



Poole Christian Fellowship

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THE BULLETIN

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The New Season

Traditionally September is the time when everything kicks off again - the football season, back to school, off to college, university etc. Although God doesn't actually go on holiday in August, church activity falls off as His workers take a break and get geared up for the new start. PCF is no exception as we look forward to a new start in September.

So - what so we have coming up?

Youth Group starts again with a new series of Monday nights and a new midweek bible study

Daytime Bible study continues as at present, and now with an additional series of "Discipleship Explored" on alternate weeks.

Housegroups get back into action A new series on "The Holy Spirit and You" starts ...and coffee morning is re-branded "**Open Door**" for the start of the new season.

Of course, our Sunday mornings continue and our fortnightly prayer times, along with the monthly Sunday night "Praise and Prayer" and the monthly day of prayer make sure that everything we do is under girded by prayer. And much else besides...

Of course these are just our corporate activities. You will have your own priorities with family, home, job and whatever else God has given you to do.

So it's all action, action, action....

In the midst of all the busyness we need to remember that the most important thing we can do is to remember to take time to be alone with the Lord each day. In Mark 1 verse 35 we read:

"**Very early** in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed." As the nights get colder and the days get shorter (sorry to be a prophet of doom - but it's a safe prediction) there is no more important discipline that you can give yourself to than to determine to spend time with your Father each day. If Jesus needed it, how much more do we!

John MacDiarmid



"Open Door"



On 8 September Coffee Morning is re-launching with a new name: Open Door. we are opening our door to the public and we hope that there will be many who come in and enjoy PCF hospitality, tea and coffee and a good chat. If you are able to help in any way please speak

to either Margaret May or Stephanie Lafferty, but the most important need is for hosts who will come along for as long or as little as they are able and chat to our visitors. See you there.

The new flier for Open Door is included in this bulletin. Please take some from the foyer and give out to anyone who may like to come in on a Tuesday morning.

Prayer

We will be continuing the momentum that was started at the month of prayer back in April.

Our fortnightly church prayer times will continue throughout the Autumn. In addition we will be continuing with the monthly Sunday Prayer and Praise evenings (first one on 6th September and we will have a day of prayer from time to time. The next one is on Saturday 26th September. It didn't seem fair to leave out those who work during the week! As before prayer times will be at 7am, 10am, 2pm and 7pm for an hour each. Please try to make it to at least one of the sessions. If necessary combine it with your shopping!

"The Holy Spirit and You"

We are re-launching our mid-week theology/Bible study nights with a series called "The Holy Spirit and You".

This is a series to enable us all to explore the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit. Full details are on the enclosed flier.

Above all we want the Holy Spirit to be himself amongst us, and for us to experience as a day to day reality everything He has for us. There will be time for teaching, refreshments, questions, discussion and practical application. Join us as we make this exciting journey together.



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

"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

A team of 19 of us went to Norwich for Newday a couple of weeks ago. It may surprise you to hear that we had excellent weather with the exception of only one day. Everyone from PCF had a great time, helpers included. It was great to be able to hear from God and also relax together and get to know one another better.

One of our young people Matt Goodall became a Christian at Newday and we also made a good contact and friend in Emma, a girl who Sarah Short brought along.

The worship and speaking were very good quality. A lot of hard work and prayer went into the week from members of PCF and helpers from the New Frontiers churches. This made it easy for me and the youth to focus purely on getting to know God better. I really think God spoke to all of us while we were there and some in very profound ways. It was great to see God at work in people's lives and have that reminder that he really is a living God.

We have already given some feedback at church but another particular highlight of the week was seeing the four 19 year olds get into their roles as helpers. They took responsibility as leaders without prompting and God's grace in their lives is a real encouragement as we continue to work with the current youth group.

Looking forward, we are starting a young people's bible study this term and that will have the aim of taking what was sown at Newday and watering it, to help good intentions turn into a practical service of God. Please pray this will be the case.—*Gez Jones*

The website

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We would still like to hear from more people about their views of the PCF website. Survey forms are available on the leaflets table. Please complete and return to Linda Rose

Cut it out, Stick it up and Pray!

For those going to university in September. We heard from Dan Miles and Jo-Anne Wesso about the challenges they face while away from home with people who don't always understand their values. There will be opportunities to build relationships, hold conversations where God can intervene and transform lives.

They are:-	Dan Miles—	Bath University
	Jo-Anne Wesso—	Birmingham University
	Peter MacDiarmid—	Aberystwyth University
	Abi Tudor—	Aberystwyth University
	Lee Dutfield—	Aberystwyth University
	Matt MacDiarmid—	Loughborough University
	Lizzie White—	Brighton University
	Joe Wanklyn—	Brighton University
	Alne Lott -	Not confirmed

Lee Visits Turkey

"So, I am writing this having just arrived back from Istanbul, Turkey, after having spent a long weekend there with the Cupery family and the church in Uskudar. It was an encouraging time, where i was able to get to know a bit more of the Turkish culture and life in the city, as well as enjoy some nice weather! I also got to spend some quality time with the members of the church and especially the young people, who took me on a tour of the shopping district of Istanbul on Sunday afternoon. I was also able to share on Sunday morning that PCF is remembering them in our thoughts and prayers, which is greatly appreciated by the church. Pastor Metin and the rest of Uskudar church asked me to pass on their greetings to PCF, and to thank you for your support and continued prayers.

Report from Uskudar, Turkey

"This is Dan Cupery, writing from Istanbul, Turkey. I wanted to thank you for your ongoing support of Lee. It is really exciting for us to see how God is calling him to Turkey and guiding him as he makes steps in coming here. It is also encouraging to us that he has godly people supporting him as he seeks to be faithful to this call. Similar to Lee's previous visit, this visit of Lee's has also been a blessing to our family and the church here in Üsküdar. It has been a real pleasure to spend the last few days with Lee. Thank you for your words of encouragement in his life that have helped him maintain a clear focus on God's call on his life. We hope expectantly in Christ for how God will use Lee to bless the church here. One more quick note--I have added your name to Üsküdar Church's monthly prayer letter that Metin and I send out--is that OK? Lee says you pray for the fellowship here in Üsküdar regularly, so I hope that this letter will help guide you as you pray. Many blessings to you and the church in Poole"



Summer Coffee Morning *Not just coffee...*

What an eventful six weeks. I literally 'broke up' for the summer (if you'll excuse the pun about my accident!)

First of all, a special thank you to all those wonderful people who have helped so much every week - I honestly couldn't have done it without you.

Word has gone about on the street that we are 'open for business' and the regulars have expressed much pleasure in being able to continue with their weekly rendezvous.

With the emphasis on refreshments (including scones and jam) and a light-hearted atmosphere, but with the backbone of committed prayer, it has been a pleasure to welcome many holidaymakers and some new local folk to the Summer Coffee Morning, including three teenagers, mums with children and an unexpectedly large number of men.

It is easier than you think to get into conversation with people about the Lord and we have also been able to hand out tracts to those who have expressed an interest in the Christian faith.

Because this is a particular area of Poole Christian Fellowship that God has been pleased to bless, we honour Him for the fact that we have had several good exchanges, some quite soul-searching, about the difference He can make in our lives through the love of Jesus Christ.

Lynne White

PCF Contacts

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

- Events Diary for September -

Tuesday 1st	8.00pm	Housegroups Together for Prayer
Wednesday 2nd	10.00am	Daytime Bible Study
Sunday 6th	10.10am 10.30am	Prayer Celebration led by:- Nick May Speaker:- John MacDiarmid—"The Church—A Community of Praise"
Monday 7th	7.00pm	Youth Group
Tuesday 8th	10.30am-12.00noon 8.00pm	Launch of "Open Door" Housegroup re-start
Wednesday 9th	10.00am 7.30pm—9.00pm	"Discipleship Explored" Young People's Bible Study at the MacDiarmid's home
Sunday 13th	10.10am 10.30am 8.00pm	Prayer Celebration led by John MacDiarmid Speaker:- Richard Miles Church Together for Prayer
Monday 14th	7.00pm	Youth Group
Tuesday 15th	8.00pm	Housegroups Together for Prayer
Wednesday 16th	10.00am 7.30pm	Daytime Bible Study Young People's Bible Study at the Short's home
Thursday 17th	8.00pm	Launch of our new series "The Holy Spirit and You" First session—"Who is the Holy Spirit?"
Sunday 20th	10.10am 10.30am	Prayer Celebration led by:- Richard Miles Speaker:- John MacDiarmid—start of new season in Luke's Gospel. Part 1—Luke 1:1-4 "We want to see Jesus" We will be breaking bread
Monday 21st	7.00pm	Youth Group
Tuesday 22nd	10.30am 8.00pm	"Open Door" Housegroups
Wednesday 23rd	10.00am 7.30pm	"Discipleship Explored" Young People's Bible Study at the White's home
Saturday 26th		Day of Prayer—7.00am-8.00pm; 10.00am—11.00am; 2.00pm-3.00pm; 7.00pm– 8.00pm
Sunday 27th	9.30am 10.10am 10.30am	Meeting at Dorset House Prayer Celebration led by John MacDiarmid Speaker:- Gez Jones
Monday 28th	7.00pm	Youth Group
Tuesday 29th	10.30am 8.00pm	"Open Door" Housegroups Together for Prayer
Wednesday 30th	7.30pm	Young People's Bible Study at the Foster's home

Church Members' Meeting

At Lagland Street

On Tuesday 20th October 2009

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. The wild animals honour me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for Myself that they may proclaim My praise." (Isaiah 43: 18-21 NIV)