

October slows us down. Misty mornings, early nights, and golden leaves remind us the season has turned. Families walk, children play in leaf piles, and muddy boots by the door mark autumn's arrival.

At home, we reach for scarves, debate the heating, and savour a warm cup of tea. In the midst of busy days, October offers quiet glimpses of God's steady hand in creation. It is also harvest time — not just apples or fields gathered in, but daily signs of God's provision: shared meals, laughter, and the comfort of church family. As the psalmist says, *"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever"* (Psalm 107:1). This season is for gathering — fruit, family, and gratitude — and in each, we see God's faithfulness. *Dave Smith*

Small Groups at Shoreline

Our 5 small groups meet fortnightly, if you would like to be part of one please talk to one of the leaders. Dates and venues in October:

Wednesday 1 October

Genesis Group 10am – 11.30 am Crofton Youth Project Building
Stubbington Group 7pm – 8.30pm at Mick and Helen's, 37 Cuckoo Lane, Stubbington
Hill Head Group 7pm – 8.30pm at 62 Mancroft Avenue
Gosport Group 7pm – 8.30pm at Dave and Kathy's, 2 Arundel Road, Gosport

Thursday 2 October

Crofton Group 2pm – 4pm at 62 Mancroft Ave

Wednesday 15 October

Genesis Group 10am – 11.30 am, Crofton Youth Project Building
Stubbington Group 7pm – 8.30pm at Rob and Sue's, 3 Cromarty Close
Hill Head Group 7pm – 8.30pm, venue to be confirmed
Gosport Group 7pm – 8.30pm at Dave and Kathy's, 2 Arundel Road, Gosport

Thursday 16 October

Crofton Group 2pm – 4pm at 62 Mancroft Ave

Wednesday 29 October

Genesis Group 10am – 11.30 am Crofton Youth Project Building
Stubbington Group 7pm – 8.30pm, venue to be confirmed
Hill Head Group 7pm – 8.30pm venue to be confirmed
Gosport Group 7pm – 8.30pm at Dave and Kathy's, 2 Arundel Road, Gosport

Thursday 30 October

Crofton Group 2pm – 4pm at 62 Mancroft Ave

Monthly Prayer Meeting There is a monthly Shoreline Prayer meeting on the 2nd Friday of the month, 7 to 8pm, the next one is on Friday 10 October, venue to be decided. Everyone is welcome.

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MEN'S BREAKFAST

Monthly in the youth project building. The next one is on **Saturday 4 October**, 8.30am until 9.30am. Bacon butties are served with tea, coffee and fruit juice. The breakfasts are about friendships and relationships with time for reflection and prayer. A great opportunity for men to share together, speak to Dave Smith for more details.

We have a church Facebook page. This is not public and you need to ask to join the group. We do know everyone who is in this group and we live stream to the group on a Sunday morning. Message Kevin or Julie to join. The meeting is later put on our website at shorelinechristianchurch.com



Children and Young People at Shoreline

On **Sunday mornings** our children and young people meet in the youth project room from 10.45am until 11.30am. They also meet fortnightly on **Thursdays** from 6.30pm to 8pm, same venue. Please feel free to invite any children and young people to attend but speak to our youth leaders first.

Mission Kenya

Claire Mukala sends a monthly update about their work in Kenya – see the folder on the notices table. Please pray for Claire and Kennedy and their young family, especially for good health and protection. They live in a rural community where they share the gospel with the local children and families, regularly welcoming 30+ people into their home.

Pudding Sunday is our way of supporting Mission Kenya financially. Next one, **Sunday 26 October**. Please bring puddings, cakes or garden produce for others to take for a donation.



Interested to know more about the Bible?

The Bible Course is a free 8 session course, run fortnightly at Crofton Youth Project (adjacent to community centre) The next session is **Wednesday 1 October at 10am**

For more details contact kevinstares@hotmail.co.uk

Shoreline 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 to this list please talk to Kathy Smith. **If you are on the list you will also receive e mail updates and links to Sunday talks from Kevin when they are available.**

FINANCIAL GIVING You can give to the work of Shoreline on Sundays through the offering box, or to Mission Kenya 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 any time.