

Dear HBC family,

What an exciting few days we have coming up! Next week we are launching Alpha, with over 130 people already signed up to take part – this is amazing! But before that, on Sunday, two people will be getting baptised, and we start our new teaching series: 'Making All Things New.'



Have you ever wrestled with questions such as, "What does it mean to be a Christian?" "Why does the church exist?" or "As a follower of Jesus, what am I supposed to do?" I know that I have!

As we read the Bible, we discover that God does have a plan for us, and it is much bigger, more beautiful, more compelling, and more captivating than we are often led to believe. It's something that's worth getting up for! It is something worth giving our lives to! Because Jesus is calling us to play our part in **making all things new**.

Over the next 15 weeks we are going to take a whistlestop tour of the whole Bible, to discover who we are and why we were created. We will begin in Genesis and look at God's original intention for us and our world. We will see how it all went wrong and how God is working out his plan to fix it through the likes of Abraham, Moses, Israel, Jesus, and the church.

God wants to share his plan and purpose with us, Jesus wants to show us how, and the Holy Spirit wants to empower and partner with us in God's quest to make all things new. It's going to be quite the adventure!

Join us this Sunday as we start this new series – this new adventure – of making all things new.

Alan

What's happening in the next 2 weeks.....

Mission Prayer Meeting – Tonight at 8pm



Ann and Graham will be hosting our monthly mission prayer meeting tonight on Zoom.

We would love you to join us!

Contact Anna in the office if you wish to join the meeting.

Cakes and Puddings needed for Alpha!



Eating together and chatting over food, is a really important part of Alpha, as it helps to build relationships and connects people in a relaxed and friendly environment.

At our Daytime Alpha course we will be serving afternoon tea with a slice of cake. At our Evening Alpha course, we would love to serve everyone a delicious pudding, and a nice drink.

With 130 people coming along to Alpha – we need your help to do this!

If you would be able to make a cake for Daytime Alpha, please speak to Sheila.

If you are able to make a pudding to serve 8 people for Evening Alpha, then please add your name to the sign-up sheets that are now on the notice board in the Chambers Street entrance.

Once you have signed up, either Sheila or Claire will be in contact with you to provide the necessary allergen sheet to complete, and arrange drop off times etc.

Thank-you so much for helping us to facilitate Alpha through your pudding and cake making skills!

Golden Lunch – Thursday 2nd May



Golden Lunch is part of our Seniors Ministry and is a time to meet friends over a 2-course home-cooked meal, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Each month there is a short “thought for the day” from the Bible, and opportunity to discuss this with others.

Do contact the church office to book a place for you or someone you know. There is a nominal charge of £5 to help cover costs.

Coming up soon.....

Making All Things New - Resources

Through our new teaching series, we'll be taking a snapshot of the entire Bible in 15 weeks and thinking about the part that we are called to play in redeeming, restoring, and transforming the world around us, as we partner with Jesus to make all things new.

Our 4 -11 year olds will also be doing the same in JCKids.

We have put together a selection of books and resources that will help both you and your families go deeper with this series and understand more about some of the key themes that we will be looking at.

A key book for adults will be 'All Things New' by Pete Hughes. For kids, we would recommend 'Jesus Storybook Bible' (both the book and videos).



Check out the books on the display shelves in church and contact the office if you would like help to order any of them.

Satellites - Summer Youth Festival - August 2nd-7th

We already have 15 young people booked to come to Satellites with us this summer - which is fantastic!

The festival takes place at Shepton Mallett, with around 3000 teenagers going along!

The festival organisers have started to release information about the fantastic speakers and activities that they have planned for this year.....including an inflatables area with a bungee run, assault course and sumo suits; plus an indoor skate park, climbing wall, football tournaments, dance workshops, board game café, and creative art spaces!

Plus, every day there will be opportunity to hear from the Bible, worship and pray together, and attend workshops and seminars on a range of topics. It is going to be an incredible time together!

The cost is just £99 - which includes the event ticket, plus all transport and food costs. There are still spaces available do contact Helen Ward or Ian, if you would like more information.

If your child is already booked to come along, please pay for their ticket by 25th April.



Thanksgiving Service for Jane - Thursday 25th April

Jane's family would like to invite those who knew her to join them at the Thanksgiving Service for her life at Hertford Baptist Church on Thursday April 25th at 12 noon, followed by refreshments in the church hall.

Weekly and Monthly Planner

April 2024

Mission Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)	Thursday 18 th April 8.00pm
Baby Group re-starts	Friday 19 th April 10am
Men's Prayer Breakfast	Saturday 20 th April 8.30am-9.30am
Baptism Service	Sunday 21 st April 10.15am
Parents and Teens get together	Sunday 21 st April 3.00pm
Toddler group re-starts	Tuesday 23 rd April 10-11.30am
Daytime Alpha Course starts	Tuesday 23 rd April 3-4.30pm
Evening Alpha Course starts	Wednesday 24 th April - 7.45pm-9.30pm

May 2024

Golden Lunch	Thursday 2 nd May 12.00 noon
Men's Ministry Breakfast	Saturday 4 th May 8.30am
Edward House Service	Tuesday 7 th May 3.30pm
Worship and Prayer	Sunday 12 th May 7.00-8.00pm
CAMEO	Thursday 16 th May 2.00-4.00pm
Mission Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)	Thursday 16 th May 8.00pm
Men's Prayer Breakfast	Saturday 18 th May 8.30-9.30am
Parents and Teens get together	Sunday 19 th May 3.00pm
Church Members' Meeting - AGM	Tuesday 21 st May 7.45pm

Every week

Hertford Baptist Toddler Group	Tuesdays 10-11.30am
Place of Welcome	Wednesday from 10am to 12 noon
Hertford Baptist Baby Group	Friday 10.00-11.30am
Re:fresh - Young Adults' Group	Sundays 4.00 - 6.00pm

Our Tuesday time of prayer is held on Zoom at 7.00am.

Here are the details: Meeting ID: 997 7864 8836 Passcode: 762228