

WORSHIP FOR TODAY

We give a very warm welcome to everyone worshipping with us today, particularly any newcomers here for the first time!

10:30 am MORNING COMMUNION

Our minister Charles Crosland will be leading the service and beginning a new series based on the book 'The Forgotten Ways Handbook' by Alan Hirsch. This series will relate timeless Christian truths to 21st Century people and help us to really think deeply about engaging in mission in our generation. The first in this series is looking at: 'The World We Now Live In'

During the service please feel free to use the crèche which is available for babies, toddlers and their carers. There will be activities for children in the hall.

At the end of the service there will be an opportunity to pray with the prayer team

Please do stay after the service if you possibly can, and share time for a chat over tea or coffee.

6:30 pm FIRST SUNDAY

'Why are we embarrassed by Good News?' A question posed by Steve and a chance to discuss this together in an informal setting.

Morning services are now recorded on to CDs. Please speak to Alistair if you would like one.

PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK

Please note: all activities take place here, unless otherwise stated

Tuesday 5th	10:30 am	FIRST TUESDAY - a time of sharing fellowship at the start of this New Year for all our older friends
Wednesday 6th	12 for 12:30 pm 7:30 pm	SENIORS' NEW YEAR LUNCH AT THE PROSTAR STADIUM PRAYER MEETING - PLEASE TRY TO BE THERE AT THIS VERY IMPORTANT TIME
Thurs 7th	10:00 am	SEEDLINGS - for mums, carers, babies and toddlers
Friday 8th	10:30 am	OASIS - ladies prayer and bible study -all welcome! <u>N.B. NO TARGET CHALLENGE</u> until next week
Sunday 10th	9:30 am 10.30 am 6:30 pm	MUSIC GROUP practice MORNING WORSHIP, with Charles continuing with the Forgotten Ways series 'DEEPER' - a time of reflection on Psalm 8 with Charles leading our meditation

A New Year with a New Leadership Team, New Books to read, a New Course and as always New Challenges!



The New Leadership Team

At the Church Meeting on 20th December, all four nominations for the Leadership Team were voted upon and accepted namely: Tim C, Jude J, Rob S, and Rob S. Please pray for each one and of course Charles and Steve too, and their families, as they begin this new year leading our church.



Book vouchers to use, keen on a challenging read?

Here are some suggestions from Charles:

The Forgotten Ways Handbook by Alan Hirsch
Total Church by Tim Chester and Steve Timmis
Church Turned Inside Out by Linda Bergquist and Alan Karr.

Alpha

Asking questions? Looking for answers?

The Alpha course is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed manner over ten, thought provoking weekly sessions, and there's a course planned for the New Year. It will begin with an introductory supper on **Tuesday 19th January 2010.**

We'd love to hear from anyone who is interested in coming along to Alpha - please speak to Charles or Steve! This a brilliant worthwhile way to start a New Year - why not get involved??

Also we need a team of volunteers to help with preparation of meals, setting up and serving the meals, and clearing away afterwards, not every week, but on a rota basis. Again please chat to Charles or Steve if you're able to help in any way.

Church Family Weekend...

'Building Church for the Future, Building Church for the Community, Building Church for You!'

Friday 19th March until Sunday 21st March 2010 -

a really important weekend in the life of our church.

Please take a booking form and reserve your place!

"Many Christians estimate difficulty in the light of their own resources, thus they attempt very little and they always fail. The real giants have all been weak people who did great things for God because they reckoned on his power and His presence to be with them." Hudson Taylor

As a New Year opens, the bottom line is don't worry about failing, just worry about what you're going to tell God if you don't even try.

Prayer Focus for the Week

Those with particular needs...

- Ann A
- Anita A
- Francis B
- Iris B
- Emily C
- Cyril & Veronica C
- Mary D
- Mary F
- Jean F
- Joyce & Derrick G
- Nick G
- Rob G
- Barbara G
- Beryl G
- Gwyneth J-I
- Tom & Ann M
- Michelle M
- Beryl P
- Pattie P
- Maddie R
- Mary R
- Sheila R
- Dave T
- Kenda T
- Audrey T
- Charles & Selina T
- Clive T
- Doreen W

Please regularly uphold Maddie J, Matthew H and Judy C in your prayers as they serve God both in this country and abroad.

Other items of Prayer and Praise this week:

- **Continue to pray for Michelle M and all the family, and others who have health concerns** - Dave & Sue T, Nicky and Rob G, Chris J and others. Pray too for Roy E after his recent fall that healing and recuperation will take place without any hitch.
- **Jon W** as he prepares to go to Calcutta with BMS for 6 to 10 weeks working on a building project and also with orphans in an orphanage. Pray for both Jon and all the family.
- **All planned events for January, especially the Alpha Course.** Please pray for Steve and Julie as they head this up, and for everyone who is thinking of attending.
- Pray for each member of the **Leadership Team and also everyone who leads ministries here**, that they will know God's wisdom and joy at serving him
- **Church Family Weekend in March** - that this will be a great time of building relationships, discovering new things about ourselves and one another, and sharing our dreams together for our new church.
- **Help with our Sunday morning bible classes, and also Sunday morning crèche** - pray for volunteers to share in these vital ministries
- **Pray for those who find it difficult to face the New Year** for whatever reason, that they might know God's strength, guidance and peace as they look to the future.

Dates for your Diary

Week beginning 11th January - Home Groups recommence, and meet fortnightly afterwards, with a midweek Prayer Meeting at Church in between.

Monday 11th January **INFG**

Tuesday 12th January **Little Fishes back at the Hive**

Monday 18th January **Music Practice at 7:30 pm**

Tuesday 19th January **Alpha Supper**

Sunday 24th January **Covenant Sunday**

Monday 25th January **Cleo for all ladies at 7:45 pm**

Wed 27th January **Light Lunch**

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Shrewsbury Baptist Church is now on Facebook

If you would like to give regularly towards the life and work of Shrewsbury Baptist Church we would encourage you to set up a standing order from your bank account and, if you are a tax payer, complete a gift aid form. You will find a form containing all the details you need on the welcome desk, or for more information please speak to one of the leadership team.

Shrewsbury Baptist Church

We warmly
welcome you
to worship today

Sunday 3rd January 2010

10:30 am Morning Communion
6:30 pm First Sunday

A loop system is in operation. Please use the 'T' setting

