



**Hi Everyone, this Newsletter also covers January so please keep it by you!**

Julie and I would like to welcome all of you who have joined with us at Shoreline over the last few weeks and months. It is a real blessing to have you with us. We feel privileged and humbled to have a number of mature and loving Christian folk join with us. We would like to wish all of you a great Christmas as we move into a time of celebrating our Lord and Saviour coming into the world. We also pray that this coming year may be a time of blessing for all your families and for our church family in this local area. *Kevin.*

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end. He will reign upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. Isaiah 9. 6-7*

**Our main Christmas Service at Shoreline will be on Christmas Eve, 10.15am** as usual, with traditional Christmas carols, followed by mince pies and coffee. This would be a great service to invite family and friends to come to.

**On Sunday 31 December we are not able to have the main hall** but Kevin and Julie will be having an open house at 62 Mancroft Ave, 10.15am, and all are welcome.

**The Spring of Life Prayer Group** meets every 3rd Tuesday, 10.15am at Joyce's house, 11, Leamington Crescent, Lee on Solent. Anyone with a heart for prayer is welcome. Next meeting is on 19 December, just come along or speak to Joyce Allan on 02392 553471 or 07796 630624 to find out more.

**Small Groups.** Kevin and Julie will be starting a new small group in January that will meet in the evenings. If you are interested please speak to Kevin and Julie for more details.

**The Genesis group** will meet on Wednesday 6 December in Room 5 at 10am at the Community Centre. On Wednesday 20 December there will be a get together at 62 Mancroft Avenue at 10am. Further meetings in January will be on Wednesdays 3, 17 and 31.

**Geoff and Penny's afternoon group** meets every other week in Stubbington.

**Pete and Lorraine's Group** meet in the evening so if you are not free in the day and you would like to join a small group, please have a chat with them to find out more.

**We have a church 'Facebook' page.** This is not public and you need to ask to join the group. We do know everyone who is in this group and we live stream to the group on a Sunday morning. Message Kevin or Julie to join (but you do need to be on Facebook!)

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**Serving in the Church.** We are growing numerically as a church which is fantastic. In view of this we are constantly having to review and manage all that we do. The view that I have always taken is that everyone should seek God as to where and how they should be serving in the church and develop their own personal ministry. It should not just be about 'jobs' that need doing! If you would like to serve then these are some of the areas where we need help: making coffee, setting up on Sunday morning from 9am and packing away at the end, operating the PA, Laptop and camera recording, worship group, leading the prayer-time, welcoming at the door and signing in and talking to new folk, writing articles for local press/advertising, leading small groups, giving lifts to on Sunday and lots more! *Kevin*

**On Sunday 7 January we are not able to meet in the community centre** because of the road race, so we will meet instead at the **Crofton Club in Titchfield Road at 10.30am**. We will start with coffee and then Ethel Brokenshire will talk to us about her recent cycling tours abroad. Ethel is an amazing lady and will talk about her adventures and some simple testimony. This is an excellent event to invite others to. **There will be a buffet lunch following the talk.**

#### **Week of prayer for Christian unity**

The week of prayer for Christian unity will take place week beginning Monday 22 January. Shoreline will be hosting a meeting on **Tuesday 23 January at 2pm in the, community centre, main hall**. The week will end with a joint meeting in the Roman Catholic Church at **6.30pm on Sunday 28 January**. I will let you know other church dates when they are confirmed. Can I strongly encourage you all to support this week of events and pray for our local churches.

#### **Grace 24 End of Year Update**

The children have all completed their end of year exams and have finished school for this year. They start the next school year in January. Several of the children have had chicken pox and have been quite unwell. Jesca has also been very unwell and has been in hospital. She is taking the children to visit Claire and Kennedy for a day, a good opportunity to spend some quality time together. Claire will do some basic medical training with them, particularly regarding malaria testing and early treatment.

**Kevin, Julie and Geoff will visit the Grace 24 project when they go to Kenya 15th to 25th January**, and they will also spend time with Claire and Kennedy who live a couple of hours from the project, and are our link on the ground with Grace 24. Please pray that this is a helpful visit for everyone and for us as we offer support and encouragement to those at the project and seek wisdom for the future.

Thank you to everyone who helps support Grace 24. It could not run without your donations which pay school fees, medical costs, regular medication for those with HIV, food and clothing for all the 11 children linked with this project. Plus many other needs as they arise.

**FINANCIAL GIVING** You can give to the work of Shoreline on Sundays through the offering box, or to Grace 24 through the heart shaped box. You can also set up a regular gift from your bank account. Our Bank details are Nat West – sort code 524132 – a/c 96753307 or talk to our treasurer, Beck, or one of the leaders for more details. The money covers the rent of the Community Centre and other church running costs. We do not pay anyone a salary. Our treasurer gives regular updates on where our giving goes, and yearly accounts are available to see at any time.