



Poole Christian Fellowship

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THE BULLETIN

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"Into all the World"

We have been thinking recently about our mission as a church, and our commission to preach the good news and to bring the message of Jesus to those around us.

The great commission that Jesus gave to his church, to "Go and make disciples of all nations" still stands. It is still the supreme task of the church.

It is our privilege to have various contacts and connections around the world. For those of us whose call is to stay in the UK and to serve Jesus where we are, we can be of service round the world by giving and praying. Let's never underestimate the power that a giving and praying church can have in missions around the world. But we also have the opportunity to send people. It is a sign of a healthy church where there is a giving, not only of prayer and finance, but also of manpower.

Following are some brief reports from some of our contacts round the world, from Matt MacDiarmid and David and Pauline Foster (recently returned from Zambia) from Nigel and Ruby Green (about to return to Crete), and Lee Duffield (about to visit Turkey).

Whilst we consider how to respond to our own call to mission in Poole, let's thank God for the doors he has opened for us to influence his work in other nations. Let's be fervent in prayer and faithful in giving. God is at work around the world! And who knows who he will send next.

John MacDiarmid

David and Pauline Foster back from their visit to Zambia

First of all we want to thank everyone for their prayers as we were able to spend those three great weeks back in Zambia! God has been faithful and they have been wonderfully answered!

We can hardly believe that we went everywhere we wanted to go and saw everything we wanted to see and met everyone we wanted to meet - plus the bonus of unexpectedly meeting up with a whole lot more people especially ex-Sakeji students now back in Zambia and serving the Lord in many different ways. What a joy to talk and pray again with some of the older generation of Zambian staff who have now retired from working at Sakeji school but who came to visit us.

We travelled a good deal - by BA 767 jet, by light aircraft, by car and Landrover over roads as bad as we have ever seen in the dry season - lived out of our suitcases, ate all kinds of food and took lots of pictures - in spite of having our camera stolen early on. But above all we saw what God is doing in schools and hospitals and with street children and HIV/AIDS sufferers.

We found too that it's front line battle ground and the enemy is not happy! We look forward to sharing in the coming days and weeks and months so that we can all be involved in some way ourselves - by being informed and praying and giving - and going!

More reports inside.....

Use of Church Building

We are now in the happy position of seeing our church building used by many different groups during the week (although there is still room for more)

Because the needs of each group is so specific, and because the usage varies from week to week, it is now unrealistic to ask each group to set up for the following group.

We therefore are, from now on, asking that each group using the building takes up full responsibility for ensuring that the building is set up according to their own needs, and fully cleared away after use. I hope you will agree that this is reasonable and realistic.

John MacDiarmid

Church Picnic

The last church picnic of the season will be at Upton Country Park after the Sunday morning meeting on Sunday 30 August.



Day of Prayer

Don't forget our day of Prayer on Friday 31st July.

Prayer at Lagland St at the following times
 7am - to 8am
 10am to 11am
 2pm to 3pm
 7pm to 9pm

"9—5"

We will be hearing from some of our students about their lives at university and their Christian impact on those around them.

Sunday 16th August

Housegroups

Housegroups will be suspended for the month of August

They will resume on Tuesday 8th September

Nigel and Ruby Green—

Once again, God willing, we are driving down across Europe to catch the ferry in Venice for Northern Greece. From here we will travel to Ioannina to visit the Kollaros' where Leonidas pastors the small evangelical church and engages in street evangelism in this university town. He has recently had great opportunities to place new testaments with high profile people in the town.

We will also see Evangelos & Georgia Sikoutris in Patras on our way down through the Peloponnese, and in late August or early September, this hard-working couple are coming to stay with us for a well earned rest. He continues to distribute his evangelistic paper in Greece' third largest city and they've had the joy of seeing a few new folk added very recently.

In Crete, where our home is, we will endeavour to continue to encourage the church there, especially Nikos & Christina, and possibly with a little speaking at the main church in Chania and a smaller one in Rethymnon.

We value your continued prayers for all these contacts, the Christian workers, our travel plans, and much needed language skills.

Lee Dufield tells us -

In August I plan to make my second trip to Uskudar, Istanbul in Turkey. Whilst there I will be visiting the church during a Sunday morning meeting, as well as spending time with the Cupery's and other members of the church there. I am hoping for a good time catching up with them, and hearing first hand of the good things that God is doing in Turkey.

Please pray for a safe journey, and that God will use my time in Istanbul to bless and encourage the church there, as well as it being beneficial to my study of the language and the culture, and that God would encourage me in my plans to return to Istanbul long-term in the not-too-distant future.

Matt MacDiarmid reports on his recent year at Amano Christian School in Zambia

On Sunday 31st August, I stood up at church and thanked everyone for their prayers and support over my plans and preparations for my time in Zambia. Nearly 11 months later, I find myself in a position where I need to thank PCF once again for their incredible support.

The past year has been a life changing one in many ways, but also such an enjoyable one. God has given me the opportunity to do everything from discipline and mentoring 24 boys between the ages of 5 and 19, to bungee jumping from a 111m high bridge! But none of these would have been possible without the support of my friends and family at PCF, so I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to those who have remembered me throughout the year and for those who have been praying for me throughout the year.

I look forward to catching up with you all and to filling you in with all that has happened in the past year at Amano Christian School.

"Zambia Night!"

Report and presentation on the recent visits of Matt MacDiarmid and David and Pauline Foster to Zambia.

Tuesday 1 September 8pm
 at Lagland Street

Newday 2009

From 1st August until 7th August, a band of 12 intrepid youth from PCF and 6 helpers are off to Norfolk to attend Newday.

For those of you who don't know, Newday is a Christian summer camp for teenagers run by New Frontiers. We have gone for the past three years and they always have excellent teaching and worship, as well as plenty of other fun activities. We have a number of people going for the first time this year, as well as a few going for possibly the last time.

Please pray that everyone who attends will benefit from the teaching there and become more on fire for God, with a LASTING effect. Sadly it is all too common for people to come away from these types of events very pumped up for God and then slowly deflate, so we need to be praying against that.

Please also pray for the practicalities, such as transport, setting up tents, the weather and getting enough sleep! Finally, please also pray that PCF youth would gel together as a group.

Gez Jones

Welcome.....

The following have asked for church membership, and we are delighted to welcome them into membership of Poole Christian Fellowship.

Aine Lott
Jo-anne Wesso
Ralf and Kirsten Buchholz
Wilmor and Hlida Lott
Jack and Flora Knox
Tom Miles
Joe Wanklyn
Alan Hayward

We will be running another church membership course in the autumn for those interested in finding out more.

John MacDiarmid

The website is continuing to see progress each month, and you can now listen to sermons (podcasts!) from Sunday morning on the blog - these are usually available by Monday evening. You can also see photos from the picnics and the Youth Group Talent Night.

We will soon upgrade the podcast system so you can write sermons to CDs to listen to in the car, and there is a brand new site design in the pipeline as well.

You should have received a short survey about the website with this Bulletin - we would value your feedback and ideas about how the site can be more useful to you.

Many thanks
Ben Lamb



Thank you for the thank you!

From Simon and Jane Dodridge

We would like to say a HUGE thank you for the beautiful watercolour picture and flowers you all so kindly gave us in appreciation for our years of leading the music group.

It has been a joy and honour to have been involved in the worship at church for many years (Simon started playing the organ at his family church when he was 14!)

During those years we have been privileged to see many young people mature and also become involved in serving the Lord in leading worship. We are grateful to Tim and Caleb for taking on the role and know that the Lord will bless us all through their ministry. We look forward to still being involved in the worship at church in the future and pray for the Lord's leading in all that we do.

Summer Coffee Morning-From Lynne White

It has been on my heart for some time that the Coffee Morning should continue throughout the summer for regulars, but specifically for the Poole community and holidaymakers.

As you know, there are many folk who have been through the doors of PCF for a cuppa, only to find 'something more' that has served to deepen their search for God.

Up until now, I have been unable to pursue God's call to serve Him in this way through the summer, but now find that time is on my hands, and when I spoke to John MacDiarmid, found that he, too, had a similar vision, but we knew we needed a team of helpers.

We came together to pray for the Lord's guidance as to how we could make this work and now have a small team who are willing

to serve during the 6 weeks' school holidays. We will continue in much the same vein, offering drinks, chat, fellowship and prayer to all who come with a quarter-hour prayer time beforehand to ask that God would be in the house as we bring His Name and His love into people's lives.

If you find that you have a free Tuesday to attend or to help in any way between 10am-12noon we will gladly welcome you.

In the meantime, please pray for a good attendance to the Coffee Morning and for a strong move of the Holy Spirit during the summer campaign.

- Events Diary for August -

Sunday 2nd	10.10am 10.30am	Prayer Celebration led by:- John MacDiarmid Speaker:- Jon Ginevar
Tuesday 4th	8.00pm	Housegroups Together for Prayer
Sunday 9th	10.10am 10.30am	Prayer Celebration led by:- Richard Miles Speaker:- John MacDiarmid
Tuesday 11th	8.00pm	Housegroups Together for Prayer
Wednesday 12th	10.00am	Daytime Bible Study
Sunday 16th	10.10am 10.30am	Prayer Celebration led by:- John MacDiarmid Speaker:- richard Miles We will be breaking bread. We will be hearing from one or more of our students in the "9-5" series
Tuesday 18th	8.00pm	Housegroups Together for Prayer
Sunday 23rd	9.30am 10.10am 10.30am	Meeting at Dorset House Prayer Celebration led by:- Nick May Speaker:- John MacDiarmid
Tuesday 25th	8.00pm	Housegroups Together for Prayer
Wednesday 26th	10.00am	Daytime Bible Study
Sunday 30th	10.10am 10.30am	Prayer Celebration led by:- John MacDiarmid Speaker:- Nick May Church Picnic at Upton Country Park

Church Members' Meeting

At Lagland Street

Tuesday 20 October at 8pm

- PCF Contacts -

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