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**Newsletter  
January 2007**

REHOBOTH BAPTIST CHURCH  
HORSHAM  
2007

In your hearts  
set apart  
Christ as  
Lord.

1 Peter 3:15

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## Happy New Year

It may be a little belated, by the time you read this, but may I sincerely wish you a very happy new year. Funny, really, how we say that to each other – Happy New Year – around January 1<sup>st</sup>. What do we mean, or what should we mean? Can it only apply for a week or so while the year is still ‘new’, or can it be a wish for happiness throughout the 12 months to come? I’m sure our answer would be for true happiness and joy for one another throughout 2007.

But there is the point, isn’t it? New year happiness soon passes. My Barbara Johnson calendar for Jan 1<sup>st</sup> said, ‘May all your troubles last as long as your new year resolutions!’, and, let’s face it, that’s about as long as ordinary happiness lasts.

True happiness and joy that lasts comes only through knowing Jesus Christ as our loving Friend and Saviour from sin and guilt. I do hope you know him in that way. If not, you urgently need to do something about it – like, now. Tomorrow may be too late.

Thinking about the joy that is ours in Christ, we really need to share it with others, don’t we? Keeping it to ourselves seems so selfish, don’t you think? There are people with sad, lost lives all around us. Does our presence on the scene encourage them to seek Jesus, or discourage them?

We’ve had some lovely opportunities to reach people in our local community over the Christmas period. I suppose, because it was a new venture, the ‘Carols in the New Street garden’ stands out. But wasn’t it a joy to see so many gather, and the number of contacts made with folk from the locality. The message of life was proclaimed and people sang and listened. Let’s pray

that there will be further opportunity to reach these folk and that we might be able to hold a ‘Songs of Praise’ in the garden in the summer.

At Rehoboth, many visitors and new attenders have commented on the warmth of friendship and fellowship they have found there. Through God’s grace, may that spiritual warmth of fellowship and love continue and deepen through the coming year.

May I conclude, though, by quoting from John Benton’s book, ‘The Big picture for small churches’ (pp36, pub. Evangelical Press 2005): We must not be diverted from the priority of making the gospel known. The old logic of a message I heard long ago has much to commend it. ‘Why has God left the church on earth?’ asked the speaker. ‘Nearly everything we do and strive for on earth could be done better in heaven,’ he went on. ‘In heaven we will worship God perfectly. In heaven we will have complete fellowship. In heaven we will be entirely holy. So why does he leave us here?’ Of course, the speaker’s answer was this: ‘There is only one thing we can do better on earth which we cannot do better in heaven and that is to preach the gospel to the lost. The Lord has left us here to be his witnesses!’ Benton adds, ‘Every church must give priority to making Christ known in its local area. Have you been distracted?’

Let’s pray this will be a happy new year for New Street, Livingstone Road, Bedford Road, Cambridge Road etc. etc.

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*Fellowship news - Brighton Road.* Please pray for the church who will now be meeting in the British Legion Hall for during the next year and beyond .We are glad to be of assistance to provide our Church for the use of the Women's Evening Fellowship which meets fortnightly on a Thursday evening at 7.45pm. There is an invitation for any of our ladies to join with them, please speak to Pat Smith for details.

Please note that Steve and the deacons are holding an "Awayday" at Pilgrim Hall on Saturday 13th January to review and consider future plans. If you have any relevant thoughts to contribute please make them known to Steve or one of the deacons before that time.

## Live at The King's Centre, Chessington



an evening of worship with  
*Graham Kendrick & Band*

**Saturday 3rd February 2007 at  
7.30pm**

### **The King's Centre**

Coppard Gardens  
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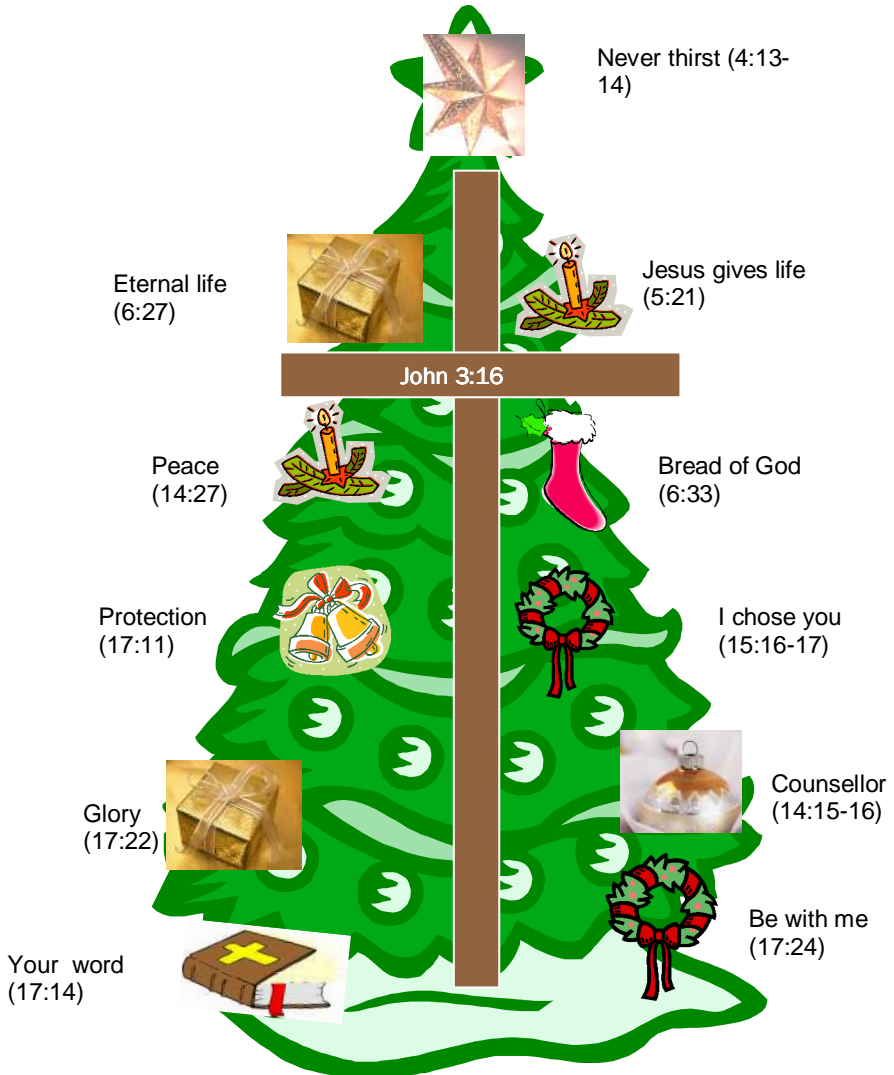
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**Adults £12 . Concessions £8 . Family Ticket £30**  
Tickets available in person or by post form The King's Centre

(Please note... there are no credit or debit card bookings; seats are unallocated and price in-

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# John's Gospel Gift for 2007



## **Don't pack these away with the Christmas Tree !**

On Christmas Eve we looked at the giving of gifts and presents and in particular considered some of the gifts that are found when we read John's gospel. Someone mentioned after the service that they would like to have a copy of the tree as a personal reminder of these gifts and so we have included it in this month's newsletter. As I was packing up my Christmas tree and all the cards and decorations this week I was struck by how different the house looked—a bit dull after all the colourful cards and gold and silver shiny decorations were put away. The gifts that we read about in John's gospel are gifts that remind us of the lasting and eternal gift that God gave to the world—his one and only Son. Knowing Jesus is a gift we can all have and if we do know him we can be sure that his gifts will last us throughout our lives. After Christmas some people talk of it as a bit of a dull time, an anti climax after all the excitement leading up to it. Perhaps in a quiet time you can take a few moments and look up these references and give thanks for that greatest gift of all.

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## ***Sunday Morning themes January—Easter***

As we commence the New Year, on Sunday 7th January we shall be considering our theme verse for the year 1 Peter 3:15 (see front page). Thereafter, other than when we have visiting speakers, we are returning to Mark's gospel to consider chapters 10—16.

<b>21st January</b>	<b>Mark 10 32-52</b>	<b><i>What do you want?</i></b>
<b>28th January</b>	<b>Mark 11</b>	<b><i>The Authority of Jesus</i></b>
<b>4th February</b>	<b>Mark 12 1-17</b>	<b><i>Acknowledging God</i></b>
<b>18th February</b>	<b>Mark 12 18-44</b>	<b><i>Loving God</i></b>
<b>25th February</b>	<b>Mark 13</b>	<b><i>End Signs</i></b>
<b>4th March</b>	<b>Mark 14 1-31</b>	<b><i>The Lords Supper</i></b>
<b>18th March</b>	<b>Mark 14 32-52</b>	<b><i>Forsaking the Master</i></b>
<b>25th March</b>	<b>Mark 14 53-72</b>	<b><i>Farce and Failure</i></b>
<b>1 April</b>	<b>Mark 15 1-20</b>	<b><i>Mockery &amp; Murder</i></b>
<b>6 April (Good Friday)</b>	<b>Mark 15 21-47</b>	<b><i>Crucifixion</i></b>
<b>8 April</b>	<b>Mark 16</b>	<b><i>Resurrection &amp; Commission</i></b>

## JANUARY CALENDAR

<b>SUNDAY</b>	7th	10.30am 6.30pm 6.30pm	<b>Steve Piggott + Communion</b> <b>Stuart Beadle</b> Bryce Lodge Service
Tuesday	9th	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship : David Piggott
Wednesday	10th	10.30am 8.00pm	Gillett House Service Prayer & Bible Study : 165 Tanbridge Park
Thursday	11th	10.00-12.30	OPEN HOUSE : Rehoboth
Friday	12th	10.00am 8.00pm	WAM Coffee : 18 Swan Close, Southwater Pathfinders & HighWay
Saturday	13th	8.30am All Day	Early Prayer Meeting : Rehoboth Leadership Planning Day : Pilgrim Hall
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>14th</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>David Chapman (AGBC-SE)</b> <b>David Chapman</b>
Wednesday	17th	8.00pm	Prayer & Bible Study : Littlehaven Cottage
Thursday	18th	10.00-12.30	OPEN HOUSE : Rehoboth
Friday	19th	10.00am 8.00pm	WAM Bible Study : 20 Downsview Road Pathfinders & HighWay
Saturday	20th	8.30am	Early Prayer Meeting : Rehoboth
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>21st</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Steve Piggott</b> <b>David Piggott + Communion</b>
Tuesday	23rd	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship : David Ansell
Wednesday	24th	8.00pm	Prayer & Bible Study : 30 Cambridge Road
Thursday	25th	10.00-12.30	OPEN HOUSE : Rehoboth
Friday	26th	10.00am 11.00am 8.00pm	WAM Coffee : 9 Mcleod Road Page Court Service Pathfinders & HighWay
Saturday	27th	8.30am	Early Prayer Meeting : Rehoboth

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>28th</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Stuart Beadle</b> <b>Andrew Cooke</b>
Tuesday	30th	7.45pm	District Prayer Meeting : Knaphill
Wednesday	31st	8.00pm	Church Members Annual General Meeting

### Preaching out this month (as advised by 04.01.07)

**7th: David Ansell—Charlwood pm**

**9th Stuart Beadle—St Wilfrids School (Fairtrade)**

**14th: David Ansell—Dorking am**

**28th: David Ansell—Slinfold pm**



### CHURCHES ON THE ASSOCIATION PRAYER DIARY

**7th January — Belvedere** is the church on our Prayer Diary for the coming week. The church is very thankful to God for good attendances at services. The mid-week meetings continue to present many opportunities for witness.

**Prayer diary for 2007 not yet received so please be in prayer for all the churches in the association that they may be blessed in all they do this year.**

Planning is under way for the 2007 event. The following statement has been issued from the main partner churches. ***‘ Let’s Go is about local churches uniting for the purpose of reaching out to the people of Horsham and surrounding district, demonstrating the Kingdom, showing God’s love and eternal life through repentance towards God and faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.***

***This Gospel is that Jesus Christ is God’s Son who lived a perfect life, died a sacrificial death on the cross and was resurrected from the dead. People receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life through repentance towards God and faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.***

***All this is to the glory of the One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.’***

Why not make an extra effort to get involved this year ?





## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Sunday Morning Worship**

Our young people join us for the first part of our Sunday morning services and then have their own groups:-

Crèche: Babies and Toddlers  
Primary: Pre-school, Reception & Years 1 & 2  
Junior: Years 3, 4 & 5  
Intermediate: Years 6, 7 & 8  
Senior: Years 9, 10 & 11

**For further information phone 01403 250021**

### **Prayer & Bible Study meetings**

These meetings are held on a Wednesday evening at 8pm, either at the church or in various members' homes.

**For further information phone 01403 266193**

### **WAM—Young Mum's Group**

This group meets at 10am on Friday mornings in various homes and a crèche is provided for children.

**For further information phone 01403 241067**

### **Women's Fellowship**

This group meets fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons at 2.30pm.

**For further information phone 01403 263397**

**Open House** The Church is open each Thursday 10am—12.30pm for any to drop in for a chat - tea, coffee, biscuits, papers, Fair Trade Stall.

### **Pathfinders**

This Group, for young people in school years 6, 7 & 8, meets at 8pm on Friday evenings.

**For further information phone 01403 250021**

### **HighWay**

This Group, for young people in school year 9 upwards, meets at 8pm on Friday evenings.

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