



# Newsletter January '06

Dear Friends,

The year of 2005 has proved to be a challenging year for CBC in terms of our Living Stones Project. We increased the focus on the finance side with our **Gift Day** in February 2005. Although people had given what they felt they could, it did fall a long way short of what we needed. We also did not have a great response to letters written to local traders and charities.

We were still questioning What is God's plan for our building – not Our Plans but **HIS PLANS**. Is this the way we are meant to be moving forward or have we heard wrongly. Why were we unsure? Perhaps, because we were not spending enough time listening and praying.

However, what God has taught us over the year is that we are **ALL LIVING STONES**, each and every one of us and are ALL responsible to contribute to the project in whatever way we can. It has truly brought the **FELLOWSHIP** together.

## PRAYER TIMES

Since September we have committed one Sunday a month to spend time in **PRAYER** to focus the project back to God and what His will for CBC is. These prayer times have been both challenging and reassuring, with Gods presence very real and near.

Have you managed to be a part of these prayer meetings or are we missing YOUR vital input and insight? Even if you cannot attend, have you been praying or leaving it to someone else? God wants us ALL to be engaged!

## Successes:

It is good to look back and see how God has blessed our efforts together during the past year:

We have raised money through the Cycle, Run or Walk sponsored event around Crowthorne, the Miller Catalogue, the children's crafts (which were sold at Broadmoor Coffee Morning in church), and the craft fair.

## Commitment Day - March 5th

We will be holding our Commitment Day on March 5<sup>th</sup> this year. This is slightly different to last year's Gift Day as we are thinking how we can commit ourselves to the project. Whilst one off gifts are gratefully received please think about how you may be able to commit in the long term, either financially in order for us to increase our monthly income for the project, or in terms of other gifts that we can give to the project/ use to raise money for the project.

Once again please think prayerfully about how God wants you to commit to the Living Stones project.

You will receive an information pack before the day, so you can look prepare for the Commitment Day and look at the many options by which you can contribute.

## Auction of Promises

In the Spring we will be launching our Auction of Promises. This will be an opportunity to auction your practical gifts to assist others within the fellowship, as well as raising money for Living Stones. For example washing someone's car, making a cake, babysitting etc. Get your thinking caps on as every single person can contribute something.

## eBAY

Claire Keogh and Louise Truscott are managing the sale of items on eBay for us. eBay is a popular internet site which allows people to auction items they want to sell and then people bid for items they want to purchase. The person with the highest bid wins and then it is sent on to the winner. It is a way of selling our unwanted items to a wide audience and in doing so, raising money for Living Stones. If you have any items, which you wish to sell, please contact Claire or Louise.

## Prayer for Living Stones:

Prayer meetings will be held between 7pm and 8pm at Picton on the following Sundays:

**February 19<sup>th</sup>**

**March 19<sup>th</sup>**

If you would like to lead a prayer evening at any point throughout the year, please liase with Phyllida or Ian.