



Hurry Up and Wait!

Anyone who has spent time in the military will be familiar with the saying "Hurry Up and Wait" - a soldier's saying in reaction to the all too frequent requests to get ready for an activity/event, after being rushed into action only to find out that there's a long wait until needing to go and do the thing you've prepared yourself for.

As a church we are moving through the period of Lent. A period when Jesus spent time in the wilderness, being tempted by the devil, but also a time when Jesus prepared himself for what was to happen. Jesus took time to be by himself, time to sit and be with His father, a time to ask searching questions in preparation for the journey he was to take.

As followers of Jesus Christ we would all acknowledge the important need to spend quality time with God, but just so often the business of life can get in the way of this. In the old testament book of Ezekiel the prophet writes how the armies of God need to prepare themselves for future campaigns. 'Be Prepared, Get Ready' Ezekiel 38: 7a.

The challenge for us all is, what might God want to prepare us for if only we were to spend more time in communication with him. Just as the scary military sergeants shouted at me to get ready, is Christ pleading with us to spend some time with him so he can share his will for us all? During this time of Lent may we all find time to try and understand what God's will and plan is for us all. **John Hanchett**

Community Panto 2016

It's time to start thinking about next Christmas... Oh yes it is!

Join in the fun! We are looking for people to be involved in our first pantomime - Aladdin. Dates are to be confirmed, but likely to be 15-17th January 2016.

We need scene painters, set builders, costume makers, front of house, make-up, marketers, actors, dancers, singers, musicians, stage managers, technicians... and more!

Whatever your interest or talent please let us know. Get involved in the Hedge End event of next year. It'll be great fun - you can meet new people and join the community!

Find us on Facebook and join the group (Hedge End Panto 2016) or email hedgeendpanto@gmail.com

Auditions for actors: Early May 2015. More details soon! Or contact Dave Alexander, Louise Davis or Anna Macaulay



Diary

- Sun 1st March
11:00 Sunday Worship
- Wed 4th March
19:45 Grace Course
Prayer Course
- Sun 8th March
11:00 Messy Church
19:00 Room for Worship
- Wed 11th March
19:45 Grace Course
Prayer Course
- Sun 15th March
11:00 Sunday Worship
- Wed 18th March
19:45 Grace Course
Prayer Course
- Sun 22nd March
11:00 Sunday Worship
19:00 Room for Prayer
- Wed 25th March
19:45 Grace Course
Prayer Course
- Sun 29th March
01:00 **Clocks forward 1hr**
11:00 Sunday Worship
Led by Iain Every
- Wed 1st April
19:45 Grace Course
Prayer Course

Courses for Lent

Weds 25th February - Weds 1st April, 7:45pm



The Grace Course - A DVD based course designed to help us understand God's grace and be motivated by God's love alone, for anyone who wants

to go deeper, get closer, grow taller in their relationship with God.

Gary and Anna Macaulay's (inbox Anna for address)



The Prayer Course - Six interactive sessions for small groups based on The Lord's Prayer, designed to fuel discussion and deepen our

prayer life, for anyone who is confused by, curious about, or committed to prayer.

Ian & Louise Davis's on week 1 and various homes over 6 weeks

Wellstead Community Choir

The Wellstead Community Choir was started by Karen Dednum when we first moved into Wellstead school. We are now led by Karen's dad, Dave Mallett who belongs to Portsmouth Salvation Army. We are very grateful for his leadership and also to Sarah Woods who has ably provided keyboard accompaniment from the start.

We began with about 15 people, but now have 60 members. Our repertoire ranges from spirituals through traditional British songs, to music from films and musicals. We are currently learning songs from West Side Story!

The choir have given concerts in several local churches and also in The Berry Theatre. Our next concert is on Friday 24th April when we will be joining with the Botley Church Choir, and on Friday June 12th we will be in partnership with the Solent Fellowship Band at St. Luke's Church.

Please include the following in your prayers for our church:

- Please pray for Ian, Louise and family for protection over every area of their lives, especially health.
- Pray for the Grace Course and Prayer Course due to start 25th Feb.
- For any of our church family who need healing; physical/emotional/spiritual
- For the parking situation in our car park and the surrounding areas, that people will be safe and sensitive to the needs of others.

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John 6: 24-27, 35-40

24 So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went across to Capernaum to look for him. 25 They found him on the other side of the lake and asked, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" 26 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, you want to be with me because I fed you, not because you understood the miraculous signs. 27 But don't be so concerned about perishable things like food. Spend your energy seeking the eternal life that the Son of Man can give you. For God the Father has given me the seal of his approval."...

...35 Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. 36 But you haven't believed in me even though you have seen me. 37 However, those the Father has given me will come to me, and I will never reject them. 38 For I have come down from heaven to do the will of God who sent me, not to do my own will. 39 And this is the will of God, that I should not lose even one of all those he has given me, but that I should raise them up at the last day. 40 For it is my Father's will that all who see his Son and believe in him should have eternal life. I will raise them up at the last day."

What can you give? We are a small, but very busy church and there are a number of activities where we are spread a little thin. If you feel you have something to offer, or feel called to give some of your time during the week or on a Sunday, please have a chat with Ian Davis, Gary Macaulay or Reg Jennings.

Spring is nearly here and we have daffodils! Thanks again to Kevin Woods for his time spent gardening. If everyone can remember to walk around the flower beds in the car park then we can all enjoy them for as long as possible!

Movers and shakers... The Kilfords and Carrs are moving, Liz Gore has moved, Mark Houston-Robb has a new job, Nev Dednum has had a new job for a few weeks and Daniel Houston-Robb had an interview for a good school and has been accepted. Sorry if I have missed anyone.

Thank you to John Hanchett and Karen and David Shakespeare for preaching and giving Ian and Louise a chance to rest.

The clocks go forward one hour at 1am on the 29th March. Yes, I'm afraid that means one hour less sleep!