

Welcome to our March newsletter

March carries the first hints of change. The days grow a little longer, spring begins to stir, and there's a quiet sense of new life emerging around us. As we move toward Good Friday on 3rd April, our thoughts begin to turn to the cross and the incredible love shown there. It's a reminder that even before the joy of Easter morning, there was sacrifice, a love so deep it chose the way of the cross for us.

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). As a church family, may this month be one of gratitude and renewed faith, as we remember what Christ has done and look ahead with hope to all that is still to come. Dave

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. We are to looking at seven of the Bible's toughest topics using a video and discussion format by Dr Andrew Ollerton, who was also the presenter of the Romans and the Bible courses. 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 4 and Wed 18 March, at the Crofton Youth Project

Stubbington Group: 7-8.30pm, Wed 4 March at Rob and Sue's, 3 Cromarty Close, and Wed 18 March at Mick and Helen's, 37 Cuckoo Lane.

Hill Head Group: 7 to 8.30pm, Wed 4 March at 62 Mancroft Avenue, and Wed 18 March, venue to be confirmed.

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

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

Waves Plus Small Group for 13 to 21 year olds: Wednesday 11 and Wednesday 25 March, 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 7 March**, 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.

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.

Pudding Sunday is the last Sunday of the month, in aid of Mission Kenya. The next one is Sunday 29 March. Please bring puddings, or cakes for others to take for a donation.



Easter at Shoreline Church

On Good Friday, 3 April, Churches Together Stubbington will gather for our Service on the Green, at 11am, as we remember the sacrifice of Christ and the hope we have because of the cross. Meeting together in the heart of our community is a powerful witness as we join with local churches to reflect, pray, and stand united in faith. Shoreline will be leading worship at this service. If you can help hand out songsheets on the day as people arrive please speak to Kevin. There will be an activity for the children on the Green from 10am. **There will be a walk of witness to the Green** starting from the Catholic church in Bells Lane at 10.30am. All are welcome to join in.

After the service, everyone is warmly invited to a shared lunch at Kevin & Julie's, 62 Mancroft Avenue. Please bring some food to share if you're able, but most importantly, bring yourself. It will be a relaxed and welcoming time to enjoy fellowship together after this special act of remembrance. We would love to see as many of you there as possible, just come along when the service on the Green is over.

Easter Sunday there will be an Easter Communion service starting as usual at 10.15am.



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. Please continue to pray for this initiative.

SHORELINE WEEKEND AWAY 2026 is from 7 to 9 August at The Greenhouse, Poole. Our guest speaker 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. 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

Monthly Church Prayer Meeting The next prayer meeting is on Friday 13 March, 7 to 8pm at Richard and Ruth's, 73, Longmynd Drive, Fareham. Everyone is welcome.

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.