

THE SHACK - You may have heard Nick mention this book last week. This book has received mixed reviews from Christian readers. Nick has posted a positive review on our website entitled "Is it o.k. for Christians to read William Paul Young's best seller?" Find out more by going to Website: www.sjep.org

READING THE BIBLE

If you are thinking about reading the Bible in a more systematic way, please talk to John or Jenny Filewod in the Bookstall as they have samples of the various schemes available.

FURNISHED HOUSE TO LET - We have been asked if there is anybody connected with our church or church family who might be interested in renting a small 2 bedroom furnished house (located nearby) at a modest rent for a period of approx. 1 year. If you know of anyone, and would like further details, please contact Liz in the office on: 020 8650 3515

THE TWILIGHT RAINBOW is the name of a production by a group of musicians and actors, originally from Zimbabwe, who are now refugees or forced asylum seekers. The Twilight Rainbow is "a pulsing, laughing, bittersweet tour of memories" shared by this inimitable crew. The performance will be on at The Warehouse Theatre in Dingwall Road, Croydon from 6th - 28th March. Tickets from the Box Office on: 8680 4060 or book online at: www.warehousetheatre.co.uk Look out for the brightly coloured poster on the Information Board.

DO YOU MISS THESE ? Just before Christmas we published:

- ◆ the new Prayer Diary for 2009
- ◆ the Church Calendar of Events for 2009
- ◆ the Dates Leaflet for Children & Young People's Groups

If you missed any of these information leaflets, then you can still pick one up from the Information Table in the Church entrance porch or access them on the Church website on www.sjep.org

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News & Notices for week commencing Sunday 11th January 2009

A very warm welcome to our services today. Please stay for refreshments after the morning service which will be served on the "old chancel". A hearing aid loop is available in all areas of the church.

Sunday 11th January

10.00 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Nick Lang
Keeping in touch with God: - The Bible
 (2 Timothy 3: 10-17 and Luke 4: 14 -21)

6.30 pm Evening Worship - Dr. David Plummer
"Wonderful Counsellor"
 (Isaiah 40: 12 - 14 and Romans 11: 33 - 36)

Wednesday 14th January

10.45 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Nick Lang

Sunday 18th January

10.00 am Morning Worship - Rev'd Liz Lander
Unity
 (Psalm 133 and John 17: 13 - 23)

6.30 pm Holy Communion - Roger Clarke
"Prince of Peace"
 (Isaiah 57: 14 - 21 and Luke 19: 37 - 48)

Special prayer for the first Sunday of Epiphany

*Heavenly Father,
 at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
 may we recognise him as our Lord
 and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
 through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
 Amen*

Is there something you would like to pray about today? Someone will be available to pray with you in the Chapel after each service.

Monday 12th January

- 8.45 am Parish Prayers
- 10.30 am The LINK – coffee followed by lunch from 12 noon
- 2.30 pm Women's Focus - "Looking back - Going forwards" David Plummer
- 7.30 pm CYFA
- 8.00 pm Homegroups

Tuesday 13th January

- 10.00 am The Ark
- 8.00 pm Homegroups

Wednesday 14th January

- 9.15 am Parish Prayers
- 10.45 am Holy Communion in the Chapel
- 10.30 am The LINK – coffee followed by lunch from 12 noon
- 5.30 pm Kingfishers
- 6.30 pm Kestrels

Friday 16th January

- 8.45 am Parish Prayers

Saturday 17th January

- 7.30 pm SJ's

Please pray for –

- ◆ *We continue to pray for Maurice Strong's daughter Maddie and the family following his death on Friday 2 January. There will be a 'Service of Thanksgiving' for Maurice in church on Friday 23rd January at 11.15 am.*
- ◆ *We are also sad to announce that Peggy Hawkins died on New Year's Eve. Our thoughts are with her Son, Bob, his wife and the rest of the family. Peggy's funeral will be on Friday 16th January at 4.30 p.m. at Beckenham Crematorium.*
- ◆ *We pray for Liz Spencer & the family following the death of her father on 6th January.*
- ◆ *Tony Peters - recovering from his operation. Our thoughts and prayers are also with Tony and the family following the death of Tony's father whose funeral will be on Monday 12th January.*
- ◆ *Baby Charlie Wilkins - and his parents Caroline & Craig*
- ◆ *Christine Kerry - Graham's sister*
- ◆ *Donald Pook - Marjorie's brother.*
- ◆ *Bronwyn - Fi's niece - who is back home but still unwell.*
- ◆ *Doreen Tang*

Special prayer topics:

- ◆ *Residents of Links Way*
- ◆ *Children and Young People in our community*

Home Groups : Home Groups restart on this week on 12/13th January. A series of discussions has been prepared and notes produced for everyone, on Finding God in "The Shack" the current challenging popular bestseller by William Paul Young. You do not need to have read the book! Each evening is based on one of the challenging encounters in the book and all the information needed is provided in the notes. If you are not in a Home Group and would like to join one please speak to David White. (8650 5344)

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS - Our collections at the Christmas Services amounted to £1,222 - this has been distributed equally between St. Christopher's Hospice and Christians Against Poverty. Thank you for your generosity.

CAR PARKING - As you will have seen, work on the levelling and tarmac surfacing of the car parking area alongside the church is now underway. Parking restrictions will be in force for the next two weeks whilst the work is taking place. Please be careful when coming in and out of the church driveway during this period of time. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE 29th March, 2009

Have you been thinking about Confirmation? It's a great way to recommit yourself in your Christian life so if you're between 13 and 93 and have never been confirmed before, then talk to Nick or Phil about what it is and what it means and they'll be delighted to chat it through with you.



We all enjoy our cup of coffee or tea after the morning services and our refreshments have traditionally been prepared by Homegroups on a rota basis. We would now like to try and form a couple more "coffee teams" comprising people who are not necessarily in Homegroups but could share the load. If we get enough groups it would come around about once every two months. Is there anyone who would be prepared to be part of one of these "coffee teams". Please do speak to Liz King if you can help. Many thanks

p.s. I've already had a few volunteers, so just need a couple of more to add to the group, so please help if you can. Thank you.