



Rehoboth Baptist Church
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REHOBOTH BAPTIST
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pattern of this world,
but be transformed by
the renewing of your
mind
Romans 12:2

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Something great in 2008

We've all heard the one about the caterpillar saying to his mate as they watched a butterfly flitting above them: 'You'll never catch me in one of those'.

The humour of it is obvious, given that the insect doesn't understand the mechanics of metamorphosis. The wonder is, of course, the fact that, while the caterpillar can be transfigured in to a butterfly, once a butterfly – never a caterpillar again.

Interestingly our new theme verse for 2008 includes the word 'metamorphose' – at least, it does in the original Greek. It's that word translated 'transformed'. See it on the front cover. Basically Paul is urging us to metamorphose, or be transformed by the renewing of our mind. This is in contrast to conforming to the world's standards – the caterpillar standard. I know a butterfly may have a short life, but what comes to mind when you think of such a creature? Isn't it beauty, grace, lightness, a sense of freedom compared with the earthbound caterpillar or the tight confines of the chrysalis. Paul urges us to seek a spiritual metamorphosis which will change our lives. Its work is in the mind. And it comes from an

ongoing desire to become more like Jesus in every area of our lives. It's what Paul means when he tells the Corinthian church (2 Cor 3:18) that "we are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit". And it's surely as we submit to God's Spirit that we make that transformation, producing that beauty, grace, lightness of spirit and sense of freedom that makes us more like Christ.

In his song 'I am a new creation' Dave Bilbrough has the lines
*'A joy that knows no limit,
A lightness in my spirit,
Here in the grace of God I stand.'*

May this be our desire as we move into 2008, that we may see spiritually great things in our own lives, and new lives for old in those yet away from the Lord.

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*Events may snag us, but they can't drag
us down and prevent us living fruitful
Christian lives if
we're holding on to God's faithfulness*

*Living Light—reading notes available from Nationwide
Christian Trust, Mulberry House, Chelmsford Rd.
High Ongar CM5 9NL*

Fellowship News: A revised Fellowship Prayer Diary is due out this month. Please remember to pray daily for one another, using the diary as a guide.

In addition to our own needs, please pray for Christine Richardson and family as the funeral of David Richardson takes place this month. David was a good friend of many of us at Rehoboth and a faithful pastor of the flock at Brighton Road Baptist. He is sorely missed by our friends in that church. Please be praying that the Lord will comfort his family and guide the church for the future.

Happy Birthday in January - 1st Michael Bylett; 3rd Josh Steere; 9th Gill Beadle; 14th Gill Burley; 17th Pat Smith; 20th Gaynor Shoulders; 23rd Rachel Cooke; 26th Harry Warner; 28th Daniel Welch

The Association of Grace Baptist Churches—Prayer Diary

January

6th BELVEDERE (M Gladwell) We praise God for regularly reaching around 60 children and young people at clubs during the week, and for a thriving Mums and Tots group. Many unbelievers sit under God's Word on a Lord's day. Pray that God will honour the preaching and teaching of His living Word. Pray for Pastor Mark as he is having various tests and has been quite unwell recently.

13th STREATHAM (No pastor) Praise God for four new members last year. We need a pastoral couple to join us as there is much to be done. Please pray.

20th GADEBRIDGE (P Spear) We give thanks for continued encouragement among our young people. Pray for two unchurched teenage lads who have professed faith that they may produce fruit, grow in understanding and be protected from temptation.

27th ST JOHN'S WOOD (C Hawthorne) We give God great thanks for many small encouragements over the past year. Please pray with us that we would be gospel full in life, and bold and clear in evangelism.

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JANUARY CALENDAR

Saturday	5th	8.30am	Early Prayer
SUNDAY	6th	10.30am 6.30pm	WORSHIP SERVICES Steve Piggott + Communion John Polson
Monday	7th	10.30am	Little Verse - Rehoboth
Tuesday	8th	2.30pm	Afternoon Fellowship
Wednesday	9th	10.30am 8.00pm	Gillett House Service Prayer & Bible Study : 165 Tanbridge Park
Friday	11th	10.30am 8.00pm	WAM Barrington House, Barrington Rd Pathfinders & HighWay
Saturday	12th	8.30am	Men's Breakfast - Matt Norgate (Int' Needs)
SUNDAY	13th	10.30am 6.30pm	WORSHIP SERVICES Steve Piggott Steve Piggott
Monday	14th	10.30am	Little Verse—Rehoboth
Wednesday	16th	8.00pm	Prayer & Bible Study : Little Bridges Close, Southwater
Thursday	17th	7.45pm	District Prayer Meeting, Streatham
Friday	18th	10.30am 8.00pm	WAM 40 Heron Way Pathfinders
Saturday	19th	8.30am	Early Prayer
SUNDAY	20th	10.30am 6.30pm	WORSHIP SERVICES Kevin Borrett David Piggott + Communion
Monday	21st	10.30am	Little Verse—Rehoboth
Wednesday	19th	8.00pm	Prayer & Bible Study : 30 Cambridge Road

Friday	21st	10.00am 8.00pm	WAM : 8 Uppark Gardens Pathfinders & HighWay
Saturday	26th	8.30am	Early Prayer
SUNDAY	27th	10.30am 6.30pm	WORSHIP SERVICES Trevor Dickerson Trevor Dickerson
Monday	28th	10.30am	Little Verse—Rehoboth
Tuesday	29th	2.30pm	Afternoon Fellowship
Wednesday	30th	8.00pm	Prayer & Bible Study : 186 New Street

Preaching out this month

- 6th D Ansell - Chartwood
- 13th D Ansell - Rudgwick am
A Cooke -Slinfold pm
- 27th A Cooke - Chartwood pm



Please advise Steve or Elspeth of any future preaching out dates by the 25th of each month for the month ahead.

Praying and caring for the Community

Roads for prayer this month - Oxford Road & Clarence Road

Church Fellowship Day March 1st Pilgrim Hall

***Theme: Strangers in a Foreign Land
Booking Details out this month—Don't miss out***

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

Afternoon Fellowship

This group meets fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons at 2.30pm.

For further information phone 01403 263397

Little Verse

For parents with babies or toddlers. Meets Monday mornings at 10am. Singing & action songs followed by coffee or tea and chat

For further information phone 01403 255055

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 every first Friday of the month.

For further information phone 01403 256525

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