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**Newsletter  
June 2007**



**“If you believe, you  
will receive what-  
ever you ask for in  
prayer.”**

**Matthew 21 v 22**

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## Moving Mountains

*“Have faith in God,” Jesus answered. “I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. Mark 11:22,23.*

If we're honest, we're not generally in the habit of moving mountains into the sea, are we? Oh, of course, through modern engineering amazing feats can be achieved in the way of carving roads and railways through mountains and even reclaiming land from the sea.

But how good are we at moving spiritually mountainous obstacles in our lives that keep us from honouring and obeying God? May I ask you to stop a moment and reflect on what mountain is a problem in your life – that is assuming you do want to get closer to your Lord. Maybe you've not yet recognised it as a mountain, an obstruction on your spiritual road. Sinful attitudes, desires, habits can seem very attractive – believe me, I know – but they need to be acknowledged as the obstacles they are.

What prompted me to think on this theme this month was a song that came to mind by Ray Hildebrand. I heard it years ago. It spoke to me then; it spoke to me again today. You really need to hear it sung, but here are the words (can't trace copyright, I'm afraid):

Forgive me of my many sins,  
I'll name just a few:  
I've spent much too much of my time  
not thinkin' 'bout You,  
I spend way too much of my day  
thinkin' 'bout me, yes I do,

And not till I've tried it and failed  
do I fall on my knees.

Lord, there's a mountain over there;  
And I ain't got the faith to move it;  
Lord, there's a mountain over there;  
That mountain is me.

Forgive me for over-ambition  
and moaning too much,  
I just can't control my pride  
for living and such,  
It's so easy to compromise your  
teaching to me, yes it is,  
And not till I've tried it and failed  
do I fall on my knees.

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And I ain't got the faith to move it;  
Lord, there's a mountain over there;  
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The disciples asked Jesus, “Give us more faith”. Are you struggling to live your life as you know Jesus would want? Take heart. While acknowledgement of your sin, followed by repentance is needed first, Jesus did say, “If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.

It was G K Chesterton who wrote to The Times in response to someone asking what was wrong with the world, ‘Dear Sir, What's wrong with the world? I am’. I have to agree – there's a mountain over there, and that mountain is me. Do you see it that way?

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*See page 4 where we continue the mountain theme*

*Fellowship news* - Please pray for families in the fellowship particularly those with special needs just now.

Andrew & Rachel Cooke and family have now moved into Barrington House, Barrington Road, Horsham RH13 5SN. We wish them well as they settle in.

Please continue to pray for the ongoing negotiations with Saxon Weald regarding access for our planned car park.

### *Praying and caring for the Community*

May we continue to pray for those living in the roads and streets around us at Rehoboth. During June, we are focusing prayer on:

***Cambridge Road and Devonshire Road***

### ***Jesus said...***

*I, when I am lifted up from the earth will draw all men to myself John 12 : 32*

There are 3 great and awesome occasions when Jesus was lifted up—The Cross, The Resurrection and the Ascension.

But there is a 4th way in which Jesus can still be lifted up. As we share the message of the risen and glorified Lord we “Lift Jesus High”. What a marvellous way to celebrate his unique victory over death and sin.

(from Living Light—free issues of Daily Devotional from Nationwide Christian Trust, Mulberry House, Chelmsford Road, High Ongar, CM5 9NL)

**In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord**

**1 Peter 3:15**

## Mammoth Mountain

This year Bethan, Kinza, Joe, Ben and I attended the Easter Sunday service on Mammoth Mountain in California. The service was held by Sierra Resort Ministries at McCoy station which is the mid way point for the gondola ride to the summit at 11,053 feet. The service was well attended by around 100 people who took a break from their skiing or boarding to praise God for the resurrection of Jesus in singing well known songs such as 'Light of the world' and listening to the message from the pastor of the local church in Mammoth Lakes village.

The people of Mammoth Lakes church take the gospel to the people on the local mountains in summer and winter. They don't wait for them to come into their church.

**By Simon Mason**

*Picnic and Praise*

*2007*



*We have another opportunity in June to share what the Lord means to us with Praise in the Park on 24th June. We shall be having a picnic in New Street Gardens followed by a Songs of Praise style service. Please pray for this event and if you'd like to help then please contact Simon Mason 01403 256722.*



## University Life—London to Beijing!

Last September I started a 3 year law degree at University College London (UCL), and have just finished my first year exams, this year I've studied Contract law, Property law, Public law and looked at other Legal Systems around the World. I've really enjoyed the course so far, and have met some lovely people.

Most Sunday evenings I go to Holy Trinity Brompton Church (HTB) in Knightsbridge. About a year before I started university me and a few others ended up there one evening when we couldn't get into another church concert in London, which I think God had a part in, I wouldn't have known about it this year otherwise! Tim Hughes leads the worship there, it's great being led in worship by the guy that wrote the songs! I've really enjoyed the ministry too, they have a lot of very interesting visiting speakers, and the minister there is the man who created the Alpha course. Out of the 10 people in my corridor 5 of us are Christians, the guy I live next to actually comes to HTB as well, it's been nice having people to talk to, and I've also been able to talk quite a lot to my other friends at university about my faith.

I've now got 5 months summer holiday before starting my second year, and am spending July in China volunteering at a university in Beijing, after what David Piggott mentioned the other Sunday about the breakthrough with Gideon bibles, and after reading 'The Heavenly Man', it will be interesting to see what the Church in China is like.

*By Kinza Mason*

## Congratulations...



... to Matt and Heidi Steel upon the safe arrival of their son Isaac Peter Robert at 3.20am on Thursday 10th May 2007.

May the Lord bless and keep this young family.

**Sons are a heritage  
from the Lord  
Psalm 127:3**

## JUNE CALENDAR

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>10.30am 6.30pm 6.30pm</b>	<b>173rd Church Anniversary (Communion AM) Jim Harris (Ringwood) AM + PM Bryce Lodge Service</b>
Wednesday	6th	8.00pm	Prayer & Bible Study : Littlehaven Cottage
Thursday	7th	10.00-12.30	OPEN HOUSE : Rehoboth
Friday	8th	10.00am 8.00pm	WAM Coffee : 40 Heron Way Pathfinders / HighWay
Saturday	9th	8.30am	Early Prayer Meeting : Rehoboth
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>10.30am 6.30pm</b>	<b>Steve Piggott David Piggott</b>
Tuesday	12th	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship : Sheila Humphrey
Wednesday	13th	10.30am 8.00pm	Gillett House Service Prayer & Bible Study : 18 Swan Close, Southwater
Thursday	14th	10.00-12.30	OPEN HOUSE : Rehoboth
Friday	15th	10.00am 8.00pm	WAM Bible Study : 8 Uppark Gardens Pathfinders / HighWay
Saturday	16th	8.30am	Early Prayer Meeting : Rehoboth
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>17th</b>	<b>10.30am 6.30pm</b>	<b>Steve Piggott David Ansell + Communion</b>
Wednesday	20th	<b>10.30am 6.30pm</b>	Greenways Service Prayer & Bible Study : 165 Tanbridge Park
Thursday	21st	10.00-12.30	OPEN HOUSE : Rehoboth
Friday	22nd	10.00am 8.00pm	WAM Coffee : 18 Swan Close, Southwater Pathfinders / HighWay
Saturday	23rd	8.30am	Early Prayer Meeting : Rehoboth
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>24th</b>	<b>10.30am 4.30pm</b>	<b>Stuart Beadle Picnic &amp; Praise in the New Street Garden (no evening service at church)</b>

Tuesday	26th	2.30m	Tuesday Fellowship : David Sayers
Wednesday	27th	8.00pm	Prayer & Bible Study : 18 Robinswood Court, Rusper Road
Thursday	28th	10.00-12.30	OPEN HOUSE : Rehoboth
Friday	29th	10.00am 11.00am 8.00pm	WAM Bible Study : 9 Macleod Road Page Court Service Pathfinders / HighWay
Saturday	30th	8.30am	Early Prayer Meeting : Rehoboth
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>1st July</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>6.30pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Steve Piggott + Communion</b> <b>Kevin Borrett</b> <b>Bryce Lodge Service</b>

## Preaching out this month

(as advised by 31.05.07)

- 3rd** : Dave Ansell— Charlwood  
**10th** : Steve Piggott—Dorking PM  
**17th** : Steve Piggott—Dorking PM  
**24th** : Dave Ansell— Rudgwick Chapel AM



*And please remember in prayer each week those who are leading our own services. Pray that God would speak into our hearts and that we each may respond.*

## CHURCHES ON THE ASSOCIATION PRAYER DIARY

**3rd WANDSWORTH (R Pountney)**

**10th KING'S LANGLEY** Praise God for generous gifts for His work and for the appointment of a Pastoral worker. Pray that God will bless a book table at the local Carnival on 23 June.

**17th SOUTHEND (R Ninnis)** Thankful that a good sense of unity prevails, prayer fully considering more outreach this summer. Elder's son converted - Praise God!

**24th THAMESMEAD** Sunday morning attendance is still encouraging. Our need for pastoral leadership and others to help with the work is ever more pressing.

**ASSOCIATION OF GRACE BAPTIST CHURCHES: EAST ANGLIA** Please pray that the Lord will send pastors to 9 of our churches at present seeking His will in this respect. Please pray for the preparations for Beach Missions.



## **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**

### **Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship**

This group meets fortnightly on 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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