



# NOTICES

## Upside-Down

On the way to Ellesmere we saw this car from an unusual perspective. We pray that all passengers were unharmed! Got me thinking of the Alpha Course, where it must feel



strange for any newcomer to our faith. An "Upside-Down Kingdom"! That's how people sometimes talk about following Jesus. They say that when you follow him, ordinary life is turned upside-down. And if you read through the Bible for a bit, that sounds right. Over and over we see things getting turned around, turned backwards, turned upside-down. Jesus said that in his

kingdom the first will be last and the last will be first (Matt. 20:16). He said that whoever wanted to be great would have to be a servant (Matt. 20: 26). Upside-down indeed, but after a while, you get used to the pattern. Things that make a person important in our world become unimportant in the Upside-Down Kingdom. And the things that seem weak and poor make us better people and take us closer to the heart of God. Unlike to the poor driver of this car, God's upside-down world somehow seems to make perfect sense!

## This Week

### Sunday March 11th:

Morning Service: Our speaker will be Dora Marlow on the theme of 'Sharing' (Acts 4 verses 32-37).

Evening Service: Dave Williams will be leading on 1 Samuel 8.

**Tuesday March 13th:** Alpha Course continues at the Bar Lounge, Civic Centre.

This week's topic is: 'Why and How should I tell Others?'

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

**Thursday March 15th:** Churches Together invites you to the following:

Lent Lunch - 12.30pm to 2pm. See our website calendar for details.

Broken - BBC drama series at 7.30pm at Bargates Hall.

**Saturday March 17th:** Morning prayer meeting at the Church Office 8am - 9am.

### Sunday 18th March:

Morning Service: Our speaker will be Jamie Muir on the theme of 'Ananias & Sapphira' (Acts 5 verses 1 - 16). **Bring & Share Lunch after service.**

Evening Service: Ken Holland will be leading on 1 Samuel 9 v.1 to 1 Samuel 10 v. 8.

## For your Diary

**Monday March 19th:** INSPIRE Curry Night - Ladies, come and join us for a scrumptious Indian meal of Poppadoms, a starter, a main course, Pillau rice or Naan bread or chips plus coffee afterwards for £10 only!! We will meet at 7:30pm at Spice Heaven in Station Road. This is a good opportunity to bring a friend along. Contact Jan on (07703 654350).



**Saturday March 24th:** Easter Extravaganza - please book the date. ChristCentral Regional Celebration at Barnabas. Please reserve the evening.

**Monday April 9th, 16th & 23rd:** CAP Money Course

Whether you feel pretty organised or whether it's like a lucky dip every time you try to withdraw cash from your account, the CAP Money Course will help you take complete control of your finances. During the course you will never be asked to reveal any of your financial details or circumstances. Beacon Church is offering this free course in three evening sessions here in Whitchurch from 7.30pm to 9pm. The CAP Money Coaches are ready - all we need now are church people and any family & friends to sign up via our Beacon website or directly by speaking to Erik & Jan Undritz.

**Sunday April 22nd (Note date change!):** 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](mailto:laura@cloverleyhall.org) or telephone the Centre on (01948) 890688.

**Tuesday June 12th:** Connected - Confident Parenting in a Digital Age

Do you feel out of touch with your child's online habits? Many can find parenting in the online world a challenge and are concerned about how to safeguard their family. The venue is in Chester from 7:30pm to 10pm. For information & 'early-bird' booking go to [www.careforthefamily.org.uk/event/connected-chester](http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/event/connected-chester)

## Other Items

**Saturday March 17th:** 20-minute sessions from 9am and 12 noon to update DBS for members involved in children's/youth work. Let Dave/Ken know what time you can come.

**The Whitchurch Foodbank:** 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.