

Welcome to our February newsletter

February often feels like the quiet month between seasons, winter still lingering, yet with the promise of spring on the horizon. As we move on from January's fresh start and from our inspiring Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with Churches Together in Stubbington, we're reminded how powerful it is when our different churches and denominations gather in prayer, support one another, and worship together. Those shared prayer times across local churches reflects something beautiful: that Christ calls us to walk together in unity, shoulder to shoulder, as His people.

Now, as we enter Lent, we're invited once more into intentional reflection, simple rhythms of prayer, and deeper connection with God and one another. It's not about perfection, but about presence, opening our hearts to God's transforming love day by day. *"The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love" (Psalm 145:8)*. Wherever you are on your journey, you're warmly invited to continue walking with us this month as we embrace Lent together. Dave

Small Groups at Shoreline We have 5 small groups meeting fortnightly. If you would like to be part of one of these please talk to one of the leaders. Over the next couple of months we continue to look at seven of the Bible's toughest topics. The course is a video and discussion format by Dr Andrew Ollerton who was also the presenter of the Romans and Bible courses we studied previously. This is a great time to encourage and build each other up. Our next meetings are as follows:

Genesis Group: Wed 4 February and Wed 18 February, 10 to 11.30am at the Crofton Youth Project building

Stubbington Group: Wed 4 February at Mick and Helen's, 37 Cuckoo Lane, and Wed 11 February (not 18th as many are away for half term) at Rob and Sue's, 3 Cromarty Close

Hill Head Group: Wed 4 February at Geoff and Penny's, 24 Walnut Drive, and Wed 18 February at Kevin and Julie's, 62 Mancroft Avenue, 7 to 8.30pm.

Gosport Group: Wed 4 and Wed 18 February, 7 to 8.30pm, 2 Arundel Road, Gosport

Crofton Group: Thurs 5 February at 62 Mancroft Avenue and Thurs 19 February at Val's, 10 Walnut Drive 2 to 4pm

Waves Plus Small Group for 13 to 21 year olds: Wednesday 11 and Wednesday 25 February, 7– 8.30pm at Pete and Lorraine's house, 23 Meon Close, Gosport.

Contact List At Shoreline we have a contact list of folk who attend and who are friends and occasional visitors. 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. PTO

SHORELINE WEEKEND AWAY 2026. Our church weekend away is from 7 to 9 August at The Greenhouse, Poole. Our guest speaker this year is Jim Richards, a leader at Hill City Church in Pontypool, South Wales and he will be joining us with his wife Naomi and their 3 children. He is a passionate pastor and evangelist who is so on fire for the Gospel. His theme will be how to walk with Christ effectively. More details to come. If you're interested in coming along, add your name to the signup sheet on the notices table as you come into Church. If you're unsure because of costs, please speak to a member of the leadership team, we don't want cost to put you off coming.



Children and Young People at Shoreline.

Our children and young people now join us in our main Sunday meetings. They also meet fortnightly on a Thursday evening from 7pm – 8.30pm at Pete and Lorraine Jennings' home. If you know young people who might like to attend or would like more information then talk to our youth leaders. The young people will be looking at the Bible Course over the next few months. See Small Groups section for meeting dates and times.

Mick and Helen, supported by Kathy and additional volunteers, will continue Wavemakers, meeting every Thursday in term time, 5pm to 6.15pm in the Youth Project Building. This is a fabulous outreach for children in Years 2 to 6 to join the Kids Club, have fun and learn about Jesus. The numbers are starting to grow as the Lord brings more children along. Please continue to pray for this initiative. Wavemakers is on Thursday 5, 12, and 26 February. No meeting on 19th as it's half term.

Church Prayer Meeting The next monthly church prayer meeting will be on Friday 13 February, 7 to 8pm at 62 Mancroft Avenue Everyone is welcome.

Mission Kenya Claire Mukala sends an update each month about their work in Kenya. There is a folder on the notices table with up to date information. Please pray for Claire and Kennedy and their young family, especially for good health and protection.

Pudding Sunday is the last Sunday of the month, in aid of Mission Kenya. The next one is Sunday 22 February. Please bring puddings, or cakes for others to take for a donation.



Monthly in the youth project building. The next one is **Saturday 7 February**, 8.30am - 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. Speak to Dave for more details.

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 at any time.