



Hi everyone, welcome to our May newsletter.

Recently, on Sundays and in small groups we have been looking at how we conduct ourselves as 'the body of Christ'. We have looked at 'unity' and from 1 John how we can walk in the light, love God and one another. Let's pray that God continues His work in us both individually and corporately to build us into the people He desires. Ephesians 2. Verses 19 - 22: *Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.*

Small Groups

We now have four small groups, and you would be most welcome to come along if you are not already part of one.

Genesis Group will be meeting on Wednesday 8 and 22 May in Room 5 at 10am at Stubbington Community Centre.

Hill Head Group (our newest group, led by Kevin and Julie) will also meet on Wednesday 8 May at 24 Walnut Drive and on and 22 May at 62 Mancroft Avenue, 7pm to 8.30pm

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, talk to Pete or Lorraine. They meet this month on Thursday 9 and Thursday 23 May

The Crofton afternoon group, led by Sarah, Josie and Mary will meet on Thursday 9 and 23 May, venue to be confirmed.

Church Weekend away 2-4 August 2024 We are now fully booked for the weekend away at the Greenhouse this coming August. We have given priority to folk who have not been before, which is a number of you. I am so sorry for those of you who would like to have come and were not able to. If you would like to come up for the day on the Saturday this is possible, please talk to Julie who is managing this.

The Hub/Food Bank Every Sunday except Pudding Sunday we will be accepting donations towards the Hub Foodbank based at Waypoint Church, Locksheath. You can place these on the table to your left as you come into the main hall. Appropriate items are tinned food, pasta, non-perishables and nothing out of date.

Claire Johnson from the Hub will be coming to speak at Shoreline on Sunday 5 May.

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Grace 24 News Claire has been busy during the Easter/school holidays helping with a holiday club at their church. They had 80 plus children turn up! The new school term starts on Monday 29 April and Claire and Kennedy are hoping to visit the Grace 24 Project before the children return to school.

Pudding Sunday is the last Sunday of the month, in aid of Grace 24. The next one is Sunday 26 May. Please bring puddings, cakes or produce for others to take for a donation. All donations go to help support Grace 24.

Shoreline Church Leadership Team

Alan and Lesley have been part of our leadership team for many years and we have been blessed by their friendship and serving heart. They both feel that it is now the right time to stand down from this. We would like to thank them for all that they have brought to us over the years. The leaders have asked Dave and Kathy Smith if they would like to become part of the serving leadership team at Shoreline and they have agreed. Please pray for the church as we work out these changes which will come into place from June 2024.

Brian Doerksen event at Holy Rood

On Saturday 18 May the well known worship leader and songwriter Brian Doerksen will be leading a worship workshop at Holy Rood from 2pm to 4.30pm which some of our musicians will be attending, followed by a concert from 7pm to 9pm which is for everyone. If you are interested in either (or both) you can book on the Crofton Parish website under 'events'. The workshop is free, tickets for the concert are £12 (£6 students and under 18s)

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! Have a chat with Kevin or Julie if you would like to know more. *Kevin*

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, other church running costs, and a range of outside giving. 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.

Shoreline Contact List At Shoreline we have a contact list of folk who attend, plus friends and visitors. If you would like to add your details to this list please talk to Lesley Bohling. If you are on the list you will also receive e mail updates and links to Sunday talks from Kevin.