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Thursday Prayer Evenings

Please join us on Thursdays 11th & 25th March, 7.30pm at Suffolk Road Church for a time of prayer.

Prayer breakfasts

Each Saturday a different church hosts a prayer breakfast from 8.00–9.30am. In March, the following churches will be hosting:

- 6th - St Johns Methodist Church Hall
- 13th - All Saints Church Hall
- 20th - St Gregory's Church Hall
- 27th - Great Waldingfield Church

Speakers in March

for Sunday Mornings

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| 7 th Roger Seville | 14 th Brian Stenner |
| 21 st Tony Hood | 28 th David Cackett |

Sunday evenings in March

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| 7 th led by Ken Steel | 14 th Prayer and Share evening |
| 21 st Jonathan Gilmore | 28 th Ian Oakley, led by Alan Williamson |

Cleaning & Coffee Rota

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| 6 th & 7 th Ken & Chris | 13 th & 14 th Austin & Judy |
| 20 th & 21 st Alan & Jackie | 27 th & 28 th Andrew & Anita |
| 3 rd & 4 th April Maurice & Linda | |

Services

- Sundays 10.30am - Family Worship and Teaching
- Sundays 6.30pm - Teaching & Communion
- Tuesday evenings - House groups

Prayer Rota

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| 7 th Judy | 14 th Ray |
| 21 st Jackie | 28 th Alan |
| 4 th Apr Chris & Ken | |

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"The Lord is my light and my salvation – so why should I be afraid? The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger. So why should I tremble?"

Psalm 27 v 1

Prayer for March

Loving Heavenly Father

We come to You with thankful hearts, for You are our great God.

We praise You for answering our prayers concerning Neil that in Your grace and mercy a bed has become available for him at the Oxford hospital. We ask that the consultant will know Your great wisdom over the diagnosis and the treatment needed for Neil. Heavenly Father we pray that Neil, Jo, Bethany, Anna & Rebekah will feel Your loving arms around them every moment of the day and night.

We also bring to You; Trevor, Olive & Colin in the health needs that they have at this time. We pray for their healing and good results in the tests that they have had and ask too that when Colin has future ear surgery that this will be successful.

Help us all loving Father to depend on You for You have told us in Your Word "not to be afraid but to trust You". Bind us together as a church, to work together for Your honour and glory. May we all be lights for You in this dark world. Uphold all who are struggling with difficulties in their lives, be their fortress and their strength.

We praise and thank You Lord God for Your many blessings on our lives.

Amen.

Haiti letter from Compassion

"Dear Friends,

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your incredible generosity in response to Compassion's Haiti Earthquake Appeal. I can't fully express what a vital difference it is already making.

Haiti has a special place in my heart as I've visited there many times over my 10 years at Compassion. Before this disaster, Haiti was the most desperately poor place I've ever been to; now it's unimaginable. Currently, funds are being used for the disbursement of critical medical supplies, food, water and other relief items. The second and more difficult phase will be to begin rebuilding shattered lives, but the task is immense. Our in-country staff are still trying to assess how many of our children and their families have perished or been injured. In the wake of the earthquake many people have fled to make-shift tent cities and camps, making this assessment a very difficult task. 38 of our projects run by our local church partners have either been destroyed or severely damaged, with many staff either injured or unaccounted for.

Compassion's Haiti staff are of course victims too. I learnt yesterday about Rejourir Reteau, a driver/messenger at our Port au Prince office. Rejourir's hope for the future was his daughter who he had scrimped and saved for to send to university. She was to become a doctor with a world of opportunity Rejourir never knew. She was studying at university the day of the quake and was trapped and crushed in the rubble. Rejourir rushed to save her. He heard her cries for "daddy" from under the rubble and he answered, "I'm coming baby". For two days, he and others dug fervently through rubble with their bare hands, in the process pulling out six others alive.

Rose Esther's cries to her daddy gradually became weaker and eventually stopped; she perished.

Don't let anyone tell you this was simply a natural disaster, because what happened in Haiti is much worse than that. It was a human disaster; a consequence of the injustice of poverty. In 1994 an earthquake of similar magnitude struck Los Angeles, a city 10 times the size of Port au Prince. Sixty people perished that day; 230,000 died in Haiti so far. The difference? Inadequate building codes and standards, and the absence of lifting equipment and medical provision. All the consequence of poverty and neglect.

Haiti is already out of the headlines but we, The Church, must do more to end the injustice of extreme poverty. I don't think governments are going to or it would have happened already. We must ensure Rose Esther and the other tens of thousands who perished in Haiti were the start of a cause to see the end of such injustice.

I'm sorry this isn't a very up-beat thank you. We are of course so grateful and we'll continue to work tirelessly for our brothers and sisters in Haiti. But let's do more; let's conspire to end such injustice. We're working on something we're calling the 'compassion conspiracy'. If you'd like to hear more when we've fully shaped this, let me know.

Warmest greetings and my heartfelt thanks,

Ian Hamilton, CEO/Compassion UK."

Kettle and Fish

Churches Together in Sudbury

Kettle and Fish is a Christian Presence in the centre of town. In March, it will be open every Thursday (4th, 11th, 18th and 25th) from 9.45am to 2.00pm at St. Peters Church.