



NOTICES

Red Moon rising

Last week stargazers & newspapers alike got very excited because “*On Friday (July 27), the moon turned blood red as it passed through Earth's shadow. Meanwhile, the Red Planet made its most stunning appearance in 15 years as it reached opposition, shining brightly in the sky alongside the “blood moon.”*”



I was in Cologne at the time but from where we were, we could not even see the moon. My brother, always the joker, sent me this picture the next morning to suggest that I had really missed something amazing. On closer inspection however I spotted that he had merely taken a picture of a slice of Pepperoni sausage! Very funny, Tom!

Coming to think of it, it is a bit like Christianity (bear with me): You might look at Christianity as it presents itself in churches, people and books and might think that it's ‘not for you’. But it is only on closer inspection - when you are actually experiencing it for yourself - that you can begin to judge its worth. The Alpha Course is designed to enable you to do just that!! This autumn we are starting another Alpha Course at Costa in the High Street. So do sign up for it and come along. At worst it's good coffee and company - at best . . . well, where to begin?!! Details are in the ‘For Your Diary’ section below.

This Week

Sunday August 5th:

Morning Service: Dave Williams will be speaking on the theme of: ‘Miracles from the Bible’ and his talk will be on ‘The Healing of Naaman’.

Saturday August 11th:

Morning Prayer Meeting at the Church Office starting at 8am.

Sunday August 12th:

Morning Service: Jamie Muir will be speaking on the theme of: ‘Miracles from the Bible’ and his talk will be on ‘The thankful Leper’.

NOTES:

For the duration of the school summer holidays there will be no evening services!

Please contact your Connect Group Leader to confirm if your group meetings will take place during the summer holidays.

For your Diary

Saturday August 18th:

Wedding of Jessica Faith Muir to Benjamin Armon

Service followed by tea & cake at 12:30pm at St. Alkmunds Church, Whitchurch.

Sunday September 2nd:

There will be a church PA and IT training session at the Civic starting at 9.00am (sharp!) on Sunday 2nd September. If you're interested in learning how to use the equipment, please do come along.

Tuesday September 25th - Tuesday December 11th: ALPHA COURSE

All are welcome to join us on this free

ALPHA course as we eat, watch, pray and explore the Christian Faith!



Running in over 100 countries and over

100 languages, over 24 million people have taken the course.

Watch for more details in next months **GOSSIP** magazine or visit www.tbcw.org

“Alpha is a place where you can be yourself. You can say what you think and challenge everything. No question is too complex or too simple and your point of view is as important as anyone else’s.”

Other Items

Your Action appreciated

We all want to live in a society where everyone has access to good food, and no one has to go to bed hungry. An effective benefits system which provides financial assistance in times of crisis is essential to realising this goal. We all rely on the welfare safety net being there for us in times of financial stress or hardship. But Universal Credit is currently failing in this task.

In areas where Universal Credit has been rolled out, foodbanks and other food aid providers report a surge in the numbers of people pushed into greater debt, destitution and hunger as a result of delays, errors, a lack of flexibility and adequate support.

Many have signed a petition from End Hunger UK, calling on the Government to fix Universal Credit so that it doesn't make people go hungry. Could you add your name too? Please sign the petition at <https://e-activist.com/page/26900/petition/1>

Provision of food during the School Summer Holidays

Help Foodbank to provide some of the following items for the summer holidays:

Long life milk or powdered milk, Pasta sauces, Tinned meat products (ham, meatballs, chicken, Bolognese, chilli etc), Tuna fish, Tinned spaghetti, Squash / fruit juice, Individual fruit juices for packed lunch, Sandwich fillers (meat/fish pastes, peanut butter, jam, spreads), Cake (long life and seal wrapped), Snack bars and chocolate biscuits, Individual packs of crisps.