

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING – TUESDAY 9th APRIL 2013.at
7.30.pm

The Church continues to be very well attended. The Sunday Services have a spread of all age groups and share in the first part of the Services before the young people go to the various groups of One way club on a Sunday, bible class for teenagers and a crèche for the babies and tiny tots. As well as Sunday activities there are regular young people's activities during the week. Yoyo's (You're Only Young Once), Parent and Toddlers Group every Thursday morning and "Ignite" on a Friday Evenings, as well as our annual Holiday Bible Club.

The "Tuesday Fellowship" for men and women has seen an increase in those attending! The Ladies TLC (Evening Group) and Men's Sports Evenings both meet once a month. The Men play 5 a side football at Gorseland School meeting on the second Thursday evening from 8 – 10 pm.

It is encouraging to see so many at the Friends and Neighbours Lunches (the next one is Friday 7th June – please book and join us!)- Also Quiz Evenings every 6 months on a Saturday night. Our next Quiz Evening is Saturday October 5th at 7.pm. Other recent activities have included our November Bonfire BBQ, Golf Days, as well as a 10 day visit from a Team from Capernwray Bible College based in the Lake district, although the 6 students came from U.S.A., Canada and south Korea. Good Friday and Easter Sunday were particularly well attended as well as the carol Services last December.

The now established Prison Ministry Team from the Church, go on regular visits to Hollesley Prison on a Sunday morning. There are two short Services in different units, that 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.

2012 was also a landmark for Pastor Steve and Christine, having completed 25 years in the Pastorate here at Waldringfield. It is now nearly a year and a half since James Wilson was appointed as the Assistant Pastor. James shares the preaching and other responsibilities with Steve and is married to Naomi and has a son Oscar. They are living in Bucklesham.

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.

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. We receive regular letters from U.S.A and Pender Island Canada which is very encouraging! We also have some services available on our web site along with all relevant information. - [www. waldringfieldbc.org.uk](http://www.waldringfieldbc.org.uk)

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 and poor families in Romania and you may be interested to know that well over 12 thousand pounds from golf ball sales to date!) 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 extra roadside parking outside the Church.

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

Thursday 16th May at 7.30.pm – An Evening with Allan Hunter, Bryan Hamilton & Roger Osborne (former Ipswich town FC players) with buffet –Free of charge but let Steve know for catering purposes – 736771 or 736285

Saturday 29th June – Church/Young Peoples Outing to Lowestoft – leave 9.30 returns 6pm – ALL Welcome to join us

Sunday 14th July 11am and 6.30pm –Young Peoples Day – with guest speaker – Trevor Pearce (who is Youth Pastor at All soul's Langham place, London)

**Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th August from 10am – 12 noon – Holiday Bible Club with
Family Service on Sunday 1st September at 11am**

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!