

FAMILY NEWS

James Brooks went to Honolulu last Tuesday (1st January) working with an organisation called Surfing the Nations and would appreciate your prayer support. You can keep up with his news through his blog www.jamesbrooks.me.uk

Message from Neil & Chandrika Parry:

As many of you know we will be moving to Australia on the 14th January as Neil is starting a 3 year University degree in Melbourne. We are indeed very sad to be leaving the fellowship of PBC, especially during this exciting and challenging time in the life of the church. We are immensely grateful for all your love, prayers and support over the years. We wish you God's richest blessing for 2008!

NEW WINE HOLIDAY

26th July to 1st August 2008

at the Royal Bath and West Showground, Shepton Mallet, Somerset.

You can bring or hire your own tent, caravan, mobile home or book bed and breakfast. In order to secure a reduced rate, bookings have to be paid in full by 31st March 2008.

Please contact Pam Searle if you are interested in going.

SCHOOL PASTORS

Here in Purley, we have an opportunity to be pioneers!
You've heard of Street Pastors and, in fact, we have 5 of our own,
Now the new initiative is School Pastors.

School Pastors would go into schools so that the pupils could get to know them, then go into the town after school and be at the bus stops and travel on the buses into Croydon with the pupils. This ministry would have all sorts of effects - it would keep vulnerable children safe, it would stop bad behaviour and it would make the people of Purley happier.

The school is in place, the police are very keen and so are the Council and so we are now looking for the first volunteers. Age is not important, the oldest Street Pastor is in her 70's and she is very effective. It wouldn't be every day - so if you have an hour or two to spare once a week, please contact Pam Bryan on 020 8668 0422 for more information.



Purley Week

The week ahead at Purley Baptist Church

6th January 2008

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www.purleybaptist.org & www.ministryofyouth.org : your link to all the latest youth news at PBC.

WELCOME TO PURLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

If you are new to the church and want to find out more, please visit the welcome desk in the entrance area of the church and ask them for a welcome pack.

If you have children aged 10+ please ask a Steward for details of where their group meets.

TODAY

*"Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things
in your law." Psalm 119:18*

9.30am **Family Worship**
God's Word - Peter Nodding

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6pm **Evening Praise**
Revelation 4 & 5 - Pam Bryan

7.30pm **Upper Room**
Continuing in God's Word - Peter Nodding

7.30pm **The Ministry**
A Fast without Blessing - Judy Dunn
Isaiah 58:1-5

REDEDICATION, DEMOLITION, PRAYER & OFFERING

At both services this morning there will be a time of rededication but other important things will be taking place as well.

The demolition of the old Sainsbury building and the church offices should be starting in the days and weeks which follow.

After both services this morning we will be gathering to pray in a safe place outside for the demolition. Those who don't feel they can do this will be encouraged to remain in the church for a few minutes to pray.

We will also be having a special offering this morning to raise the money needed to demolish. We have about £50k in hand and it will require another £135k to save us borrowing from the bank.



What's Happening this Week?

MONDAY 7TH JANUARY

Knit Wits	9.30am - Transept
Coffee Morning	10am - Lower Hall
Rock Solid (Yr6 to Yr9)	Next meeting 14th Jan.

TUESDAY 8TH JANUARY

Prayer Watch	10am - Vestry
Cameo	10.30am - Church Emily Chalke (Nightlight Thailand)
Rainbows (5-7 yrs)	Next meeting 15th Jan.
Base:ment-al (14+)	7.15pm - Sports Court
Male Voice Choir Practice	7.45pm - L Hall

WEDNESDAY 9TH JANUARY

Bods & Tods	10.00am - Lower Hall
Prayer Meeting	Midday in the Vestry to pray for the evangelistic work of the church.
Gospel Music Workshop	7.30pm - U Hall
Night Shelter	7.30pm - Lower Hall
Evolve	8pm

THURSDAY 10TH JANUARY

Medau	Next meeting 17th Jan.
Art Class	1.45pm - Lower Hall
Beavers (6-8years)	5pm - Lower Hall
Cubs (8-10 yrs)	6.30pm - Lower Hall
Cell:R (14+)	7.30pm - Upper Hall/ Admin Block

THURSDAY 10TH JANUARY CONTD.

Home Group Leaders to meet James Tetley
8pm - Transept

FRIDAY 11TH JANUARY

Prayer Meeting	Midday - Vestry
Afternoon Tea	2.30pm - Lower Hall
Brownies (10-14 yrs)	5.30pm - Lower Hall
Guides (10-14 yrs)	7.15pm - Lower Hall
Rangers	Next meeting 18th Jan.
Scouts (10-14 yrs)	7.30pm - Upper Hall

SUNDAY 13TH JANUARY

9.30am Family Worship	A Fast without Blessing - James Tetley Isaiah 58:1-5
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Joint Service at 7pm in the Church	Commissioning service for Emily Chalke Alan Pain, BMS World Mission

STAFF DAYS OFF

Peter Nodding & Pam Bryan - Friday
Mark Humm - Saturday

FLOWERS

The flowers today have been given by Pam Davies in loving memory of Tony.

COMING UP...

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Bill Aldridge will be held at Above Bar Church, Southampton on **Thursday 10th January** at 2pm. All friends most welcome.

MISSION PRAYER MEETING

Friday 11th January, 8pm at the home of David and Sweemoy Tan.

COFFEE MORNING

Abbeyfield Purley Society are holding a Coffee Morning on **Saturday 12th January**, 10am to midday at Purley URC. Cake stall and bric a brac stall. All welcome.

PRAYER FOR PURLEY TOWN CENTRE

Monday 14th January, 1pm at the offices of Streeter Marshall.
Bring your lunch, refreshments provided.

MONDAYS FOR MEN

Monday 14th January at 8pm in the Church

PRAYER FOR THE NATION

Tuesday 15th January, 8pm in the Transept

ACTION PARTNERS PRAYER MEETING

Tuesday 22nd January, 8pm at the home of David & Connie Wilmshurst

SETTLING IN

A new course of Settling In will be starting **Wednesday 23rd January** at 8pm in Vestry.

CHURCH MEETING

Wednesday 30th January, 8pm in the Church

CHURCH CARETAKER

We are pleased to announce that Paul Lane was appointed as our Church Caretaker in December. His hours are 8.30pm to 3.30pm Paul can be contacted in the first instance by email: caretaker@purleybaptist.org and then his mobile 07975 820899

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please check if you have any Christmas cards in the member's pigeonholes.
Cards left after Sunday 13th January will be recycled.