



*Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2012*

*Activities*

Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am 10.30am 6pm	Sunday school Rev David Grainger Rev David Grainger - Communion
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>		
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Badminton <b>InterAction</b> – In the Coffee Lounge
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am 10am 7.30pm	Open the Book Mothers and Toddlers Committee Meeting
Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Hand of Friendship
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Shoppers Coffee
Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup>		
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 10.15am 10.30am 6pm	Junction – Breakfast church Sunday school Mr John Butterworth Mr John Butterworth

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**Hagley Free Church Mission Statement**

“A new command I give you, Love one another, as I have loved you, so that you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

John 13 v 34 – 35.

## Hagley Free Church Vision Statement

“To help our members become better disciples of Jesus”

*Dear Church,*

During the last twelve months I have disciplined myself to read the whole of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. During my studies one thing struck me especially when reading through the Old Testament. We often see that part of the Bible as in some ways showing Gods judgement on mankind. But having read it I don't see it that way. The Bible tells the story of God's unfailing love for his creation but how we as man often walk away from this loving God and try to do things in our own strength. When we are away from God bad things tend to happen but when we put our trust in God wholly then we live under his blessing.

This is as true today as it ever was. We have turned away from God and are living in our own power, its more about what you own in a materialistic sense rather than what you have in a spiritual sense. The devil is very good at conning people into the false notion that we don't need God we don't need to know about the Father's love for us, you are all capable of managing on your own, God is irrelevant, he didn't create this world it was some kind of accident, you weren't made in God's image you evolved somehow from a primate into the creature you are today, but God had nothing to do with it.

As Christians and members of Christ's body the church we should know the difference, God is the creating force behind all things without God nothing is possible, but with God anything is possible. As a Church we need to be in the business of sharing the truth, it is what we are called to do, the Church is not some sort of members only club it is a living and breathing institution that is alive and in the business of transforming lives, communities and whole nations into a full knowledge of the love of God.

What are we as Hagley Free Church doing to transform the community that we find ourselves? What message are we taking out with us about God's transforming Love? What message are we sharing about this Church being the hope for the world?

Our God is a God who is able to transform lives through his love we need to be unashamed of sharing that message of His love and compassion for all and to all we meet.

*Every Blessing Colin x*

## **SUNDAYS OFFERING**

The offerings last Sunday were  
£347.91

## **TODAY**

Sunday School meets at 10.15 a.m. and services in church are being led by Rev David Grainger at the usual times of 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m., with communion. The church heating has continued to cause problems and, at the time of writing this, the matter has not been resolved; despite this, we give everyone a warm welcome!

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

Next Sunday morning's Junction will be breakfast church, with a video and then discussion.

We focus on the World Church and all offerings will support the European Christian Mission. John Butterworth, from Stone in Staffordshire, who is a journalist and a reader within the Church of England is the Midlands representative for that charity and will speak at both services.

## **InterAction**

This week is the 5th week of our series on 'Heaven is for Real,' it is based on the real life experiences of a boy and his trip to heaven and back. The fifth session is entitled 'Who goes to Heaven?' Intrigued? Why not come

along to find out more and join in the discussion.

## **Members' meeting 25 January**

The minutes of this meeting are on the notice board in the porch. If a member would like a copy of the minutes please speak to Jean Stone.

## **CHRISTIAN AID QUIZ**

Some members are asking for more social activities SO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS IF YOU CAN! Tickets, at £6 each, are now on sale for this fund raising event which takes place in our hall on Saturday 25 February. Tables of four will compete in the fun quiz set by Christian Aid with Colin Davies acting as quiz master – there will be prizes! The evening will include a supper break on a "bring & share" basis and a raffle. Joan Threadgold or Martin Heathcock can provide you with tickets. You don't need to make up a table of four to book tickets as we can sort things out on the night.

## **SHIRTS FOR UGANDA**

Bob and Ann Green are collecting school shirts for our daughter to take out to Uganda in July. She is going to a mission and school there for three/four weeks, and is trying to collect as many shirts, as possible.

It doesn't matter what size from nursery upwards to 16 year olds, etc. They are always grateful for whatever can be sent to them. She took a lot of stuff last year, books, craft and clothing. They have uniform of white shirts, rather than any other colour.

<i>Date</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>6pm</i>	<i>Flowers</i>
<i>5<sup>th</sup> February</i>	<i>Rev David Grainger</i>	<i>Rev David Grainger</i>	<i>Mr and Mrs D Tubb</i>
<i>12<sup>th</sup> February</i>	<i>Mr John Butterworth</i>	<i>Mr John Butterworth</i>	<i>Mr and Mrs J Jeacock</i>
<i>19<sup>th</sup> February</i>	<i>Rev Phil Rees</i>	<i>Rev Diane Cookley</i>	<i>Mr F Harper</i>
<i>26<sup>th</sup> February</i>	<i>Rev Ernest Cruchley</i>	<i>Rev Mike Spencer</i>	<i>Mr and Mrs M Heathcock</i>

## **Items for Prayer for the coming week**

The sick or people known to you personally who require prayer and in addition please pray for the following people.

Alan Attwood

Lillian Baber (Now in Nursing home in Wolverley)

Connie Barnes

Mick Bevan

Gordon Chawner

Rachael Coton

Andrew Downes

Jill Edwards and Family

Joan Ellis and Family

Bryn Evans

Horace and Lilian Howell

Ewan William Mitchell (2 years old with Leukaemia)

Dinah Moss

Michael Stone

Margaret and Vic Troman

All our older members

The people of North East Africa and the Middle East

The people of Zimbabwe

**Please do feel free to pass details of people or groups that you think we need to be praying for to Colin.**