

Hi everyone, welcome to our October newsletter

We have been doing a series on 'Blessed'. It has made me think more about my own spiritual walk. Am I walking the path of blessing where I am close to God, being led by the Holy Spirit. For me it is confirmed by a sense of peace and joy even in difficult times. This month as our small groups explore 'prayer', let's pray that we are all drawn closer to our Lord and Saviour.

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take, or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers. Psalm 1: 1-3

Small Groups at Shoreline We now have four small groups meeting midweek, if you would like to come along to one please talk to Kevin or Julie, you would be most welcome.

Genesis Group will be meeting on Wednesdays 2 and 16 October 10am in room 5 at Crofton Community Centre.

Hill Head Group, led by Kevin and Julie, will also meet on Wednesdays 2 and 16 October at 62 Mancroft Avenue, 7 to 8.30pm.

Pete and Lorraine's Group meet in the evening so if you are not free in the day and would like to join a small group, talk to Pete or Lorraine for details. They meet this month on Wednesday 2 and Wednesday 16 October.

The Crofton afternoon group, led by Sarah, Josie and Mary, will meet on Thursdays 3 and 17 October, venue to be confirmed.

From September – December 2024 we will be doing the Prayer Course in our small groups. This is an 8 week journey through the Lord's Prayer, put together by Pete Greig, and is really excellent. The course material consists of a short video, discussion questions and prayer activities. If you would like to come along to the course at one of our small groups then please talk to Kevin or Julie or one of the leaders, it is not too late to join in.

We have some great new postcard sized fliers available on the table near the door giving details of Shoreline services and Waves, our young people's church. This is a good way to let our community know what we are doing here at Shoreline and to encourage people to give us a try. Please feel free to take some to give to friends, and if you can deliver to a road please make a note of it on the list so we don't duplicate.

Harvest at Shoreline. On **Sunday 6th October** we will celebrate Harvest in our Sunday service and we encourage you to bring in items to donate to The Waypoint Hub food bank that we support.

Church Admin. Kathy Smith is now taking on much of the church administration and Julie and I are happy to be passing this on to someone gifted in this area. This includes the contacts list that Lesley previously coordinated, thanks Lesley for keeping this updated over the years. Thanks also to Sue for our monthly newsletter and the flyers.

Grace 24 News. Grace 24 is Shoreline's main mission outreach based in Kenya. The children in the Grace 24 community are back at school for the final term of the school year please pray they achieve their full potential. They have had a lot of sickness in the last month with a serious stomach bug that has been going around, so please pray for protection over their health. Thank you for all your continued support.

Pudding Sunday is the last Sunday of the month, and helps us to provide financial support to the Grace 24 Project. Next one is Sunday 27 October. Please bring puddings, cakes or garden produce for others to take for a donation.

Contact List At Shoreline we have a contact list of folk who attend and who are friends and occasional visitors. If you would like to add your details please talk to Kathy Smith. If you are on this list you will also receive e mail updates and links to Sunday talks from Kevin.

Children and Young People at Shoreline



We have a real desire to develop our work with children and young people. Recently the leaders have felt led to move our Sunday young people's group, Waves, to the Crofton Youth Project Building which is attached to the back of the main hall. It has great facilities and lots of potential, however, we are currently small in number and lacking in helpers to develop this further. This is not a problem as it is an opportunity to pray and see the Lord provide and really bless us in this area. Do pray for this work and let folk know what we are doing!
The next Childrens' Activity Morning is Sunday 27th October, please invite friends and neighbours with children.

Prayer Ministry We have a small group of people ready to pray with anyone who would like prayer after the Sunday service, just make your way to the prayer table at the back of the hall.

FINANCIAL GIVING You can give to the work of Shoreline on Sundays through the offering box, or to Grace 24 through the heart shaped box. You can also set up a regular gift from your bank account. Our Bank details are Nat West – sort code 524132 – a/c 96753307 or talk to our treasurer, Beck, or one of the leaders for more details. The money covers the rent of the Community Centre, other church running costs, and a range of outside giving. We do not pay anyone a salary. Our treasurer gives regular updates on where our giving goes, and yearly accounts are available to see at any time.