



IVYBRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

Sharing Life
Sharing Faith



For I am about to do
something new.
See, I have already begun!
Do you not see it?
I will make a pathway
through the wilderness.
I will create rivers
in the dry wasteland.

Isaiah 43:19

September 2016 Newsletter

From the Minister

Dear Friends,

What a difference a few months make! When I returned from sabbatical on 1 June I was contacted by our District Chairman, Rev. Graham Thompson, and asked to have informal talks with the stewards with a view to becoming the part-time minister at Ivybridge Methodist Church, initially for one year from 1 September.



Carolyn (my wife) and I duly met with the team on 20 June. We believed this was a divine appointment and immediately felt that there was a spiritual connection. We are so excited. We then met formally with the Plymouth and Devonport Circuit Leadership Team and the IMC stewards again for official 'stationing talks' and again we sensed that the Holy Spirit was very much in this. This was confirmed when they unanimously agreed to us being with you. Again we are so excited! This arrangement is unprecedented in Methodism and it is clear that God is very much in control of this.

So we very much look forward to working with you, discerning what God's will is together and becoming an integral part of the team as we look, with hope and joy, to all that the Lord has in store for us all in the future.

I have been a full-time Methodist Minister since training at Wesley College in Bristol in 1995. Prior to that I was a travel agent from leaving school back in 1980! To save you working it out, I'm 52 years old! Carolyn and I have two daughters, Jo married to Ayo living in Manchester and Emily married to Chris now living in Bath. They are both going on with God and faithfully serve Him through the involvement with the local church and beyond. Since being in full-time ministry we have been stationed on the Isle of Wight, Lincoln, Mahaica (Guyana, South America) and then finally South Devon living in Kingsbridge since January 2014. We also have two cats Louis and Lily who we are fairly sappy about!

We take the Great Commission seriously and literally. It is our passion and delight to make disciples and to go 'to the nations'. As I write this we are preparing for a week-long mission trip to Uganda. I have had the privilege of



preaching the Gospel on every continent (except Antarctica – but who knows!) Since experiencing the fullness of the Holy Spirit as teenagers we have seen God at work in our lives, despite challenges and set-backs. We have personally experienced the life-changing power of Jesus and know He is both Saviour and Lord of our lives.

Believing that our time at Ivybridge Methodist Church is a divine appointment we pray that we'll be able to stay for much longer than a year, if God wills and that, together with you, we will grow and be transformed as the Holy Spirit does His work in us, through us and amongst us.

“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 15:13 NKJV)

Yours in Christ,

Mark

OPEN MANSE



Mark and Carolyn Lawrence are holding an Open Manse Evening for members of IMC at 5 Culver Park Close, Kingsbridge on Saturday 24 September at 7:00 pm

This is a “Bring and Share - Bottle and finger food” evening.

Advance Notice

There will be a Christmas Open Manse Evening on Thursday 22 December at 7:00 pm

The welcome Service for Rev Mark Lawrence and his wife, Carolyn, will be held at 7:00 pm at Ivybridge Methodist Church on Friday 9 September.

All are welcome to join us.





September Worship

IVYBRIDGE

Sept 4	10:30 am 6:30 pm	To be announced Rev Mark Lawrence - Communion
Sept 11	10:30 am 6:30 pm	Rev Mark Lawrence ENGAGE - Mr Paul Courtney
Sept 18	10:30 am 6:30 pm	Rev Ken Bromage - Communion Prayer Service led by Gill Cowsill
Sept 25	10:30 am 6:30 pm	Rev Mark Lawrence Miss Teresa White
Oct 2	10:30 am 6:30 pm	Mr Mike Cade Rev Terry Higgins - Communion
Oct 9	10:30 am 6:30 pm	Rev Mark Lawrence - Harvest Festival ENGAGE - Mr Paul Courtney

BITTAFORD

Sept 4	10:30 am	Mr Terry Milam
Sept 11	10:30 am	Mr Mike Cade
Sept 18	2:30 pm	Rev David Youngs - Communion
Sept 25	10:30 am	Miss Sue Bolt
Oct 2	10:30 am	Mrs Val Marriott
Oct 9	10:30 am	Mr Mike Cade

*The speakers have been taken from Circuit Plan
and are correct to the best of the Editor's knowledge.*

From the Editor ...

If you would like to include anything in the October Newsletter, please let me have the details by Saturday 10 September in any of the following ways:-

- ♥ send it by email to -
contact@jennyhansford.co.uk
- ♥ ring me on ***01752 894634***
- ♥ hand it to me at church on a Sunday
- ♥ place it in the "H" pigeonhole in the Church Concourse
- ♥ post it through my letterbox at ***10 MacAndrew Walk, Ivybridge***



God bless,

Jenny Hansford



DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME **DIAMOND CHALLENGE 2016**

2016 is the 60th Anniversary of The Duke Of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. People are being encouraged to take on a challenge and raise funds for the scheme.

As I gained the D of E Gold Award in 1975, I have decided to support the challenge by walking the 96 miles of the West Highland Way in Scotland in eight consecutive days in September, accompanied by my husband Nigel, and Chris and Chrissie Phillips. Although I am quite an experienced walker I have never before walked continuously for 8 days so this will be my challenge. My aim is to raise as much money as possible to support this worthy cause which does so much to encourage young people to try new activities and help others in the community.

Thank you to all those who have already sponsored me. My total has reached £300 so far! Our Challenge is drawing nearer now and we travel to Scotland on 18 September and start walking the following day. There is still opportunity to donate either through my Just Giving page at www.justgiving.com/joy_whwsept or on the sponsor sheet which is on the notice board in the Concourse. Thank you.

Joy Phillips



From the Steward

Fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

(2 Timothy 1:6,7)

What an amazing gift Baptism is! I just love thinking about the enormity of God's Holy Spirit alive and living in ALL of us as Church family, not just IMC but all Churches everywhere and all of those believers in Christ. All shapes, sizes, colours, ages, languages, dialects and personalities, everyone; our

whole identity begins and ends in Jesus Christ. That is what sets us apart in this world.

Our whole identity is in Him and all we are asked to do is fan this gift into flame and nurture it. In time we learn the right 'fuel' and the various ways to guard this flame, the Holy Spirit; we learn to maintain His presence alive in us, to share and to grow and to point the way. A simple model for our life that starts in Him.

Identity → Security → Authority → Success

Identity (in Christ - He cherishes me)

Security (in His overwhelming love for us - all we need)

Authority (as children of God - our Daddy is Creator King over all)

Success (as Jesus is in you, He uses and blesses you through blessing others - the life worth living)

So what impact do I have?

It's easy to forget that it's up to each of us to champion this humble focus on our life, people all around us actually make decisions as a result of our presence in their life, our involvement WITH them. These are largely subtle and subconscious decisions, changes as to how they're feeling and addressing the world, maybe even changes in general mood which are hard to pin down. Our actions can encourage or discourage, our words or looks can build people up or put them down; we carry the Holy Spirit and our prayers and intent have more impact in this world than we can ever possibly realise. If people are going to touch Jesus through us then our identity in Him has to come before our purpose - though we might not see the full picture, we can know for sure that we are all blessed through life in Him.



If only it were that simple! The tension that we live in in this world is that the world has the opposite view and tempts us to take credit for everything that God has placed in us; with concentration we can do it all ourselves.

Success → Authority → Security → Identity

Success (I've achieved 'top grades')

Authority (I've the mind and capabilities of an expert)

Security (I can provide for all my needs)

Identity (I'm the product of my own making)

It's got to be absolutely right that we put all we can into making the best of what God has given us, we put a lot of time and discipline into studying as best we can, for example, because we know our life can be shaped by this effort. We can spend time on our appearance, or the appearance of our house or car or garden because we like things to look ordered and easy on the eye, and others will judge us approvingly for it, we'll fit in and our life will be better for it. If we can truly grasp the enormity of our identity being in Christ, then that would be the biggest thing in our life, that would be our starting point, that humility and love for others would be written all over us.

I struggle to hold on to this truth but take it on as best I can because I am increasingly aware of how our own families feed off the faith we have; they grow strong in their own identity in Christ when they can see that love of Christ in our own eyes. There seems to be two options, follow Christ or follow the world, and it's not about the words and the teaching, its about our families and friends seeing us actually living it out; they are inspired as we are gently transformed through holding on to Him. In humility and friendship, we can then walk with them and be with them to share in their life and to love them. Not just words but it's our actions that count, after all, actively and purposefully doing good is the most effective way of stopping evil from spreading.

We are wired to challenge and enjoy justifying our own views and in so doing can frequently drift away but if we could only just put Christ first, everything else would flow, would make a new kind of sense and would become ordered in our lives. So do I want to be rewired?

The Holy Spirit – A Holy Rewiring!

We are spiritual gatekeepers for our family and friends, we are intercessors in prayer, we are on God's team, our words have power but as we play our part so we too are being renewed. We're all continually and gently being refined as His Holy Spirit is at work in us, we're constantly bathing in a gentle loving



cycle of His words, His Spirit, and our response to His love. In our humanness, our worldly perspective frequently overwhelms us and incarcerates us but this cycle of perfect love for us goes on for ever.

As my joy is in Him and the only thing slowing me down is me, maybe my first thought each day should be:

1. Be FULLY ALIVE in that tension.
2. Ensure I'm facing the right way.
3. Lean in, reach out, hang on to Him wherever possible.

It's encouraging to know that the Holy Spirit is alive and working in us but we have our part to play too, we all need a Christian mentor in our life to encourage us, guide us and gently correct us, maybe someone who's got a bit of us and a bit of Paul about them - too much Paul might be a bit much!! The Apostle Paul recognised he had a responsibility to train up others and he found Timothy who he disciplined, trained and taught.

Whoever we are and whatever our journey, if we truly want to become more of who God made us to be, maybe for this new season at IMC we can all look to find a Paul from whom we can learn and find a Timothy to whom we can pass it on?

These are all things I am slowly learning, and praying about and pushing in to wherever I can at the moment so I thought I would share them in the hope that they are helpful and encouraging.

With every blessing

Christian

Bittaford Methodist Church



18 September

Come and join us for a Cream Tea at 4:30 pm
followed by "Songs of Praise" led by David Youngs
Soup and rolls will complete the evening



Temporary Measures

Please pray for a good outcome from the visit by MAF Regional Director for Africa Henk-Jan Muuse and MAF Kenya Country Director Steve Machell to Lokichoggio Airport, Kenya to

explore the possibility of setting up a maintenance facility to better serve MAF aircraft based in South Sudan.

Steve says the four Kenya registered Cessna Caravan aircraft serving out of Juba Airport, South Sudan, "are required to reposition to Nairobi for maintenance every 100 flying hours - roughly every 4 to 6 weeks. Since it's currently impossible for MAF to build a facility at Juba, the next best option is to have a maintenance facility in Lokichoggio. This would greatly increase the usability of MAF aircraft serving isolated people in South Sudan and improve the situation when unforeseen maintenance issues arise on MAF aircraft based there."

As well as meeting with the airport staff who were very accommodating, Steve and Henk-Jan assessed possible locations for our proposed building.

"It's early days yet," says Steve, "and the facility is likely to be a temporary structure that can be relocated to Juba when the situation improves."

Pray for a short-term Project Manager to set up the maintenance facility in Lokichoggio, for the project's speedy completion, and for conflict in South Sudan to end.

*"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;
give thanks to Him and praise His name." Psalm 100:4*

Does anyone feel the desire or calling to take on MAF as Church Rep? This is an important mission which also supports other missions by flying them where otherwise transport is very difficult and can take up hours of travel.

We have a notice board in the foyer; MAF have a day of prayer on 16 October 2016 to show the DVD. MAF supply monthly News to Share and News for Prayer to keep you informed.

If interested please contact Ann -

spiritotruth2001@yahoo.co.uk



You are invited to our...

Open House Coffee Morning

Saturday 8 October
10:00 am – 1:00 pm

6 Bittaford Terrace, Bittaford, Ivybridge, Devon, PL21 ODX
(Opposite the Church!)

Tel: 01752 893839

There will be tea & coffee, cakes (to eat and to take away!), cards, gift wrap, charity Christmas cards and much more, with funds raised supporting Bittaford Methodist Church and Ugborough & Bittaford Pre School.

If you're able to pop in it
would be lovely to see you!

Nic & Paul Courtney

New Appointments

It is a great pleasure to report that we have a new Cleaner/Caretaker and a new Bookings Secretary Duo!

We are so grateful to Barry Jury, with Aileen's assistance, for offering to take over the Cleaner's part of Chris and Kate's role.



Their contact details are - 952643.



John and Pam Montgomery (with back up from Sandra Dudley) will take over the management of the Bookings of the Church.

Their contact details are - 894083

STUDENT LINK



IMC news wherever you are!

Are you (or one of your children)
off to university this September?

Keep in touch with your home church by joining
the IMC Student Link Group.

Please send your uni address to
Paul & Nic Courtney and keep in touch.

Tel. 01752 893839

Email: pauljamescourtney@hotmail.com





CONTACT the elderly

Would you be willing to help out with transporting an older person or two to a tea party in Ivybridge once a month?

"Contact the Elderly" is a national charity set up to alleviate loneliness in elderly people. The Sunday afternoon tea parties become a lifeline of friendship and are eagerly looked forward to. You may not be aware, but we have our own branch in Ivybridge!

Voluntary drivers pick people up from their own home and take them to a volunteer host's home for a tea party, where they can chat, pick up on the news and enjoy tea in a comfortable environment. They are taken back home a couple of hours later.

You may even feel you could become a voluntary host and open your home for a tea party just once a year.

If you would like to become involved, or would like more details please ring **Christine Treharne** on **892460** or Email: treharne2@gmail.com

Thankyou.



Wisdom of a child



A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again.

Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?"

"Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago."

"Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?"

"Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago."

Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

ENGAGE

'Plugging in' to God through Worship

11 SEPT

9 OCT

13 NOV

4 DEC

Life is often very busy for all of us and it can sometimes be difficult to find time to worship and to engage with God in a meaningful and deep way.



And that is why we are launching a service called 'ENGAGE' on the evening of the second Sunday of each month to allow time for just that.

In Acts 16 we read of Paul and Silas being thrown into prison and surrounded by sorrow and despair. Their response was one that often astonishes us – in stocks and chains in the dead of night they prayed and they worshiped and that joy in worship saw heaven move on earth, securing their release, confounding their captives and bringing the jailer and his family to salvation!

At the heart of these services will be times of worship and praise, as we seek to bring glory to God and acknowledge all He has done and is doing.

We will also explore the worshipping life of some of the central biblical figures and try to learn how worship and engaging with God transformed their lives and their ministries.

Finally, we will be asking God to anoint us in worship and transform our own lives and ministries in times of quiet worship and response.

We hope you will join us for these services and enjoy carving out time to 'plug in' and engage with God in worship – we are expectant and excited to see God move!



Churches together in Ivybridge
will hold the next
Taizé Service
on
Sunday 25 September
at 6:30 pm
at The Priory, Cadleigh

The following is a poem that was written by Pauline Cresswell for Ralph and Adele's Leaving Party in July.

ODE TO RALPH WARD

The years sped by, and so the time had come to be
When a replacement Rev was due to come to IMC
This one could be a relative - my maiden name was Ward
He could be a long lost cousin - I felt quite overawed!
I looked him up on t'internet, on Youtube found this guy
Surely this aint him, I thought, but I'll give him a try!
So I messaged him on book of Face, "Are you the one?" said I,
"Or should I seek another?"
"No, 'tis me", was his reply.

Now this was something different - a Rev, but like no other
Sadly we're not related, but in Christ he is my brother!
His music's loud and varied, and I love his "Cheese for Lent",
He diversified our worship
This guy was Heaven sent.

This one's laid back and casual, and his collar's rarely white,
I'd say he's one of those whose bark is far worse than his bite...
He does not share my love of dogs, which really is a shame,
Cos I found a dog on line called "Ralph" - and that's his other name!
He swims, he cycles, takes long walks and even bought a boat,
He's musically gifted too, and I can't play a note!
Yealmpton, Bittaford, Ivybridge, in each he has his fame,
Dorset's sadly lacking since to South Hams he came,
And now tis time he leaves us and heads for pastures new,
I hope East Grinstead's ready, Ralph, for a taste of you
(I very much doubt it!)

His act's so hard to follow - seems he cannot be replaced -
So we'll just bide our time for now, there is no need for haste.
God has a sense of humour and His mercies never fail -
Which is why He sent us you, Ralph, and your lovely wife, Adele.



Dear Friends,

This month's fact about Cambodia concerns child nutrition.

In a previous article I stated that one of the causes of death of a quarter of the population of Cambodia during the Khmer Rouge regime between 1975 and 1979 was starvation. In the chaos that followed the overthrow of the Khmer Rouge by Vietnam, there was a real threat of famine and further large-scale loss of life. Aid agencies estimated that up to half the surviving population were at risk of starvation. By the early 1980s the crisis had past and Cambodia had entered a long period of isolation by western countries. Only the USSR and its allies provided any assistance, so the pace of recovery was slow.



Since the early 1990s, when the political climate changed, Cambodia has received billions of dollars in foreign aid, so there should no longer be any risk of malnutrition, should there? Statistics from the United Nations Children's Fund tell another story.

Fact: 29% of Cambodian children are moderately or severely underweight and 41% are moderately or severely stunted in growth.

Why is this? Because those children did not enjoy a sufficient intake of essential nutrients in the first two years of their lives. Access to adequate quantities of micronutrients, such as iron, calcium and zinc, is not possible through the food that many people can afford. This is especially true in rural areas where access to water, sanitation and health care is also difficult.

Pray: for a redistribution of wealth between the very rich and the very poor and between the urban and rural populations; for abundant harvests and availability of affordable fish and meat in spite of the effects of climate change; for development assistance to reach those who really need it; for good health education to penetrate remote communities; for the testimony of Christians to point to the Lord as source and provider of all good things.

Myers Cooper



TRANSFORMATIONS SOUTH WEST CONFERENCE



Friday 23 & Saturday 24 September

ROC has been working in the South West region since the 2011 launch in Plymouth and has established a number of community projects in the region.

Gather is a national network of vibrant missional unity movements in villages, towns, cities and boroughs.

ROC and **Gather** will be jointly hosting this conference which aims to foster relationships and equip the church in effective community outreach.

A number of civic leaders will be attending including

Assistant Chief Constable Paul Netherton.



Christ Church//Leypark Walk//Estover//PL6 8UE



September 23rd // 2pm - 5pm

September 24th// 9:30am - 4:30pm



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roc.uk.com/transformations

£20 both days / £8 Friday only / £15 Sat only

Who is the conference for?

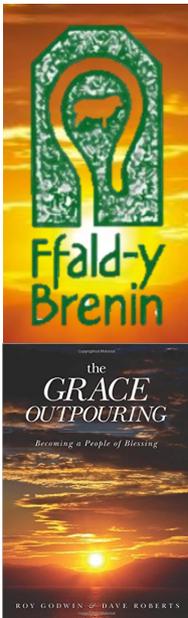
- For Christians who long to see the South West transformed socially, culturally and spiritually.
- For church leaders who want to learn how to engage and serve the community, working together as one Church across a village, town and/or city.
- For Christian leaders in the sector of life (Education, health, arts, politics, business etc) who want to be more effective in their witness and effectiveness.

What subject areas will the conference cover?

- What is the vision for your towns and cities? What does transformation really mean?
- What are the challenges and opportunities for the South West of England? How can we best serve the region?



- How can we take our unity for transformation on to another level?
- How do we develop a prayer strategy for our community?
- How to engage with civic authorities.
- How to form unity networks in the cultural spheres to effect kingdom transformation.
- Family mentoring, restorative justice, starting a community centre, youth engagement, funding your project, community and education, reaching rural communities, addressing loneliness and isolation, addressing domestic violence, reducing demand calls to emergency numbers.



Local Houses of Prayer

Local Houses of Prayer (LHOP's) are an initiative flowing out from the move of God at Ffald-y-Brenin as described in the best-selling book "The Grace Outpouring". Typically commencing with 2-3 people they adopt a small local area for Jesus, worship and pray for the breaking in of the Kingdom of God and play their part in its release through their life and witness with the aid of the Caleb Questions. Local Houses of Prayer are prayer-based and thoroughly missional.

The vision of a Local House of Prayer is: 'To see the Kingdom come and God's will be done on this particular area of earth, as in heaven.'

Local House of Prayer Training:
Saturday 17 September 2016, 10:00 am - 3:00pm
 Ivybridge Methodist Church

We are having a Local House of Prayer training day on 17 September 2016. Do let us know if you would be interested in joining us for this. The purpose of these training days is to explore together some of the Key Principles of a Local House of Prayer, enabling you to start a Local House of Prayer in your area/ community.

Whether you are interested in finding out more about Local Houses of Prayer or just wanting to bless and pray more for your local area you would be welcome to join us!

For more information contact: Gill Cowsill:
gill.cowsill@btinternet.com Tel 07836687985



September News

If you have anything you would like included in the Church News please let Judy Jago know at church, or ring her on 894829.

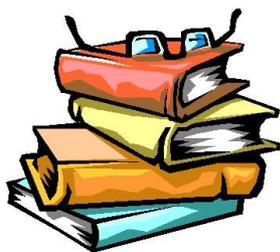


First of all we'd like to wish a very warm welcome to the Rev Mark Lawrence and his wife Carolyn as they join our fellowship. Mark will be our minister for 50% of his time, for the other 50% he will be Superintendent of the

Kingsbridge Circuit so this will be a very busy year for both of them.

We hope we can look after you both as you minister to us and that you don't get too tired with all the journeying between Kingsbridge and Ivybridge! We look forward to getting to know you both over the coming months.

Our love and very best wishes go to Lucy Reid and Peter Binks as they are married here at IMC on the 24 September at 12:30 followed by a reception in Cornwall. We do hope all continues to go smoothly and you have an absolutely wonderful day as you begin your new life together.



University and college calls, so many of our young people (and sadly lots of our talented musicians) are setting off on a new adventure all over the country.

Ben Stephenson will head to Durham to study Geography, Tim Stephenson is in the midst of decision making as to his next step, Jonny White is going to Leeds School of Music, Dan Hodgson to Portsmouth to study Criminal Law, Jasmin

Hladkij to East of London to study PE and Sports Development and Victoria Vels will be undertaking Media Studies at Plymouth City College.

We wish you all the energy and strength you need for this next step, and may God richly bless you all.



Many congratulations to Marie Perry (Mercy's daughter) on gaining a BA Hons (1st) in Early Years learning. It's been hard work fitting everything in, but what an achievement! We wish you every success in the future Marie.



Many congratulations too go to Becca McGregor (Rowey to many of us!) on gaining a BSc with Honours in Physiotherapy. Again lots of hard work and long hours but what a result - very well done Becca. Becca and Sam have moved back to Devon for Becca to take up her post at Derriford and Sam a position in Torbay. We hope all goes smoothly guys as you look for a new home and settle into your new jobs.

Another new job on the horizon. Congratulations to Helen Skinner as she takes up a Specialist (Epilepsy) Nurse role in St George's Hospital in London. We pray all the travelling goes smoothly and you settle in well Helen.



Apologies must go to Liz and Trevor Sargeson as we missed their Golden Wedding which they celebrated on July 16. We hope you had a lovely celebration and send every good wish for the coming years.

Some significant birthdays to remember this month - Judy Jago, Madeline Allen and Jenny Hansford all have special days during September and we wish you all very happy birthdays, wonderful celebrations and many happy returns. God bless all of you.

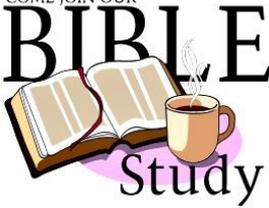


Sadly one of our older members, Marjorie Lake, died during July after a very short illness. Marjorie has been a member here at IMC for many years and played a big part in the music when she and Derek were younger. She will be missed by all who knew her, and will be remembered as a very faithful Christian and a gentle, loving lady.

Please remember all those struggling with family issues, health concerns and those in our residential homes, so that all may know they are thought of and receive God's strength for all they are dealing with.



COME JOIN OUR



Welcome to new members at the Tuesday Morning Bible Study at 20 Grosvenor Court. We meet at 10:00 am for coffee, and finish at 11:50 am.

Starting on Tuesday 13 September we will be studying Elijah.

Autumn Programme

13 September

Video

27 September

1 Kings 17 - Famine

11 October

1 Kings 18:1-19 - Elijah and Obadiah

25 October

1 Kings 18:20-end - Elijah on Mount Carmel

8 November

1 Kings 19 - Elijah flees

22 November

1 Kings 21 - Naboth's Vineyard

1 Kings 22:29-40 - Ahab killed

2 Kings 9:30-37 - Jezebel killed

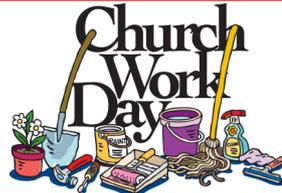
6 December

Christmas

Saul and Jonathan die - (Chapter 31)

Date of the next Work Day

There will be no regular Work Day in September due to the Church and other areas being in use on the Saturdays. However if anyone has any time to spare please speak to Chris Phillips or Joy Phillips, as no doubt there will be jobs to be carried out that can be done at any time.



The next Work Day will be 8 October

If you can spare a couple of hours we'll be pleased to see you from 9:30 am onwards. Help us keep our Church building clean, tidy and welcoming for all its users.

Delicious coffee and cakes from "Wesleys" and free lunch for all helpers!



Wise and Wonderful



We meet fortnightly in the IMC Café: see dates below
Meetings are on Fridays, from 2.30 until 4:00 pm
with a charge of £1 each time

Autumn Programme 2016

September 9

Harvest Celebration with drama,
readings, songs and apple cake!

September 23

Rolph Burny - from the Prison Fellowship

October 7

John Hamblin - CEO of the Shekinah Mission, Plymouth

November 4

Shoe Box day, preparing and packing for the Christmas appeal.
Also games, music and a Right Regal Quiz

November 18

Guests at an Indian Wedding
with Duncan and Kirsten Knowles

December 2

Christmas meeting details a bit vague as yet!

Please contact one of us for more information:

Valerie Marriott 893614

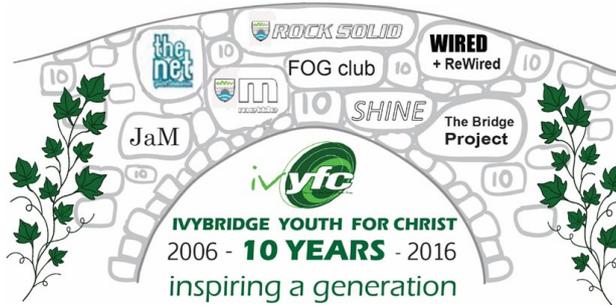
Sara Bromage 894198

Judy Jago 894829

Sue Pengilley 896444

Christine and David Moulder 892858

**We are an open fellowship
and all are welcome!**



10 Year Appeal - £10 for 10 years

Ivybridge YFC leads five secondary school aged clubs, four primary school clubs, a detached outreach to young people at a local skate park and oversees the Plymouth area youth worship event called The Net. For the future, we have invitations to lead assemblies at local primary schools from this September and we need your support to make the most of these opportunities.

Would you like to invest in the furthering of God's Kingdom amongst young people in the area?

Could you commit to £10 a month support for Ivybridge YFC?

Could you commit to increasing your current level of support by £10 extra per month?

We are looking for 100 people to pledge £10 a month to celebrate our 10 year anniversary...

£10 can buy many things:

- ♥ 5 large scrapbooks for children at FOG Club to keep their colourings in.
- ♥ 4 canvas boards for Shine Clubs to produce artwork on.
- ♥ 1 resource book full of youth work games and activities.
- ♥ 3 bags of Giant Marshmallows for the young people at Wired to toast over a fire pit.
- ♥ 2 weeks' worth of juice for our youth groups.

We'd be grateful if you would prayerfully consider this request. Obviously any amount would be welcome! To support Ivybridge YFC you can obtain a standing order form by emailing ivybridge@yfc.co.uk or organise directly with your bank. Bank details are as follows:

Ivybridge Youth For Christ - Reliance Bank Ltd:
Account No: **00209692** - Sort Code: **60-01-73**

Thank you.

Tuesday Lunches will produce a

Harvest Special

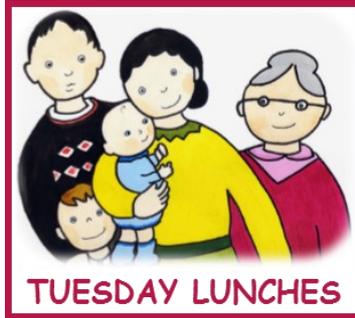
on Tuesday 11 October at 12:30 pm

The menu will include

Salmon Mousse

Roast Pork

Autumn Pudding

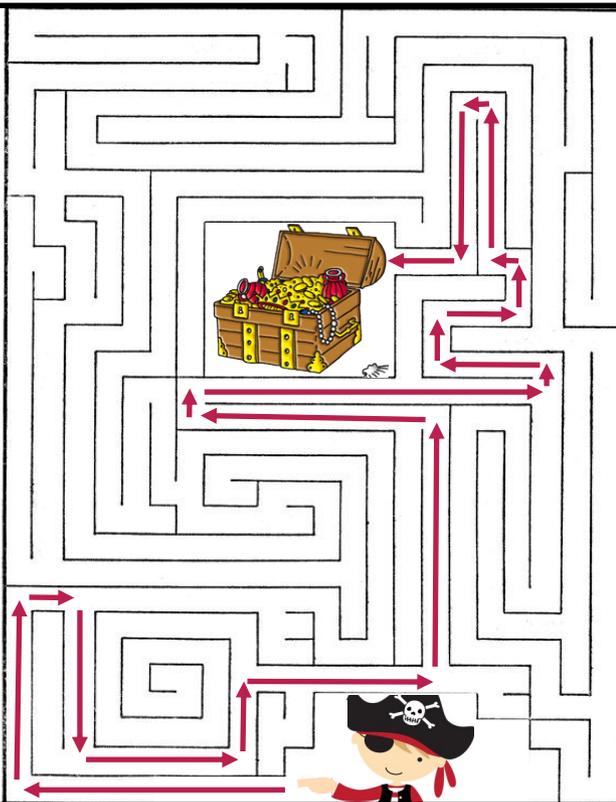


Booking necessary, please, before 30 September

via lunch teams on Tuesdays or Sundays,
or phone Mercy on 893812.

I hope the children enjoyed the activity pages in the centre of the last newsletter.

I am sure they were able to find their way to the treasure with no problem at all, but in case anyone found it a little tricky, here is the solution of how to get there.



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please get them to the Editor by

Saturday 10 September

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