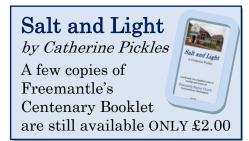


How Many Women?

A LITTLE boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen," the boy responded."

His cousin was amazed that he knew the answer so quickly. "How did you know that?"



"Easy," the little boy said." All you have to do is add it up, like the preacher said: 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."

Life has many choices. Eternity has two. What's yours?

FREEMANTLE BAPTIST CHURCH Testwood Road, Southampton

Newsheet

New Year Edition



Welcome to 2012

2012 promises to be a good year.



THE Olympics are coming to Britain and our Queen will celebrate her diamond Jubilee. It seems we have a lot to look forward to. But for many this new year comes with fears and worries: fear of financial hardship in this time of recession, health worries, job worries, future worries.

The Bible tells us to give our worries to God because He cares for us. I know He is more than able to carry our burdens, Jesus said "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest ..."

This is the hope we as Christians have day by day, an assurance that God is with us in good times and bad, sharing our load because He cares for us.

The Bible also tells us to pray - 1 Thessalonians 5:17 tells us to 'Never stop praying'. It is by praying to God we can share our hopes and fears for the future with Him and trust that He is with us no matter what.

May you know and experience the God who loves you this new year and cast your worries on Him, because he really does care for you.

We welcome you to our SERVICES

Sun 8th JANUARY

Covenant Service*

Linda Haves

Subject: Attitude to prayer followed by New Year's Lunch Sun 15th

Morning Worship* Subject: Jesus in prayer

Sun 22nd

David Woodford

Morning Worship*

Linda Hayes

Subject: What to pray for includes Communion

Sun 29th

All Age Worship

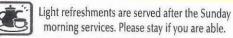
Leadership

Subject: The Lord's Prayer

* includes Junior Church

If you are visiting, we extend a very warm welcome to you





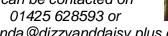
PRAYER BREAKFAST

Sat 14th 8.30am Church prayer room

CLUSTER PRAYER BREAKFAST Sat 28th 8.30am Shirley Baptist

SOUP LUNCH then STAY & PRAY Sun 5th Feb

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Weekly Meetings

Wednesdays

Bubbles 1.00pm – 3.00pm For babies and toddlers with parents and carers.

Livewires

3.30pm - 5pm For Key Stage 1 children with their parents and carers

Thursdays

Home Group – 7.30pm

Fridays

Sure Start - 'Stay & Play'

10.00am-12 noon

THANK YOU

for your financial giving during December, a weekly average of £56



...and to Steve Hayes for putting up the Christmas

Star and all who decorated the church and hall.



to Rona White on 6th



Owen Hayes on 11th Matthew Pike celebrates his 21st on 15th



Prayer Focus



Our church text for the year is

NEVER STOP PRAYING

1 Thessalonians 5:17

LORD, You have woven the pattern of Your purpose in and out of the fabric of our years with a precision and tenderness we have hardly noticed.

Grant us this day Your grace, that we may not snatch at Your purpose for us, but rather yield to the rhythm and flow of Your love in our lives. We pray that the days and the nights, the weeks and the months which are to come may truly belong to You, for we choose to journey with You.

In Jesus Name, Amen

Let us pray for . . .



Elizabeth Bampton who is hospital following a stroke, that she may know God's peace.



Linda Hayes as she resumes at Spurgeon's College, that God will speak to her through her studies.

also for friends and neighbours who live and work in:

Blighmont Road and Blighmont Cres.

15th Victory Road, Square and Cres.

22nd Freshfield Road and Square and Whitelaw Road

29th Ampthill Road and Kingsley Road **NEIGHBOURHOOD 'WATCH & PRAY'**

> Mondays 9th and 23rd Jan 5.30-6.15pm

3 Testwood Road

A smile is but a funny thing It wrinkles up your face, And when it's gone it's hard to find Its secret hiding place.

But far more wonderful than that Is what a smile can do.

You smile at one, they smile at you And so one smile makes two!

HOME GROUP

If you would like to join us for our Bible Study and fellowship evenings on a Thursday please see Rona or Pearl.