

December  
Bulletin

Herne Hill  
Baptist Church  
LONDON

## Welcome

If you are visiting us, a very warm welcome to you, we hope you enjoy the fellowship. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us - and please stay for refreshments after the service...



## On the 13th day of Christmas my true love gave to me...

The 12 days of Christmas have come and gone, the sales are in full swing and now it's 2010! The Christmas tree has been recycled, the decorations put in the loft and the turkey as been finished! Time to go back to school, time to go back to work – did anything actually change despite getting a Partridge in a Pear tree or the present you asked for, or are you glad its over?

There are many mixed feelings when it comes to Christmas but when we look at the reason for it, then it is hard to be disappointed. God gave His Son to give us life and life more abundantly – a life not found in tinsel and turkey or the best present ever, not even in attending church or being a good person - but in a relationship with Jesus.

Jesus is the best present ever given to mankind but unlike most Christmas presents, many people leave Him aside “wrapped up on the shelf”. To open this gift and invite Him into your life will bring change that you could not imagine.

1Corinthians 2:9 But, as it is written, “What eye has seen, or ear heard, or the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”.

God didn't mean us to be alone in this life – or even for us to imagine that it could be different – He gave us Jesus instead...

Much love and a very merry Christmas to you all,

**Pastor Andrew and Talita**

### Special prayer meeting

On the 4th December at 20.00 to 24.00, the elders have called a special prayer meeting, this to enable us to specifically seek God on a number of issues including the budget. *Please do all you can to be there.*

### Carols by candlelight

18.30 - 20th December – a special service with song, celebration and presentation. Mulled wine and mince pies and everyone is invited – bring your friends and join the celebration!

### Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner – after service on Sunday 13th December – we will be having a special fellowship dinner comprising of all the Christmas trimmings – everyone is welcome – Beatrice and Bev will let you know what to bring! (Apparently there have been a number of requests for Sherry trifle with chocolate sprinkles and ice cream!).

### Christmas cards to each other

Instead of giving each other Christmas cards this year, our MGM group have made us a huge “Christmas Tree Card” which we can all sign sending greetings to each other. There will be a collection box that you can put the money you saved in – and we will then give this money to a worthy cause.

### Please continue to pray

Please pray for Gertrude Lowe, Mary Jones and all those who you know would benefit from your prayers.

### Mission:

Please pray for Lynn Kellers in China, Mike and Heather Wheate - OM, David, Grace, Treya and Issac in Jamaica, Ian and Jean McColl - Mercy Ship, Rodney Radcliffe – FGBMI London.

### Mike and Heather Wheate

Please see Mission Board in the lounge for an update from us, some great news and a couple of prayer requests.

### CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S NEW YEAR PARTY

R U AGED 0 - 18? YES? THEN PARTY ON DOWN AT HERNE HILL BC'S CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S NEW YEAR PARTY ON SATURDAY 9 JANUARY 2010 4 - 6pm

INCLUDING GREAT GAMES, DANCING, LOTS OF LOVELY SCOFF AND.....THE ALTERNATIVE X FACTOR TALENT CONTEST

FOR FREE TICKETS, DETAILS AND TO REGISTER YOUR ACT CONTACT  
JULIA GALE ON 0208 693 9768

### Baptismal service

A baptismal service is planned for Sunday 24th January – please see pastor if you are not yet baptised, he will be happy to chat to you!

**House groups** are meeting and on the back of the bulletin there is a list of contacts and the areas they are in. You are welcome to attend any house group you choose – you do not have attend the one in your specific area.



Announcing  
The wedding of  
Mike Kemp  
&  
Anne Niblock

At Herne Hill Baptist Church  
on Saturday 5th December at  
1.30pm  
Everyone is Welcome  
with Tea & Cakes afterwards

## Dates for December 2009

**A prayer meeting** is held each Sunday before service at 10.00 in the front reception hall. It will include a short teaching of about five minutes and then a time of prayer and worship. **Everyone is welcome!**

4th	20.00 to 24.00	<b>Special prayer meeting</b>
5th	13.30	<b>Mike and Anne's wedding – everyone is invited!!</b>
6th	10.30	<b>Morning Worship with Family Communion</b>
13th	10.30	<b>Morning Worship, Christmas lunch to follow (with Trifle)</b>
20th	10.30	<b>Morning worship, communion &amp; Elijah Tree's dedication</b>
20th	18.30	<b>Carols by candle light Celebration</b>
25th	10.30	<b>Christmas morning family service</b>
27th	10.30	<b>Family Service</b>
3rd Jan	10.30	<b>New Year Service</b>

### Other events

Tuesday at 10.00	<b>Women's Bible Study</b> group at the Church. Babies and toddlers welcome but not essential. Contact Liz Brown.
Tuesday at 14.30	<b>Women's Fellowship.</b> Contact Peggy Baker. Closes Tuesday 15th December – opens Tuesday 5th Jan
Tuesday 20.00	<b>Weekly church prayer and praise meeting.</b> See Bev or John Gilman. Holiday closure to be announced
Wednesdays 20.00	<b>Freedom in Christ Discipleship Course.</b> Closes 9th Dec - opens 13th Jan
Wednesday morning	<b>Moonbeams</b> parents & toddlers group. Contact Liz Brown. Closes Wed 9th Dec – opens Wed 6th Jan
Fridays 7pm – 9.30pm	<b>Blu Room.</b> Contact Luke Davies - Closes Friday 18th Dec – opens Friday 8th Jan
Each weekday morning	<b>Mustard Seed Pre-school.</b> Contact Miranda Tongeman. Closes Friday 11th Dec – opens Wednesday 6 Jan

### Home Group Meeting contacts:

Mondays 20.00:	<b>(At church)</b> – Beatrice Stevens
Wednesdays 20.00:	<b>Herne Hill area</b> - Dot Briggs. <b>Dulwich area</b> - Tamsin Symonds. <b>Norwood area</b> - Earl Rose. <b>Brixton/Herne Hill</b> - Maggie Matheson.
Thursday 20.00:	<b>Camberwell area</b> – Peter Chodel.

Pastor will not be in his office regularly during December due to seasonal commitments. Please check with the church office if you would like to see him.

**For more information on these events please call the church office any weekday morning or see the ministry leader. (More details on the web site.)**

If you have anything for the January bulletin, please ensure it is passed to the general office (preferably via email) no later than December 20th 2009.

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