

october's diary

- Thurs 1st Searchers** 6.00 – 7.30pm
Club for School Years 3 - 5
Elev8
7.00 – 8.30pm meeting at Westgate
Centre for swimming.
Club for School Years 6- 8
- Fri 2nd Friday Fellowship** 2.30 – 4.00pm
Come and hear some interesting
speakers and enjoy a cup of tea –
Particularly for older members of the
community. All welcome!
- Thurs 8th Papercraft Club** 7.00 – 9.00pm
All Welcome! – Why not bring a friend?
- Thurs 15th Searchers** 6.00 – 7.30pm
Club for School Years 3 - 5
Elev8 7.30 – 9.00pm
Club for School Years 6- 8
- Fri 16th Friday Fellowship** 2.30 – 4.00pm
- Sat 17th Torch** 2.30 – 4.30pm
Meeting for the Visually Impaired
All Welcome.
- Fri 30th Friday Fellowship** 2.30 – 4.00pm

All events held at CBC unless specified.

Please call 01243 782582 for more information.

Regular events

- Sun Church Club** 8.00pm
Youth Drop in School Year 9+
- Tues Acorns** 10.00 – 11.30am
Parents & Toddlers Group - All Welcome!
- Thurs Bible Study** 10.30 – 12.00 noon
Friendly Bible study for older people in the
community – All Welcome!
- Lunch Club** 12.15 – 1.30pm
Friendly meal for older people in the community –
You will be very welcome!
- Fri The Hub** 7.30 – 9.30pm
Youth Drop in for School Year 9+

Other events taking place at CBC to which all are welcome:

Fitness League – Weekly on Tuesdays except for 27th October
(Half Term) from 2.30pm – 3.30pm followed by a cup of tea
- Come along to a gentle keep fit class for those 55 and over.
(Sessions also include seated exercises if required) £3.50 per
session. For more information contact Christine Cook 01243
533612 e-mail: chcook@madasafish.com

Chichester District Senior Forum – Thursday 15th October
– 2.00 – 4.30pm – A Forum for older people aged 60+ to
discuss, share information, campaign and enjoy a range of
social events – For more information contact Yvonne Green
- 01243 531940

Church Notice 'Bloopers'

Notice in the kitchen of a Church Hall:

*"Ladies, when you have
emptied the teapot, please
stand upside down in the
sink".*

Poster on a Church noticeboard:

*"What is Hell like?".
Another poster on the same
noticeboard: "Come and hear
our Choir sing next Sunday".*

I'll tell you the answer...

Write down any number
made up of 3 different digits.

Write down the same
number in reverse.

Subtract the smaller from
the larger number and write
down the answer as a 3 digit
number even if there is a
nought.

Write down the answer in
reverse.

Add the two together.

The answer is 1081

10am Morning service with
children's and youth
groups and crèche.
Please join us for tea
or coffee and a chat
after this service.

6.30pm Evening service
Communion: 1st
Sunday of the month
during the 6.30pm
service and the 3rd
Sunday of the month
during the 10am
service.



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'Tell me about your church, Ken?'



I am often asked this question and find it quite tricky to answer. I could describe the building, the number of services, the things we do and many more things, but all these things aren't really a true answer. If I asked you what your family is like, that too is pretty open ended but I would hope you wouldn't major on the house or flat they live in or their meal times, or even their jobs – in the end it is about the people.

Part of the answer is that I hope that our church is a welcoming place, where people can discover Jesus, and a place where we help to meet people's needs.

Almost always I find myself answering the question by talking about the range of ages we have.

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The variety of people in our church is one of the greatest sources of joy for me. One day recently, I watched a very simple event, which summed it up. I saw a lady in her 80's share a joke with

a teenager – just as any two friends would laugh together. These two people weren't related – they were simply enjoying each other's company. I also know another pensioner who has signed up for the Internet service Facebook just so that she can keep in touch with another young person in our church doing voluntary work in Africa.

We cherish the variety like this and try to offer something for all ages.

Sometimes this means we have events for all ages together. A key example of this is our Sunday services, where whatever age you are, you'll find contemporaries.

At other times we have specific events aimed at different groups of people.

This month's Contact looks at some examples of the variety of things on offer at CBC, focusing on both the younger and older age groups but whatever your age, I hope there is something for you.

Ken Benjamin

Senior Minister

As a local church we try to serve our local community in a variety of ways and we greatly value our relationship with our neighbours both in the immediate and wider area of Parklands and East Broyle and beyond.

A church for the whole family



It goes without saying that anyone is welcome to come along to any of our Sunday services. People who attend our services span a wide age range from 0 – 90+!! Indeed we are an all age church. Once or more a term one of our Sunday services is specifically geared towards guests but guests are always welcome at any of our events. However, we realise that stepping in to a whole service, especially with a large congregation, can for some be a daunting prospect. However, there is so much more to Chichester Baptist Church than just our Sunday services.

During most weeks there are a range of different activities that take place in our buildings that appeal to different groups and ages. So what exactly goes on in our church buildings during the rest of the week? Could there be something here that might be of interest to you? There are no rules you have to sign up to or membership fees to be paid. You may be a Christian, or have no faith or just vaguely interested. That doesn't matter! You will be welcome...

So, here's a snapshot.



Tuesdays

ALPHA is a course for people interested in finding out more about the Christian faith. It has just started but it may not be too late to join. Alpha courses are regularly run here and in other churches in Chichester.

Acorns is a friendly and welcoming pre-school group offering a morning of activities and play. We meet at the church on Tuesday mornings from 10.00 – 11.30am during term time.



“I could not think of missing Acorns - I've scheduled going back to work around Tuesday mornings”



“When you live alone it is nice to have a meal prepared and not to eat on your own”.

Thursdays

Lunch Club, which provides a main course, dessert and tea or coffee for up to up to 35 people, meets at the church at 12.15 every Thursday during term time. It is for older people, particularly those who live on their own, and provides not only a meal but also the chance to meet or make new friends. The charge is £2.50 per week.

Thursdays evenings

Searchers is a club for school years 3 – 5 which meets fortnightly on Thursdays during term time from 6.00 – 7.30pm.

Elev8 is a club for school years 6 – 8 which meets fortnightly on Thursdays during term time from 7.30 – 9.00pm.



Friday afternoons

Friday Fellowship meets at CBC once a fortnight during term time from 2.30-4.00 pm.

If you would like any more information about any of these different activities or groups, please ring the Church Office on 782582.

Friday nights

The Hub. Running Friday nights 7.30-9.30pm during term time, the Hub is a drop-in youth club for young people Sch Yr 9+. With an extensive tuckshop and smoothie bar as well as Playstations, sports, pool and space to chillout, the Hub is well worth a look. (Entrance 50p)

Sunday nights

Church Club. This youth drop-in is for local young people Sch Yr 9+ from 8-9.30pm on a Sunday evening. Young people from the local area can come in and play some pool, have a hot chocolate, eat a toastie, or just chillout on the sofas every Sunday evening free of charge.

