

WALDRINGFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH REPORT 17 APRIL 2012

Following the call of Assistant Pastor Tim Mawson last year to the Church at Laxfield, after being at Waldringfield 4 years, James Wilson has been appointed as the new Assistant Pastor. James is sharing the preaching and other responsibilities with Steve and is married to Naomi and has a 6 month old son Oscar. The family are living in Bucklesham.

The Church continues to be very well attended. The Sunday Services have a spread of all age groups, and as well as Sunday activities there are regular young people's activities during the week. Yoyo's (You're Only Young Once), One Way Club (for children of 4 – 10 years a Parent and Toddlers Group every Thursday morning and "Funnish" on a Friday Evening, (Fun until Nine-ish!) as well as our annual Holiday Bible Club.

The Tuesday afternoon Women's Fellowship has now become the "Tuesday Fellowship" and includes men. The change has seen a big increase in those attending! The Ladies TLC (Evening Group) and Men's Sports Evenings both meet once a month, although the venue for Men's sport has now changed to Gorseland School and takes place on the second Thursday of the month from 8 – 10 pm.

It is encouraging to see so many at the Friends and Neighbours Lunches (the next one is Friday 22nd June – please book and join us!)- Also Quiz Evenings (every 6 months on a Saturday night) and Golf days, thanks to Waldringfield Golf Club. Other recent activities have included our November Bonfire BBQ and an Evening with Stuart Townsend, the Gospel singer/songwriter from Brighton.

There is now a Prison Ministry Team from the Church that visits two units at Hollesley Prison on a Sunday morning. There are two short Services which include a short message from the Bible as well as music and testimony with the inmates.

Many of you will hopefully receive our "In Touch" magazine, which is distributed four times a year. You can also visit our web site for latest information – www.waldringfieldbc.org.uk.

There are several Teams involved within the Church – As well as an excellent Music group who play each Sunday (both services) we have a very competent team of Technicians who oversee the sound and recording systems and the power point system which enables us to sing with words on the screen, rather than hymn books! We have 8 Deacons who are responsible for the practical needs as well as a Care Team to help with visitation.

Keith Oliver (a member of the Congregation) continues to visit ships which have docked at Ipswich and Felixstowe for the weekend and invites crew members to come to the Sunday Evening Service. Keith is regularly accompanied in the congregation by a number of sailors, especially from the Philippines.

As well as Sunday Services we have Sunday school and Bible Classes for the young people as well as a crèche facility.

All Sunday Services are recorded both in CD or DVD and are available FREE to anyone who asks! It is a good way to find out what the Services are like if you have never been!! As well as being used to bring the Services into the homes of older friends who feel unable to venture out, they are sent out further afield to various places in the U.K. as well as overseas.

Pastor Steve continues to conduct regular School Assemblies in Primary Schools at Waldringfield, Bucklesham, Trimley St Martin and Trimley St Mary as well as being Chaplain to Genesis (Special needs group in Ipswich), visiting every two or three weeks.

The Church supports several overseas Missions with a great interest in Romanian Orphanages in and around Arad.

We continue to channel used clothes, shoes, spectacles, picture postcards, stamps, coins and notes, tools, blankets, etc, through various organisations to help aid those in Africa, Romania and other places including some in the UK. (Not forgetting those who supply golf balls!- The money raised from selling these goes to the children in Romania and you may be interested to know that we have nearly reached 12 thousand pounds from the sale of golf balls alone!) THANK YOU to those who help in this way!

We are very grateful to the Waldringfield Golf Club for allowing us some parking spaces each Sunday, in order to avoid roadside parking outside the Church.

Please note some of the forthcoming events and Special Services – and feel free to come!!

Sunday 17th June 11am and 6.30pm –Young Peoples Day

Saturday 30th June – Church/Young Peoples Outing to Lowestoft – leave 9.30 returns 6pm – ALL Welcome to join us

Sunday 15th July – Special Guest Speaker – Pastor Richard Underwood (Market Harborough)

Tuesday 7th to Friday 10th August from 10am – 12 noon – Holiday Bible Club with Family Service on Sunday 12th August at 11am

QUIZ NIGHT – Saturday 6th October at 7.pm – Bring a Team of 6 or simply come and join a team!

We anticipate having another Team from Capernwray Bible College in the near future.

In all of this, we have one main aim – to share our faith in Jesus Christ! Please come and find out more! YOU are VERY WELCOME!