

Dear Friends...



Alive 05... moving on

There is a story in Luke's gospel which tells of how one occasion as Jesus passed along the road, a multitude thronged around him. A woman in deep need came timidly through the crowd and touched his garment. "Who touched me?" asked Jesus as he felt power go forth from him. The disciples replied: "Master, the multitudes throng you, so why do you say, 'Who touched me?'" "Somebody touched me" said Jesus. He knew there was a difference between thronging him and touching him. Those who throng Jesus get little, those who touch Jesus get everything.

Those of us who took part in or came to Alive 05 joined in events with good crowds and numbers and thereby came to find out and listen about the gospel of Jesus Christ. A bit like those in the story who crowded around Jesus. It is possible to throng Jesus but never touch him - possible even to go to

church for a lifetime and never really touch him. So how are we invited to move on from Alive 05? Reach out and trust Jesus Christ in a definite and personal way.

Touch him for forgiveness, for cleansing, for power over temptation, over fears, over anxieties, over everything that stands in the way of our personal happiness. As Jesus gave himself to those who needed him when he was on earth so he does today. The point is, cease thronging him - touch him. Our 3 churches are providing plenty of opportunities to do just that over the coming weeks and months - look out for details.

Colin Bones, minister

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Prayer Diary



SUN

Ask God to continue to bless the children's work, especially those who stand-in for the regular staff during the summer.

MON

Pray about holidays – for travelling mercies, times of relaxation rest & refreshment. Remember, too, those unable to get away.

TUE

Remember Janet, Trudy and the Stepping Stones Group, that following the mission this group may experience much blessing.

WED

Remember the wider URC: Sussex East District, Southern Province and the General Assembly in July.

THUR

Please pray for our Minister and the Elders, that they may know God's strength & wisdom as they seek to lead the church.

FRI

Pray for General Assembly of the URC in July & David Walters as he takes on the Presidency of Sussex East District.

SAT

Uphold our mission focus during the summer – the URC at Newham – the visit of Derek Wensley, 9th/10th July.

Prayer FOCUS

In addition to the above daily prayer reminders, please would you uphold in your prayers this month two other special prayer requests:-

You may be thinking we do not need to pray about **Alive '05** any more, but we should be praying even more fervently now about all aspects of the follow-up. Remember Trevor and John (from EFC) as they sift through the response forms and make contact with people. Pray that the Holy Spirit is still very much at work in folk's hearts, and that they will be keen to attend one of the courses or events that are being planned in the near future. Uphold those running these events at all three churches, and any who may be involved in one-to-one nurturing or support.

Give thanks for the tremendous sense of fellowship we experienced between all the Churches prior to and during Alive '05. Pray that this may continue. Remember in your prayers, all the clergy, in particular uphold Nick Dill as he and his family leave Lindfield for pastures new in July, and thank God for all he has done in our village. Pray for Lucy Burdette (to be married in June) and Stuart Silk, both of whom have worked very hard on the staff of All Saints and who (like Nick) will be sadly missed as they take up new challenges.

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Soccer, The new religion?

Definition of Religion

Belief and worship of a God or Gods Anything revered or zealously pursued. A particular system of belief and worship Associated ritual or conduct.

Does it offend us to see football described as a religion? As Christians, we know we should worship no other gods; but there are some similarities. Both football and religion have been responsible for conflict, and the church could learn something from football about how to attract crowds.

Much publicity is given to the premier league clubs in the United Kingdom, and the media, obsessed with the cult of celebrity, maintain coverage of these teams almost exclusively, often ignoring the other 72 clubs in the lower leagues. The formation of this league was, as the late Brian Clough remarked “all about greed’ Top clubs were rich, and they wanted to get richer, but at the expense of others.’

Now the leading teams staffed almost exclusively with foreign

managers, players and coaches, command vast resources and purchasing power, but if they fail, like Leeds United last year, the result is financial ruin, immense debt, and the rapid exit of all their overpaid underperforming players.

In spite of these obvious drawbacks to “the beautiful game” football is a sport watched by millions of people Worldwide and has always been a great medium to break down barriers, transcending language, geography, culture and beliefs; it is after all a simple exercise which can be enjoyed by amateurs of all ages, sexes and at all levels, giving great pleasure to those who become involved in playing, supporting and administering the game

During the Gulf War one of the first questions put to the Royal Marines as they entered

Basra last year was when an understandably nervous Iraqi POW asked "Will David Beckham be going back to Manchester United?"

My football career started late in 1945 as a 14 year old in Ardingly through to The Royal Marines, Lindfield and Haywards Heath Wednesday (Player Manager) and carried on to 1977 when at the age of 46, I unwisely turned out for an hilarious fathers match versus the Lindfield Boys Brigade on Hickmans Lane playing fields. Paddy Lay was in goal for the boys, a sprightly winger called Walters D. was on my right, a fiercely enthusiastic Irishman, Ivan Orchin, on my left and a (largely reliable) Terry Ward behind me. The referee was Betty Billins !! So you can see it was serious stuff.!

What fun !. It was all utterly

ridiculous of course, but we all had a great time, especially the spectators.

My first date with the outpatients sister of the Haywards Heath cottage hospital, at the Goldstone Ground in 1954 was Brighton reserves V Fulham reserves Brighton won 3-1 We certainly knew how to give a girl a good time in those days !!

I must have got something right because after 49 years Mary is still with me !!

To say that football is filling a spiritual void in the lives of the British people is not the fault of football but is more a comment on the state of the Church. We have got to make coming to Church more attractive, even though we cannot hope to make it as exciting as seeing your son score a goal for his club, we

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Feature – Football worship

have at least, to try to do more.

The downside to the National game is of course the hooligan element which has attached itself to most clubs in varying numbers across the leagues. Much has been done to combat this malign force and there are signs that the problem is much less now than in the 70's, now mainly focusing on international matches when England play away.

The local game is largely trouble free, although the abuse of referees by players and spectators can be a constant worry to the footballing authorities. But many terrible events have been, and are still being enacted on the World Stage in the name of religion, the Spanish Inquisition, the Arab/Jewish conflict, Hindu/Muslim on the Indian sub continent and closer to home the futile sectarianism of the Northern Ireland problem are just a few examples.

We need more Christians to become involved in football and we certainly must not condemn those football loving men and women involved in the game. If you look around the Church

(apart from the Minister with his Ipswich Town T Shirt) we have up to a dozen members currently worrying about the fate of poor Brighton and Hove Albion, under the feet of whom "the trap door of relegation trembles" In fact by the time this is printed our fate will be known. To these 12 must be added their wives and families who also are deeply involved. However, if Brighton survive, it will probably be at the expense of a team followed passionately by "another church member" !! But we will still remain friends.

Sadly there are also those (the "Egg Chasers") who support teams who play another strange game played with a ridiculous ball of a shape devised by the Devil. We pray for them.

Chris Comber (plus Stuart Dew).

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Under the spotlight

For modern pro footballers, there is as much to do off the pitch as on it, it seems, with the role being at the very top of what we like to call 'celebrity'. This leaves players with an increasing responsibility to those watching them. Do Christian footballers find it easy? These believers share brief testimonials...

George Boateng, Middlesbrough

I definitely think my faith affects the way I behave on the football pitch. It doesn't make you perfect but it makes a difference. Many people – other footballers, for example – think that because I believe in Christ, and I don't believe in doing bad things to the opposition, I can't (or shouldn't) tackle as tough as I do. Some people think I'm practising the opposite of what I preach. But I believe that you don't forget about your religion on the pitch. I'm doing the best I can with the talent I have been given.

Darren Moore, West Bromich Albion

God has really given me confidence on the pitch. Before, I used to beat myself up under the pressures of the game. They are immense, and God has helped me to deal with them. I've got a certain peace now, and I've got someone to turn to. Now I know to not only give my best, but also to go out and enjoy myself.

Lomana Tresor LuaLua, Portsmouth

I try to act like a good Christian whenever I am on the pitch, but in the high pressure atmosphere of a Premiership football match, that is not always possible. Sometimes I will make a rash challenge, argue with an opponent or swear aloud, but I try not to do it. Once the game's over, though, my beliefs ensure that I return to being a more serene character and one who is always guided by God.

Faith in Football

Portsmouth defender Linvoy Primus hated church when he was a boy. Now a dedicated Christian, he's using his footballing skills to help children from poorer areas.

Faith in Football is a Christian charity, but the aim is not to preach. Linvoy, who found his own faith as an adult, is keen to use his footballing skills to help young people around the world.

It's hoped that football can be used as the key to open up children's lives by giving them positive role models and teaching them important life skills - as well as some skills on the pitch!



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Family News

We are pleased that **Henny Castleton**, who has been worshipping with us for a number of years, has now moved into Lindfield. She has joined the growing ranks of URC folk in Harvest Close! She lives at No. 25 and her phone No. is 483475.

Hostess with the Mostess!!

My very sincere thanks to all of you who hosted students for **'Alive '05'**. I hope you enjoyed the experience as much as I did.
Fiona Tingley.

Congratulations to Meis Brock and Graham Campling who have recently become engaged and plan to marry later this year and to **Liz Jadav and James Middleton** who have also recently got engaged.

We would like to say a huge thankyou to the many friends who have wished us well on the announcement of our engagement at the beginning of June. We feel that God has brought us together but the love and support of our families and our wider Church family mean so much to us in our future together.

With Christian love, Mies Brock and Graham Campling

The Fellowship

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 27th July** at 3pm when we meet at the home of Jessie Green, 15 Blackthorns for our annual garden tea. We shall have our usual Bring and Buy stall operating.

Please come and join us in this social event. Should the weather be wet we shall meet in the Church Hall.

Dawn and Richard Walters have moved to:-
6 Barnmead, Haywards Heath, W Sussex RH16 1UZ
Telephone: 01444 441601

Ann and John Blake have moved to :-
10 Harvest Close, Lindfield, W Sussex RH16 2LW
Telephone: 01444 482414

Balcombe United Reformed Church

Bramble Hill, Balcombe, RH17 6HR
Contact: Mrs Leonie Wren (01444 811253)

Our main services are held at 11am on the first and third Sunday of each month and the children usually go out to Sunday School during the second part of the service. Visitors are always welcome.



Speakers for this July and August are as follows:-

July	3rd	David Jones
July	17th	Ecumenical service to be held at 11am at St Marys, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Colin Bones will be preaching at this service.
August	7th	David Walters
August	21st	Colin Bones – COMMUNION SERVICE


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LURC Athletes in action.

With the Lindfield Fun Run Races being staged the day after 'Alive 05' finished, it was decided this year to try to encourage as many Members to extend the 'celebration' still further by participating therein, and this was aided by arranging half a dozen training sessions during the preceeding weeks. Some 10 people endured some/all of the training evenings and on Bank Holiday Monday 30th May, 8 entered the race.



Colin Bones, following his London Marathon exploits, led us home in the 10K race in a competitive time of 51 minutes (7 minutes quicker than 2004), followed by Ray Smith (54 mins) and excellent debut runs by Charlie Tingley (56 mins), Dan McQuillin (62 mins) and Chris Saunders (69 mins)

Andy Lemay, James Goody and Nikki Saunders all ran well in the 3 mile (which was somewhat longer due to a misdirection) race, but special mention should be made of Nikki, an asthma sufferer, who has to run with her ventolin inhaler in one hand. With husband Chris looking to run the 2006 London Marathon, Nikki is determined to partake in at least some of the training with him, and has already improved in a few weeks from someone who

needs to stop/walk after only a couple of hundred yards, to a runner who ran the three and a half hilly/off-road mile race in 45 minutes with only 2 shortish walking sessions.

Well done also to Marion Tingley, Emma Wren and Serena Nathan who took part in a number of the training evenings.

We, the URC runners would like to thank Ray for his time and encouragement in his training sessions in the lead up to the races as without his input many of us would have not taken part. Cheers Ray!



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Family News

Thank you letters

Thank you so much for your gift of £2000. We have put the money towards our homeless project and our young peoples Safe House. We so value your support, partnering and prayers. Please come to our Summer Gathering on 8th July. Would love to see you there. I so enjoyed being with you for the weekend, May God Bless You Richly, Yours in Him,
Paul Young, Off The Fence.

(Please see the poster on the notice board outside the lounge for details of the Summer Gathering. This will be at Westmeston Parish Hall and Gardens. The cost will be £8, including supper.)

Thank you so much for the recent gift of £250. Your continued support and prayers are a great encouragement to us. The gift has enables us to share God's Word

with more of the world's people - developing printing and distributing his unchanging Word to people who need to hear.

Scripture Gift Mission.

Wow! That's fantastic!

To be honest - I wasn't actually expecting anything at all, as you'd already given me a cheque on the day I came. Anyway, many thanks indeed to all at the URC for the incredible cheque for £2000 – you're a very generous bunch as I've said before. Thanks again for your support and especially for your prayers.

Dickie Twort, CASCAID. Working in Romania.

These letters have been shortened - Please see Bill Green if you wish to read the full versions.

News

Make Poverty History Campaign

Are you fed with up with hearing about this?

What with protests in Edinburgh on 2 July. Pop concerts organised by Bob thingy in Hyde Park. G8 summit and all that stuff. UK EU presidency. "Don't mention Europe" I can hear you say!! "What difference will I make?" you say. Well I hope you are not fed up with hearing about it. The people of Africa are probably fed up with hearing about a possible solution to their problems for over 20 years!! According to Tearfund, 2005 could be a year of exciting opportunities for change.

Have you sent your MAKE POVERTY HISTORY card to Mr Blair yet?? Yes, your one card can can make a difference.

They are available from the Missions Table.

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Monthly Mission Support

Title Needed? >>??????

During July and August we will be devoting our Mission Giving to The Newham Group of United Reformed Churches. We are pleased that Derek Wensley, who has been the Minister there for the last fourteen years, is going to be with us for the weekend of July 9th/10th.

The London Borough of Newham has one of the most ethnically diverse communities in the United Kingdom and is ever changing. The 2001 census showed 60% residents were of non-white, non-UK origin and that this figure was rising at a rate of 2.5% per annum. In addition to Christianity, all of the main religious groupings are represented in large numbers - Muslim, Hindu, Sikh and Judaism.

There is considerable unemployment - twice the national average - with all the inherent problems that go with this. Most housing is rented - owner occupied accommodation is one of the lowest percentages in the UK.

The Newham Group of URCs has seen considerable growth over the last twenty years and currently operates many programmes reaching out into the community with the love and Good News of Jesus. These activities include; day nurseries, pre-school groups, language classes, drop-in centres, employment training, debt counseling, asylum seeker support, adult dyslexia support service etc.

We hope as many as possible will come to our Mission Barbecue on 8th July - see separate notice - and also hear Derek preach on the following Sunday morning.

If you would like to support the work financially please use the special envelopes marked 'Monthly Mission Giving' and place in the offertory at any Sunday service during July and August. Please complete a Gift Aid Slip is applicable.

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July/August church diary

2nd

Saturday 8.45 – 9.30am Saturday Morning Prayer Meeting at URC

3rd

Sunday 9.30am **Communion**
David Nibloe & Colin Bones
11.00am Colin Bones
6.30pm David Goodchild & David Jones

7th

Thursday House Groups (optional)

9th

Saturday 8.45 – 9.30am Saturday Morning Prayer Meeting at URC
7.00pm Mission Supper - BBQ at Church

10th

Sunday 9.30am **Healing**
David Nibloe & Derek Wensley
11.00am Colin Bones & Derek Wensley
6.30pm Communion
Adrian Cookney & Colin Bones

14th

Thursday 8.00pm Church Prayer Meeting

16th

Saturday 8.45 – 9.30am Saturday Morning Prayer Meeting at URC

17th

Sunday 9.30am David Nibloe & Michael Davies

Fair Trade Stall between services

11.00am Michael Davies
6.30pm David Goodchild & Colin Bones

21st

Thursday House Groups (optional)

23rd

Saturday 8.45 – 9.30am Saturday Morning Prayer Meeting at URC

24th

Sunday 9.30am David Goodchild & David Nibloe
11.00am **Communion**
Colin Bones
6.30pm Adrian Cookney & Colin Bones

28th

Thursday 8.00pm Prayer meeting in the Lounge

30th

Saturday 8.45 – 9.30am Saturday Morning Prayer Meeting at URC

31st
Sunday

9.30am Adrian Cookney & Stuart Dew
11.00am Stuart Dew
6.30 pm David Goodchild – Brian Stone

August

6th

Saturday 8.45 – 9.30am Saturday Morning Prayer Meeting at Evangelical Free Church

7th
Sunday

9.30am Communion David Goodchild & To be confirmed (Our minister on holiday)
11.00 To Be confirmed
6.30 Prayer & Praise

13th

Saturday 8.45 – 9.30am Saturday Morning Prayer Meeting at Evangelical Free Church

14th
Sunday

9.30am David Goodchild & Colin Bones
11.00am Colin Bones
6.30pm Communion Adrian Cookney & Colin Bones

20th

Saturday 8.45 – 9.30am Saturday Morning Prayer Meeting at Evangelical Free Church

21st
Sunday

9.30am David Goodchild & Ron Goodenough
11.00am Ron Goodenough
6.30pm **Healing** David Nibloe and
7.00pm **Alive 05** follow-up **BBQ** at Bramble Lodge Lyoth Lane

27th

Saturday 8.45 – 9.30am Saturday Morning Prayer Meeting at Evangelical Free Church

28th
Sunday

9.30am Adrian Cookney & Colin Bones
11.00am **Communion** - Colin Bones
6.30pm David Nibloe & Colin Bones

31st

Wednesday 8.00pm Three Churches Prayer Meeting Evangelical Free Church

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS LISTED ON BACK COVER

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Review of Sublime

– Christian Teenage Girl Magazine

I was asked to review Sublime, a Christian teenage girl's magazine. The content seemed to offer a lot; music reviews, real life stories, advice on day to day issues and fashion tips. The articles in general are quite light to read, which is good as you don't become wound up in something too deep.

The articles also incorporate a Christian message which relates to certain situations, therefore providing useful advice on what to do in different circumstances. The good thing about this magazine is that it doesn't try to preach too much which could put potential readers off, although it does give a Christian message when necessary. It has all the "normal" articles you would expect to find in a teenage girl's magazine, fashion advice, boyfriends, interviews etc. yet the articles are toned down from what they are in everyday magazines which means they aren't so 'in your face'. This makes Sublime a pleasant change yet although the content is good it didn't take me too long to read through it, therefore I feel that perhaps more content would be the only really necessary improvement. I enjoyed reading the music reviews as they showed an insight into Christian music as well as mainstream albums. I also thought that the 'Lifestyle Advice' was useful as it gave advice (!!) on relevant topics such as relationships, exercise etc but put in the Christian dimension to make it that bit different from mainstream magazines.

Overall I would give this magazine around 8/10 as I think the content was interesting and relevant and appropriate for the target audience. Although some sections could be slightly improved with maybe more content, in general this magazine doesn't need to be further enhanced as it provides Christian teenage girls with a magazine that has something for everyone.

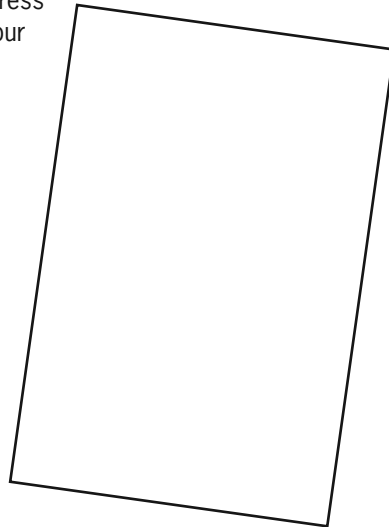
Sublime!

Sublime is a new Christian magazine for teenage girls. I think there were a few teething problems but it was well worth the wait. Although as a family we are all book worms we don't buy magazines, I find they are usually full of ad's and unhelpful gossip especially those aimed at the young, Sublime was really different. Small enough to carry about and read anywhere it was full of interest for young girls growing up. Flicking through I spotted a rather good picture of a handsome male with deep blue eyes, he turned out to be Shane Lynch from the band Boyzone talking about his life before and after he became a Christian. The articles are modern and relevant and life enhancing for young girls whether Christian or not.

Tina Elphick.

When i received a copy of the teen magazine sublime my instant reaction was- is this really a Christian magazine? I found it just as fun and entertaining as other teen magazines but with an added extra. Advice that came from other Christians on issues such as teen pregnancies, relationships and leading a Christian life. There are loads of great things like beauty and fashion tips, music reviews, quizzes, info on Christian youth gatherings and staying healthy and stress free though your exams.

Jessica Elphick.



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Alive '05 Feedback

The Three Churches efforts during Alive 05 were a fantastic tribute to all involved. Here we read reports from local Christians about various events which took place throughout the special week during May.

“Jesus.....You’re My Superhero!”

You could probably hear the Afterschool club, even if you never came near The Common at 3:30pm! The activities ranged from energetic singing to getting Leaders messy, to craft activities, drama and dynamic teaching. The fun was heightened by ongoing competition between teams for the best team cheer or the silliest face etc. Each day took a different Gospel story to illustrate how Jesus showed his power. Children will have taken away sound Gospel teaching and a positive experience of the Church. Personally I still have some fantastic lyrics reverberating in my head!

“Our God is a great big God and he holds us in his hands”.

Antonia Easley.

was Syd Little’s navigator!

What was your first thought when you heard that Syd Little was going to appear at the Big’ish Top marquee at Alive ‘05?? Well if you did not go, you missed a great evening. I realise that one persons enjoyable evening is another persons night of boredom but this was an evening of variety so that all could enjoy at least a part of it. I realised that someone famous was visiting Lindfield when a small Boys Brigade tent appeared at the back of the marquee, to be used as a changing and make up room!!

The evening started with a warm up act. Chris Gidney, from Christians in Entertainment, got us all laughing with his fast one line jokes and then he introduced Syd (He is) Little. He made us all laugh with his jokes, none of which had double meaning or required a swear word to make a point. It was all good

clean fun. Modern comedians please learn. But what was most surprising was Syd's voice. He played guitar and sang a medley of Buddy Holly songs, some of which we clapped along to, especially "I'm a Believer". Great entertainment. Syd then started to tell us of some of the many things that happened in his life. When we see famous people, perhaps earning a great deal of money, they come across as be content and having no problems. This is certainly not the case in Syd's life. He told us about his son Paul who was hooked on drugs at the age of 12 and ended up, some years later, being found dead from a drug overdose in a hotel room in Bangkok . How would you feel if most of your life you were on the road or appearing on TV, away from your family and such a thing happened? Syd found strength in the God he knew from his Sunday School days.

Syd writes in his book " Alongside the support of close friends and family, there was a new inner strength beginning to emerge.... I prayed to God, I asked that he support me at

this time of tragedy and to show me the way forward. The answer came immediately when a total stranger stopped me in the street a few days later. 'Syd. I'm so sorry to hear about Paul,' said the lady with a smile. 'But we are praying for you.'

You must read the book "Little by Little", if you wish to learn more of the tragedies and joys Syd has experienced, The part dealing with a comedians Bible Study (can you imagine it?), lead by Chris Gidney when Syd fully understands how God sent Jesus to die for him personally is a tear jerker but wonderful at the same time.

Many went home moved by Syd's testimony.

Bill Green.

Tell everyone about it.

If you run a club or group in the local community that you would like to talk more about, submit an article/information to the editor – it would be great to see more of what is going on in/around the village.

Contact details on page 2.

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Make Poverty History

G8 and Christian Aid

When the leaders of the world's most powerful countries meet in Gleneagles in July they will face a stark choice. Will they continue to tinker at the edges whilst more than half the world's population struggle in poverty or will they make the radical changes necessary to Make Poverty History?

Poor countries desperately need more aid and debt relief, but if this is all that the G8 deliver they will have failed. They must also take action on trade justice to ensure that poor countries can work their way out of poverty.

Currently the benefits of aid and debt cancellation are undermined by unfair trade agreements and trade policies attached to the very aid and debt programmes that are supposed to help them develop. If the G8 are serious about poverty this must stop.

Tens of thousands of demonstrators will wait for the G8's announcement on 9 July; tens of millions of poor people will await their action.

To make poverty history the G8 must agree to the following:

TRADE

No forced liberalisation

- To call for the WTO ministerial meeting in Hong Kong in December to reach agreement on special and differential treatment exempting poor countries from market opening if it is not in their developmental interests.
- To ensure their own aid programmes and bilateral trade agreements do not force developing countries to liberalise their markets.
- To ensure that IMF and World Bank aid and debt relief programmes do not force developing countries to liberalise their markets.

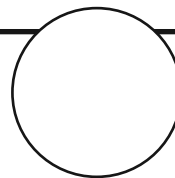
An end to agricultural dumping

- To agree an early date to end their agricultural export subsidies, that damage the livelihoods of poor rural communities around the world.

Effective regulation of international companies and the arms trade

- To regulate their own companies' activities in developing countries to ensure that they contribute to development.
- To regulate the global arms trade by endorsing the need for an Arms Trade Treaty (ATT).

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AID

More aid

- To deliver at least \$50 billion more in aid annually
- To commit themselves to spending 0.7% of national income on aid by 2010.

Better aid

- To ensure that bilateral and multilateral aid does not come with conditions requiring trade liberalisation, privatisation, deregulation, fiscal austerity and privatisation. Aid that comes with policy strings attached can do more harm than good.
- To ensure that loans and grants support the policies of recipient countries, involving parliaments and reflecting the priorities of poor people.
- To ensure that official development assistance (ODA) focuses on reducing poverty, and is not subordinated to the narrow security interests of either donors or recipient governments.



Debt cancellation

- G8 leaders must cancel their share of the unpayable debt stock of the world's poorest countries, including multilateral debts. Analysis of the payability of debts should prioritise human needs rather than economic criteria such as debt-to-export ratios.
- Harmful economic policy conditions must not be attached to debt relief. Recipients should be expected to account transparently for any debt cancelled.
- The G8 should acknowledge the illegitimacy of many of the debts said to be owed and should instigate a fair and transparent arbitration process to assess what debts should and should not be paid.
- Aid to the poorest countries should be given in grants rather than loans to avoid the further build up of debt.

HIV/Aids

- G8 leaders must commit themselves to ensuring universal care and treatment for those living with HIV by 2010
- G8 leaders must make a commitment to a timetable for universal access to prevention services
- G8 leaders must make a commitment to an annual total \$22 billion for HIV prevention, care, treatment and orphan support by 2007.

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DO YOU...

- do a good 'kylie'
- tread the boards
- fling (highland style)
- spin a good yarn
- wax lyrical
- blow your own trumpet
- juggle many balls?

Well, thank God for that!
1st October is coming...

Bluebird Community Transport

Announces a new service for all Bluebird members to and from Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath on every Friday.

MORNINGS:

Picking up from 9.00 am to arrive at the hospital by 10.15 am.
Departing from the hospital at 12.00 noon.

AFTERNOONS:

Picking up from 1.00 pm to arrive at the hospital by 2.15 pm
Departing from the hospital at 4.00 pm.

All trips must be booked in the normal way by 'phoning 01444 253133 between 9.30 am and 11.30 am, up to 7 days in advance.

This service like Bluebird's Dial-a-Ride service is for individuals who are unable to use public transport due to long-term or short term restricted mobility. Bluebird also operates a Group Hire scheme where ANY non-profit making community group can book a mini bus for one off outings or regular weekly trips.

For more information 'phone 01444 253133.

Sermon notes...



Summer services

Our morning services will conclude the “It’s Time for Hope” series. On 10 July we welcome Derek Wensley from the Newham project where some innovative church work is being carried out. Michael Davies will bring ‘Mobilising for Mission’ on 17 July as part of Sussex East District’s programme. During the holiday period we will have all-age & Jigsaw services and look at incidents in Jesus’ ministry from Luke’s gospel.

The evening services again look an interesting and fulfilling mix. We conclude the ‘Signs for Today’ series based on the seven miracles in John’s gospel. We include two Praise and Prayer evenings and a short series based on the prayer of Jesus in John 17.

**3RD JULY
– HOLY COMMUNION & “IT’S TIME
FOR HOPE”**

9.30 am – Holy Communion
11.00 am – Morning Worship

Luke 4: 14-30

– Spreading Hope
Speaking good news is far more credible when we actually become good news. Being good news and proclaiming good news are part and parcel of the same gospel.
Preacher – Colin Bones

6.30 pm – Praise & Prayer
led by David Jones

**10TH JULY – JIGSAW SUNDAY &
GUEST SPEAKER**

9.30 am – Jigsaw for children &
Morning Worship
11.00 am – Morning Worship
Preacher – Derek Wensley
6.30 pm – Holy Communion
Signs for Today 4 – Communion

John 6: 1-13

Preacher – Colin Bones

**17TH JULY – MOBILISING FOR
MISSION**

9.30 am – Morning Worship
11.00 am – Morning Worship
Preacher – Michael Davies
6.30 pm – Evening Service
Signs for Today 5 – Presence

John 6: 15-21

Preacher – Colin Bones

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24TH JULY – THANKSGIVING & HOLY COMMUNION

9.30 am – All-age & Thanksgiving Dedication & Blessing for Ella Tingley
Leader – David Nibloe

11.00 am – Holy Communion

Psalm 23 & John 10: 11-21

Jesus - "I am the Good Shepherd"
Preacher – Colin Bones

6.30 pm – Evening Service
Signs for Today 6 – Suffering

John 9: 1-12

Preacher – Colin Bones

**14TH AUGUST
– EVENING SERIES ON JESUS
PRAYER (JOHN 17) BEGINS**

9.30 am – Morning Worship

11.00 am – Morning Worship

Luke 9: 10-17

Jesus feeds the Five Thousand
Preacher – Colin Bones

6.30 pm – Holy Communion

(1) John 17: 1-5

Jesus prays for himself
Preacher – Colin Bones

31ST JULY – LUKE SERIES BEGINS

9.30 am – Morning Worship

11.00 am – Morning Worship

Luke 7: 1-10

Jesus and the healing of the Roman Centurion's servant.
Preacher – Stuart Dew

6.30 pm – Brian Stone leads our Evening Worship

7TH AUGUST – HOLY COMMUNION

9.30 am – Holy Communion

11.00 am – Morning Worship

Luke 8: 40-56

Jesus heals and brings life
Preacher – TBA

6.30 pm – Praise & Prayer

21ST AUGUST

9.30 am – Morning Worship

11.00 am – Morning Worship

Luke 13: 10-17

Jesus heals a crippled woman on the Sabbath

Preacher – Ron Goodenough

6.30 pm – Evening Worship

(2) John 17: 6-19

Jesus prays for his disciples
Preacher – Colin Bones

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28TH AUGUST – JIGSAW SPECIAL & HOLY COMMUNION

9.30 am – Morning Worship

11.00 am – Holy Communion

Luke 9: 37-45

Jesus heals a boy with an evil spirit

Preacher – Colin Bones

6.30 pm – Evening Worship

(3) John 17 – 20-27

Jesus prays for all believers

Preacher – Colin bones



Flower Rota

	Arranging	Distributing
July 3	Wedding Flowers	Jacqueline Wood
10	Wedding Flowers	Iris Bingham
17	Lyn Tucker	Fiona Tingley
24	Wedding Flowers	Heather Swann
31	Fiona Tingley	Sue Tester
August 7	Anne Parker	Doroty Forster
14	Jean Baxter	Betty Peter
21	Carol Walters	Jacqueline Wood
28	Anne Blake	Iris Bingham
Sept 4	Joan Durrant	Fiona Tingley
11	Mies Brock	Heather Swann
18	Dorothy Forster	Sue Tester
25	Iris Green	Dorothy Forster

Alive 05 overmatter

Taste

It was with some excitement that I made my way down to the common on the Friday evening of Alive 05 week to see 'Taste', a Christian band in concert. As the start time approached I was struck by the warm friendly atmosphere and the broad range of young people (from 7 to 30's) who had come down to the common to see what was going on. The bands music was a mix of rock and pop which featured mostly original songs interspersed with short punchy messages about the songs and God's impact on their lives. The testimony they gave was powerful and was a great witness to the young people present. It was also a good message to me about God's faithfulness. Before the event started we had no idea how many were going to come. God honoured the band's boldness and faith by filling the tent and several rows deep outside.

David Goodchild

Alive 05 for the under 5's

It was a great sight to see so many parents & children together, playing, creating & chatting during the under 5's mornings for Alive 05.

I went along with my 11 month old son William on 3 of the 5 mornings. A highlight for me was hearing Fiona Castle (widow of the late Roy Castle) speaking about parenting on the Thursday. She had a lovely down to earth manner and encouraged us as parents, by reminding us that we are doing a job as parents, unlike any other, which would have a life long impact on at least somebody, namely our child/children.

It was great over the week to see so many parents chatting together & to see lots of new, as well as familiar, faces.

I was encouraged by the parent's chatter at my daughter's pre-school about all the Alive 05 activities. The question is always raised after these events of "why do all these people put on these activities for us, especially free of charge". Well I guess because the idea behind Alive 05, was that we have some Good News worth sharing with Lindfield!

Sarah Hagger