

CONNECT

Connecting and Communicating in Changing Times

2011 AT A GLANCE

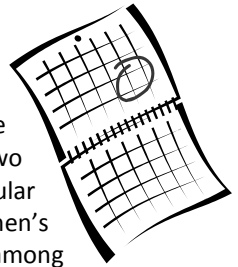
There's a lot in the Woodgreen diary already for 2011 and we thought it would be helpful for you to have the key dates as early as possible. We particularly want to highlight the evangelistic opportunities in April and October.

SUNDAYS

April	3 rd 10th & 17th 22 nd 24 th	Mothering Sunday <i>Evangelistic Weekends</i> (see below) 10am: Good Friday Communion Service AM: Easter Sunday Service 4.30PM: Easter Sunday Baptismal Service
May	22 nd	Missionary Sunday: AM: 'Mission and Africa' 4.30PM All-Age Service: 'A Rwandan Evening' (All-day Guest Speaker: Bruce Rossington and family)
June	19 th	4PM All-Age Service: 'Father's Day Special' (Followed by tea and games for all ages)
September	25 th	PM: Youth Service
October	2 nd 9th & 16th 30 th	AM: Harvest Service <i>Evangelistic Weekends</i> (see below) AM: Holiday Club Sunday
November	6 th 13 th 27 th	4.30PM Family Fireworks Service (evangelistic) AM: Remembrance Sunday PM: Joint Jesus in the City Service Missionary Sunday: 'God's Heart for Mission' (All-day speaker: John Stevens, FIEC Director)
December	11th & 18th	<i>Evangelistic Christmas Weekends</i>

Evangelistic Weekends: *April, October, December*

Passion for Life proved that popular events with a gospel message are a helpful gospel bridge for many people we know. The intention during these weekends is to have some events like this with a wide appeal. The events will be followed by two consecutive Sunday morning guest services, with a particular emphasis on welcoming non-church visitors. In April, a women's *Chocoholics* evening and a men's *Breakfast* are already planned, among other things. More details and publicity will be available in the next few weeks. If you've got ideas for events, please contact Anthony Fisher.



Other special events for your diary...

- FAMILY FUN DAY 2011: Saturday 2nd July
A big community event to build on last year's birthday fun day. See Clive Drage if you can help out.
- HOLIDAY CLUB 2011: Wednesday 26th-Friday 28th October
Could you volunteer your services? Contact Paul Hughes
- LIGHT & BRIGHT PARTY: Monday 31st October
Our Halloween-alternative. If you can help see Craig Catto.
- CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED Next course starts on Wednesday 11th May
Could you host a course in your home? See Anthony Fisher
- 'POPULAR CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS' Wednesday 21st September
John Blanchard will be visiting as part of nationwide tour.
- MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING: Friday 23rd September
- SHOE BOX SATURDAY: Saturday 15th October

men@woodgreen events (Contact Person: Dave Hughes)

Friday Football Every Friday, 8.30pm, Droitwich Leisure Centre
For more details contact Dave Hughes

See noticesheet for details of men's conventions in Cardiff, London and Bristol.

Also being planned for 2011 (look out for details): Men's Breakfasts, Men's Curry Nights, Woodgreen Golf Day, Easter Walk and Prayer, Motorbike evening with CMA.

woman@woodgreen events (Contact Person: Carolyn Lacey)

Oasis Bible study every Thursday mornings @ church

Friday 8th April Chocoholics Evening (evangelistic event)
Saturday 11th June Ladies breakfast

Advance notice: 2012 Women's Weekend Away at Hebron Hall, 18th-20th May.

For more details on all these events please keep an eye on the church website which always has the latest information and contact details.

NEW FOR THE SPRING:

On Sunday mornings after Easter the kids talks will be different! We will be starting a series: *Big Words that end in 'TION'*. Based on a Colin Buchanan song of the same name, we will cover 9 gospel words that all end with 'tion', including: justification, imputation and propitiation!



There will be a dedicated page on the website to help parents reinforce these Big Bible Words at home, including downloadable quizzes. If you want to get ahead, you can download the song from itunes now for just 79p. (Search for: 'Colin Buchanan Big Words').

TEAM NEWS...

As a leadership we are continuing to consult about how best to organise **pastoral oversight** across the church. We are aware so much already happens informally and through Growth Groups. We are also engaged with a significant amount of unseen pastoral care at present. Peter Barham has put together a new **Care Team** to be the 'eyes and ears' for those in need of support. You can approach any of them or any of the Elders at any time to speak about specific needs. They are: Noel Allsup, Keith Paterson, Glenys Barham and Ruth Wilday.

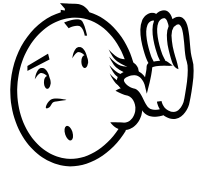
We received feedback during our February 'Open Times' of continued enthusiasm for a **coffee shop** on the premises. What do you think?

We have an **Elders' Advance** booked for 1st-2nd April. Ray Evans, Pastor of Grace Community Church in Bedford, will be leading sessions for us on the subject of '*Growing the Church*'. Please pray for this time together as we consider how to progress the growth priorities identified at the November Members' Meeting.

The new **Mission Team** is up and running with Peter Coggins as Chair. The other members of the team are: Rachel Marshall, Mary Wills, Fiona Brown, Richard Lacey. A Missionary Prayer Link is also now being sent out each week. To subscribe to this email: mission@woodgreenchurch.co.uk

A **Youth Oversight Team** has also been formed to support this area of church life. James Fuller is chairing this. The other members of the team are: Paul Hughes, Rhys Auty and Matt Harris. Paul has been running training sessions for youth and children's leaders twice a month called 'The Big Thing'.

TALKING POINT: IT'S GOOD TO SHARE?



Following the success of the Church Day Gift Fair, it has been suggested to us that we should rethink how we share with each other what God is doing in the various areas of ministry at Woodgreen.

In the past leaders of church activities have written one page reports sent out in Members' Meeting Agenda packs which have been extremely time consuming to prepare and print. However, do you read them and is this the best way to share what God is doing amongst us? Are there better ways to help us pray for one another and hear reports on the ministries at Woodgreen? What about non-Members - surely we value their prayers and support as well?

We are currently considering alternative, more relational ways of sharing what God is doing amongst us at Woodgreen, including: First Wednesday 'share and prayer' slots focusing on a few ministry areas each month; short updates or interviews with leaders as part of Members' Meetings or Sunday services; making ministry reports and prayer requests a regular feature of CONNECT. Let us know what you think. Please talk with us and let us know if you have any good ideas about how we can do this area of church life better.

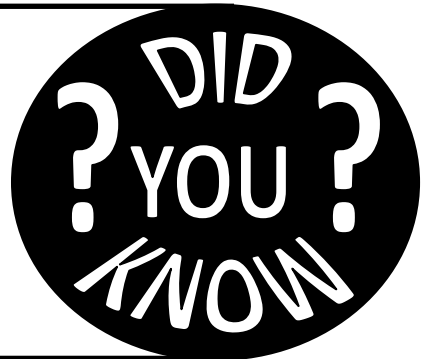
***In February 350 different visitors visited
the church website 559 times***

46% of visits were new visitors

***People from all over the world
visit our website***

***Most sermons are available online on the
Monday or Tuesday after the Sunday***

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PLEASE TALK TO US WITH YOUR VIEWS...

The purpose of CONNECT is to communicate better, raise ideas for your feedback, explain the thinking behind any new initiatives, cast vision for the future and follow up issues raised during Sunday ministry. It is also available for download from our website. If you have any comments as a result of what you've read in this edition please get in contact, always including your name. You can do this either by speaking directly to one of us as Elders or by emailing us at: connect@woodgreenchurch.co.uk