

Diary

Every Day 1:00 p.m.	Pray for one person for one minute at one o'clock.
April 30 th to 2 nd May	National Youth Convention further details available from www.ntcog.org.uk .
Saturday 1 st May	Fasting – the continued growth of the Church and our desire to extend the ministries means that we have some big decisions to make. Please pray for God's guidance and wisdom.
Sunday 2 nd May	First Sunday – we will be Breaking Bread together and sharing testimonies so come prepared. We will be meeting for lunch at Popley Fields after this meeting.
7 th to 9 th May	District Men's Weekend Aldershot
Saturday 8 th May	Women's Breakfast
21 st to 23 rd May	District Women's Weekend Aldershot
Saturday 22 nd May	Men's Breakfast
Saturday 5 th June	Fasting
Sunday 6 th June	First Sunday – we will be Breaking Bread together and sharing testimonies so come prepared. We will be meeting for lunch after this meeting.
Saturday 12 th June	Women's Breakfast
25 th to 27 th June	District Convention – Aldershot
Saturday 26 th June	Men's Breakfast

Remember

Please make a special effort to attend as many of our meetings as you can especially the Prayer Meeting and Bible Studies. Sharing time together in Fellowship is important and helps us all to Grow Spiritually.

“We who had sweet fellowship together” Psalm 55:14

NTCOG NEWS

May 2010

Please read this newsletter carefully, make a note of the regular meetings, the special dates and make every effort to attend.

Our Mission

To present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the local community in a powerful, practical and relevant way.

To encourage every member of the Church to develop their God given ministry and to fulfil their potential.

Weekly Meetings

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
Popley Fields Community Centre
Carpenters Down
Popley
RG24 9AE

Monday – Hour of Power

7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Home Groups

Tuesday
7:30 pm

Thursday – Open Door

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

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Poet's Corner

Knock, knock Someone's knocking on your door,
Don't turn away and say,
"Not today."

It may be too late another day.

Knock, knock, Someone's knocking on your door,
"I'm too busy to see who's there
Go away, come back when I need you,
Not before."

Knock, knock, Someone's knocking on your door,
Open before it is too late,
Let Him in to take your sin
And give you life within.

He brings you Peace, Joy, Love
A purpose for living
Welcome Him, don't leave Him in the hall
Give Him your all.

Joan Macintosh

Jesus Is The Difference

Most people will accept that Jesus existed, most will also agree that He was a good person who was crucified for His beliefs but as Christians we believe more, we believe that He:

- Was there in the beginning when God created Heaven and Earth.
- Was born miraculously to a mother who was a virgin.
- Was not only crucified but He rose physically from the grave.
- That He returned to Heaven in His human body.

The third statement of our denominational basis of faith expresses all of that as follows:

That Jesus Christ is the one and only begotten Son of the Father conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, that Jesus was conceived, buried and raised from the dead. That He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the intercessor.

The problem with the view that most people have of Jesus is that it describes Jesus as just another good man who can then be compared with

other good men like Buddha or Ghandi. When Jesus was here on Earth He was not only a good man He was God in the form of man. *...taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.* Philippians 2:7 (NASB95)

The virgin birth is one of God's ways of confirming that Jesus is in fact God in the form of man or Immanuel (God with us). *Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.* Isaiah 7:14 (NASB95). In Christianity, unlike other religions, we have a God who reaches down to find us, that is what makes us different and **Jesus is the difference.**

Only God in the form of man has the right to say as Jesus did - *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."* John 14:6 (NASB95)

This verse put us in conflict with the views of many in our post modern, pluralistic, multi faith society who want to interpret Jesus as "a way" and not **"the way"**. Whilst other faiths are content to be one of many ways to find God, we proclaim the exclusivity of Jesus, that is what makes us different and **Jesus is the difference.**

Jesus' death is as unique as His birth and once again demonstrates that He is God in the form of man. Having been crucified, His body was laid in a tomb and left. When Mary Magdalene some other women went to the tomb three days later there was no body instead an angel told them *"He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying."* Matthew 28:6 (NASB95)

After spending another forty days *teaching - He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.* Acts 1:9 (NASB95).

Other 'good men' like Buddha and Ghandi died like Jesus but unlike Jesus they did not rise from the dead and return to Heaven. In Jesus we have a teacher who continues to help us, that is what makes us different and **Jesus is the difference.**

Pastor Graham

Gift Aid

If you are a UK Tax Payers then the Government will give us 25 pence for every pound that you give so please consider using the Gift Aid envelopes for your tithe and offering.