



NOTICES

Windows and Doors

We have just had new windows and doors fitted and are very pleased with the result. That, together with our recent Easter Service leaflet drop, got me thinking of how different



it feels to have a door (or window) closed in your face or to have a door opened to you. The same applies to the doors and windows to our heart and soul. We know Christians who did not invite us in even though it was snowing heavily. We also know Christians who, no sooner have you rung the bell, have taken your coat, pressed a cup of coffee or a glass of wine into your hand and share their heart with you honestly and openly. What a difference!!!

You might think: 'Ah, yes, but I am not very good at entertaining!' You might be right but all of us can be

hospitable! All of us can open our door.

Yes, 'entertaining' can be stressful. It means making sure that guests are having a good time, bringing out the finest and amusing the people who visit your home. This can feel like hard work.

Hospitality however is opening the door of your home and welcoming people into it, allowing them into your space and into your life. It draws them in to be part of your family while they're visiting. Hospitality is warm and friendly. Viewing guests through the lens of hospitality means that not everything has to be perfect or elaborate. It's just comfortable and welcoming. It says, "Hey, kick your shoes off, put your feet up, and make yourself at home." That doesn't mean that we can't go all out to serve up a great meal but it's all about the heart and how we view our guests.

The bible says: ***'Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and eat with you, and you will eat with me.'*** We pray that our new doors (and windows) will always be opened with a smile and a friendly wave to enter in. How about yours????

NOTE: Restarting . . . Monday Evening Prayer Meetings

Now that Alpha has been completed we'll be meeting again for prayer some Monday evenings in the church office. Please book the following dates - Monday 14th May and Monday 4th June. We'll be starting at 7.30 and finishing at 9.00pm. There are many situations about which we need to be praying do join us!

This Week

Sunday April 15th:

Morning Service: Our speaker will be Ken Holland on the theme of 'Stephen arrested' (Acts 6 v 8-15).

Evening Service: Jamie Muir will lead on 1 Samuel 11. This service will be followed by Prayers for the Persecuted Church.

Saturday April 21st: Inspire Event

Beacon Church is inviting all ladies for a session of making material flowers at 'Design by Gill' at Watergate Arcade from 1pm to 3pm. Limited spaces available. Sign up via Jan.

Sunday April 22nd - Beacon's 10th Anniversary:

Morning Service: Our speaker will be Ken Holland on the theme of 'Stephen's Testimony' (Acts 7 vv 1-3, 9-10, 23-40, 48-60).

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 NOW.

Evening Service: Ken Holland will lead on 1 Samuel 12.

For your Diary

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.

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

Do you feel out of touch with your child's online habits? The venue is in Chester from 7:30pm to 10pm. For information & 'early-bird' booking go to

www.careforthefamily.org.uk/event/connected-chester

Saturday August 18th: Wedding of Jessica Faith Muir to Benjamin Armon



Dear Beacon Church Family,

The Armon and Muir families request the joy of your company at the marriage of Benjamin Armon and Jessica Faith Muir at 12:30pm at St. Alkmunds Church, Whitchurch.

Please join us for tea and cake after the service, we would love to say 'Hello'.

Other Items

The Whitchurch Foodbank: This month the items needed are:

Tinned Tomatoes, Jars of Meat Paste, Sugar and Long life fruit juice.

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