



Wickford Christian Centre

Newsletter from your Administrator

Upcoming Events

A number of 'goings on' to bear in mind for the upcoming month of May.

On **26th May** sees a number of our ministry leaders attending a zone meeting at Watford. This is an opportunity to connect with other leaders across the AOG family.

On **27th May** is the **ALPHA away day** at Mulberry House. It is an opportunity to discover the person of the Holy Spirit.

Throughout the following week, Pastor will give an opportunity for those people who have not yet received the Holy Spirit, to do so!

In the evening on the 27th, we will be hosting 'Pentecost Sunday', where church's around Wickford will join us for a celebration service. Nick will be giving his testimony, and it is a wonderful opportunity to bring unsaved friends and family to

hear the 'good news'!



'Ladies & Gentlemen'

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Bible Verse:

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee

Isaiah 26:3

Newsflash : Senior ALPHA

What a wonderful opportunity we have been given as a church to run a 'Senior ALPHA' course. Margaret Page is spear heading this initiative

and if you know someone who would like to come, or you are over 60 years of age, then Margaret can be contacted on 01268-766625. The course

will run on **Fridays from 1pm with tea and cakes. It is an opportunity to look at the Christian faith in an informal way.**

A Word of Encouragement

In 1577 Sir Francis Drake wrote:

Disturb us Lord,

When we are too pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true,
Because we dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely,
Because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us Lord,

When with the abundance of things we possess,
We have lost our thirst for the waters of life;
Having fallen in love with life,
We have ceased to dream of eternity,
And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision
Of the new heaven to dim.

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Testimony : Sally Bourn

My boyfriend and I bought a bungalow that needed renovating and we used to spend weekends decorating. One Saturday he mentioned something he had read in the newspaper that morning. **It made me feel sick as well as vulnerable** and in that moment I suddenly felt that **I needed to know if there was a God**. I knew my Grandad went to Church, so I asked him if I could go with him. During the service a few weeks later, bread and wine was being passed around. My Grandad whispered to me,



*'I now have a joy and peace
I never had before'*

"Sally, if you believe, take the bread and wine". I thought to myself 'yes, I do believe' and so I broke a piece off and put it in my mouth. Almost immediately I felt like I was going to cry and I did begin, which then turned to sobbing. I couldn't stop and knew something powerful was working through me. I couldn't understand exactly what was happening but I felt uncomfortable as though **all my 'secrets and things I wouldn't want exposed were being drawn out of me at**

superfast speed'. When I stopped crying I felt a release and remember thinking wow, what was that! **I left church knowing that God had acknowledged me. Over the following 4 weeks I still had this wonderful feeling of joy and knew what that felt like for the first time—I now felt safe!**

I now know that **God had taken my sin out of me and put His Holy Spirit in me**. I thank God for getting my attention that day in the bungalow and after I took a step to Him, He didn't hesitate to take me in to his Family. **Thank you Lord!**