

28th June 2009

NOTICES

We welcome you to our service at Wymondham Baptist Church today, whether a regular or a visitor.

Our service is informal and modern and lasts around 75-90 minutes. We pray you will be blessed as you worship and praise our great and mighty God. If you need prayer, please do ask.

EXPLODE is our children's programme. *Sparklers* (0-2s) meet in the lounge; *Jumping Jacks* (3-7s) and *Dynamite* (8-11s) meet in the schoolroom.

Do stay for refreshments and chat after the service.

TODAY

Sunday 28th June

Speaker: Margaret King

SPEAKERS FOR THE FUTURE

Sunday 5th July

Rob Chambers

Sunday 12th July

Trisha Harvey

Sunday 19th July

Glyn Jones

Summer dates TBC but expect them to be shorter and different to usual form



TO MAKE YOU SMILE

Church notices - bloopers

The local high school will be enacting Shakespeare's 'Hamlet' in the church on Friday at 7pm.

The congregation are warmly invited to attend this tragedy.



7-DAY DIARY

Monday 22nd June

Little Acorns Baby & toddler group - 10am Queen Street.



On Monday 51 children and their carers joined us for play, snacks and singing.

We try to vary the activities they do, so in the lounge we set up six train tracks for the children to explore. They were a very big hit!

We only have a few weeks left until we break up for the summer holidays, to return in September. We've had a few new volunteers come forward, so now's a good time to mention that if you're interested in helping out with any of our children's ministries, either during the week or on Sundays, we'd like to go ahead and begin processing the paperwork to make sure you're ready in plenty of time to join the fun! Speak to Tracy or Chris for more information.

GO Club ▶ 6.00pm. Queen St. Girls 6-8 yrs

Searchers 6.45pm. Fairland Hall Yrs 4-6

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NEWS AND PRAYERS

A big *Thank You* to all at WBC for the lovely card and gift as my time with Little Acorns comes to an end. I have helped at Little Acorns for a little over 5 years and have enjoyed meeting with adults and children from our community, following their progress from babies through to school children. My first 'batch' of toddlers will be starting junior school in September and many more are in 'my class' at school now!

I also want to thank everyone who has also given up their time to serve God and Wymondham in this way as it's definitely down to great teamwork that Little Acorns is such a successful group. I wish Tracy and the current team every blessing as Little Acorns continues to support our community in such a brilliant way! With love, and thanks again. *Tammy.*

BMS IN BANKOK Sex, film, mission and music

Renowned worship leader and singer/songwriter Pete James recently got an insight into the ways in which sex, film, mission and music are being drawn together on the streets of Bangkok when he was part of a filming team on behalf of BMS World Mission recently.



He travelled to the capital of Thailand, often seen as the capital of the world's sex-tourism industry, to highlight the plight of trafficked women and how their dignity is being restored. His reflections, and the music the environment inspired, will form the focus of an upcoming BMS video resource.

Prostitution was made illegal in Thailand in the 60's, but there are few efforts to enforce the law. Estimates from 2007 put the number of sex workers at over 2.8 million. A staggering 10% of tourist's money are, according to some figures, spent on Thailand's sex-trade.

However, in this dark and seemingly hopeless environment, Christians are making a difference, like those at BMS partner NightLight which provides employment and a way out of their risky trap. Peter reports that: "Though many of the women working as prostitutes are not being coerced or trafficked physically, personal poverty and a trade centred on denying women their basic rights has resulted in very real bondage that is not merely physical, but spiritual as well".

He sees this spiritual struggle referenced in Ephesians 6: 'Our fight is not against flesh and blood, but against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms'. He added: "There is certainly a spiritual dimension to what is going on as many bars from which the women work are "blessed" before the evening begins in the hope of drawing in lots of men.

"Through the work of organisations such as NightLight, demonic thoughts and activity are chipped away. Lives previously riddled with abuse are transformed. Women previously so lost are filled with an inner peace and a real joy."

Please pray that BMS support for women affected by the sex trade is not met with resistance, and that women involved in this industry may be open to help.

That we can certainly do!

