

CITY SCAPE

JAN NEWSLETTER 2010

TURNING UP THE TEMPERATURE

BY GUY MILLER

What a cold, cold Christmas we have just endured. Slippery, slushy pavements, with wrapped up people slowly inching their ways to the shops. Record breaking low temperatures, causing icicles to freeze on every leaking gutter and the occasional dripping nose. Global warming prophets now wishing they had changed one word of their mantra.



God's prophets have been speaking of the physical world mourning the spiritual world. Economic depression, the symptoms of a greater spiritual malaise; breakdowns, accidents, hardships of the fruit of a nation that has turned its back on God. Many homes have been turning up the thermostat in the home, unsure whether they can pay for the extra heat.

Can I encourage everyone of us to seek God to turn up the temperature in the church by being a people prepared every time we gather in cell or larger meetings to worship, prophecy, sing, "Amen" and seek first His kingdom.

A great fire is building at Citygate that will attract hundreds more this year. May we all know that rise in temperature in 2011.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONURBATION PRAYER

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Let's pray with other local Newfrontiers churches for our conurbation!

We will be meeting together Wednesday 12th January, at The Priory in Christchurch at 7.30pm. For directions please head to www.christchurchpriory.org/visit

WHY CITYGATE

23-30

Want to join Citygate?
This is the course for you!
Next course is Sunday 23rd and 30th January.



Go to citygatechurch.net/why to book in or see Peter Roxburgh.

CATERING TEAM LEADER WANTED

You do not need to be a Michelin starred chef! The role is mainly administrative, so whilst an ability to cook is useful, the ability to manage others who can cook is better!

Citygate Church Catering team provide food and service at special Citygate events and are in need of a new team leader.

You will need to liaise with the Church Administrator whilst maintaining and building a strong team to ensure each event gets what it needs.

If you would like to discuss this role more fully, please talk to Andi Northrop or email him at anorthrop@citygatechurch.net

REVIVAL PRAYER MEETING

Starting again from Friday 7th January, we meet in the back room of the Citygate Office (37 Palmerston Road) every Friday from 12.30 to 1.30pm to pray for our town, our church, our neighbours, everything really!

All are welcome for as long as they're able.

QUIZZTASTIC

11/02

February 11th sees Citygate Church's third annual, and by now legendary, Quiz Night. Start rounding up your table of eight now to ensure you don't miss out on a great night. Full details of how to book can be found at www.citygatechurch.net/quizztastic or talk to Andi Northrop.

INTERVIEW WITH RUSSELL WHITE OF THE WELCOME TEAM



Who are you guys and what do you do?

The welcome team exists to enhance the welcome we as a

church give to visitors. We are the people in orange hoodies with big smiles and warm hands making people welcome every time we gather. We also prepare the welcome packs and distribute them to those visiting the church for the first time.

Why do we need a welcome team?

There's nothing worse than entering a place where you know no one, sitting on your own and not knowing what's going to happen. In Citygate we want to help the church to look out for these people and model what it is to be the friendliest church in Bournemouth.

Is it just about welcoming?

No it's not. The other aspect of our vision is to see people 'vitaly connected' to this church. The team is proactive in helping guests become integrated within church life. This is primarily done through our cell communities but can also include the Why Series, e.g. Why Jesus if they do not yet know Jesus and Why Citygate if they would like to consider joining this church.

Do you think you've made a difference?

Yes, we have. I've had many reports of people who have said that the reason they are still here is because of the welcome they received when they first arrived. Having said this, there are also some exceptions: those who have not got connected and therefore drifted away. Although this saddens my heart it also spurs us on, endeavouring not to miss out anyone.

A greater difference, however, will be made when every one of us looks out for those who are new, isolated, or just different among us - demonstrating the love of God to them and encouraging them right into the heart of this community of grace we call Citygate.

PRAYER DIARY

MON

People serving overseas

Andre & Lucy Shore (Portugal)
Steve & Beth Devaraj (India)

TUE

The Church

Cell groups, Church finances,
Building project

WED

Prayer for healing

Rip & Dot, Susi Burdell,
Frances Martin

THUR

Newfrontiers

Guy's apostolic responsibilities,
The Bartlett's planting in Madrid

FRI

Outreach teams

Recovery team, Michael's House,
Pathways

SAT

Teams

SUPA, Stewarding,
Cell leaders

SUN

Sundays

Church meetings, Folk on Why
Jesus, Why Church and Why
Citygate

JAN

- Tue 11 Leadership Summit
Wed 12 Conurbation Prayer Meeting
Sat 15 Five Smooth Stones
Wed 19 No Engine Room
(cells meet as usual)
Sun 23 Why Citygate I
Fri 28 Leadership Summit Social
Sun 30 Why Citygate II

FEB

- Sat 5 Café 29
Tue 8 Leadership Summit
Fri 11 Quizztastic
Wed 16 Engine Room
Sun 27 Baptisms

LOOKING AHEAD: MAR

- Wed 2&9 Training Evenings
Thu 3&10 Training Evenings
Sat 26 Everything Conference

REGULAR EVENTS:

Revival Prayer Meeting is for everyone.

Happens every Friday lunchtime: 12.30-1.30 in the Citygate Office.

Everyone is welcome to and come and pray for as long as they're able.

Momentum is for ages 14-18.

Happens every **Friday night**.

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

Emerge is for sch yrs 7-9.

Happens every other term-time Friday night.

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**.

Contact Fiona Chadd (oasis@citygatechurch.net)

Citygate Students and Twenties group is exactly that.

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

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