

# *Gas Green Baptist Church*

## **CONTACT**

*April & May 2012*



*The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."*

*Deuteronomy 31:8 (NIV)*

# Gas Green Baptist Church

Russell Street, Cheltenham, GL51 9HE

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A Centre of Christian Witness in the Community for over 150 Years!

## Our Purpose Statement:

We are a family of Christian people worshipping together at Gas Green who are committed to sharing our faith, serving our community, and growing together in God's love. (May 2001).

## Our Foundation Covenant:

We do here, in the Name and Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, solemnly give ourselves to Him and to each other in Covenant; promising to walk with God in all His ways, made known, or to be made known to us, and with one another in all the duties and privileges of Church worship, service, and fellowship, ever relying upon Him for Grace and strength so to do; that this Church may be a habitation of God, through the Holy Spirit, and a worthy manifestation of the Church Universal. (May 1964).

## About Gas Green:

Gas Green Baptist Church is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain (BUGB), the West of England Baptist Association (WEBA) and part of a local Ecumenical Cluster with Salem Baptist, St. Marks Methodist, Christ Church C of E, and St. Andrew's URC.

Church Membership is open to all who profess repentance towards God and have faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, who believe in One God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and whose lives bear evidence of their Christian profession. Members are usually received after Baptism by immersion (Believers' Baptism). Our minister or one of the deacons will be pleased to discuss any of these matters with you.

The Lord's Table (Communion) is open to all who profess faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Unless otherwise notified in the Church Diary, Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday evening and the third Sunday morning of each month.

Sunday Worship is at 10.45am and 6.30pm. The OASIS group for children and young people meets during the morning service. The second Sunday of each month is normally a Family Service and usually includes Parade for our uniformed organisations.

The Ministry of Gas Green Baptist Church includes Gas Green Youth & Community Centre in Baker Street, where many activities are based.

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## FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends,

One of my most precious moments in my life was when I committed myself to Christ. That was of course a very special moment and I'm sure I'm not the only one – at least I hope not. But what was even more special, was the day I was baptised. It was an exceptionally amazing moment, something that is indescribable. Although I can't describe it in words, I still can remember exactly the feelings and emotions I went through – when I stepped down the steps into the baptism pool – when I felt the lovely warm water – the moment when I answered the questions of commitment, when I acknowledged Jesus as Lord and Saviour. I still can feel the excitement when I went under the water and the moment when I came up again. I still can feel the closeness of the Holy Spirit. – Absolutely amazing.

You probably wonder where this is going. Well, for this particular day one of my dearest friends painted a picture for me, which include some wonderful words. These words are part of a Christian song called “For This Cause” and I want to share them with you.

*“Hope has found its home within me,  
Now that I've been found in You.  
Let all I am be all You want me to be,  
'Cause all I want is more of You.*

*Let Your presence fall upon us,  
I want to see You face to face.  
Let me live forever lost in Your love,  
'Cause all I want is more of You.*

*I'm living for this cause,  
I lay down my life into Your hands.  
I'm living for the truth  
The hope of the world, in you I'll stand.  
'Cause all I want is You.”*

I haven't listen to this song for a long time, but the lyrics I carry with me every day - well every time I have my wallet with me. They still mean so much to me, not only because of these wonderful memories, but because these words are words of “HOPE”, “LOVE”, “TRUST” and of “PURPOSE”.

From time to time we are all going through tough situations in life, when we feel down, for whatever reason. For me these are the times when I find these lyrics the most comforting and encouraging. I believe in these words, because I know these are words of truth and I often use them as a reminder of what being a “Child of God” really means.

Of course it is important to have people you can talk to, to have prayer buddies you can pray with, but using words from songs, poems or stories, can be equally comforting and inspiring.

The lyrics from the song “For this cause” are important to me, but they are not the only ones. Many of us know songs or poems that have a very special and personal meaning. I strongly believe it would be of great help to share those words, and maybe even stories, with each other. Perhaps we can arrange a spiritual “Bring & Share” lunch. ☺ What do you think?



## FROM THE EDITOR

I know we all strive to be more like Jesus but the one way I am definitely like him is my love of solitude. There are quite a few stories in the gospels about Jesus getting away from the crowds and sometimes even his disciples to spend some time alone with God. This is something I like to do. Although I really enjoyed my time on Crete last year sitting by the pool with a long cool drink I am just as happy sitting outside the cafe in Pittville Park with a lovely mug of coffee! If it's busy and a bit noisy then I will go and find a quiet spot in the other part of the park by the big lake where I sit and watch the ducks and swans. It's a chance to 'just be with God' A time to thank Him that I live in such a beautiful town.

Our new subscriber, Edwin Self, who I told you about back in December, wrote to us in January to say he had just returned from 3 days at a house in Sinton Green near Worcester. It's a tiny village, very peaceful, rural surroundings, the house sleeps 6/7 and is in 12 acres! If you would like to get away from it all in nearby Worcestershire (not May -August) you can ring Edwin to discuss staying there.

And finally, another chance to get away from your normal routine for a while will be a picnic in the Forest of Dean which Christine has asked the Events Committee to plan. She heard that until a few years ago this was one of the highlights of our church calendar and has asked we have one again this year. Please watch the notices for more details.

*Marian Lee*  
*Joint Editor*

## SOME WISE WORDS.

*(from Proverbs)*

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge,  
but fools despise wisdom and discipline.  
Listen, my son, to your father's instruction  
and do not forsake your mother's teaching.  
My son, if sinners entice you, do not give in to them.

Wisdom calls aloud in the street, she raises her voice in the public squares;  
at the head of the noisy streets she cries out,  
in the gateways of the city she makes her speech:

How long will you simple ones love your simple ways?

How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge?

If you had responded to my rebuke, I would have poured out my heart to you and made my thoughts known to you.

But since you rejected me when I called and no-one gave heed when I stretched out my hand,  
since you ignored all my advice and would not accept my rebuke,  
I in turn will laugh at your disaster;  
I will mock when calamity overtakes you—  
when calamity overtakes you like a storm,  
when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind,  
when distress and trouble overwhelm you.

Then they will call to me but I will not answer;  
they will look for me but not find me.  
Since they hated knowledge and did not fear the Lord,  
since they would not accept my advice and spurned my rebuke,  
they will eat the fruit of their ways and be filled with the fruit of their schemes.  
For the waywardness of the simple will kill them,  
and the complacency of fools will destroy them;  
but whoever listens to me will live in safety and at ease, without fear of harm.



### ***People who need our prayers .....***

*We continue to pray as a church and individually for all our friends near and far.  
Please pray for:*

*Nick, Deborah, Samuel and Katie Fawcett*

*Joan Potheary*

*Joan (Charles Street)*

*Keith Twining*

*Elaine and Alan Green*

*We think especially for Mabel Burford who is very ill at the moment with a chest infection our thoughts and prayers are with Mabel and her family.*

*We pray for the young people of the church, the Boys Brigade, Scouts and Oasis.*

*With our church building back to normal it will be nice to concentrate on the work of the church. We have a very exciting and busy programme to look forward to and take part in – hopefully an opportunity to work together as a church and reach out to the community.*

*Following our recent AGM we pray for all those who have agreed to continue with their duties in the church and for a few who have taken up new roles.*

*If you have anyone who you would like us to include in our prayers we do have a prayer guide which Debbie Hunt puts together – please let us know if you would like anyone included.*

*Debbie Lake*

## A fact for each day of April 2012

1. On this day in 1971 the Daily Mail printed its last broadsheet edition. The following day it appeared as a compact tabloid.
2. On this day in 1978 Dallas premiered on American television as a five-week mini-series.
3. Kate Bush played her first live show at the Liverpool Empire on this day, 1979.
4. On this day in 1981 Oxford won the boat race. A female cox was used for the first time in the history of the boat race.
5. The late actor John le Mesurier, famous for playing Sergeant Wilson in Dad's Army, would have been 100 today.
6. On this day in 1980 Post-it notes went on sale for the first time.
7. On this day in 1949 the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical South Pacific premiered at the Majestic Theatre in New York.
8. On this day in 1999 interest rates fell to a 27-year low of 5.25%.
9. Iain Duncan Smith, former leader of the Conservative Party, was born this day, 1954.
10. On this day in 1999 Andre Agassi and Brooke Shields announced they were to divorce.
11. On this day in 1930 The Daily Express became the first newspaper to publish television listings.
12. The first formal interrogation of Galileo by the Inquisition began on this day, 1663.
13. On this day in 2000 Beanz Meanz Heinz was voted the most popular advertising slogan in history.
14. The British Ministry of Transport published the first Highway Code on this day, 1931.
15. On this day in 2001 Bridget Jones's Diary took £7 million at the box office over the opening weekend, making it the most successful opening for a British film.
16. On this day in 1913 a typhus vaccine was discovered.
17. Victoria Beckham, former Spice Girl, married to footballer David Beckham, is 38 today.
18. On this day in 2004 Ricky Gervais picked up BAFTAs for Best Comedy Performance and Best Sitcom for the third year running.
19. On this day in 2004 Angelina Jolie announced that she was giving up her film career in order to be a full-time mum.
20. On this day in 1887 the first-ever motor race was held in Paris. It was won by the only entrant.
21. On this day in 1991 Elton John's net worth was estimated at £100 million.
22. A photo-finish camera was used for the first time, at Epsom, on this day, 1947.
23. On this day in 1349 King Edward III founded the Order of the Garter.
24. On this day in 1915 Bob Thomson of Chelsea became the only one-eyed footballer ever to play in a Cup final.
25. British darts player Eric Bristow was born this day, 1957.
26. Arnold Schwarzenegger married newscaster Maria Shriver on this day, 1986. Maria is a member of the Kennedy family.
27. Abortion was legalised in Britain on this day, 1968.
28. Actor John Nettles was given permission to live on Jersey on this day, 1989.
29. On this day in the year 2000 the late Whitney Houston's husband, Bobby Brown, said he was desperate to help his wife with her drug problem.
30. On this day in 1997 Big Ben stopped for 54 minutes.

## **Mission News**

**News in brief.** Although most foreign Christians have fled the country a small number have stayed in spite of the difficult conditions in Libya. Christians can still be found in hospitals and schools including 3,000 Filipino hospital workers, involved in medical, social and psychological care. In Asia the idea behind the online encyclopaedia Wikipedia in which a team effort provides the information has been used in a bible translation project. Over 1,000 people from a difficult to access language group came forward to help translate chapters of Luke into their mother tongue. Much of the translation was done in internet cafes with whole families adding their input and feed back to verses that had already been translated. In Pakistan over 1,000 Christian families have enough to eat thanks to Barnabas Fund. Christians working in brick kilns are often bonded labourers and Barnabas Fund is helping to break them free from this bondage. Their wages are so low that incurring debts is inevitable; they borrow from their Muslim employers and are then bound to them until they can repay their debts. Sadiq Kishan's circumstances began to change after he started to receive food packages from Barnabas Fund. With the money he was able to save because of being on the feeding programme he paid off his debts and is now working in a factory where he gets a decent wage.  
*Marian Lee*

**BMS responding to disasters.** In Syria more than 5,500 refugees who fled Lebanon received help from Baptists over the past few months with some funding coming from the BMS Relief Fund. The Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development with Rahbe Baptist church helped provide food, hygiene kits and medical supplies. In India £2,000 has helped the Himalayan region of Sikkim which suffered a 6.9 magnitude earthquake in September 2011, killing over 100 people. This was the fourth earthquake and the £2,000 has been sent to provide food for the affected communities. The Asia/Pacific region has received £3,500 to run further disaster risk workshops following the 2004 tsunami. BMS has previously sent grants for this work which proved vital as Baptists were able to respond to disasters in Indonesia, Burma and Japan.

### **HOME MISSION**

'For one reason or another, our family has decreased over the last few years. Sadly we have lost valuable members through death while others have simply stopped coming. For whatever reason people have gone I feel it is up to all of us to try and bring others along.

As those of us who attend our Bible Study agreed a "Full church" is not necessarily a "Holy Church", but surely it makes sense to try and replace those who are now missing, and by replacing, I don't mean we have to find people to step into their shoes, more to fill the chair that they occupied. If we follow Jesus as we say we do, he said (Matt 28 :19) Go then to all people everywhere and make them my disciples: baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. (John 15 : 16) You did not choose me, I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures. This doesn't mean that we go and bible bash, that would get us nowhere, just to see if there is anywhere that we can sow a seed to maybe attract people along.

Let's think about it shall we? If you have any ideas how we can work together why not come along to Bible Study and say how you feel. If you haven't been before,

we who do would love to see you.'

The past three paragraphs could have been written by Pete Keyte for this 2012 issue of Contact but they are an abridged version of an article I found in the September 1990 issue! Do you get the feeling we have been standing still for the past 22 years? We tried an Open Day and, when it only brought along one new member we thought of it as a failure and didn't try it again until January this year. This time the church was full and it has resulted in some new faces in our morning congregation. Let's pray that the survey we plan to carry out in the neighbourhood is also successful and the coming months see numbers at Gas Green rising. The important word in that last sentence is pray. Prayer brought in the money we so desperately needed to pay for the building work and prayer can also bring in new members if we pray earnestly enough.

*Marian Lee (Mission rep)*

### **From Robert Thang**

Dear Christine, Tony, and Friends at Gas Green

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. How are you doing? I hope everything is going well with you. My family, friends, church members and colleagues are fine. My summer holiday has started last Monday (27th Feb).

I would like to inform about my ministry so that you can pray for me.

In February, I will talk on special occasions as follows:

- 1) Myaungsonne Pastor Area Delegate and General Assembly on Feb 5 Sunday (around 400 people attended).
- 2) Southern Kalay Valley Baptist Association Annual Assembly on Feb 12 Sunday (more than 800 people attended).
- 3) I conferred the degrees: 3 MTS; 2 MMin; and 13 BTh at the 20th Graduation Ceremony of Bethel Theological Seminary (I work here) on Feb 26, Sunday.

In March, I have several occasions:

- 1) I am presenting a paper at the Fellowship for Theological Education which will be held in Falam, Chin State on 14-16 March, 2012.
- 2) I am attending at the Board of Management meeting of the Zomi Baptist Convention (Tribal convention) in Zokhua, Hakha, Chin State, on 22-25 March.
- 3) I am giving Bible Study at Youth Conference of Falam Baptist Association on 29 March to 1 April, 2012.
- 4) I am teaching Biblical Hebrew in March-May as we offer Summer Intensive Language Course (Hebrew, Greek, and English)

God bless.

*Robert*



On Sunday 13th May we celebrate our 48th Church Anniversary. We welcome to our pulpit for both services that day Rev. Sian Murray-Williams, who is a Tutor at Bristol Baptist College. Over the years, Gas Green has had close connections with the College. Before our formation as a Church we were served by a team of students from the College, several of our ministers have trained there (including Christine), and members of Gas Green have studied there. We give Sian a warm welcome to Gas Green, and look forward to sharing a day of fellowship with her.

This year we will again be holding an Anniversary Lunch, in the Youth Centre, at 1 p.m. ALL members and friends of the church are invited to share a time of fellowship over the meal with Sian, and with one another. To help those doing the catering, if you wish to attend you will need to book in advance with Olive (Price £7 for adults).



## ***GIFT DAY***

Gift Day will again form part of the Anniversary celebrations. It is hoped that all members and friends will take this opportunity of expressing their gratitude to God in a practical way for the work and witness of Gas Green over the years.

Gift envelopes will be available in late April / early May. These will be received on Anniversary Day. If you are unable to come on that day, but would like to contribute to this appeal, please send or take your gift to the Minister, Secretary, or Treasurer beforehand, or just place the gift envelope in the offertory bag.

You are reminded that it is possible for the church to reclaim tax on any such gifts made by anyone who pays income tax (at any rate). All that is needed is for you to complete a simple declaration form, a copy of which is included in the gift envelopes. This will increase the value of your gift by 28%, at no extra cost to you. Do please seriously consider taking advantage of this scheme, and ask the treasurer if you have any queries about it.

# Church Office-Bearers 2012

We are grateful to all those friends who have agreed to serve the church in various capacities during the coming year. The full list of those elected at the Annual General Meeting held on 12th March is as follows. New appointments are in *italics*.

## Diaconate

Gill Higgins	To retire	2013
Debbie Hunt	To retire	2014
Pam Jenner	To retire	2014
Pete Keyte	To retire	2014
<i>Jim Clarke</i>	<i>To retire</i>	<i>2015</i>

<b>Church Secretary</b>	Tony Dymock
<b>Church Treasurer</b>	Colin Dymock

## OTHER OFFICE-BEARERS

Preaching Secretary	Debbie Hunt
Oasis Team Leaders	Gill Higgins & Debbie Lake
Pastoral Care	Debbie Lake & <i>Olive Keyte</i>
Weekly Prayer Guide	<i>Debbie Hunt</i>
Children's' Advocate	Jim Clarke
Communion Stewards	<i>Pete &amp; Olive Keyte</i>
Fire Safety Officer (Church)	Pete Keyte
Magazine Editors	Tony Dymock & Marian Lee
Publicity	Tony Dymock
Envelope Scheme	Sue Pitman
Communion Envelopes	Olive Keyte
Offering & Door Steward Rota	Tina Meredith
Flower Rota	Debbie Hunt
Mission & Social Responsibility	Marian Lee
BMS Birthday Scheme	Marian Lee
WEBA Representative	Debbie Hunt
Christian Aid	Debbie Lake & <i>Gill Higgins</i>
Ecumenical Cluster Reps.	Marian Lee & Pete Keyte
Cheltenham Community Project	Pat & Derek Donovan

## Youth & Community Centre Management Committee

Administrator	Tony Higgins
Treasurer	Debbie Lake
Fabric Officer	David Williams

## Committee

Tony Dymock, Gill Higgins, Sharon Kedward,  
Derek Donovan, Alan Green, *Chris Roberts*.

## Events Committee

Tony Dymock, Sharon Kedward, Derek Donovan,  
Sue Pitman, Alan Green, Elaine Green, *Marian Lee*.



## 1st Cheltenham Company THE BOYS' BRIGADE & THE GIRLS' ASSOCIATION



The past two months have been busy ones in terms of Battalion and District events. The company entered the Battalion swimming gala at Evesham, and the chess competition at Hester's Way. All who took part enjoyed these events, and the Junior Section came away as winners for their age group in both competitions. The Company Section made the long day trip to Yeovil for the West of England Sports Day – an exhausting day but again an enjoyable one. Also, in recent weeks, members have been busy studying for the District scripture knowledge examination – we await the results in due course.

On Saturday 24th March, the annual Battalion Parade will take place, this year at Dean Close School. This will be the first year using an experimental new format, in the hope of encouraging more to attend. The usual annual service will take place in the morning, followed by a number of "fun" activities in the afternoon. During the service, Tom Blackwood and Keeley Meredith will be presented with their President's badges (the second highest award in the BB) – the first such awards won by 1st Cheltenham members for nearly twenty years. We have also been told that we will be receiving the Recruiting Trophy for 2010/11. This annual award is made to the company who have been most successful in recruiting new members and retaining existing ones over the year.

Our annual Inspection and Presentation of Awards takes place on Friday 25th May at 7 pm. We look forward to welcoming as many members of the congregation as possible on that evening. This would be a great opportunity to show your interest in what the members and leaders have been doing over the past year; also to meet some of the parents from the local area whose children belong to the Brigade.

Preparations are now in hand for our summer camp. For the first time ever, we will not be camping with the Battalion, but holding our own camp, open to all Junior and Company Section members. This decision was taken only after much thought. As a result, we hope to keep the cost more affordable for local families, and are also able to open up the camp to our Company Section girl members for the first time. At the time of writing, 20 of the young people are hoping to attend. Various fund-raising efforts are planned to help keep the fees as low as possible. Your support will be appreciated for these, and also your prayers for the leaders as they face the challenges of arranging our own camp for the first time.

*Tony Dymock*

# Happy Birthday!



to BMS Birthday Scheme members celebrating their birthday during the coming weeks:

April 24th	Sue Aston
April 25th	Pete Keyte
May 25th	Dave Ferkin
May 31st	Tony Higgins

Are you a member of the Birthday Scheme? This is a way to say "Thank You" to God for another birthday. You receive a lovely birthday card and all you have to do is make a donation to the work of BMS. Please see Marian for more details.

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We are an Easter people, and alleluia is our song!  
*The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu*

Been falsely accused of the most awful things?  
Then you know how God feels

If you spent as much as time praying as you do complaining, you'd have a lot less to complain about.  
*Rick Warren*

Our Lord has written the promise of the Resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time.  
*Martin Luther*



**Splinter! I bet Simon of Cyrene didn't make this fuss!**

# Lord David Puttnam to open Christian Resources Exhibition

**L**ORD David Puttnam, producer of arguably the most successful sports-themed movie of all time, will open this year's Christian Resources Exhibition International (Tue 8-11 May, Sandown Park, Esher).

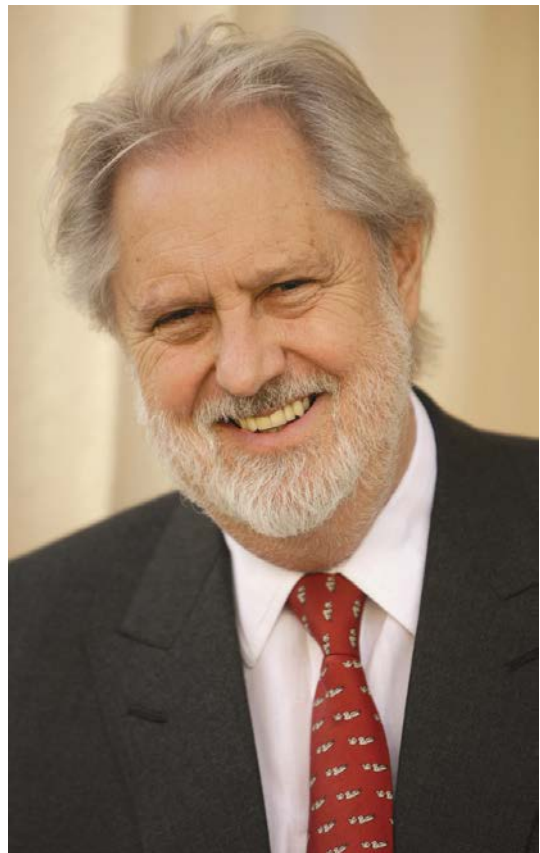
Lord Puttnam, who turned the story of athlete Eric Liddell into the Oscar-winning movie *Chariots of Fire*, will launch a special set of church and community resources created by the Damaris Trust to accompany a re-release of the digitally re-mastered film in cinemas across the country.

"In this unique year, with the London Games at the very top of the agenda, we are delighted to invite such a distinguished person to open the show," said Paul Trott, head of marketing for CRE's parent company Bible Society.

"The story of Eric Liddell continues to inspire and challenge. We expect hundreds of UK churches to come to CRE and discover some great ways to communicate to their communities before and during the Games."

Lord Puttnam's visit to Sandown Park coincides with the launch of the first-ever UK Christian Film Festival taking place at CRE.

The festival will feature star-studded, high-profile productions such as *Lion of Judah* (Ernest Borgnine, Michael Madsen) and *Jerusalem Countdown* (Lee Majors, Randy Travis).



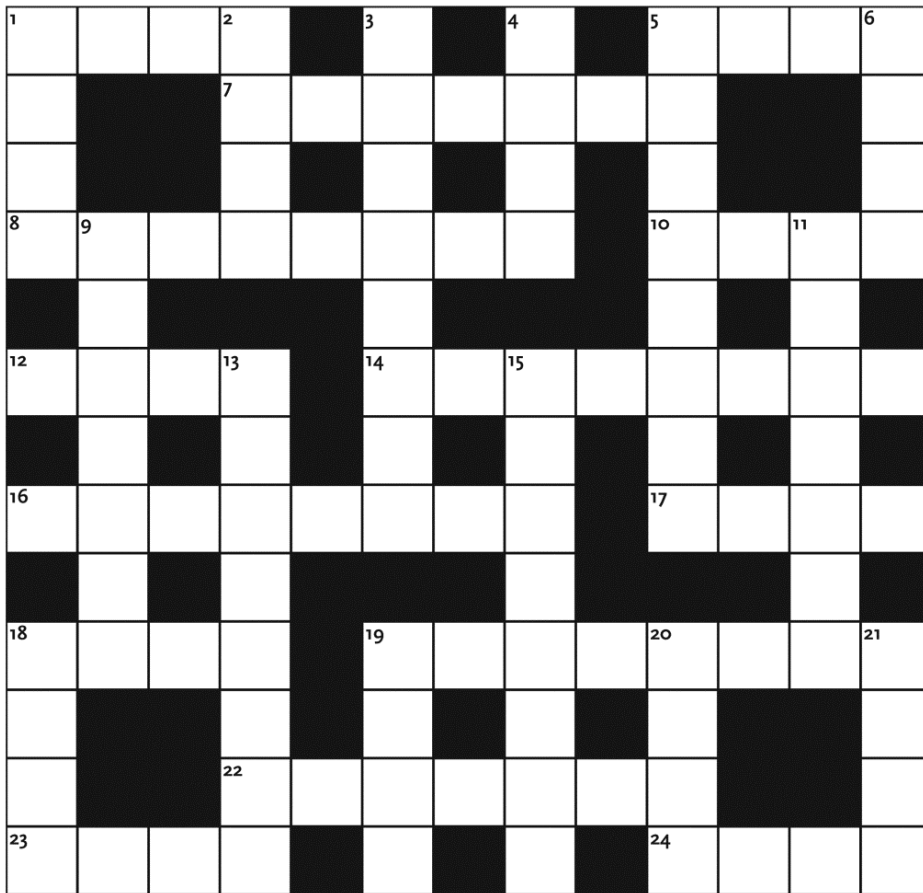
Also screened will be movies from new, up-and-coming Christian filmmakers, among them the first Christian Bollywood offering, *Anbirkk Alavillai*.

Festival director Ray Horowitz said: "We are very excited about our partnership with CRE and Bible Society, enabling us to bring the best of Christian films to the largest audience possible."

CRE is set to return to Manchester for the first time in nine years (October 10/11 2012). CRE North will be held at Event City, next door to the renowned Trafford Centre.

**For more on the exhibitions, logon to [www.creonline.co.uk](http://www.creonline.co.uk)**

# Crossword



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## ACROSS

1. Wicked king of Israel (4)
5. The parable of the — coin (Luke 15:8) (4)
7. 'So then, King —, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven.' (Acts 26:19) (7)
8. Descendants of Esau (8)
10. 'To — you will return' (Genesis 3:19) (4)
12. To lighten our darkness (4)
14. Comments (8)
16. Disclosed (8)
17. First garden (4)
18. Linked with Sidon (4)
19. Forgiven (8)
22. Huge (7)
23. God (Latin) (4)
24. Level (4)

## DOWN

1. Site of the bishop's throne (4)
2. Soothing ointment (4)
3. Thankful (8)
4. Musical work (4)
5. Praiseworthy (8)
6. Shelter (4)
9. Cluster of parishes (7)
11. Hide (7)
13. Gifts (8)
15. Lasting (8)
18. 'Will you keep to the old path that the wicked have — ?' (Job 22:15) (4)
19. Way (4)
20. Start of all good tales (4)
21. Senior dignitary of a cathedral (4)

## ANSWERS

**ACROSS** 1. Ahab 5. Lost 7. Agrippa 8. Edomites 10. Dust 12. Lamp 14. Feedback 16. Revealed 17. Eden 18. Tyre 19. Pardoned 22. Titanic 23. Deus 24. Even. **DOWN** 1. Apse 2. Balm 3. Grateful 4. Opus 5. Laudable 6. Tent 9. Deanery 11. Secrete 13. Presents 15. Enduring 18. Trod 19. Path 20. Once 21. Dean .

## Stewards' Rotas for April & May 2012

	1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	EASTER 8 <sup>th</sup> Apr	15 <sup>th</sup> Apr	22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	29 <sup>th</sup> Apr
<b>MORNING DOOR</b>	Debbie H	Sue P	Debbie L	Debbie H	Sue P
<b>MORNING OFFERTORY</b>	Marian & Debbie L	Brigade	Debbie H & Tony D	Marian & Debbie L	Debbie H & Tony D
<b>EVENING DOOR</b>	Jackie	Debbie H	Olive	Sue A	Dave
<b>EVENING OFFERTORY</b>	Dave	Jackie	Sue A	Olive	Marian
<b>FLOWER DONATIONS</b>	Olive & Pete	Tina	Sue P	Gill H	Colin
<b>FLOWER ARRANGING</b>	Sharon	Tina	Debbie	Marian	Sharon
<b>COMMUNION STEWARDS</b>	Debbie H & Marian	AM: Debbie L & Tony D PM: Pete & Judith	Jim & Tina		

	6 <sup>th</sup> May	ANNIV. 13 <sup>th</sup> May	20 <sup>th</sup> May	27 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>MORNING DOOR</b>	Debbie H	Debbie L	Sue P	Debbie H
<b>MORNING OFFERTORY</b>	Marian & Debbie L	Brigade	Debbie H & Tony D	Marian & Debbie L
<b>EVENING DOOR</b>	Jackie	Debbie H	Dave	Sue A
<b>EVENING OFFERTORY</b>	Dave	Jackie	Sue A	Olive
<b>FLOWER DONATION</b>	(Vacant)	(Anniv.)	David & Jackie	Sue A
<b>FLOWER ARRANGING</b>	-	Debbie & Sharon	Marian	Debbie
<b>COMMUNION STEWARDS</b>	Pam & Gill		Marian & Debbie H	

If you would be willing to serve the Church by joining the rota of Door and/or Offertory stewards, please see Tina Meredith. If you would like to donate flowers or help arrange them, please see Debbie Hunt.

# DIARY FOR April & May 2012

*EACH WEEK UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED*

SUNDAY	10.45 am	OASIS CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME
TUESDAY	5.00 pm onwards	SCOUTS
WEDNESDAY	7.30 pm	PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY
FRIDAY	6.00 pm onwards	BOYS' BRIGADE & GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENTS & PREACHERS: APRIL
<b>PALM SUNDAY (SUNDAY 1st)</b>		10.45 am	Rev. Christine Ritter.
		6.30 pm	Rev. Christine Ritter (Communion)
Monday 2nd to Thursday 5th		7.45 pm	Meditations for Holy Week at Salem. (Communion on Maundy Thursday)
<b>GOOD FRIDAY (Friday 6th)</b>		10.30 am	Good Friday Meditation (at Salem)
		12 noon	Walk of Witness from Imperial Gardens
		12.40 pm	Service at St. Mary's
<b>EASTER DAY (Sunday 8th)</b>		8.00 am	Open-air service in Imperial Gardens Followed by breakfast at St. Andrew's
		10.45 am	Rev. Christine Ritter (Parade)
		6.30 pm	Rev. Christine Ritter
Friday	13th	7.00 pm	Brigade Leaders' Meeting
SUNDAY	15th	10.45 am	* Rev. Alisdair Longwill (Communion)
		6.30 pm	Rev. Christine Ritter
Monday	16th	7.30 pm	Deacons' Meeting
SUNDAY	22nd	10.45 am	* Rev. Christine Ritter
		6.30 pm	Rev. Christine Ritter
SUNDAY	29th	10.45 am	* Rev. Christine Ritter
		6.30 pm	Rev. Christine Ritter
Monday	30th	7.30 pm	Youth Centre Management Committee
DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENTS & PREACHERS: MAY
SUNDAY	6th	10.45 am	Rev. Jim Clarke
		6.30 pm	Judith Beveridge (Communion)
<b>ANNIVERSARY &amp; GIFT DAY (Sunday 13th)</b>		10.45 am	Rev. Sian Murray-Williams (Parade)
		1.00 pm	Anniversary Lunch
		6.30 pm	Rev. Sian Murray-Williams
Sun 13th – Sat 19th			CHRISTIAN AID WEEK
Thursday	17th	7.30 pm	Ascension Day service at Christchurch
SUNDAY	20th	10.45 am	* Rev. Christine Ritter (Communion)
		6.30 pm	Rev. Christine Ritter
Friday	25th	7.00 pm	BRIGADE AWARDS EVENING
SUNDAY	27th	10.45 am	* Rev. Alisdair Longwill
		6.30 pm	Rev. Christine Ritter
Monday	28th	7.30 pm	Church Meeting

\* Part of the "Fit 4 Purpose" series of sermons

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