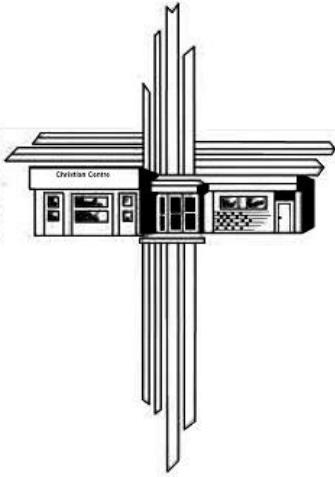


Medway Christian Fellowship

5th September 2010



A family of Christians
living to serve God
and the community -
growing and encouraging a
joyful Christian faith.

WELCOME
to our Special Celebration
and Communion
this morning.

We hope to get to know you better
so would love for you to fill out a 'Visitor
Card' and pop it in the offering bag
or sign our Visitors Book.

Should you have any queries please talk to
one of our stewards or a Church Elder,
who would be delighted

Len Winfield will bring us the address today.

If you would like prayer, please feel free to approach Len
or Colin who will gladly make the necessary
arrangements.



The reading today is
Psalm 105:1-7, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
"Give Thanks To The Lord"

Pastor's Corner...



Hello, and welcome to this morning's service.

The notion of Christianity as a life-style as opposed to a religion is a challenging one. Even more challenging to us is the *experience* of Christianity. There's much that can go on in our heads, but it's the conversion of the notion into daily experiential life that sets the active Christian apart from the merely professing one.

Anyone can take on board the salient aspects of 'the Way', just as we might look to a map and consider the route ahead. We might look to the map so often that we know the route by heart, every twist and turn, and vantage point.

But until we actually walk the route we're restricted to a 2D event, we haven't experienced the 4D reality – the terrain, sights and sounds; the smells, the elements, the pain and the joy. Neither have we experienced the freedom and exhilaration of the downhill canter after the uphill struggle. Nor can we possibly know the tingle of delight as we stand at a summit and wonder at the view, and the grandeur of God's creation.

When Paul tells us 'to put on the Lord Jesus' (Romans 13:14) he isn't speaking to us from a theoretical and intellectual viewpoint. He's encouraging us to put Jesus on, just as we would a garment, so that we experience visceral contact. In true Hebrew/Jewish sentiment, Paul is telling us to set aside the notion, and live the experience.

Jesus, the author of the map, the Way, said 'take my yoke upon you and learn from Me....' (Matthew 11:29) Anything yoked together is by definition exactly that – joined together. Are you yoked to Jesus, and actively learning from Him, or is He someone interesting to read about, an interesting notion to be considered, but not actually experienced?

My prayer this week is that we all seek the experience of the Lord Jesus in a new and relational way; that we put Him on us, around us, below us and above us, as we walk the way of life, not guided by an intellectual map, but by the feel and texture of the road beneath our feet and the tug of the yoke around our necks.

Stay yoked to the Lord, and keep pressing on, together; have a good week.

God bless, Len

Meetings This Week..

- This afternoon 3pm at the Medway Christian Centre, Service of Rededication
- Tuesday 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer* at the Christian Centre.
8.00 p.m Home Group, Pennington Road, Huntingdon.
- Wednesday 2.00 p.m. Home Group, Beaumont Close, Huntingdon. 7:30 p.m. *Home Group*, Elm Close, Huntingdon.
- Thursday 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer* at the Christian Centre. Ladies morning group will resume on 16th September. There will be no Ladies evening group at Jane's until further notice.
Youth Group at the Christian Centre 7.00 p.m.
- Friday 1.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. CAMEO at the Christian Centre.

Dates for the Diary..

12th September . Outreach Service at Medway Court at 2.30pm. Full details in The Notices overleaf

13th September, Monday Evening, Ladies' Prayer Evening. 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rev. Mary Jepp, 59 London Road, Godmanchester.

18th September - Prayer Focus. 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Christian Centre

19th September, Popcorn and Film Evening - 6:00 p.m. at the Christian Centre.

25th September, Autumn Fair - 11:00 a.m. to 4:00pm at the Christian Centre.

The Notices...

MEDWAY COURT. Our first visit to Medway Court will be on 12th September and we would welcome as many can make it to join us. We are planning to be there from 2.30pm for lots of singing and a few readings followed by a cup of tea and a chat to the residents. If you would like to join us after the service in the Christian Centre with a packed lunch and short time of prayer that would be good too. For more details speak to Sally.

LADIES, PRAYER EVENING - Some ladies from various local churches have expressed their concern for the need of revival, not only in the hearts of individuals, but also in the local area. This is a reminder for those who were at the last Ladies Breakfast, plus notification for any other ladies who may be interested, that an evening of prayer is being held at Rev. Mary Jepp's home on Monday, **13th September, at 7:30 p.m.** Mary's address is 59 London Road, Godmanchester PE29 2HZ. Her telephone no. is 411734. Most of you will know that Mary is Curate at St. Mary The Virgin Parish Church in Godmanchester.

AUTUMN FAIR– VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. The Autumn Fair is on 25th September from 11am to 4pm in the Christian Centre to raise money for the SIFT medical work. We hope to have two craft stalls (one of these will be crafts from Nicaragua), a card stall, a cake stall, a second hand bookstall and a jewellery stall. We are really grateful to those people who have already kindly offered to make things but we need more volunteers to make cakes and some donations of second hand books. We would also appreciate offers of help to run the stalls on the day. Could you please let Colin or Jane Weaver know if you can help in any of the above ways? E-mail janejweaver@hotmail.com or ring 01487 822766.

Finally we need people to tell *all* their friends and neighbours about it and to encourage them to come. Flyers will be available soon for you to give out. If you have links at other churches or organisations and would like a sheaf of flyers to pass on to them please let Colin know.

HELP NEEDED WITH EVENTS PUBLICITY. In the coming months we anticipate having a variety of events for which good publicity will be needed. For example, next month there is the next Popcorn and Film night and the Autumn Fair, and in the coming months there will be further Film nights and outreach events. As well as asking you to invite your friends and relations to these, we want to make sure that the wider community know that they are welcome to come.

SCRIPTURE NOTES. Scripture notes for September, October and November are available on the table at the back.

SIFT SPONSORED WALK. Thank you to all who sponsored the MCF team who walked 24 miles on 24th July for SIFT. The walk raised a magnificent £1136, (incl tax reclaimed from Gift Aid), all of which will go to SIFT's medical work on Ometepe Island, Nicaragua.

PAKISTAN FLOOD APPEAL. There will be a box at the rear of the hall from 12th to 26th September for anybody who wishes to donate a gift toward the relief efforts in Pakistan following the massive floods across the country during August. At the end of September the money will be sent to Tearfund, a Christian relief and development agency which is working amongst other UK relief organisations to bring emergency aid to those suffering. Cheques to be made to Medway Christian Fellowship and if you have completed a MCF Gift Aid declaration the tax refunded will also be sent to Tearfund.

HOME GROUP'S. All home group's resume this Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th September

LADIES EVENING GROUP. There will be no evening ladies group at Jane Hector's house until further notice— mainly as Sally will be away. Will recommence on Thursday 28th October

A gentle reminder! Please turn off your mobile phone. If you are expecting an urgent call or are on-call please use the vibrate function. Thank you.
The only text messages we want to hear are from the Bible!



MORE NOTICES...



PROPOSED SUNDAY SCHOOL RESTRUCTURE

So far we have come up with 'Medway Acorns' as a name for the new Sunday School and 'Medway Iddy-Biddy Acorns' for the crèche - based on Isaiah 61 vs. 3: "... They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendour" that we encourage our 'acorns' to grow into strong oaks. This is a last opportunity to let us have your nomination for a name! If you have something better, let us know asap - today or tomorrow preferably. If you wish to volunteer as a helper with Medway Acorns etc please let Sally know, also asap, and if you wish to take up the opportunity of the Children's Workers Training Day in October let Sally Winfield know. Thank You, Sally.

If you wish to place a notice in the Bulletin, please ensure you let Jane have the details by Thursday. Thank you.

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READINGS AND PRAYER LIST

For the week 5th to 12th September 2010

	Reading	Prayer Concerns
Sun 5 th	Psalm 17	Thank God for His grace and faithfulness as we celebrate the 40 th Anniversary of the Christian Centre.
Mon 6 th	Mark 14: 56-60 Jesus accused.	For all schools in our area: for teachers, students, governors, parents and that God's name would be honoured.
Tue 7 th	Mark 14:61-65	For the Government, national and local.
Wed 8 th	Mark 14:66-72 Peter disowns Jesus	For our local council and officials.
Thu 9 th	Mark 15:1-15 Jesus before Pilate	For our young people, particularly our Youth Group as they meet this evening.
Fri 10 th	Mark 15:16-20 The soldiers mock Jesus	For C A M E O and its outreach into the community.
Sat 11 th	Mark 14:21-32 The crucifixion	For all those involved in the morning service tomorrow as they prepare.
Sun 12 th	Psalm 18	For the outreach service this afternoon at Medway Court.

