

# Welcome to Abbey Church

## Sunday . . .

**10.30am Morning Service**  
Series: 'Colossians – What is the truth?'  
Subject: 'Jesus – True Freedom'  
– Colossians 2:6-23  
Speaker: Bob Telford  
*Crèche facilities available for pre-school children*  
**F.R.O.G. Squad** for age 3 - School Year 6  
**AJs** for School Years 7-9  
This service also includes Communion  
Coffee served after the Service

**4.00pm Summer Picnic at Abbeymead Contour Park**  
*see Paul & Hilary Drinkwater for details*

**6.30pm Evening Service** at Hillview  
[DVD – New Word Alive]  
Jonah 3 – 'A surprising work of God'  
– Liam Golligher

*For further help and information* - we regularly arrange:-

*Discovery Groups* - small, discussion based groups in the home for those wanting to know more about the Christian faith.

*Baptismal Classes* - for those seeking baptism.

*Marriage Classes* - for those approaching marriage.

*Please ask for details.*

*Further help* - The Elders would always be pleased to help with any practical or spiritual issue. Please contact Phil Ricketts on his home telephone number or e-mail [office@abbeychurch.net](mailto:office@abbeychurch.net) if you would like to see an Elder.

## . . . and please pray for Hillview at 10.30am . . .

### Morning Service —

Subject: 'Promise fulfilled'  
– Genesis 21:1-21  
Speaker: Phil Ricketts

### The Elders of Abbey Church are:

*Darren Chandler, Roger Chilvers, Peter Godfrey, Phil Ricketts & David Whitaker*

## This Week . . .

**Wednesday 7.00am Elders' Meeting**  
*at Elder's home*

**10.30am Coffee & Chat**  
*no activity – summer holidays*

**1.15pm Noah's Ark** Parent & Toddler Group  
*no activity – summer holidays*

**7.45pm Home Groups [optional]**  
*informal evening – please see co-ordinators*

**Thursday 10.00am Noah's Ark** Parent & Toddler Group  
*no activity – summer holidays*

**7.00pm Junior Crusaders** for School Years 4-7  
*no activity – summer holidays*

**7.45pm Senior Crusaders** for School Years 8-12  
*no activity – summer holidays*

**Friday 8.00pm Cre8** for School Years 9-13  
*no activity – summer holidays*

### Services for Next Sunday –

We look forward to our Services for next Sunday as follows:

**Morning Service at 10.30am at Heron School**  
Series: 'Colossians – What is the truth?'  
Subject: 'Jesus in Focus'  
– Colossians 3:1-11  
Speaker: Phil Ricketts

**Missionary Evening at 6.30pm at Heron School**  
led by the World Vision Team

**Welcome, Catering, Flowers, Crèche, and F.R.O.G. Squad –**  
*please see rotas*

**Set-up & Clear-up Team —**  
Sound: Barney Mansfield  
Projection: Alan Rogers  
Set-up & Clear-up:  
Bruce Matheson & Chris Wintle



# abbeychurch

*Making Jesus known*

**23 August 2009**

*'God made you alive with Christ'*  
— Colossians 2:13

***To pray . . .***

### ***Prayer Focus . . .***

- Please continue to pray for all those in special need, for whatever reason, that the presence of God will be a reality to them to encourage and help them in their difficulty.
- **Steve Williams** [SAT-7.] – please continue to pray as Steve is due to start his chemotherapy treatment tomorrow. See latest update for further details.
- **Crusaders** – Praise God for a good meeting last Monday. Starting from September, we can now run 3 age appropriate groups during term times on Thursday evenings.
- Please pray for the **CY Course (Christianity Explored, youth)** which has now been delayed until the week after next due to further holidays; pray that it may then continue to completion – the course is being held at the home of Darren and Juliet.
- As we seek to Make Jesus Known in our community, please pray for the **Claims Mini Mission** running from now until the middle of September; as we invite our neighbours and friends that live in the area, pray that people may accept the invitation to our homes, and be open to considering the claims of Jesus [see insert]
- **Holidays** - please pray that the summer break will prove a time of refreshing and renewal, especially for those taking a break from regular term-time activities.
- **F.R.O.G. Squad** – please continue to pray for the additional room needed as well as for the summer programme.
- Please remember **Mike Curtis** as he leads the work of GCM that they will know God's leading and wisdom in the many contacts they have. GCM have a market stall in Eastgate Street on Wednesday.
- **Colin & Penny** - during the week Penny's mother celebrated her 100th birthday; as a church we would pass on our congratulations for the marvellous milestone she has achieved.

### ***Special Notices . . .***

- We **welcome** all who have come to Abbey this morning when we continue the series 'Colossians – What is the truth?' Bob Telford will be speaking on the subject 'Jesus – True Freedom'. We hope you enjoy and find the service helpful – please let us know if we can help in any way.
- **Summer Sunday Picnic** – another opportunity to relax together during the summer is this afternoon at Abbeymead Contour Park - just turn up for 4.00pm with your picnic and blanket/chairs! See Paul & Hilary for further details and directions. If raining then event will not take place.
- **Church Venues for Sundays** - We shall be back at Heron School for both Services next Sunday [30th], but will return to Redcliffe College for Services on Sunday 6 September as the school is, again, not available to us.
- The current **Financial Year** ends on 31<sup>st</sup> August - could you therefore please make sure that you let Anne Ricketts have any invoices due in the current year as soon as possible - the books can then be passed to our Accountants for the necessary preparation of Accounts to meet the required timetable.
- **New Number for Abbey Church!** Please note the new number for all general and administrative enquiries – 07788 110602.
- **Date for your Diaries - 1!** - Family Outing to the Forest on Bank Holiday Monday [31<sup>st</sup>]; please see leaflet on information table for details.
- **Date for your Diaries - 2!** - Special Church Meeting on Tuesday 1 September at 7.45pm; personalised letters were given out last Sunday, but spare copies are on the information table if you did not have one.
- **New Banking Arrangements for Abbey Church** - please note that cheques for Abbey Church are to be made out to 'Hillview EC - Abbey 1'.

### ***Abbey Project . . .***

The next **monthly offering** for the project is next Sunday, 30 August.

- Praise God for positive responses to the proposed 50 car parking spaces, the stand at the recent 'Gig in the Park', and the excellent recent article in Spotlight, published by the Liberal Democrats.
- Pray that Gloucester City Council will be able to agree our proposed site boundary. Pray also that the briefing by GCC to local Ward Members (Councillors) to be held in late August goes well, along with meetings planned for September with Councillors and representative of other Community Centres.
- Pray for **Mark Bashford** to know God's help and leading as he meets various community leaders and groups.
- Pray for the **Working Groups** to be really effective in shaping the design of the building and facilities it will provide - continue to pray for Mark Bashford as he coordinates these along with the other responsibilities he has at this time.
- **New Banking Arrangements for Abbey Church** - please note that cheques for the Project are to be made out to 'Hillview Evangelical Church' and identified by writing the word 'Project' on the reverse of the cheque.

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