

Spring Mount Newsletter June 2010

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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 July to donna@springmountcf.co.uk by Monday 21st June. Thanks.

Message from the Leadership Team

After much prayer and agonising Helen has decided to step down from leadership of Spring Mount. This is due to her on-going commitments in her work as head teacher and a sense that God is calling her to serve in a different way. The Leadership Team would like to thank Helen for all her hard work over the past few years. She has proved to be an invaluable asset to the team and has worked extremely hard for our church. Helen wishes to stress that she will continue to be very actively involved in the life of Spring Mount and is seeking to serve God and support the church wherever she can.

God calls everyone to serve Him, some in leadership roles, others in less upfront ways, but all equally as important. It is vital for the efficient running of the church and the spreading of the gospel that we are all willing to do our bit, to get involved and to serve God in whatever way He calls us. As in Helen's case, God sometimes calls us to new things and we need to hear His voice and be willing to change and move in a different direction. Sometimes He asks us to do something for a short time, sometimes for longer. The Leadership Team believe that in the few years that Helen has been with us God has really used her in articulating His vision for Spring Mount and moving forward the prayer life of the church.

Please can you all pray for The Leadership Team as we move forward without Helen. Pray that we will be able to hear God's voice clearly and that we will be obedient to what God shows us. Pray that we will maintain our focus on the vision God has so clearly given us. Pray for guidance regarding the future make-up of the Leadership Team. Finally pray God's blessing on Helen as she steps down but as she continues to work tirelessly for God in the community she is placed, and know the joy of seeing lives touched and transformed by our God.

Tim Baalham

For your prayers, the Leadership Team will be meeting again on Thursday, 10th June.



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
June 6th	Alan Garner	am: Matthew 13:45 & 46 pm: Jacob	TBC
June 13th	Andrew Thomas	am: Matthew 25:14-30 Luke 19:11-27 pm: Samson	TBC
June 20th	Geoff Gill	am: Matthew 13:31 & 32, Mark 4:30-32, Luke 13:18 & 19 pm: Moses	TBC
June 27th	Alan Reeve	am: Matthew 13:33 Luke 13:20 & 21 pm: Samuel	TBC

Senior Moments

Tuesday 8th June
1.30pm at Abbey Road
Borges-Baalham on Brazil!

Jenny's 60th Birthday Celebration

Raised a whopping great £2273, enough to send 41/2 children to Burns Camp! Jenny sends heartfelt thanks to all those who attended and all those who donated for their good wishes and extreme generosity.

Steve, Belinda, Rhoda and Beulah Perriman have been part of the SMCF family for the last few years, but they are moving on. Steve has work in Loughborough which he has already been doing, and now it is time for all the family to re-locate to the Midlands. At the time of writing, they are expecting to move into their new home during half term week, so that the girls can start their new schools after the holiday. Please pray for the practicalities (and paperwork) to go well, for the girls to settle into their new schools, for the family to be quickly established in a local church (Steve has been attending one), for Steve's work to continue to go well and for his hours to increase, for Belinda to find appropriate work and that their house in Askam will be sold.

As a result of the Perriman family's re-location, their friendly tom-cat needs a new home for 6 months or so while they are in rented accommodation. If anyone is willing, please speak to Steve or Belinda (01229 463549) in the early part of the week commencing Sunday 30th May.

The Bus has been out in town between the Forum and the Town Hall for 3 Saturdays and has been very popular, especially with young people and older folks. There have been great opportunities to share our faith and what the bus is all about and also just to chat to people generally. Those of us who are already involved with this ministry are being blessed in so many ways and particularly as we work alongside people from other churches and make ourselves available for God to use us.

The bus will be in town on 5th, 19th and 26th June from 12.30 - 3.30pm.

As well as the bus there will be 'Healing on the streets' outside McDonalds every Saturday with teams from 4 churches in Barrow from 1.30 - 3.30pm. Come along and see what it's all about as we reach out to our community.

Birthdays

June 13th	Laura Docker
June 15th	Corey Love
June 16th	Katie Dodd
June 19th	Hope Richmond
June 20th	Thea Docker

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 5th June
8.30am to 10.30 am
Spring Mount Abbey Road

This will be a great opportunity for men to meet together, share food and fellowship, and discuss interesting subjects that face today's men. Please contact Tim Baalham or Simon Pudsey for further details.

A few months ago, two ideas were put forward to extend the email prayer network. We are now looking to implement these developments. Firstly, a conventional telephone prayer chain will be added, so those without email can join in and pray for items which are emailed to the network. Secondly, a mobile phone text network will also be added, so that those who are able to can receive urgent prayer requests and pray for the issues circulated straight away. If you would like to know more or join in either of these new prayer facilitators, please see Helen.

By the time you read this I will be in Uganda, in the village of Buwasunguyi, helping to build a school. This project is sponsored by PFJ who have already built a clinic in the village. I will be staying with Bishop Peter and his family and will return home on 25th June. I would appreciate your prayers for safety as I travel and also in all the practical things I will be involved with; for good health and rest and good relationships with everyone I meet and work alongside. Thank you. Peter Randall

SPRING MOUNT WALNEY TABLE TOP SALE

11am—3pm, 19th June

Admission 50p, includes refreshments

Tombola, Cake Stall, Bric-a-brac, and lots more

Tables cost £5 - enquiries to 01229 831148

All proceeds to Blessed Hill Orphanage, Uganda

Offers of help, cakes, tombola prizes will be much appreciated. Please see Barbara Kirby

Derek Kirby's Parachute Jump on 12th June

Please support this adventure in aid of Passion For Jesus

The Westminster 2010 Declaration of Christian Conscience has now gathered 64,000 signatures. Of over 200 new MP's, 32 have made the pledge to 'respect, uphold and protect the right of Christians to hold and express Christian beliefs and act according to Christian conscience'. A further 38 are believed to be 'supportive' on the basis of their emails. We have 24 new Christian MP's in Parliament which is great news.

The Leadership Team wish to thank everyone who filled in one of the charts regarding Leadership Structure and Team Work (the "Mickey Mouse ears" one!). We are currently reviewing them and hope to respond soon. If you attend any SMCF activities, or are involved in SMCF in any way, and missed the Fellowship Meeting when the charts were given out, there is one attached to this newsletter - please complete it and give it to Shirley, not forgetting to put your name on the chart!