

CITY SCAPe

JUNE NEWSLETTER 2010

As a young surveyor there was **nothing better** than a site trip on a crisp blue skied summers morning across the rolling Hampshire countryside.



GET OFF THE WORRY TRAIN: GUY MILLER

The downside was if it was with Bob and his ageing Volvo with a penchant for eeking out fuel economy to ridiculous levels.

What should have been a fun enjoyable sightseeing tour of village and countryside became a nail biting focus on a tiny fuel needle and too often gruelling walks to find remote petrol stations.

We worry a lot as a nation. We worry about our looks, our weight, our job, our health. What about the economy, the volcanic dust cloud, the endless list of jobs to finish in an ever shrinking amount of time. Every day millions of us climb aboard the “worry train” and compare our busy schedules with others and smugly conclude we can handle it, believing the slower day is just around the corner. Few notice the trains destinations, breakdown,

depression, burn out, sickness and even death.

Jesus warned about worry sickness in Matthew chapter 6. God’s answer to worry is to not stop it – like a flick of a switch - but re-order your life and focus.

Take each day as it comes and pray to a Father who upholds the birds and flowers and ask him that through you this day his rule would be extended. That you would not sin and that all the challenges of the day would be met with faith in a Father who will give us all things necessary for life and godliness. Frequent pit stops in the prayer garage to top up our spiritual tanks and to re-look at the road map is to find joy in the journey.

All you busy people – today pull the emergency stop cord – get off the worry train and allow God to refresh you and rest you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DEDICATION SUNDAY

Parents, this is your opportunity to say thank you to God for your child and to dedicate them back to Him. It's also a chance for the rest of us to welcome the children into our wider church family.

If you would like to dedicate your child back to God on this Sunday please contact Claire in the office:

e: office@citygatechurch.net

t: 01202 259704

Sunday 18th July is Dedication Sunday

BAPTISMS

On Sunday 27th June at 6.00pm we will be baptising six people.

Let's be out to support them, pray for them and hear their stories of how amazing our God's grace is to us!

Sunday 27th June, 6.00pm

WESTPOINT – BOOKINGS OPEN:

To avoid paying up to an extra £20 per person, book before 1st July.

**19th-22nd
August, 2010,
Westpoint
Arena, Exeter**

To book online, go to:

www.togetheratwestpoint.org.uk
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MARTIN'S ELDERING

At 5pm on Sunday 6th June, John Groves will be joining Guy to pray and commission Martin into Eldership. Afterwards, at 6.30pm, we will be celebrating with a hog roast in the grounds of St Swithun's. If you are able please bring a contribution towards the cost of food of £2 per adult.

Sunday 6th June, 5.00pm

WHY CITYGATE

Our next membership course will be happening on Saturday 26th June.

If you want to get stuck in to Citygate, this one day course is how you do it! If you are interested please talk to an Elder or contact the office: office@citygatechurch.net

The day runs 9am till lunch time and food is provided

**Saturday 26th June,
9.00am**

REDEEM CITIES

This church planting conference will be held in Belfast 16-17 November 2010 and has David Stroud and Mark Driscoll as its main speakers. For information and booking visit the website: www.redeemercentral.com/redeem_cities_2010/

**16th-17th November
2010, Belfast**



MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	SATURDAYS	SUNDAYS
People serving overseas Andre & Lucy Shore (Portugal) Steve & Beth Devaraj (India)	The Church Cell groups The Poor Church finances Building project	Prayer for healing Doug Pringle Helen Southey Rip & Dot Arnold Jane Lovell	Newfrontiers Together at Westpoint Guy's apostolic responsibilities	Outreach teams Little Acorns Recovery team Student team Emerge Momentum	Teams Cell leaders Team leaders Elders Staff	Sundays Church meetings Baptisms Folk on Why Citygate

1. OASIS IS A PLEASANT SOUNDING NAME. WHAT HAPPENS THERE?

Oasis is a coffee morning for over 60's that originally started to help promote 'community spirit' on the east cliff. As a team we aim to build friendships and share the love of Jesus with a generation that is often overlooked.

2. GOT ANY GOOD CHARACTERS COMING ALONG?

The quick answer to this is yes! We attract people from all walks of life with fascinating histories and stories to tell. There is an ex accountant, teacher, midwife/nurse, civil servant, and a wrestler!

3. WHAT'S THE BEST STORY YOU'VE EVER BEEN TOLD?

Golly there really has been a lot and now I can't think of any! I could tell you about last Christmas when we cooked the Christmas meal and then transported it to the Shaw Suite, and during this process one of my lovely team accidentally dropped 1/3 of the turkey!! Thankfully there was plenty to go around!

4. WHAT DO YOU THINK IT IS THAT MAKES OASIS SO ENJOYABLE FOR THE FOLK THAT COME?

Our guests all say the thing they enjoy the most is the companionship and the friendships they have developed with the team and guests. For some of our guests it's the only time they go out, or see anyone else all week. They also love the outings and events that we have. We also have a few team members who have young children, and our guests have really loved watching the babies grow up and develop.

5. YOU'VE BEEN LEADING THIS FOR A WHILE NOW, WHAT KEEPS YOU COMING BACK?

Well there are a few reasons, firstly because I myself have built up friendships with so many of the guests, it's like having loads of grandparents! I love the fact that no two weeks are the same! They are normally filled with much hilarity.

5 QUESTIONS WITH FIONA CHADD ON OASIS



CHURCH DIARY

June

Sun 6th Martin's Eldering

Tue 8th Leadership Summit

Sat 12th Ladies' Day

Wed 16th Engine Room

Sat 26th Why Citygate

Sun 27th Baptisms

Tue 29th Cluster Leader's meeting

Regular Events:

Momentum is for ages 14-18.

Happens every **Friday night**, except **13th and 20th August**.

Contact: Martin and Rebecca Flood
(mflood@citygatechurch.net)

Emerge is for sch yrs 6-8.

Happens **every other term-time Friday night** on: **4th, 18th June and 2nd, 16th July**.

Contact Chris and Helen Vessey (emerge@citygatechurch.net)

Little Acorns is our parents-and-toddler group.

Happens every **Wednesday morning** during term-time.

Contact Jenny Cornish (la@citygatechurch.net)

Oasis is our coffee mornings for over 60s.

Happens every **Thursday morning** except: **15th July and 19th August**

Contact Fiona Chadd (oasis@citygatechurch.net)

FSS (Five Smooth Stones) is our students and 20s group.

Contact Paul and Hazel Flood (students@citygatechurch.net)

July

Tue 6th- Fri 9th TOAM

Newfrontiers

Leaders' conference

Tue 13th Leadership Summit

Sun 18th Dedication Sunday

Wed 21st Engine Room

Looking Ahead

August

Wed 11th-Thur 17th Newday

Newfrontiers youth camp

Tue 19th – Sun 22nd Together

at Westpoint

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