

A Living Hope



He has given us new birth into a living hope [1Peter 1:3]

At this time of year we see a picture of the hope we have in Christ.

We are still in wintertime and there may well be many more frosty days to come, even maybe some snow and ice.

However, the days are getting longer and brighter, and the first bulbs are appearing. Spring is clearly on the horizon.

We have no guarantee that life will be warm and bright all the time.
Jesus said: 'In this world you will have trouble.'

But he continued: 'But take heart, I have overcome the world.' [John 16:33]

The apostle Peter, whose letter we are following in our morning services this month, calls this 'a living hope', and describes how it is not just wishful thinking, but backed up by the resurrection of Jesus.

We access this living hope by putting our faith in Jesus - faith which might be hard at times now, but which will one day 'be proved genuine' when Jesus is revealed at his return.

This 'living hope' is so real and active in the lives of those who truly put their faith in Jesus, that it is a source of joy which can endure even through the troubles which this life may bring. So ..

Set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus is revealed.

Spring is on the way!

(from 1.Peter ch.1)



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

SERVICES

Welcome Person - Audrey Gallagher	
Sunday 5 February	
10.30	Connection – Living Water
18.00	Extended Praise and Worship. Preacher: Robin Schaefer - <i>Come to the Fountain of Life!</i>
Sunday 12 February	
10.30	Robin Schaefer - 1Peter 2 - <i>A Chosen People</i>
18.00	Chris Railton
Sunday 19 February	
10.30	Phil Paige - 1Peter 2 - <i>Issues of authority</i>
18.00	Richard Golding
Sunday 26 February	
10.30	Robin Schaefer - 1Peter 3 - <i>Victory in suffering</i>
18.30	Meditation
Urban Saints – Children's Classes	
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. Our classes are "God's Gang 1" (Jane and Pauline), "God's Gang 2" (Andrew and Rachel L) and "God's Gang 3" (Rachel J, Jenny & Phil Paige).	



House Groups	
7, 14, 21 & 28 February	Tuesday House Group @7.45 – See Rachel L for details
1, 15, 22 & 29 February	Wednesday House Group @ 8.00 – 9 Theynes Croft
Bright Hour	
7 February	Alex Boyne
14 February	United Meeting at Keedwell with mothers Union – Speaker Peter Barnes
21 February	DVD Joseph (Part 2)
29 February	Gideons Bibles – Speaker Mary Sparks
Church Prayer Time	
8 February	8 - 9 p.m. Power Hour Hebron Church
Urban Saints	
3 & 24 February	Mini NRG for school years 6 – 8 @ 19.30 – 21.00
10 February	NRG for 13+ @ 18.00 – 21.30
Messy Church	
26 February	15.30 – 17.30.
Men's Group	
31 March	Provisional date for next men's walk. Meeting at Hebron at 8.30 for breakfast. Walk will be local and last approximately 2 hours. Please let George know if you are likely to attend.

If you would like to add something to the next newsletter please email George by Monday 27 February. Email address is georgeandreae@blueyonder.co.uk

An Audience with Jonathan Veira

Wednesday 15th February at 7.30 pm at Nailsea School. See Phil P for further details.

Village Café

18th February - 10 am - 12 noon in the Club Room, Village Hall. If anyone would like to offer to make cakes any month please see Margot or Pauline - we're always in need!

Women's World Day of Prayer

This year is being hosted by Flax Bourton Church. It will be on Friday March 2nd at 11.30 am and will be followed by a ploughman's lunch. All are very welcome and if you require a lift please see Pauline.

Hebron Day Out - Saturday 30th June

As we are not having an away weekend this year (proposed for Spring 2013), we are having a day together at St.Fagans living museum. Coach from Nailsea and Long Ashton. Details to follow. Please keep this date free in your diary and come along!

Spree

Weekend 13 – 15 July 2012 – Spree 2012 for children 8 - 15

Message from the trustees

The church accounts have been audited by Sue James and a copy is on display in the lobby. Many thanks to Sylvia, who after many years as treasurer, has decided to stand down. Thanks also to Sue who has prepared the account ready for submission the Charity Commission. You will be aware that in recent years the church expenditure has exceeded its income and in the year ending 30/09/2011 the deficit was £11,001. At 1/10/2011 we still had funds of £43,506.18 but unless our annual deficit is significantly reduced in the next few years we will no longer be able to fund a salary for a pastor. Perhaps now is the time to review our giving, and tax-payers are reminded that they can sign-up to Gift Aid if they have not already done so. If you wish to pay by standing order/direct debit, or obtain a Gift Aid form please see Steve Semple our new treasurer.

Church cleaning

Owing to the absence of our cleaner for the next 8 weeks, a list has been placed on the Notice Board in the hallway in the hope of getting a rota to cover this period. Please sign if you can help.

Mothers' Prayers

If anyone knows the whereabouts of the DVD please see Margot or Pauline

Church address list

No address or email lists for 2012 as there are only a couple of changes. If anyone has mislaid theirs or requires a new copy see Ruth.