

# Poole Christian Fellowship

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# THE BULLETIN

July 2009

## A Mission Community

**"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you"  
(John 20 v 21)**

It is amazing to consider it, but our mission as Christians, and as a church, is completely connected to the mission of Jesus.

At some point in eternity in the past the Father sent the Son into the world. He fulfilled his mission totally, living a perfect life, so that his righteousness could be ascribed to us, and then become a perfect sacrifice for sin, removing forever our sin and guilt. That is amazing in itself. But having concluded his mission, and about to return to the Father to take his seat at the right hand of God, Jesus then did something else amazing.

Having won salvation for the world the message of reconciliation is entrusted by Jesus to mere mortals. Not the great and good, but ordinary people, sinners, saved from hell. You and me. In other words, part 2 of the mission of the Saviour is to spread the message of the salvation won at Calvary. And the people who do the spreading? Us.

Mission impossible? Well, it seemed like that until that extraordinary day at Pentecost when a handful of bewildered, frightened disciples of Jesus were changed into an army that turned the first century world upside down. The Holy Spirit made their mission a possibility and a reality, and thousands upon thousands believed in Jesus as Saviour and Lord. Today, you and I, commissioned by the same Lord and empowered by the same Holy Spirit stand on their shoulders, and on the shoulders of all who have believed in Jesus ever since.

**"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them." (2 Corinthians 5 v 18)**

Our mission, then continues the work of Jesus. Not simply good works and mercy missions. All work done by Christians to heal the hurting, clothe the poor and feed the hungry demonstrate the love of God for his creation. But all of them, if they go no further, fall short of what Jesus has for us. We are ministers of reconciliation. Yes - feeding the hungry, healing the hurting - but above all reconciling God and man, and asking Him to use us to bring new birth to a dying world.

**"And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5 v 19)**

We have the most important job in the world to do. The word has to be spread, the message has to be preached and the world has to be told. You and I are God's chosen vehicles. There is no plan B.

**"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God". (2 Corinthians 5 v 20)**

So every day at work, at school, in the factory, home, office or workshop, in the street and on the beach, on the sports field and in the park.... we are God's ambassadors. Jesus wants a community of people to carry out their mission.

You and I are a mission community. We have a job to do. Better get on with it.

John MacDiarmid



The Mission Field

## Daytime Bible Study

have a change to their usual dates to:-

**Wednesdays 1st and 22nd July**

## Sunday Morning Messages

All Sunday morning messages are taped. Copies of the tape can be obtained from Rob Lafferty. Please see him on Sunday or call him on 649994.

We are currently working on the technology to enable us to have the messages online through our website. This is work in progress and we will let you know when it is available.

**“9—5”**

Ben Lamb will be talking about his work and the Christian impact he has there on Sunday morning, 19th July.

## Church Barbeque

Duncan and Helen Williams will be holding a barbeque at their home—on Saturday 18th July from 6.00pm.

Please see Duncan or Helen for directions and your housegroup leader if you need a lift.

Bring a friend!

**Church Picnic** taking place at Upton Country Park on Sunday 26th July straight after the meeting.

Please bring your picnic with you so everyone gets to the picnic at roughly the same time.

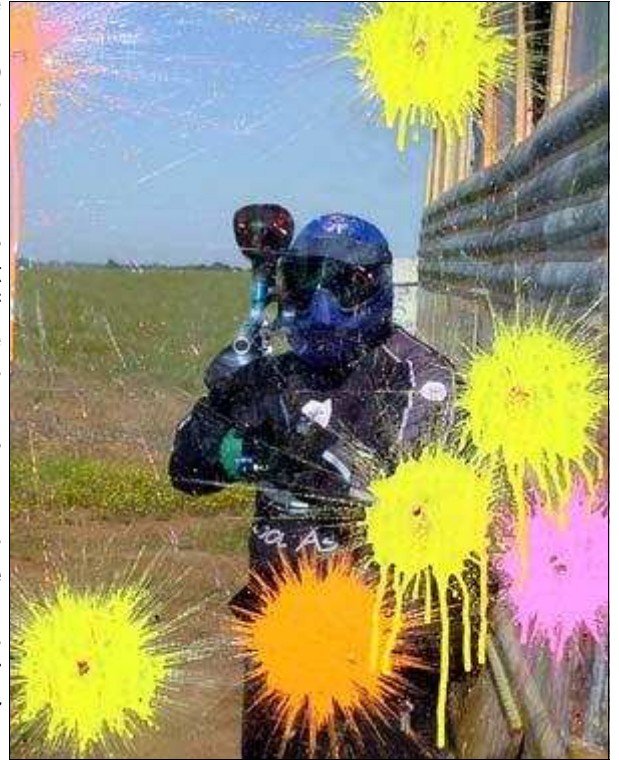
If you need a lift please see your housegroup leader.

## Splat!

On Saturday July 18th the Youth Group is going paintballing in Bere Regis. Everyone in Youth Group is welcome and please invite friends. We have 35 places to fill.

We will meet at the church at 8.00am and be driven down to the site. Once there we will play a few games in the morning, then break for lunch. More games after lunch then returning to church early afternoon.

All weaponry and safety equipment is provided and you must be at least 12 years of age to play. Please bring proof of age if under 14 years. All players under 18 years must get a parental consent form filled in and signed by a parent. Forms can be downloaded and printed from the Facebook group, PCF Youth, or ask Gez for a form.



A deposit of £10 is needed by 6th July. £6 pays for 100 paint balls which can be bought on the day, so I recommend bringing £12 on the day to purchase more paint balls.

Please see Gez Jones for more information.

## New Day—The Event

Please pray for our young people as they attend New Day. This is a six day camping event for young people to encounter Jesus together. Time is spent worshipping God, listening to teaching from the Bible and praying together in the main meetings. In smaller seminars there is a choice of a wide range of topics and issues and learning how to apply God's word for to the way we live. There is also a chance to put God's love into action in the local community, with outreach and social action projects into Norwich and parts of Norfolk. There will also be times to relax, sports programmes and live gigs.

New Day takes place from 1st—6th August in the Norfolk Showground, just outside Norwich.

*Information taken from the [newday.xtn.org](http://newday.xtn.org)/the event website*

**Coffee Morning** comes to an end for the summer holidays on 21st July.

It has been a most successful year with lots of people coming in each Tuesday. We see regulars turning up each week together with new people popping in for a coffee and chat. Good conversations are being had often turning to Jesus and the Gospel message.

As a building we are well placed to invite people in, which Joyce, Peter, Jack, Diana, and Ruby do very well! We are also becoming more well known with the change of sign and posters giving relevant information about our church. Also the recent leaflets that Jack Knox has posted through doors is raising our profile locally. We can therefore be praying over the summer that these will combine to encourage people to



come in on Tuesdays and give us the opportunity to share Jesus with them.

The starting date for September will be given in the August Bulletin—so please be praying that people’s lives will be saved and transformed and that we can serve our community



**Contact List** — A new list is being compiled with all updates and amendments. If you wish to be included or to change your address/phone/email details, please let Linda Rose know by Wednesday 8th July.



**Housegroups** will be taking a break for the summer holidays from the 21st July. If you are not yet part of a housegroup please think about it and discuss it with a leader or elder in the church—see contacts on back page..

**Day of Prayer** will take place on Friday 31st July at the following times.

There's at least one slot that will suit you!

- 7.00 am—8.00am
- 10.00am—11.00am
- 2.00pm—3.00pm
- 7.00pm—9.00pm

All at Lagland Street



**Please pray for:-**

David and Pauline's trip to Zambia and Matt's last couple of weeks there



## - Events Diary for July -

<b>Wednesday 1st</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Daytime Bible Study</b>
Sunday 5th July	10.10am 10.30am  7.00pm	Prayer Celebration led by:- John MacDiarmid Speaker:- Gez Jones Praise and Prayer
Monday 6th	7.00pm	Youth Group
<b>Tuesday 7th</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b> <b>Housegroups Together for Prayer</b>
Sunday 12th	10.10am 10.30am	Prayer Celebration led by:- Nick May Speaker:- John MacDiarmid
Monday 13th	7.00pm	Youth Group
Tuesday 14th	10.00am 8.00pm	Coffee Morning Housegroups
Saturday 18th	6.00pm	Barbeque at Helen and Duncan Williams home
<b>Sunday 19th</b>	<b>10.10am</b> <b>10.30am</b>	<b>Prayer</b> <b>Celebration led by:- John MacDiarmid</b> <b>Speaker:- Lee Dufield</b> <b>We will be breaking bread.</b> <b>Also we will be welcoming home from Zambia David and Pauline Foster and Matt MacDiarmid</b>
Tuesday 21st	10.00am 8.00pm	Coffee Morning — Last one until September Housegroups Together for Prayer
Wednesday 22nd	10.00am	Daytime Bible Study
Sunday 26th	10.10am 10.30am	Prayer Celebration led by:- Richard Miles Speaker:- John MacDiarmid Church picnic at Upton Country Park
Tuesday 28th	8.00pm	Housegroups
Friday 31st		Day of Prayer at Lagland Street—see page 2 for details of times

***“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests . With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints”. Eph. 6:17-19 NIV***

## - PCF Contacts -

<b>Elders</b> David Foster John MacDiarmid Nick May Nigel Green	07906756791	<b>Website Webmaster—</b> Ben Lamb	
		<b>Youth</b> Gez Jones	
		<b>Daytime Bible Study</b> Jean Edwards	
<b>Church Administrator</b> Linda Rose		<b>Housegroups</b>	
<b>Sunday School</b> Helen MacDiarmid		Central	<b>Jon &amp; Lynne White</b>
<b>Coffee Morning</b> Margaret May Stephanie Lafferty		East	<b>Duncan &amp; Helen Williams</b>
<b>Musicians</b> Caleb Green Tim Stone		North	<b>Nick &amp; Margaret May</b>
		West	<b>Jo W &amp; Linda Rose</b>
		Please see one of the housegroup leaders or an elder if you would like to attend	