



**Welcome to the month of May everyone!** If you can have a favourite month then this is mine. A time when God's creation seems to burst into life with glorious colour and transformation. We will be coming up to Pentecost at the end of May and are reminded of how the Holy Spirit came following Peter's address to the crowd and transformed the lives of so many people. My prayer is that I will continue to seek after God and be open to the life changing work of His Holy Spirit in my life. *Kevin.*

*When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"*

*Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off - for all whom the Lord our God will call.'*

*With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation'. Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. Acts 2 verses 37 – 41*

### Shoreline Home Groups

The Genesis Group is led by Kevin and Julie and will be meeting on Wednesday 10th and 24th May in room 5 in the Community Centre at 10am. If you're not yet part of a home group you are very welcome to join us.

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

Pete and Lorraine's group meets in the evening so if you're not free in the day but are looking for a group talk to Pete or Lorraine.

**The Spring of Life Prayer Group** meets 3rd Tuesday of every month, 10.15am at Joyce's house, 11, Leamington Crescent, Lee on Solent. Anyone with a heart for prayer is welcome to join us. Next meeting is on 16th May just come along or speak to Joyce Allan on 02392 553471 or 07796 630624 to find out more.



**ALPHA Course** – We will be joining with Crofton Parish in doing the Alpha course starting on Monday 15th May from 7pm- 8.30pm for 5 weeks at Holy Rood Church. Kevin and Julie will be leading the discussion group. Kevin and Julie would love you to join with them if you would like to attend this course. You could also bring a friend with you. I am told that it will be very informal and although there is no meal there will be 'sweets/puddings' at the start!

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### Serving in the Church

As you may be aware 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 others 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 a 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 and lots more!

**Pudding Sunday** is the last Sunday of every month, in aid of the Grace 24 project in Kenya. Please bring along puddings, cakes or produce for others to take in exchange for a donation. Next one is **Sunday 28th May** so please bring your contributions. Thank you for participating, it makes such a difference to everyone at Grace 24.

### Grace 24 May update

This month Samantha (the little girl abandoned by grandmother who now lives with Jescah) has been very ill. She was admitted to hospital where she initially tested positive for malaria, however, after tests and a blood transfusion she needed to have an operation. Jescah stayed with Samantha throughout her hospital stay. Samantha has had the operation, which went well, and she has been discharged from hospital with ongoing medication. Please pray for this little girl, she is 8 years old and since she has been with Jescah she has been treated for malaria and typhoid and now this problem with her digestive system, as well as the trauma of being abandoned.

Claire and Kennedy are returning to the UK at the end of April for three months, Claire will have her third baby here in May. Kennedy visited the Grace 24 project last week, spent time with Josiah and Jemimah and took some photos. Jescah was at the hospital with Samantha and the other children were at school. Josiah hopes to do a college course in agriculture and is saving towards this. Jemimah would like to train to be a midwife and is getting all her documentation ready to apply to a course. Please pray for wisdom for these two young adults as they plan their futures. Many thanks to all who support this project, both with prayer and financial support, you are appreciated.

**FINANCIAL GIVING** You can give to the work of Shoreline, 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 we receive goes towards the cost of renting the building we use on Sundays, a range of outside giving 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. We recently gave £200 to the work of the food Hub at Waypoint following Claire Johnson coming to us and £200 to the work of 'light for Bulgaria' following Michelle Lineros coming to us and speaking. Our giving policy is that in general we give to Christian work where we have made a personal connection and can see where the giving is going to and how it is helping.