

# Newsletter

February - March 2018

## Round-up of Events



A place of life, testimony and encouragement. A place to simply meet and worship Jesus through music. A place to come and sing a wide variety of songs to God; to listen to God, through prayer and reflection.

The damp, cold, windy evening of Saturday 3rd February saw the third of our increasingly popular Worship Encounter nights at Balaclava Road church.

Sharing the love of, and for, Jesus in a musical setting it is an evening of calm, serene worship. True gratitude from the heart, through singing, testimony and praise.

Harmonious vocals, superb musicality and inspiring unity, the Worship Encounter team are a heavenly indulgence your ears and hearts just shouldn't miss, so mark your calendars for **Worship Encounter; Saturday 28th April, 7.30pm—9.30pm at Balaclava Road.**

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Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017 was an exciting day for the children of the church when they performed their own version of the nativity. Narrated by both Nathan and Matty, a fabulous time was had by all in retelling the most special of events in the Christian calendar. Big thanks to Fabrice and all the Youth team x x

# Sunday Services and Speakers

February		
11 <sup>th</sup>	Jacky	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Dick Pretlove	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Jacky	<b>Baptisms</b> If you would considering Baptism, or would just like to talk to someone about, please contact Jacky anytime.
March		
4 <sup>th</sup>	Andrew Smith	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Jacky	Mother's Day
18 <sup>th</sup>	Guest Speaker: TBC	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Jacky	Palm Sunday
April		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Andrew Smith	Easter Sunday

## Prayer Requests

Please, if you would like to, join us in praying for:

- ♥ Andrew and Marion Smith's grand-daughter, Juliet, who was recently admitted into hospital.
- ♥ Pat and Eddy, who are now back at home and in need of your love, support and visits.
- ♥ Our friends from the Iranian Church (Wednesday night Langley prayer group) and the recent bereavement of Br Hoshang's sister.
- ♥ Join John on Wednesday evening's to pray that God will bring us a new pastor (Garden Room, Langley Road; ask John for further details)

## Events

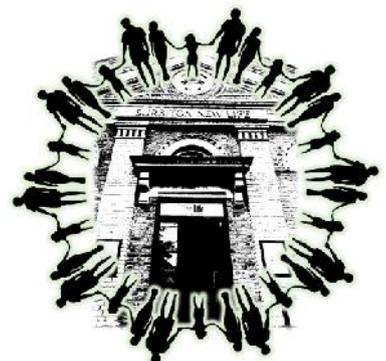
### Members Meetings

All meetings take place from 7.30pm – 9.30pm at Langley Road

Forthcoming dates are:

- **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**
- **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

If you want to be involved or simply catch up on what is happening in YOUR church, membership is a true way of showing your hearts commitment.



Becoming part of a local church family is a really big and important decision. We encourage people to pray and think about church membership. Church membership is about belonging to a local church community and being involved in its life, work and witness. A member is someone who is committed to the local church and recognises that a particular fellowship is their spiritual home, where through faith they belong.

The Church recently saw the arrival of two new and very welcome members, Chris Townsley and Chrissy Fuller so let's give them our warmest welcome and prayers.

## Regular Prayer & Fellowship Groups

Mondays	
2pm to 4pm Garden Room Langley Road	No experience necessary... For all ages... Wool, needles, coffee and cake supplied... All monies raised from sale of toys goes to the charity.... <b>So, come and join us for a good old natter and knit...?</b>
	
Tuesdays	
9.30am to 11.30am Main Hall, Langley Road	Tots and Carers; see Sue Waters for details
7.30pm	Fellowship group; speak to Noel or Peter for details
Wednesdays	
Evening Garden Room	Prayer group; please contact John for details
Thursdays	
2pm to 4pm Garden Room	Weekly prayer and fellowship group for ladies.
Fridays	
7pm, Langley Road	Youth club for 9-14 year olds. For the very latest updates on the youth programme, email or text Fabrice.. cos you never know what he's got planned!!!
	
Monthly: Last Friday 10am, Chessington Garden Centre Cafe	Chat and fellowship with Jacky our pastor.
Sunday	
4pm to 6pm Balaclava Road	'The Well' bible study, hot meal and fellowship.

# Jacky's Blog.....



Lent is upon us again (where does the time go....?)

I was in Lime Tree School last week taking my regular half termly assembly in front of 240 children, most of whom had never heard of Lent. As we talked about pancakes (which they had all heard of!) and I watched little faces gripped by the story of Jesus facing the devil and temptation in the desert, they learned the meaning of fasting and the importance of reflecting in our lives.

I was then away at the London Baptist Minister conference, a chance for ministers in the LBA to meet, reflect, learn worship and listen to God, and came away spiritually revived. Taking time out to encounter God is so important to our spiritual growth, Jesus did it regularly and Lent is a chance to follow his example. Why not join a Churches Together Lent group\*, buy a Lent study book or follow a Lent daily prayer scheme on line. Two of the best I have found are those below. Remember God loves. To send time with us.

The London institute for contemporary Christianity has five online prayer journeys sending emails each day. [www.licc.org.uk/resources/prayerjourneys/](http://www.licc.org.uk/resources/prayerjourneys/)

## ▪ Trusting God Prayer

- Trust is the basis of our relationship with God yet learning to fully rely on him can be difficult. This prayer journey guides us in how to grow our trust, even when faced with difficulties and loss.

## ▪ Whole Life Worship Prayer

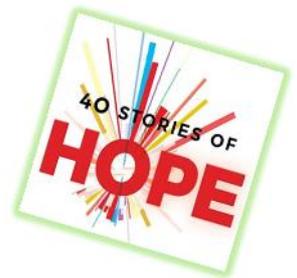
- We long to follow Christ in every area of our lives, and this journey reflects on how Christ can be glorified in our gathered worship, together and our scattered, daily worship, wherever we are Monday to Saturday. Find out more.

## ▪ Fit for Life, A Prayer Journey for Workers

- We wouldn't expect to get physically fit without putting in some work and the same goes for getting spiritually fit – so this journey encourages us in our own spiritual growth and vitality. Find out more.

## ▪ Pray for Life Prayer

- It can be hard to know where to begin when praying for people to know God for themselves, so this journey guides us in how to pray for our friends and colleagues to become spiritually alive.



Or, from the Stewardship fund, try 'A generous Lent' 40 Acts which sends you something generous to do each day, at: <https://40acts.org.uk/>



## What kind of acts can I expect this year?

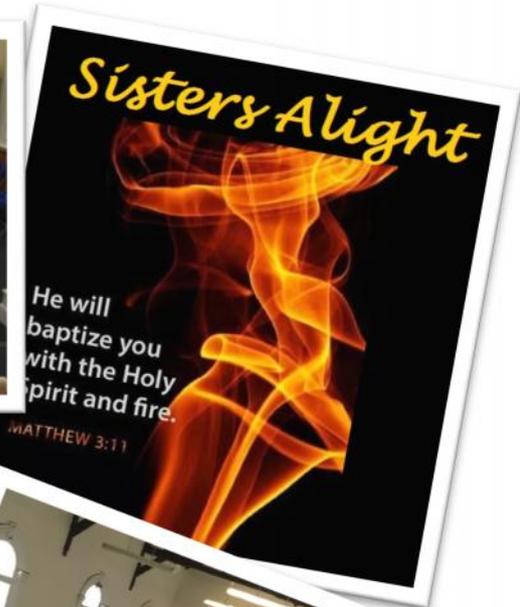
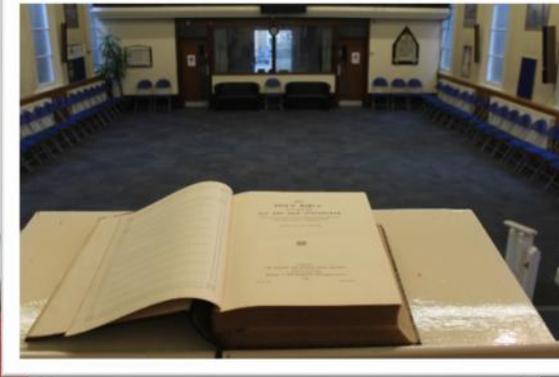
You're thinking of signing up for this year's 40acts challenge... But what do you have to expect from these 40 daily acts of generosity?

The acts are designed to be simple daily generous challenges which range in style from practical, roll-up-your-sleeves and get-your-hands-dirty tasks, to more relational, encouraging, world-focussed or reflective acts. Each one is designed to be able to be performed in one day, although some you may want to take into several days – there are no hard and fast rules!

\*For 2018, Churches Together have partnered with Hope for our Lent course which is based on the book *40 Stories of Hope*. Go to: <https://ctbi.org.uk/lent/>

## Final Thoughts

- ♥ Our next Newsletter will be a special Easter edition, so if you have something you think people would be interested in, or something you would like them to attend or give prayers and gratitude for, just drop an email to the office and Carol will get back to you



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**Every Sunday**

**4pm - 6pm**

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