanford, whose parents have links with our church.

### **Albania – Susan Lodge**

After a long spell here in the UK, due to ill health, Susan has returned to teach in Tirana, Albania.





### **Guinea – Andy and Jutta Cowie**

As our new link missionaries, they will be visiting us in about three months time, to tell us of their hopes and challenges as they prepare to serve God in Guinea.

### **Italy – BMS Action Team**

A team of four young people will be with us from June 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, to tell us of their experiences working among North African immigrants in Sicily.

### **South Africa – Marvin Mornings**

Say no more!! What a joy it is to have Marvin with us for these few months. It is just great to have you Marvin.



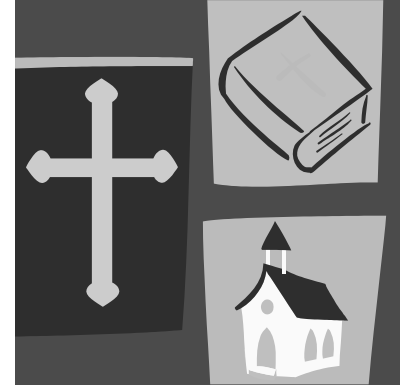
### **India- Anita**

Anita is now back in this country. The work of El Shaddai continues to expand as more needy children are given shelter, food or basic lessons as well as times of fun. It is truly amazing that from small beginnings, now hundreds of children are being cared for.

‘With God nothing is impossible’

These folk have proved it ! So can we !

# SUNDAY SERVICES



<b>Date</b>	<b>Sunday 10.30am</b>	<b>Sunday 6.30pm</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Phil Marsden	Chris Forster (Eph 4)
14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Marvin Mornings	Gary Sinaman(Sasra)
21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Phil M	Phil (Eph 5)
28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Communion: Phil M	Len Lucas (Eph 6)
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Family Service: Phil M (Easter Celebration)	Marvin M
11 <sup>th</sup> April	Len Lucas	Communion: Andrew Burton
18 <sup>th</sup> April	Chris Forster	Andy & Jutta (Missionaries)
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Communion: Marvin M	Barrie Chivers
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Jim Collins	Len Lucas
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Phil M	Communion / Prayer Event Barbara John (5.00pm)
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Phil Marsden	Marvin M
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	CTIB Pentecost Service: Fore Street	Jim Collins
30 <sup>th</sup> May	Communion: Marvin M	Chris Forster
	<b>Services and preachers subject to change.</b>	

## Dates for your diary



<b>MARCH</b>		
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Wk'end	Linx 'Oddfish' youth weekend away in North Devon.
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Men's Breakfast. Speaker – John Anderson from the Seaman's Mission.
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Church AGM
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Linx 'Elevate' Easter Youth event in Paignton.
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	3-5pm	Church social: Fun & Games at Brixham Sports Centre.
<b>APRIL</b>		
Thu 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.15pm	Maundy Thursday Communion service.
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Good Friday United Service & Walk of Witness.
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	12.30pm	Wedding of Sarah Collins & Adrian Shoare.
<b>MAY</b>		
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	TBC	Church social: Barn Dance at Scala Hall.

## SISTERHOOD



Since the last magazine, Martha Caunter was promoted to Glory and we thank God for every remembrance of her. Two ladies fell and received broken arms. However, in December we received blessings as we were shown slides depicting the changing seasons around the local area. Also at the Christmas lunch and carol service with guests, "The Riviera Singers."

At the annual meeting, the highlights and blessings of the past year were reviewed and looking forward to the coming year 'Lifting our eyes unto the hills from whence cometh our help' – is the new motto.



The 88<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March with guest speaker Supt. John Anderson of the Fishermen's' Mission. There will be opportunities to share fellowship with ladies of other churches and at the weekly meetings a warm welcome awaits all ladies.

## Sisterhood Speakers

### **March**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Members  
9<sup>th</sup> Barrie Chivers  
16<sup>th</sup> Elsie and John Lipscombe  
23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary – Supt. John Anderson  
30<sup>th</sup> Alan Healey

### **April**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Easter Reflections  
13<sup>th</sup> Barbara Vond  
20<sup>th</sup> Hazel Pyne  
27<sup>th</sup> Paul and Janet Black

### **May**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Jim Wyper  
11<sup>th</sup> Betty Harris  
18<sup>th</sup> Alan Greenbank – Open Air Mission  
25<sup>th</sup> Gerald Gotzen
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### Transport to and from Church.



Anyone having a problem getting to church, please contact Tonia Stevens on 01803 851357 and we will endeavour to put you in contact with people willing to help.

Conversely anyone willing to assist with transporting people to and from church

please also contact Tonia.

Where possible we will try to match you up with people in your area.

Thank you Tonia Stevens.

## Way Walkers.

Our 20 plus walks during 2009 took us to many interesting places and gave us the chance to see many interesting things. The last walk of the year started in Watcombe where after going through the housing estate we entered Brunel Woods. You may be aware of the woods and of course Brunel Manor further up



the road. Not many though know of the carvings in the wood depicting the famous engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel himself along with the one of his many famous constructions .

(e.g Royal Albert Bridge - Clifton Suspension Bridge.etc) **Note the group picture around one of the carvings.**

The walk then moved on through Coffinswell, Kingskerswell (lunch stop), to Cockington, and then for some all the way back to Brixham. The rest were allowed to catch the bus when they felt they had had enough.

We have started again in 2010 and our programme covering Mar - May is now out (See Following page).

Once again this is a varied programme covering most days of the week with varying distances and degrees of difficulty, giving every walker the chance to join us.

At the end of May a group are walking Coast to Coast across Devon. We are doing this to support the funding for the new youth minister. We hope many will sponsor our attempt at the weeks journey across Devon.

Frank Tozer 857684.

# WAY WALKERS 2010. WALK PROGRAMME ~ MARCH – MAY.

## Degree of difficulty.

**A** = Suitable for all.

**B** = Moderate/ Some Gradients.

**C** = Hard / Long.

Walkers to meet at Church 9:30 a.m. unless stated.

**Please read the ‘ground rules’ Contact Frank Tozer for these.**

<u>Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.</u>	<b>TORCROSS/SLAPTON.</b>	<b>A</b>
Coastal path-around the Ley-and back.		4.5 miles.
<u>Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.</u>	<b>10 COMMANDMENTS STONE.</b>	<b>B/C</b>
Moor Walking - paths. One downhill section.	Visit Widdicombe after.	6 miles.
<u>Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.</u>	<b>LANDSCOVE .</b>	<b>A</b>
Village path walk.		2.5 miles
<u>Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.</u>	<b>CHAGFORD.</b>	<b>B</b>
Paths-lanes-part riverside walk.		4.5 miles.
<u>Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> April.</u>	<b>EAST OGWELL.</b>	<b>A</b>
Woodland – field paths. Easy unless muddy!		3.5 miles.
<u>Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> April.</u>	<b>LODDISWELL.</b>	<b>B/C</b>
River walks. Open views. Do part then stop at Garden Centre.		8 miles.
<u>Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May.</u>	<b>IVYBRIDGE-TWO MOORS WAY.</b>	<b>B/C</b>
Riverside walk then on to open Moorland. Gradients.		6.5 miles.
<u>Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May.</u>	<b>CHRISTOW. (Kennick Reservoirs).</b>	<b>B</b>
Lanes and paths around the reservoirs. See the rhododendrons(hopefully!)		5.5 miles.

## 1st Brixham Boys' Brigade.



Christmas break and the party came and went. The main event though has been the presentation of The Presidents Badge to Chris Willis. The Brigade staff were pleased to be able to celebrate this event during a morning service along with many who have, like us, seen Chris grow through the Church and Brigade. We were also able to make a similar presentation the following day with some of the boys of the Company present in the hope that they may take Chris' lead in working for and achieving the award. We welcomed the Juniors from the other Torbay companies to Brixham in January to take part in the annual International games event. We seemed to do well this year and fancy a good result for once as we await the results from the other areas to be calculated.

The older boys are soon taking part in the Devon Ten Pin Bowling event when once again we hope they will succeed to hit more wood than thin air! Results next time.

Finally if you want to come and spend an hour and a half along with 10 or so noisy Anchor boys come along on a Monday night. Just the thing to start the week off with a zip!!

FrankTozer.

Company Captain 857684.





We started back in January with a noisy and enjoyable party for the Explorers and Juniors, followed by bowling with the older girls. Since then they have all been busy with badge work.



Rebekah Forster and Joanna Currie have attended a residential weekend on the Wirral as part of their Queen's Award programme. They have also been carrying out their initiative tests, which you will hear more of later.

The Queens' Award is the highest GB award. Only a small number of girls achieve it, as it involves a variety of tasks to be carried out over a period of two years, so it is really good to have both of them working on it together.

The Seniors will be joining others from the District on 20th March at Goodrington for a competition evening.

We will be holding our Awards evening on 20th May, and hope to see many of you there.

Marilyn Lewis (854988)



Island toddlers is going well with numbers stabilising again at about 8–10 each week although we have almost 30 on the books. We've had several new faces this term especially at the baby end of the range, and we're expecting a new arrival in March.

As usual we have a packed programme, with Brixham Library coming to read us stories, mothers day and Easter crafts all planned for this term. We will be holding another short service for the toddlers at Easter and I'm sure it will be as well received as the other services have been.

Again I appeal to any of you out there who can spare a Friday morning per half term between 10.00am and 11.30am. We would love for you to come and spend some time with our mums and it's great for them to have someone different to talk to. I know that those who already help enjoy these mornings but we could always do with more. If you would like to come and sample a session without obligation, please come and talk to me or ring me on:

01803 551640.

Sarah Roberts



In the September 2009 magazine, Phil wrote of changes planned for the Island Club. Some of them were very successful: the Beauty Salon, Gallery (a dedicated room for craft activities) and

Chill Zone, all on the second floor, have proved popular with members. So too have the additional Wii consoles and pool table on the first floor. The plan to have younger and older youth meeting at different times did not work well, as numbers attending were insufficient. Not running both Children's and Youth Club every week gave the leaders some respite, but proved rather confusing. From January, therefore, we reverted to running both Children's and Youth Club every week.



During the Autumn giant inflatables were a feature of the club once a month. These proved great fun for both children and leaders. 'Brixham's Got Talent' also formed a part of the club. The finals were held in December. The Children's competition was won for the second year running by a vocal group comprising Georgia and Katie Ducker and their friend Sara-Jayne Slade-Duley. The winner of the youth competition was Jack Church who demonstrated an ability to do amazing things with his bike.

While I was away during the Autumn, Bob Bache took over the admin side of the club and enjoyed it so much, that he has carried on taking care of the registers and welcoming new members. There are plenty of these at the moment and there is a real buzz about the club. Island Extra, where club members have the opportunity to learn something about Christianity, is well-established, and thanks are due to Hazel Bates for so enthusiastically taking on Island Extra at Children's Club.

Now that the club is spread over 3 floors, not to mention the use of the Scala Hall for Dodgeball and Football, we need loads of leaders. So, if you are reading this and, like Bob and Hazel, would enjoy spending some of your Friday evenings in the company of the children and young people of Brixham,

please speak with Phil Marsden or me, Maureen Chivers.



## Worship group



Worship group is going from strength to strength, and I'm sure that the genuine and sincere concern we have for each other is being reflected in the quality of our music. We have definitely improved in how we listen to each other while we're playing, and we are much more sensitive to the dynamics of the music. This in turn is reflected in how the worship has grown over the last few months.

Our desire is that you would be able to worship God freely during our times of worship and we aim to enable you to do that through prayer, praise and quiet reflection.

If you feel that there is something that we could do to help you worship God more intimately, please come and talk to me. I'm not promising that we will be able to oblige, but we will listen to your ideas and see if it is possible to incorporate it into our worship times.

As always if you would like to come and join our group, please let me know and we can arrange a time for you to come and rehearse with us in an informal atmosphere so that you can see if you like what we do.

Sarah Roberts

## FAMILY NEWS

It is wonderful to see the all the lovely bulbs peeking through the soil and heralding the beginning of spring, especially after all the cold winds, snow and rain we have experienced over the last few months.

### **Congratulations:**



To celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary on the 4th December **Joan and Graham Bertinet** were presented with a beautiful basket of flowers from the Church Fellowship.

Then we celebrated the **90th birthday of Rose Bache on the 19th February** she too was presented with a basket of flowers to mark this very special day in her life. May the Lord richly bless these dear ones in the coming days.



It was with mixed feelings that we said farewell to Andrew and Angela Willis during the Morning Service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January as they prepared to embark on their mission to Sri Lanka. (See article from them on page 7+8.)

Both Tonia Stevens and Thelma Lucas have had cataract operations in recent weeks and we pray that they will both feel the benefit of their operations in the coming months.

Cath Maddock, Gwen Jordan and Neil Martin fell on the ice just before Christmas and broke their arms. They have all recovered well and have received physio to help the healing process.

Adam Forster was taken into hospital over Christmas and was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. He is now receiving treatment and making a good recovery.

Margaret Wellburn and Debbie Holloway have had various tests and are still under investigation at Torbay Hospital.

Tom Jordan is very poorly and having regular blood tests and we pray that the Lord will sustain him and Gwen during this testing time.

Evelyn Beaumont has recovered a fall at home, Rachel Andre spent a short time in Torbay with breathing difficulties and is now back at home and Gabby Ducker is making a good recovery following a Gall Bladder operation.

To all those who have been unwell and had operations in recent weeks we pray that with spring just around the corner we pray that their health will greatly improve.

Judith Maddock.

## 100 Club

We hope that many of you have now heard of the 100 Club. For those of you not sure of what it is - here is a brief description.

### **What is it?**

A fundraising project to encourage 100 people to commit to £10 a month. This will raise £12,000 over a year which will go towards a large part of the salary required to employ a youth and children's worker. To date we have 47 members signed up.

### **Why do we need a Youth Worker?**

At present we have over 200 children and young people involved within the church through a number of activities. We would like this to be

developed and the young people to have the opportunity to grow in their faith.

### **How can I get involved?**

You can sign up to this project using one of our 100 Club leaflets which also outlines the project in more detail.

Please contact Katie Church for more information or to receive a leaflet (07970269903)

