

Spring Mount Newsletter February 2010

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*Spring Mount Christian
Fellowship
Abbey Road
Barrow-in-Furness*

Spring Mount Christian Fellowship exists to
Reach others for Christ;
Teach about Christ;
Grow in Christ;
Send for Christ.

*Spring Mount Walney
Amphitrite Street
Walney Island*

Please email all notices for March to donna@springmountcf.co.uk by Monday 1st March. Thanks.

Message from the Leadership Team

This month I feel that we should all become OAP's. I don't mean get free off peak bus travel or extra money towards our heating bills. It seems as though God is wanting each one of us to be more Open And Passionate for Him. O.A.P!! God is seeking those who are ready to hear Him and be open to all He has in store for them. It's easy to say, "Of course we are!", but then still try to hold the Holy Spirit at arms length, not flinging our arms wide open to welcome Him. Many speakers recently have used the word "Passion". We've been asked, "What are we passionate about?" It's important that each of us individually answers this question. We often sing "Stir it up in our hearts Lord, a passion for Your name." We've had pictures of paint pots being stirred and yet how open are we to the experience of being stirred up by God. Stirring can involve excitement, adventure, change, discomfort, challenge, difficulty, dealing with problems long buried. While the first part of the list sounds positive, we're not so keen on the second part, and as a result perhaps shy away from being stirred. Jesus is passionate for each one of us. So much so that His death has been referred to as "The Passion of The Christ". So are we really being open to all that He wants to do in us, through us and around us? Are we growing more passionate about God or are we just getting more comfortable with Him? Be Open And Passionate to Him!

Jonny Harrison



There is a loop system in all our services. Please remember to switch on.



Sunday Services	Abbey Road Speakers 11am & 6.15pm	Abbey Road Bible Readings	Walney Speakers 10.30am service
February 14th	Phil Meadows	am: pm:	Trevor Patterson
February 21st	Jonny Harrison TBC	am: pm:	Ruth Ardron
February 28th	Ray Tate	am: pm: Baptism Service	Geoff Haughin
March 7th	Martin Varley Fellowship Meeting	am: pm:	Geoff Gill

Senior Moments

Tuesday 9th February
1.30pm at Abby Road
Games

MISSIONARY PRAYER MEETINGS

Tuesday 9th and 23rd February
7pm at 23, Ilkley Rd

Please join us as we support Liz Bowes, Ruth Wallis, Andrew and Ruth Murray, Daniel Randall, Danielle Parker and Spring Mount Walney in prayer.

Birthdays

February 23rd	Cameron Noble
March 2nd	Bethany King
March 7th	Oliver Whalley

WOW

Tuesday 16th February at 1.30pm
31 Bankfield Gardens, Walney
See Chrissy Haughin for details / 476414

The Christmas Card appeal for the Blessed Hill School and Orphanage in Kampala (Uganda) raised £298.95 after taking into account the Gift Aid which will be claimable on some of the donations. The money has now reached Blessed Hill. Thank you to everyone who gave.

WALNEY PRAYER

The Sunday evening prayer meeting for all aspects of the work on Walney has re-started. Please come and pray at 5:30pm at SMCF Abbey Road. It's a good warm up to the Sunday evening service.

BAPTISM SERVICE

We are holding a baptism service on the evening of 28th February. Please see a member of the Leadership Team if you would like to be baptised or want to know more about baptism.

The Leadership Team have been challenged by God to depend on Him more and to commit more time to Him in prayer as well as the day to day running of the church. They have committed to meet regularly to pray for the needs of the church and to keep seeking God's guidance for the church. Please pray for the Leadership Team as they carry out their responsibilities and as they seek God more. Pray for them as individuals and as a group that God will bless them and show them His will and through them will take the church forward into whatever God has planned.

THE MEANING OF LIFE

It is planned to start an Alpha course this Spring. If you are interested in any of the following, please see Paul or Alison Hardingham (until Howard and Jenny Le Roy are back in normal circulation):

- Exploring the meaning of life yourself
- Encouraging a friend to explore the meaning of life
- Helping with catering
- Helping with babysitting
- Praying for the course
- Helping to lead the course

The course runs for 10 weekly sessions in a friendly home environment around a meal, DVD and discussion time. There are no obligations on those who come except to have an open mind!

Mark Callaghan has a Christian ministry for young people based in Ulverston. He is running a holiday club on Spring Mount Walney from Tuesday 6th to Friday 9th April—times not yet established but probably a couple of hours in the morning. The club will have a Christian message and will need volunteers of help for the club to run effectively. If you would like to volunteer, even if you could only manage one session, please could you let Gail Wright know as soon as possible on 0786 7962 181. She is hoping to arrange a meeting with Mark soon so that he can share his plans with volunteers.

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D* Congratulations to
Tim and Isabela,
Mr & Mrs
Baalham, on their
wedding last month.
It was a great day,
and we pray it will
be the start of a great
adventure together.



BROADBAND

Broadband is currently being installed at SMCF's Abbey Road premises. The primary use will be the after school homework club on Thursdays, but the facility will also have other applications. The set up process has been quite protracted and included changing telephone line provider, so please pray that the final installation will be completed quickly. The telephone number is remaining the same (01229 832977).

The heating system at SMCF's Abbey Road premises has been replaced during the last week of January. It had been hoped the work would take place during half term, but premature failure of one of the pumps has resulted in bringing the work forward. The leadership apologises for the lack of notice.

The work is summarised as follows:

- A new boiler and integral pump replaces two existing heating boilers and pumps
- A new electric water heater replaces an existing boiler for the main kitchen sink and gents toilets (similar to an installation at Walney)
- The existing water boiler which serves the ladies toilet and kitchen hand basin remains (it is not as old as the heating boilers)
- New radiators are installed in the first floor, where there had been no heating
- Controls are simplified, including thermostatic valves on the radiators

We look forward to the heating being more reliable and to a reduction in costs due to increased efficiency and fewer breakdowns. Thanks go to Peter Randall for co-ordinating the work, and keeping the building warm after the pump's recent failure.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

The SMCF accounts for the financial year to April 2009, and the SMCF Trustees report have been formally signed off by the accountant (RF Miller) and the church Treasurer. It's re-assuring to know that after formal scrutiny by professionals, the church's financial record keeping is up to the standard expected by the Charity Commission. If you want to know any more on the subject, or see a copy of the accounts, please see Paul Hardingham.

PAT TESTING & WATER HEATER

The annual electrical Portable Appliance Testing (known as PAT testing) has recently been completed at SMCF Abbey Road premises. The tests found all electrical equipment compliant with the relevant IEE Code of Practice, except for the larger water heater in the kitchen used for making hot drinks. The heater had become difficult to maintain, and therefore a replacement heater is to be sourced. It is intended that the new heater will be wall fixed. Shirley is looking after the replacement heater project.

Blessed Hill—our extended family

Looking back to our time in Uganda the picture that remains with us is the one of six little orphan girls about to set off for their daily trek down the rough track to the muddy spring where they move the scum to one side before filling their jerry cans with water before setting off back up to their home—Blessed Hill and the very basic facilities in which they live. The staff of the school care for them, and the boys, attending to all their needs, some living on site with the children.



All the meals are prepared in the kitchen—80 meals a day with the cooking done on the open wood fire—the smoke escaping through the window—no glass—and the holes in the walls. The floor is compacted earth and the hens enjoy the scraps. No running water no colour coded chopping boards and the work surfaces and units leave much to be desired! Hand washing is a simple task but the toilet facilities are



are down the hill and very basic, the one advantage being they do not need water to flush them. Cleaning must be difficult with limited water that has to be carried in jerry cans. Liz has taken £2,000 in cash to the orphanage, very generous gifts from the Fellowship and Walney Youth Club. This will be handed to Sarah, the Director in person, avoiding any charges so every penny given will reach the Orphanage, to restore the water supply and make a difference in the children's lives. Hilly and Alan



An ongoing project is to raise money to buy the land on which the school is built.