



Newsletter June '07

FINANCE UPDATE

Currently, we are getting in around £2000/month, which with most of it Gift Aided is effectively almost £2500/month (or £30,000/year). We have a total of around £81,000 (after paying architects, etc). Very impressive, but it will still take a long time to reach £800,000 at this pace.

At the recent Living Stones prayer meeting on Sunday we were all much encouraged by the various activities, Quiz, potential Film Club, etc, and there was a feeling that we were getting things in place "ready" for the money and then the building. There was also a feeling that we were perhaps working on the principle of "seek ye first the Kingdom...." and that maybe the money was part of the "other things" that would be added on. On the face of it the most feasible way of the money growing faster is getting more (committed) people to attend.

EXTENDED SERVICES

Phyllida Dewes currently sits on the committee for the government initiative of extended services within Crowthorne. This is a community action group to cater for the young people within the area, to support parents with out of school activities and generally provide activities to assist with caring for the children of our community. Currently the budgets have been allocated for the various areas of focus but the action needed for many of these is to find venues. Please pray that we can be used within these areas of focus as God wills. Also give thanks that we have been given a place on the committee to have an influence and say on the events within our community.

CBC FILM CLUB

The next children's film club will be held on 23rd June from 10am – 12 midday.

Please remember this in your prayers, as it is great outreach to the children in the village who do not normally go to church, and also an opportunity for building relationships with their parents as well.

NEW HOPE

We have met with New Hope and they are interested in working with our premises to enable them to provide counselling and advice for those who are based in Crowthorne.

This needs further investigation but it also fits in well with a recent visit from Pilgrim Hearts, who provide workshops and creative rehabilitation methods for those who are recovering from addictions. Pilgrim Hearts already work with Yeldall Manor, who we support.

Film Club for Teenagers

After praying for so long for the youth of our community, and how we can be a part of working with them, there has been recent answer to prayer. After meeting with the Community Police Officer at the end of last year, they have now come back to us asking if we could host a monthly film club specifically aimed at young teens.

We are going to have an initial session on the 22nd June and see how it goes. We have much to be discussed for the long term, but it is an exciting answer to prayer. It also reaffirms that Living Stones is about being an active part of the community and using our current building and resources to do that, whilst continuing to raise money to improve our existing facilities.

QUIZ NIGHT

We held a quiz night in aid of Living Stones in the church. It was an evening of general knowledge questions, and a great opportunity to bring friends and family along.

We raised £285 through this event. Thanks very much to Lesley Porter and her hard work in preparing the evening, as well as others who helped to prepare questions, and the supper, which was enjoyed by all.

TALENTS

Please don't forget to keep checking the talents board for things you can buy, or services which can be provided and in return you donate to Living Stones.

Examples which have been exchanged in aid of Living Stones recently include:

- Handmade cards
- Lift to airport
- Computer problems resolved
- Videos transferred to DVDs

And much more....

Watch out for more yummy jam on its way!

Also, remember the recipe books and genealogy guides!

Please don't forget to consider what you can do to raise money, or if you want anything put it on the board and see if someone can help.

SATURDAY CLUB

You should all now be aware that we are holding a Saturday club on 14th July as an outreach event for children aged 5-11. We hope to build on the film club success to hold a fun morning of activities, as well as bible teaching. We would like as much help as possible so that the team leaders are able to really get to know the children and be able to answer their questions about God and the Bible.

PRAYER

- Please continue to pray for God's guidance in our project. Pray for wisdom to know the next move and the community initiatives, which are His call for us to be involved with.
- Please also pray for Martin Ceaser's move to CBC, as he intends to build further links with our neighbours on the high street and within the community as a whole.
- Pray for the teenage film evening, that the preparation will be smooth, technology will go according to plan, and we have a chance to talk to these young people and get to know them.
- Parenting course – Give thanks that it has been a success and that they are hoping to continue the sessions on a more informal basis to continue building relationships with the existing parents.
- Pray for the children at the CBC film club and the Saturday club. Also please remember the leaders at both events in their preparation and for the energy on the respective mornings.

Dates for the Diary

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June 17th – 6.30pm at the Manse – bring a deck chair.

July 15th – 6.30pm at the Church

Sept 16th – 6.30pm at the Church