

News update

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From the Association of Grace Baptist Churches (East Anglia)

ONE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Association 180th ANNUAL MEETINGS

June 11th & 12th 2010

To be held at Wetheringsett Manor

Guest Preacher: Revd. PAUL MALLARD

Woodgreen Evangelical Church

Worcester

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Beach Mission 2010 - worth repeating



We're planning Cross Roads Club Beach Mission 2010, to be held at Hunstanton August 7th – 14th. We're **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN THE TEAM** **COULD YOU BE ONE OF THEM?**

Team members need to be 15+ years, with no upper limit! – apart from the warning that a lot is expected of you and the work is not for the faint-hearted.

Beach Missions have a dual role – (1) we seek to fulfil the 'Great Commission' given by the Lord Jesus in Matthew 18:19 and Mark 16: 15. (2) Beach Mission is front-line training in 'doing church'. One of the ways in which we see new people coming into our churches is by personal invitation and encouragement – the same goes for getting children and parents involved in Beach Mission activities. The world needs to see the church alive and at work 'outside the box'; Beach Mission is just that! The world needs to see love and respect Christians have for one another – Beach Mission does just that!

Diary Dates

April 30th at Whitton Baptist Church, Ipswich; Pastors' & Elders' Forum
12noon – 2pm.

May 1st at Kesgrave. Welcome Service of their new Pastor – Andrew Thomson.

May 4th East Anglia Ministries Conference at Stowmarket Baptist Church 10 – 3

May 15th Faith in Action – care of chapel buildings, at Stowmarket Baptist Ch 10 – 4

May 22nd At Saxmundham Middle School – G.B.M.T.T.Y. Games & Fun day 2 – 5 .

June 11/12th – Association Annual Meetings at Wetheringsett Manor

June 26th Conference for Church Treasurers and Finance Officers.

Sept. 11th at Zoar, Ipswich. Welcome Service of their new Pastor – James Paton

Handbook Updates:

BROCKLEY

Post Code for Chapel: IP29 4AS

SUDBOURNE

C.S.: new address: Mr M. Oliver, 53 Fountain Road,
Rendlesham, Woodbridge, IP12 2UF. 01394-461514

Good News!

We rejoice with the churches at Kesgrave and Zoar, Ipswich at the news that they are soon to have new Pastors. The first Induction Service is to be at Kesgrave Baptist Church on May 1st, when Pastor Andrew Thomson will be welcomed, together with his family.



Andrew is married to Helen, and they have three children – Esther, Emma and Joel.

Andrew was brought up to attend the local Anglican church in the village of Flamstead in Hertfordshire, albeit on a very irregular basis. By the time of leaving school at 18, he was a professed atheist. However, it was while he was at Oxford University and during a mission run by O.I.C.C.U. (Oxford

inter-collegiate Christian Union), that he was converted, although he had begun to have an awakened interest in Christian things in the weeks prior to the mission. It was at this point he became convinced of the truth of the gospel, and after a short struggle he came to an assurance of salvation.

It was just a few months after his conversion, that he became ill with what was diagnosed as ME and as a result had to take about a year and a half out from his studies. It was during this time that he did much reading, coming to firm Baptist convictions, and after university was baptised at Spicer Street Independent Chapel in St Albans. The Lord continued to lead him on into various areas of service in churches which gave him opportunities in work with children, taking mid-week meetings, preaching, church office bearer. It was whilst he was in membership at Horsell Evangelical Church that he was set aside for the work of ministry in an ordination service and shortly after was called by Mitchley Hill Evangelical Church in 2005, where he has served until the accepted call to Kesgrave.

More Good News

We have good news from the friends at Zoar Baptist Church, Ipswich, which is that they have called Mr James Paton as Pastor. The Welcome Service date is arranged for Saturday September 11th.

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More Good News continued...



James was born in Peterhead, north-east Scotland, and attended the large 'open' Brethren Assembly as a child. It was in 1972, when he was aged 8 years that, during a Sunday evening service, he saw his position before God and his need to repent of his sins and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. This he did that night (along with his twin brother). In 1980, at the age of 16, he was baptised. From 1982 – 1988 he continued his education in commerce and

art. It was during the period 1988 - 1993 that John came to England – Southampton and settled in Above Bar Evangelical Church. It was during this time that he became convinced of the Reformed view of Salvation.

Whilst at Above Bar, James met his future wife, Jackie, a law student, but as her two year contract for her Articles meant that she had to return to Lowestoft, eventually James also moved to Norwich having employment with Archant as Graphic Designer. In 1993 they married and attended Surrey Chapel Evangelical Church in Norwich, where they both became involved in the church life and witness. Personal reading and studies, and including the three year course at the Suffolk Preachers' Seminary, as well as many preaching opportunities, has eventually led John to accept the call to Zoar, Ipswich.

We look forward to welcoming James, Jackie, with Robert and Rebecca in a few months time. We must praise God for answered prayers in sending His men to His churches and we must continue to pray for the Lord to raise up men to fill the other vacancies in other churches of our Association.

Pilgrim Home, Gt Finborough, Dates:

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| Saturday May 22nd | Sponsored Walk – start at Finborough Court at 10am |
| Monday July 12th | Song of Praise with Westgate Chapel Singers 7.15pm |
| Monday September 20th | Harvest Praise with Beccles Baptist Singing Group, 7.15pm |
| Wednesday October 20th | Annual Thanksgiving Service Mr Simon Robinson, 7.15pm |

All meetings are to be held at Finborough Court.

ANNUAL TENT MEETINGS at Wetheringsett Manor

FRIDAY JUNE 11th

- 10am Prayer Meeting – led by Mark Newcombe
10.45am Morning Meeting
Association preacher:
Pastor Peter Jackson - Leiston
- 2pm SEMINAR
'Defending Life and Liberty' –
Presented by The Christian Institute.
- 4pm Preaching Service
Guest Preacher: Pastor Paul Mallard (Worcester)
- 7pm ANNUAL CHILDREN'S RALLY
with Derek Johnston – Beccles + Barbecue

SATURDAY JUNE 12th

- 10am Prayer Meeting – led by Malcolm MacGregor
10.45am Morning Meeting
Guest preacher: Pastor Paul Mallard
- 2pm SEMINAR
'Working on the FRONT LINE – Jesus said GO!
with Andrew Smith (Gillingham),
John Bale (Felixstowe), + Jonathan Armstrong &
Debbie Stannard (Bradfield & Rougham)
- 4pm Preaching Service
Association preacher:
Pastor Philip Kettle – Cransford
- 6.30pm Closing Service
Guest Preacher: Pastor Paul Mallard

PLUS:-

Day Camp for children on Saturday 10.30am
Crèche Food & Drinks Exhibition Tent
Bookstall Ice creams etc
Great fellowship

G.B.M.T.T.Y. – Internet Evening

Despite some technical problems, we had a good evening of fellowship and exchanges of valuable information, which we trust will be put to good use.

Because of the small number of churches represented, we have listed below sites which were recommended at the meeting:-

www.sermons4kids.com

www.biblekidsfunzone.com

www.christianpreschoolprintables.com

www.sundayschoolprintables.com

www.kidsclub4jesus.com/download_page.htm

www.akidsheart.com/biblepzlprint.htm

www.kidssundayshcool.com

www.bibleforchildren.org

www.io.com/~lcowper/resources.html

www.clipart.christiansunite.com/

www.foundationmatters.org/

www.essex1.com/people/paul/bible.html

www.misslink.org/childin.html

www.childschapel.org/

www.kids4truth.com

www.answersingenesis.org/kids/videos

www.coolclipart.com/clipart/religious-bible-clipart-49.php

www.dltk-kids.com

www.gospelcom.net

www.gospelhall.org

www.biblesongs.com

www.damaris.org

www.childrensermons.com

www.msscrafs.com

Helpers Needed

Are YOU able to help at the Annual Tent Meetings?

Please consider helping with:-

TUCK SHOP

CRECHE

CAR PARKING

CATERING

DAY CAMP

PUTTING UP TENTS

If **YOU** can help in any way, please contact **David Piper** on **01449 736525**