



NOTICES

You ARE worthy of Love and Belonging

Let's face it, joining a Connect Group can be scary! Moreover, being in a Connect Group can be scary!! Why is that? I think it is due to the fact that making connections with others can be difficult for all but the very extroverts among us. In the Connect Group that Jan and I are part of we all take it in turns to 'lead' the discussion and prayers. Twice I have led, twice I was convinced it was not as good as any of the others leading it. Some might be embarrassed to sing or read aloud or pray aloud. So why do we do it? What is our gain? Well, beside laughing a lot, catching up with each other and anything else, I believe we have found real affection, acceptance and trust in each other. Why not try a Connect Group yourself? Talk to Jan or me. One of my favourite public persons put it best:



*"We cultivate love when we allow our most vulnerable selves to be deeply seen and known, and when we honour the spiritual connection that grows from that offering with trust, respect, kindness and affection. Staying vulnerable is a risk we have to take if we want to experience connection. You are imperfect, you are wired for struggle, but you **are** worthy of love and belonging." - Brené Brown*

This Sunday

This morning: Morning Service: Our speaker will be Mike Price on the theme of 'Peter and John on Trial' (Acts 4 verses 1-22).

Evening Service: At 7pm our church office service will on 1 Samuel 7 v 2-17.

This Week

Tuesday Feb. 27th: Alpha Course continues at the Bar Lounge, Civic Centre. This week's topic is: 'How does God guide us?'

Connect Groups: Groups will be meeting as per usual this week.

Thursday Feb. 29th: Broken - Churches Together's Lent course of the BBC drama series continues at 7.30pm at Bargates Hall. Beacon will serve refreshments on 8th & 22nd March. Helpers needed, please volunteer (contact Dora)!

Saturday Feb. 30th: Morning prayer meeting at the Church Office 8 - 9am.

For your Diary

Saturday March 3rd: St Alkmund's Church are holding a BIG BREW on Saturday 3rd March from 10am - 12 noon to celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight. Why not go and support?

Sunday March 4th: Morning Service: Our speaker will be Roger Smallwood on the theme of 'Prayers answered' (Acts 4 verses 23-31).

Evening Service: ***The 7pm service tonight will be replaced by our Church Members Meeting!***

Saturday March 10th: Office Spring Clean from 9am to 11am. Come and help!

Saturday March 24th: Easter Extravaganza - please book the date.

ChristCentral Regional Celebration at Barnabas.

Please reserve the evening - further details to follow.

Sunday April 29th: On this Sunday afternoon there will be an opportunity to be baptised when Beacon will be going to Cloverley Hall for a 'bring your own picnic' and swim. If you are considering baptism please speak with one of the Elders as soon as possible.

Friday May 11th: The Theology of the Letter to the Romans

The study-day from 9:30am to 3:00pm includes a time of worship and **4 sessions of theological teaching**, Refreshments and a **2 course lunch**. £30 per delegate.

For bookings email laura@cloverleyhall.org or telephone the Centre on (01948) 890688.

Other Items

Safeguarding: We need to update DBS checks for almost all our members involved in children's and youth work. We have set aside Saturday morning 17th March between 9.00am and 12 noon for this purpose. Each check will take about 20 minutes, so to avoid long queues please let Dave or Ken know at what time you are able to come.

Thank You: Barbara Stubbs really appreciated the number of people who bought jam and marmalade on Sunday for Kathleen and Daniel's mission in Nigeria. Your generosity has raised approximately £40. Thank you so much.

Lent Lunches: During Lent people from the churches in Whitchurch meet each week to eat together on a Thursday lunch time between 12.30 and 2.00. See our website calendar for details. Anyone who would like to lend a hand with Beacon's lunch (8th March), please have a word with Rosalyn Puddefoot, tel: 01948 665078.)

The Whitchurch Foodbank: A registered charity that was initially founded by Churches Together in Whitchurch working towards stopping hunger in our local area.

This month the items needed are:

Deodorant for Men & Ladies, Toothpaste, Rice and Sugar

To find out more, take a look at their website or have a chat with Alan or Chris Scutt.