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Grange Park Church Quick News Sunday 28th September 2008



Back to Church Sunday



Sunday 28th September – 10:30am Called to BE – Chosen (& adopted)

Today we are celebrating our 6th Birthday as Grange Park Church and would like to offer a warm welcome to anyone who is new to GPC or visiting us today for the first time. Across the country today churches are inviting friends & families to come 'Back to Church'. Also today we continue with our theme for September which is 'Called to Be – Ephesians 1: 3-14.

Next Sunday 5th Oct – Called to be Worshipers – Come near to God – Celebration Together & Baptist Communion. This will also be a Thanksgiving service for Alice Elizabeth Poppy Cobb.

To see the detailed programme of Sunday services for the autumn, please go to the following web page:
<http://www.grangeparkchurch.com/node/115>



Stepping Stones – Our busiest breakfast ever!!

This week saw a record turnout for our Stepping Stones breakfast. We had 41 family groups which is the highest number so far! It was lovely to see so many families, some of them joining the group for the first time, enjoying the friendly and relaxed atmosphere and the delicious array of breakfast treats. The hall was buzzing with laughter and lively conversation for the whole morning. We continued with our theme for this term in which we are looking at stories of people who modelled a friendship with God. This week we looked at "The Shepherd Boy faces the giant - How do I face threats to my life?" The children made bear masks to remind them how David had fought and defeated a bear. Then later, during the story there was a surprise in store as we hired our very own giant to appear to challenge David. Luckily it was none other than Angie Kennedy's Aunty Pam dressed up in a Sumo suit so nobody got too frightened!

Our next Stepping Stones Breakfast is on Tuesday 14th October, 9.15 to 11.00am in the Community Centre and our topic this time will be: "David is chosen to be king....but when? How do I face things that are too big?" If you are a parent or carer of a baby or toddler why not come and join us for coffee, juice, croissants and toast.
<http://www.grangeparkchurch.com/children/stepping>

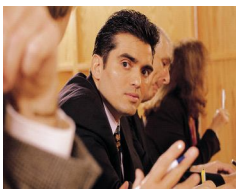


More baby news – Baby Joe arrives at last! The Stepping Stones group was also proud to welcome its newest and youngest member this Tuesday. Baby Joseph William McNeill arrived on 15th September after keeping mum waiting for a little bit longer than expected! Congratulations to Beccy and Paul on the safe arrival of their baby boy and to big sister Lilly who was proudly showing off her new brother on Tuesday.



Getting married soon – but are you prepared?

We are proposing to hold a marriage preparation course this autumn for couples who are getting married during the next year. This could also be suitable for recently married couples and if you are interested or know of anyone who might be interested in this course please speak to Charlie.



Kairos Centre – How it will change our Church & Can we still afford it? You are invited to an important Church meeting 7.30pm tonight in the Community Centre small hall. I believe God is calling us to take on this project, but what are the risks and benefits to our Church? I strongly encourage you to come and find out more about how the Kairos Centre can radically change our church.



Come and have a 'big fry up' with the Baptist Mens Movement

The Baptist Mens Movement is inviting Baptist Churches across the UK to take part in the biggest-ever men's breakfast. At least 19,000 men are needed to take part in an effort to beat the current world record – and enjoy a 'big fry up' at the same time. Mount Pleasant Church has registered for this event which takes place on Saturday, 11th October. The cost is £3 per person and if you are interested in taking part please call the Mount Pleasant Church Administrator on 01604 516809 or the Co-ordinator, Neil Harris on 01604 648809.



Bishop asks Grange Park Church to train a Curate – whatever that is?!

We have been asked by the Bishop of Peterborough to have a curate. A Curate is someone who has just finished vicar training at college who comes to a real church full time for 3 years to learn and to contribute.

Their salary and housing is paid by the diocese, GPC would pay expenses. The Church Council agreed in principle last Dec and the Bishop recently contacted Charlie asking us to consider someone. The process of prayer and discernment is now underway to see if this person is the right fit for us and vice-versa. Please pray about this important decision which will affect us all. If we say yes they would join us in June 2009.



Mat now inducted at Bottesford

On Saturday 20th September a group of us from GPC travelled up to join Mat and Joy Hussain and the children at Mat's service of induction as minister at Bottesford Baptist Church. We were pleased to see that Mat and Joy and the family have settled well into their new church and lives in Bottesford and it was lovely to see them happy and so well supported in their new community.



Warning – mind your fingers! Keep Our Children safe.

Just another reminder to say that please can we all observe the following safety rules in the Community Centre:

- No Children in the kitchen area – boiling water and burns danger**
- Please don't climb the stacks of chairs**
- Please don't run in the hall and foyer**
- Only trained adult to open or close the sliding partition doors**



Can you help us cut our printing costs?

We are currently trying to determine the most cost-effective way to print our weekly newsletter. At present we print about 30 copies each week on an inkjet printer. This is proving to be quite costly in terms of the frequency of which the cartridges need to be replaced and the high cost of cartridges. We would greatly appreciate any suggestions or advice on the best way to produce the newsletter e.g. availability of discounted cartridges, a more cost-effective printer etc. Please speak to Charlie or Rachel if you think you

can help with this.



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