



### Welcome to our April newsletter

April is filled with the joy and hope of Easter. After remembering the sacrifice of Christ on Good Friday, we celebrate the wonderful truth that Jesus is alive. The resurrection reminds us that God brings new life, new hope, and new beginning, not just for individuals, but for families, communities, and everyone who comes to Him.

Easter is a special time for us as a church family to gather, celebrate, and welcome others to share in this good news. Whether through our services, time together, or simple acts of kindness in the community, we have the opportunity to reflect the love of the risen Christ to those around us.

***"He is not here; for He is risen, as He said" (Matthew 28:6, NKJV).***

May this Easter season encourage us to keep reaching out, supporting one another, and sharing the hope of Jesus with our neighbours, friends, and families.

**Small Groups at Shoreline** We have 5 small groups meeting fortnightly. If you would like to join one please talk to one of the leaders. This is a great time to encourage and build each other up. Our next meetings are as follows:

**Genesis Group:** 10 to 11.30am, Wed 1, 15 and 29 April at the Crofton Youth Project

**Stubbington Group:** 7-8.30pm, Wed 15 April at Rob and Sue's, 3 Cromarty Close, and Wed 29 April at Mick and Helen's, 37 Cuckoo Lane. (No meeting on 1 April)

**Hill Head Group:** 7 to 8.30pm, Wed 1 and 15 April at 62 Mancroft Avenue, 29 April tbc.

**Gosport Group:** 7 to 8.30pm, 1, 15 & 29 April at Kathy & Dave's, 2 Arundel Road Gosport

**Crofton Group:** 2 to 4pm, Thursday 2, 16 and 30 April, venues to be confirmed.

**Waves Plus Small Group for 13 to 21 year olds:** Wednesday 22 April 7 - 8.30pm at Pete and Lorraine's house, 23 Meon Close, Gosport.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** Monthly in the youth project building. The next one is **Saturday 4 April**, 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 Smith for more details.

**Pudding Sunday** is the last Sunday of the month, in aid of Mission Kenya. Next one is Sunday 26 April. Please bring puddings, cakes etc for others to take for a donation.

**Mission Kenya** Claire Mukala sends an update each month about their work in Kenya. There is up to date information on the notice table about all they are doing. Please pray for Claire and Kennedy and their young family, especially for good health and protection.

**April guest speakers at Shoreline:** Claire Johnson on 12 April, and Roger French on 26 April

### Shoreline Together Day - Saturday 16 May 10am to 4pm

We'd love you to join us for our Together Day at Stubbington Baptist Church, Jay Close. It's going to be a fun day, a chance to come together, fellowship, and enjoy being in community with one another - after all we are family. We're excited to have Pete Cole joining us from Wales. He's got a real heart for God, sharing the Gospel in schools and reaching out to his local community through different ministries. We know what he brings will really encourage and inspire. He'll be coming with his wife, Maggie, who is just full of joy and love. We'll have lunch together, which will be provided. There'll be a chance to donate on the day towards the food, but no pressure at all. **Pete will also be speaking at Shoreline on Sunday 17 May.** We're really looking forward to seeing you and spending the day together, we hope you can make it!



### Children and Young People at Shoreline.

Our children and young people join us in our main Sunday meetings, and also meet fortnightly on Thursday evenings, 7pm - 8.30pm at Pete and Lorraine Jennings' home. If you know young people who might like to attend or would like more information please speak to our youth leaders. See Small Groups section for meeting dates and times.

**Mick and Helen, supported by Kathy and additional volunteers, continue to run 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. The next Wavemakers is **Thursday 16 April**. Please pray for this initiative.

**Monthly Church Prayer Meeting** The next prayer meeting is on Friday 10 April, 7 - 8 pm at Kevin and Julie's, 62 Mancroft Avenue. Everyone is welcome.

**Shoreline's Facebook page** is not public and you need to ask to join the group. We know everyone who is in the group and we live stream on a Sunday morning. Message Dave or Kathy to join. The meeting is later put on our website at [www.shorelinechristianchurch.com](http://www.shorelinechristianchurch.com)

**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 Dave, Kathy or 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 at any time.