

Spring Mount Newsletter January 2010

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Grow in Christ;
Send for Christ.

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

Message from the Leadership Team

To be writing 2010 seems a bit unreal and yet the stark reality is that 2009 has passed into history with all its challenges and learning curves. I have been asked to provide an update on the situation at Walney which appears to be in a continual state of change and development.

The year started with a big challenge, a new worshipping community on Walney, a rerun of history looking back to the time when Walney Gospel Hall was set up as an outreach from Abbey Road Gospel Hall – the church from which Spring Mount Christian Fellowship developed – and now we have Spring Mount Walney. We started the first Sunday in 2009 and things were a bit chaotic until the various roles were identified and people stepped up to take them on. We were dependent on worship leaders from Spring Mount Barrow going over on a rota basis but now Walney is self sufficient for leading worship and has developed its own pool of speakers. The Sunday School has been very challenging but we are hopeful of things improving this year and are praying for someone who could take on the work in the Sunday School.

Lee Brown joined us as a full time community and youth worker on a one year contract with the option of extending this if funding was available. Unfortunately with the present economic crisis further funding was not forthcoming and although there was part time work available in three junior schools Lee decided to move on and leave the work on Walney. He had been doing pastoral and support work in three schools as well as taking assemblies and working with the youth club and leading the X-Factor group on a Thursday. He also lead the Sunday School and ran successful holiday clubs during the year for the younger children. Liz Bowes will be joining us for at least two days a week to continue the work in South Walney, Vickerstown and North Walney Junior Schools and also develop work in Walney Senior School.

The Toddler work has continued very successfully thanks to all the hard work put in by all those who help so faithfully each week. It is a brilliant work and helps so many families in many different ways and I am sure if there is anyone who can give some time on a Tuesday or Thursday morning then please see Ros who is often short of help.

The youth work has continued to develop and now opens Monday to Friday with junior and senior sessions with numbers reaching 70 on some nights. They had a very successful adventure weekend away at Kepplewray, have raised money to support Blessed Hill School for Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Uganda, took part in the Christmas Shoe Box appeal and collected food to make and deliver food hampers to needy elderly folk on Walney. We continue to pray for more

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Christian youth leaders to work in the youth club and we give thanks for the influence that present and past Christian workers have had on the youth club in the last 18 months.

The latest project has been to respond to the problem of youth disorder at lunch time on Walney by providing food and activities for around 50 pupils each lunch time during term time.

The building itself has been developed over the year with a new office and store rooms, a new accessible front entrance, a serving hatch between the kitchen and main room, redecorated throughout and new resources added for the youth work. We have appreciated the understanding and cooperation of all those who use the building to enable all activities to continue through all the building work with all its mess and disruption. A very big thank you to everyone from me for all the help given and cleaning done.

We ended the year with a building full to capacity for a Christmas Celebration, inspired and led by Jack Pickerill with a mixture of items. He had been coaching a choir at South Walney Junior School who sang, a pupil did a brilliant recitation, Joel Dickinson worked his magic and Jack led some community singing, John Watters sang and gave a Gospel message in the middle and the evening ended with mince pies, cakes and a hot drink. Many people have come to me since and expressed how much they had enjoyed the evening and are looking forward to the next one.

Please continue to pray for the work on Walney. Many people use the building each week and we view each activity as an opportunity of demonstrating the love of God to them in practical ways. Pray for the Sunday morning services and the Sunday School that God will bless these outreaches and touch the hearts of the people with His love.

Alan Docker



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
January 10th	Mark Curtis	am: pm:	Trevor Patterson (Capernwray)
January 17th	Geoff Gill	am: pm:	Nimako
January 24th	Chris & Debs Coles	am: Report on Doulos pm: Report on Doulos	Ian Knox
January 31st	Steve Wood	am: pm:	Geoff Haughin
February 7th	John Cook	am: pm:	TBC

Tim & Isabela are getting married on Saturday 23rd January 2010 at 2.00pm in Spring Mount, Abbey Road. Anyone from Spring Mount is welcome to share their wedding service with them. Also there will be an evening reception from 7.30pm in the Abbey House Hotel Duddon Suite. Again, all are welcome to come and dance and celebrate this happy event. There will be a mixture of dance styles led by Howard Le Roy. Cutting of the cake will be at 8.00pm. Please let Tim or Isabela know of your wish to attend.



There have been many appeals for helpers to set out chairs over the last few months. The Leadership Team are still actively seeking people to take on this responsibility on a regular basis. All that is involved is getting to church by 10.00am to make sure the chairs are out. Anyone with reasonable fitness can accomplish this in approximately 10-15 minutes. It is easy to take for granted that these things get done but unless done on a rota basis the same people end up doing it all the time. This has the potential to go wrong when they are away (as we have experienced recently). Please consider prayerfully how you can serve the church in a practical way and see a member of the Leadership Team to sign up.

Due to the current hygiene issues relating to Swine Flu the Leadership Team is looking into the possibility of using individual cups during communion. They would appreciate any thoughts on this issue and will keep you informed of any decisions.

MISSIONARY PRAYER MEETINGS

Tuesday 12th and 26th January
7pm at 23, Ilkley Rd

Please join us as we support Liz Bowes, Ruth Wallis, Andrew and Ruth Murray, Daniel Randall and Spring Mount Walney in prayer. We will also be praying for Danielle Parker for the next 5 months whilst she is away with YWAM.

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Women of the Word
Monthly Ladies Meeting
Tuesday 19th January at 1.30pm
31 Bankfield Gardens, Walney
See Chrissy Haughin or call her on 476414
for details

Birthdays

January 21st	Joseph Docker
February 1st	Elliot Lowther

Senior Moments

Tuesday 12th January
1.30pm at Abbey Road
Staging Healthy

Prayer Meeting to support Young People at Spring Mount, other Churches & Uni
Every Thursday 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. at home of Ruth & Ken Hogg