

Forgiveness



Forgive, and you will be forgiven. [Luke 6:37]

This week we start a short preaching series on forgiveness. As Christians, we are people who know the importance of forgiveness – after all our standing with God is based on His forgiveness of us through Jesus Christ.

But true forgiveness is no easy matter. RT Kendall, Minister of Westminster Chapel for 25 years, and author of *Total Forgiveness*, says:

Total forgiveness is as spectacular as any miracle. We are talking about a feat greater than climbing Mount Everest. It means the highest watermark in anyone's spiritual pilgrimage. And yet it is within reach of any of us.

As we explore three aspects of forgiveness over the coming weeks, consider the challenge of true forgiveness. It involves:

- Keeping no record of wrongs [1Cor. 13:5]
- Giving up thoughts of revenge [Romans 12:19]
- Wishing the best for those who have wronged us [Luke 6:28]

Although in some cases the law must rightly take its course in order to protect the vulnerable, let us be a people committed to practicing forgiveness, and so enter into the blessing of the Lord.



8 Providence Lane, Long Ashton, Bristol, BS41 9DQ,

A warm welcome to Hebron

"We aim to be a church where all people can feel welcome and can know that they 'belong' - a church where any differences we have become unimportant because of the unity we have in Christ."

Pastor – Robin Schaefer – 01275 851170 or 0781 589 1026

Pre-service prayer – you are welcome to attend the pre-service prayer time upstairs from 10.00 to 10.20 every Sunday morning. Please come and pray for the service. (See Andrew).

Sunday 14 February - Welcome Person – Jenny Schaefer

10.30 am – Morning Service	Robin Schaefer <i>Forgiving Others</i>
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6.00 pm – Evening Service	Chris Railton
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Sunday 21 February – Welcome Person – Jenny Schaefer

10.30 am – Morning Service	Robin Schaefer <i>Forgiving God</i>
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6.00 pm – Evening Service	Forum
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Sunday 28 February - Welcome Person – Jenny Schaefer

10.30 am – Morning Service	George Ladds <i>Forgiving Yourself</i>
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6.00 pm – Evening Service	Richard Golding
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The newsletter is available electronically either by going to the Hebron home page and clicking on "newsletter" or direct by using the link <http://www.hebronchurch.co.uk/news.pdf>

**Want to add something to this fortnightly newsletter?
Email George before Monday 22 February
at georgeandrae@blueyonder.co.uk**

	Event
Thursday 11 February	Thursday housegroup – 8pm @ 9 Theynes Croft. See Chris for further details.
Thursday 11 February	Hobby Horse - C21 parent - talks in DVD to inspire and encourage every parent and the opportunity for discussion and to share and learn from each other.
Tuesday 16 February	Bright Hour - Kate Morrison Blythwood Care. ALL AGES AND BOTH MEN AND WOMEN. See Ruth for more details.
Tuesday 16 February	Pancake tossing / eating at Hebron 5 p.m. See Rachel L or Jenny for details.
Wednesday 17 February	Extended Power Hour, 7-10pm, will also mark Ash Wednesday. Please put a date in your diary to come. (There will not be power hour on 10th).
Thursday 18 February	Thursday housegroup – 8pm @ 9 Theynes Croft. See Chris for further details.
Saturday 20 February	Village Café – 10 – 12. Please come along for cakes and a coffee or tea.
Tuesday 23 February	Tuesday housegroup – 8pm @ 37 Bramley Copse. See Rachel L for further details.
Tuesday 23 February	Bright Hour - Mike Dorgan (Reaching out to Europe). ALL AGES AND BOTH MEN AND WOMEN. See Ruth for more details.
Thursday 25 February	Thursday housegroup – 8pm @ 9 Theynes Croft. See Chris for further details.
Thursday 25 February	Hobby Horse - C21 parent - talks in DVD to inspire and encourage every parent and the opportunity for discussion and to share and learn from each other.
Saturday 27 February	Men's breakfast 9.00 at Hebron. Please let George know if you are coming so he can cater for numbers.
Saturday 27 February	Christians Against Poverty – Inspire Conference - Bristol 12:30pm - 5.00pm. Seminars include: Prayer and Support Team Training, Church Partnership & Make Your Mark on Poverty. Visit http://www.capuk.org/involved/inspire.php to book your place.
Sunday 28 February	We are planning a series of 'bring and share' lunches this year. We will have lunches following the morning services on: Feb. 28th, May 9th, June 27th. Other dates to follow
Friday 5 March	Women's World Day of Prayer 2.15pm (1hr) Keedwell Church.
Saturday 27 March	Cardiff Men's Convention 2010 – men of action. 9.30 am – 5.00 pm. Speakers Charles Price, Lindsay Brown & Graham Daniels. A day not to be missed please put in dairies and let George know if you would like to come. Costs TBC.
Saturday 24 April	Christians Together Barn Dance - On 24th April we will be involved in a charity barn-dance at Church House. Please put this date in your diary. Come and have fun with other Christians from

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Two large carrier bags of stamps, spectacles and used cartridges were sent to "Torch" for the blind on Saturday. All stamps and cartridges are sold and monies used to either put to buying dogs for the blind or Braille paper which has become very expensive. The spectacles are sent to needy countries. Thanks to all who contributed, PLEASE GO ON SAVING

If you aren't currently part of a housegroup and would like to be part of a **third housegroup** please see Clive and Rachel. Housegroups are acknowledged to be a vital resource for those who wish to stay meaningfully connected to God, and are also an effective way in which we support and encourage each other.



On Sundays, ages 3 - 16 years meet during the morning Church service (10.30 am - 11.40 am) in small groups for teaching, craft and fun.

Friday Kidz Club - Kidz Club is for KS2 & yr 2 Primary school (school years 2 - 6). The club is held from 6:15 pm to 7:45 pm at Hebron on alternate Friday evenings. Speak to Andrew or email crusaders@hebronchurch.co.uk

Next meeting – 5 March.

NRG – Mini NRG for school years yr6 – yr8 @7.30 pm – 9.00 pm. NRG for 13+ @8.00 pm – 9.30 pm.

Next meeting – NRG 5 March & Mini NRG – 12 March