

SHARE and DECIDE EVENINGS

At the last Church meeting you voted in four deacons to serve the Church. As a group we are aware that there is a perception that decisions are being made and actions taken, when nothing could be further from the truth. We would therefore like to put in place a process where we all have a chance to comment, discuss and decide on how Wymondham Baptist Church will grow and develop together in the future.

We are therefore going to start having monthly meetings to discuss how, as a body, we will ensure God is at the centre of **all** we do and that we fulfil the challenges Christ set down for us. There will probably be some domestic issues to discuss at some of these meetings e.g. financial updates.

Dates for these future meetings will be published in our Weekly Notices and on the Church Website.

To start the process we are running a series of evenings entitled **Share and Decide Evenings (SaDE)** where we will review what we do and how we do it, to then decide how we are going to improve. Thank you to everyone who attended the first of these meetings last Thursday - your valuable contributions are being collated, so the process of sharing and deciding can begin in earnest. The dates for the following meetings are:

- **Wednesday 23rd April**
- **Wednesday 30th April**
- **Wednesday 7th May**

These meetings will start with refreshments at **7.45pm** (can we please have some volunteers for helping with this).

If you were unable to attend the first meeting this by no means excludes you from sharing and helping in the decision making during the next meetings - everyone is very welcome to come and contribute.

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Items for the next WBC Week should be sent to tammy.hannant@wymondhambaptist.org by Thursday evening please.



20th April 2008

WBC WEEK

We welcome you to our service at Wymondham Baptist Church today, especially if you are visiting. We hope you will enjoy the time we share together.

Our service is informal and modern and lasts around 75-90 minutes.

EXPLODE is our children's programme. *Sparklers* (0-2s), meet in the lounge; *Jumping Jacks* (3-7s) and *Dynamite* (8-12s) meet in the schoolroom.

Please join us for refreshments and chat after the service.

TODAY

As often as possible Jesus withdrew to out-of-the-way places for prayer.

Luke 5:16

10.00am Prayer Meeting - Counselling Room

10.30am Family Worship

Speaker: Rob Chambers

'Noise'

7.30pm Time of Open Prayer - Lounge

LOOKING FORWARD

27th April Family Worship

Speaker: Young Adults

4th May Family Worship

Speaker: Rev. Ian Fosten

11th May Family Worship & Communion

Speaker: Margaret King



The Week Ahead at WBC

MONDAY 21st APRIL

Little Acorns		
Toddler Zone	10.00am	Queen Street
Baby Zone	1.00pm	Queen Street
Go Club		
(girls 6-8 yrs)	6.00pm	Queen Street
Searchers		
(yrs 4-6)	6.45pm	Fairland Hall

TUESDAY 22nd APRIL

Missionary Group Meeting	Wicklewood
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WEDNESDAY 23rd APRIL

SaDE	7.45pm	Queen Street
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FRIDAY 25th APRIL

Coffee Pot	10.30am	Queen Street
Friday Crew	7.30pm	Queen Street
(yrs 7-9)		

SUNDAY 27th APRIL

Prayer Meeting	10.00am
Family Worship	10.30am
Speaker: Young Adults	
Open Prayer	7.30pm

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.
Romans 3:23-24

TREASURER'S REPORT JAN-MAR 2008

Well, it's about time I reported on our first quarter back at Queen Street and as it's my "maiden" quarter may I just extend a huge thank you to Sue Walther for a smooth and painless transfer of documents, signatories and expertise.

In the first three months to 31st March, total income to the church was £11,999. A big thank you to all who contributed financially to the church as a statement of faith, love and hope for the future of WBC, which is firmly in His hands.

We had significant "one off" expenses relating to our outgoing commitments with HCC meaning that overall, we suffered a deficit of £3809 for the three months. Those expenses include ministerial costs of £7612, which include paying John and Doreen Davis until the end of March as a gesture of goodwill and thanks for their pastoral work in the time they were with us, and a full month's salary (January) for our outgoing youth worker Andy Jones. A further £1135 was expended on the rental of the High School premises. These two costs will not recur.

Also included were insurance costs for Queen Street and the manse of around £2100. This is an annual cost so will not recur until March 09.

It must also be noted that payment into our tithe fund of 15% of our total income is continuing. This money is set aside for good causes and the cost of this amounted to £1800 for the quarter, culminating in an undistributed balance of £4122 for charity giving and Baptist Union obligations.

Overall, I am very encouraged by how quickly things have settled down financially, and although we suffered a deficit for the three months, the next quarter should provide a different story, recovering that shortfall and providing more funds for the exciting year of continued consolidation and growth we have ahead! Richard.

COMING UP ...

There will be the second of our **SaDE** Meetings this coming **Wednesday 23rd April** at Queen Street to start discussions on the way forwards for WBC (see back of notices for further information). Everyone is welcome to attend and contribute to the discussions.

The **Missionary Group** are meeting this **Tuesday 22nd April** at 7.30pm at the Cooper's home in Wicklewood. This is an open group and anyone who has a heart for missionary work, both at home and abroad, is very welcome to join; contact Jane Poyntz on 01603 812284 for more details.

The next **Ladies' Breakfast** will be on **Saturday 3rd May** from 8.00am-9.30am. There will be an opportunity to share our thoughts from the 'April Prayer Challenge'.

Details for the next 2 **Book Group** meetings are as follows:
Sunday 11th May: *To Kill a Mocking Bird* by Harper Lee
Sunday 8th June: *The Gathering* by Anne Enright
 Matt Cooper has further information.

We would still like items for the hamper for the Table Top Sale (**Saturday 17th May**) in aid of **The Attic Babies of Chernobyl**. Please speak to Trisha Harvey (01953 601502) or Jane Poyntz (01603 812284) if you would like to donate an item as we would like to avoid duplication if possible.

The new **WBC Church Directory** should be available next Sunday. There will be enough for 1 per family and I will also make the .pdf file available on request for regular Church attendees. Tammy.

EXPLODE

Having started with one group for **EXPLODE** (plus a crèche) in January, we are now in a position where, due to numbers of children, we will be running three groups! This is really exciting and we as a Church are very blessed to have the numbers of children that we do.

However, in order to meet the needs of all the **EXPLODE** members, we need more people to help, especially people who would be willing to lead a group. The groups currently are **Jumping Jacks** (3-7s), **Dynamite** (8-12s) and soon to be starting, **Nitro** (12+).

The commitment required is 1 in every 3-4 Sundays. Please speak to Helen Chalu if this is something you would like to get involved with. You are always welcome to come and observe a group in action (and see how much fun it is!) before making a commitment!

PS: watch this space for the grand revealing of the brand new **EXPLODE** logos!