

THIS MONTH

Sunday 5th February

10:30am Morning Worship
Who am I? Part 5 Pastor
6:30pm Praise and communion

Monday 6th

7:30pm Church Council meet.

Tuesday 7th

7:30pm Community Centre
Steering Committee meeting

Wednesday 8th February

6:30am Leaders Prayer meeting
9:45am Abbey Tots (under 5's)
2:00pm Prayer meeting at Hugh's

Friday 10th February

6:00pm KiDZ (School yrs 3-6)
7:30 AbbeYouth (School yrs 7-10)

Sunday 12th February

10:30am Morning Worship
Who am I? Part 6 Brian Ford
6:30pm Stronger Lives

HALF TERM WEEK

Wednesday 15th February

6:30am Leaders Prayer meeting
2:00pm Prayer meeting at Hugh's

Sunday 19th February

10:30am Morning Worship
Life of Christ – 1 - Pastor
6:30pm Open House

Monday 20th

CYO Open Meeting and celebration
8:00pm Kingsland Church

Tuesday 21st February

7:30pm Alpha at the manse

Wednesday 22nd February

6:30am Leaders Prayer meeting
9:45am Abbey Tots
2:00pm Prayer meeting at Hugh's

Friday 24th February

6:00pm KiDZ Club
7:30 AbbeYouth

Sunday 26th February

10:30am Morning Worship
Life of Christ – 2 - Pastor
6:15pm School of Theology

Monday 27th February

7:30pm Children & Youth leaders
meeting at 23B Irvine Road

Tuesday 28th February

7:30pm Alpha at the Manse

Wednesday 29th February

6:30am Leaders Prayer meeting
9:45am Abbey Tots
2:00pm Prayer meeting at Hugh's

Friday 2nd March

6:00pm KiDZ Club
7:30 AbbeYouth

Sunday 4th March

10:30am Morning Worship
Life of Christ – 3 - Pastor
6:30pm Communion

CHURCH NEWS FEBRUARY

LIFE OF
Christ

NEW SERIES
STARTS FEBRUARY 19TH

Dear All,

Can you believe it February already. How good was January! We have known God's presence and something too of the work of the Holy Spirit as we have gathered together as church to worship our great God. It's been really encouraging and we have much to praise and thank God for.

The morning preaching series "Who am I" has really lifted us up and caused us to rejoice in who we are before God. It's amazing to know we are saints, the temple of the Holy Spirit and the Living God. We are called the children of God and we are God's workmanship. We are also the Bride of Christ - and over 170 other things as well according to the New Testament. How awesome is that. This month will

conclude this short series to be followed with a series on "The Life of Christ" which will take us up to and include Easter. Can't wait for Easter this year!

If you are new or visiting today, you are most welcome and your being here blesses us. We pray you too will be blessed and encouraged in some way. If you would like a pastoral visit or just stay in touch, please fill in a 'Let's Keep in Touch' card and hand it to the person who welcomed you at the door or pop it in the offering box. We serve tea and coffee after the service in the back room. Please feel free to stay. We hope you feel welcomed here today.

May God richly bless us all.

Graham

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FROM PASTOR

It's easy to organise for prayer, much more difficult and important to agonize in prayer. And it's really not about being eloquent but earnest.

Prayer is powerful for it brings all the resources of heaven upon the situation we pray for. In addition to our personal, daily praying, there are opportunities for us to engage in prayer as a church.

There is a church leaders prayer meeting every Wednesday morning at 6:30am. Then at 2:00pm on Wednesdays a prayer meeting open to all.

Every Sunday morning at 10:00am there is an opportunity to join together in prayer to seek God's presence and to pray for the service that follows.

As part of our praying for the Abbeyfield Community Centre, prayer cards have been produced which you can keep in your bible and use to pray every day for the centre.

In addition there is a monthly prayer and fasting chart to be filled in. The idea is that every day at least one person is setting time aside to pray

earnestly for the centre – its challenges and needs.

May I remind you fasting is not necessarily abstaining from food. You might choose to not watch TV that day – or not engage in social networking or whatever you feel before God is right for you to give up that day in order to spend time in prayer.

The time you would normally spend in doing that thing is given over to praying.

There is no reason why we all can't sign up for one day a month and pray.

Much is accomplished when God's people pray. Situations will be turned round. Lives will be transformed. God will bless his church.

We continue to know God's blessing and favour on us at this time. Let's praise and thank him. The challenge though is to keep close to God – to ensure nothing in my life, like Achan's sin, will cause God's blessing to depart.

(The story of Achan and how one man's disobedience caused disaster on the whole nation can be read in Joshua chapter 7)

May God help us all to ensure that we do nothing to push away the presence of God from among us.

FOR PRAYER

New Community Centre:

- No more dry rot
- wisdom for the steering committee in important decisions
- the council.

Children's and youth work:

Kidz – Abbeytots – Abbeyouth – Sunday school.
All the staff involved.
The children and young people.
Our leaders meeting where we will discuss new vision & how to achieve it.

.Sunday Services and events:

Worship services – Stronger Lives – Open House – School of Theology – God's presence and power in all of these.

Church leadership:

Graham and Brian as they lead the church – for vision - for new initiatives
- Life Groups – Leadership training – planning the church programme.

Church Council and Church members

For diligence in all our service in the church.
For those who are not well that God would heal them.
For those at work – for strength to cope with the pressures – for powerful witness – integrity and trust.
For those living on their own.

OTHER NEWS

The CYO Open Evening - Monday 20th February from 8pm at Kingsland Church.

If you love this work, you'll love this evening. Your chance to hear first hand how CYO's ministry to young people is making a difference. Plus opportunities to try out some of the resources we've been creating through the year. Chaplaincy, Sanctum, Beloved, and, in a first for this year, some thoughts about Primary schools. Please join us and be part of the conversation about the shape of CYO over the next year. We couldn't do this without you.

Colchester Prayer Net

Colchester Prayer net exists to facilitate fervent, united prayer for the town of Colchester 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Prayer net was launched in March 2003, and represents over 50 churches of various denominations. Teresa Lasky writes:

“Each month we compile a prayer guide to provide focus for prayer. We then e-mail or post this to those who have registered on the Prayer Net. The content is a combination of devotional material, feedback from the previous month's intercession, and prayer points about Christian projects and initiatives.”

Why not register at www.colchesterprayernet.co.uk