

SEPTEMBER 2008 at Christ Church

Dear Friends at Christ Church

The coming of September is always a busy time here, as many activities restart after the summer break, and this year is no exception. Today our **Sunday Clubs** restart, and this week our **Home Groups** restart, whilst in a couple of weeks time (on Tuesday 23rd Sept) **Shine** will be back.

Our children have returned to school, and on Sunday 21st Sept we will be welcoming Christ Church School to our 10.45 am service for a '**New School Year Celebration.**' I'm delighted that Mr Thomson, our new head teacher, will be speaking at the service – it will be a good opportunity for him to meet with the church community.

All those things are a regular part of our programme. But this term we have a couple of extra activities. Early in October we will be starting new **Christianity Explored** courses, with the opportunity for us to invite friends to find out more about Jesus and what it means to follow him. On Saturday 20th Sept we have a concert by **Bloodlines** – which will be a great evangelistic opportunity. And then on Sunday 28th September, we are celebrating **Back to Church Sunday**, when all of us are encouraged to invite family and friends.

It would be easy to feel daunted by so much happening! But I do feel that this is a significant time for us as a church. Over the last few years we have seen Christ Church grow as a WELL church, and now I believe that the Lord is presenting us with these opportunities to reach out. And if God is at work in this way, then we need to make sure we play our part. Our theme verse for this year encourages us to *shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life*, but it is good to remember what Paul told the Philippians just before that – *continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.* (Phil.2:12-13) God is at work, so let's get stuck in!

Yours in Christ

Regular weekly activities:

Monday	-	9.30 am Toddler Group
	-	1.00 pm TLC
Tuesday	-	9.30 am Toddler Group
	-	1.15 pm Art Group
Wednesday	-	9.30 am Toddler Group
	-	1.00 pm Needlecraft Group
	-	1.30 pm Toddler Group
	-	4.00 pm Rainbows
	-	5.15 pm Rainbows
Thursday	-	1.00 pm Craft Group
	-	9.45 am Keep Fit
	-	11.00 am Keep Fit
	-	5.30 pm Brownies
	-	7.30 pm Guides
Friday	-	9.15 am Mothers 'n' Others
	-	7.00 pm Evening Bowls



***Our Shine Family Service
starts up again on
Tuesday 23rd September
at 3.30 pm***



Nick Huggins and Les Evans along with three other people have formed a new evangelistic band called Blood Lines.

They will be playing here at Christ Church on ***Saturday 20th September*** at 7.30 pm in the evening.

This is a great opportunity to bring friends along to hear some great rock music and to hear something of the gospel.

S.A.M.S.

Sunday 14th September is Missionary Gift Day for SAMS (South America Missionary Society).

We support them and encourage and enable the mission in the churches in South America, Spain and Portugal. At our 10.45 am Family Service Rev Colin Bazley will be speaking about the work of SAMS. Rev Bazley was Bishop in Chile, he grew up in Bebington, in his retirement he lives here in Bebington now.

Many thanks for your support on gift Sunday -

Rhona Colby

September is all about new beginnings - new schools, new teachers, new subjects to learn.

But we don't have to wait for September to have a new start. God gives us all a new start when we believe in him.

The Bible has got loads of great promises about the new start God gives us. Can you crack the code to work out what one of them says?

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