



# KNAPHILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him,  
bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the  
knowledge of God

Colossians 1: 10

A warm welcome to everybody  
Minister: Rev Richard Sherlock

Notices – Week beginning 31st January 2010



## Mission Aviation Fellowship

### This Week – 31<sup>st</sup> January

- 11.00am Worship and Communion – Rev Richard Sherlock with Dave Greenwood (MAF)  
6.30pm Worship – Rev Richard Sherlock with Dave Greenwood (MAF)
- Tuesday 9.30am Parent's and Toddlers Group  
2.45pm Knaphill Women's Fellowship – Rev Richard Sherlock  
7.45pm Bible Study at the home of Craig and Susan Braisby
- Wednesday 7.30pm Prayer, followed by Deacons' Meeting at 8pm
- Thursday 10.30am Fellowship hour at the home of Derek and Eileen Byde

### Next Sunday – 7<sup>th</sup> February

- 11.00am Worship – Rev Richard Sherlock  
6.30pm Worship and Communion – Rev Richard Sherlock

We invite you to stay for tea/coffee in the Church after the service

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## SEBA News!

Please be sure to obtain your copy of SEBA News today. It includes reports and information about how God is working through Christians in Baptist churches all over the south-east and is to be found inside a free copy of this week's Baptist Times. They come to us with the compliments of the South Eastern Baptist Association.

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## Church AGM

With the disruption to the Deacons' and Church Meetings in January, the required dates for nominations for the election of Deacons at the AGM were overlooked.

The Church AGM will therefore now be held on Wednesday 10th March at 7.30 for prayer, with the business starting at 8pm.

A normal Church Members' Meeting will be held on February 10th again at 7.30 for 8pm.

There are four deacons who retire by rotation at the AGM. Derek Byde has indicated his wish to retire after 50 years of service in various churches; John Kelland, Joanna Stringer and Eric Moore are willing to be re-nominated. With existing vacancies, members may nominate up to 3 church members for election. Nominees, whose consent must have been obtained, must have been a member for at least one year, and should be nominated by at least two members. Nominations must be received by the Acting Church Secretary by Wednesday 17th February at the latest.

At the Annual General Meeting, John Kelland will retire as Acting Church Secretary having graciously filled the role against his better judgement for the past two years. We thank him for his service; we now urgently need a nomination of nomination for this important role. If you would like to know more about what is involved, please speak to Richard, Eric or John. We have the outline of the role that you could read and consider.

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The minutes of November's church meeting are available for collection today – please make sure you have yours.

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With a gift from the church of £250 and gift aid on those gifts identified, we sent a total of £908 to BMs for their disaster relief in Haiti. Thank you for your generosity. If you made an IOU... .

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## Advance notices

Saturday / Sunday 27th / 28th March: Church Anniversary Weekend, with Rev. Dr John Weaver, former president of the BU and current principal of South Wales Baptist College.

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The new Flower Rota for 2010 is now up in the Vestry. Please sign up for as many weeks as you can to ensure that there are flowers in the Church each Sunday. Following the evening service, the distribution of the flowers forms a valuable part of the Church's ministry. Please see Ruth (or Richard of course) if you have any questions about the Church's flower ministry or are unsure about what is involved.

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## Buildings for Growth Day

Saturday, 13th February at The Church on the Heath, Elvetham Heath, Fleet. This is appropriate for those considering a church build as well as those seeking to use their buildings by reaching into the Community. Graham Ball from Living Stones is the key note speaker. There will be seminars.

There will be another Buildings for Growth Day at Willesborough, Kent, on 27th March. Publicity to follow.

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## Seniors for Christ

An advance notice for an informal and informative day to be held on Saturday 13th March at Farnborough, Hampshire. Speakers and discussion groups will look at how to care for the more senior members (4th agers) of our community and churches, especially sharing the Gospel in word and in practical ways. More information to follow.

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## Job Vacancy at The Triangle Café, Farnborough

The Triangle Café in Kingsmead, Farnborough has a part-time vacancy for a person to work in the servery & kitchen. The position is for approximately 12/16 hours per week and hours are flexible, but are for weekdays, and could involve some 6 p.m. finishes. For further details please contact Mel or Teresa at The Triangle on 01252 519172.

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YMCA Sleep Easy – ‘sleep rough so others don’t have to’

Spend a night challenging yourself, having fun and raising money to change the lives of homeless young people.

Every night YMCAs provide rooms and support for 7000 young people who would otherwise have nowhere else to sleep. To mark Poverty and Homelessness Action Week some YMCAs in England (including Woking YMCA) will be staging ‘sleep out’ events.

What is the YMCA Sleep Easy?

Last night hundreds of people slept rough to highlight the issue of youth homelessness and raise vital funds for the YMCA’s work with young people.

Sleep Easy events took place in towns and cities all over the country, and the money you raise will go towards helping young people in your community build a future. They spend a great (albeit chilly) night making a real difference to the lives of young people?! Will you help?

Woking YMCA Sleep Easy

Money raised by Woking YMCA will help the homeless young people in and around Woking with advice and support as well as getting them a bed and a home! Most importantly, the money will go towards building a housing project in Woking.

To sponsor them please call them on 01483 757 160 or visit their ‘Just Giving’ page: [www.justgiving.com/wokingymcasleepout](http://www.justgiving.com/wokingymcasleepout)

Youth Homelessness: The Facts

- The breakdown of family relationships has been identified as the main cause of homelessness, often following years of family conflict and some violent and abusive situations. In a survey of 50 families affected by youth homelessness, 72% of parents believe that extra help could prevent family breakdown.
- Social and economic disadvantage are also factors and young people who become homeless are often from marginalised backgrounds. A significant minority of young homeless people have complex needs.
- Young people aged between 16 and 25 made up 39% of the total homeless population during 2005/6, based on government figures for England.