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**In humility count others  
more significant than  
yourselves.  
Philippians 2:3(ESV)**

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## You are Special

It's wonderful how God works to encourage us, isn't it?

I recently had a booking to lead an assembly at a local infants' school. We were away for a few days, coming home the morning of the day I was to visit in the afternoon. Thus while away, what subject I should take — with music and story — was much on my mind. I'd thought of one or two things I could include in the 20 mins. at my disposal, including a humorous comment about my teeth, or lack of them — even singing somewhat belatedly 'All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth!' But I was not sure how to apply a spiritual thought. Sandra suggested reading a story she had in a book with pictures entitled '**You are Special**' by Max Lucado. We prayed about it and, on arrival home I quickly checked the story through and decided to use it. The thought was of how special we each are to God our Creator.

I walked into the school hall, made my way to the piano and there beside it was a whiteboard on an easel. Across the top of the board the words had been written, **You are Special**. I gasped, 'Thank you, Lord for an amazing confirmation'. I asked the teacher, 'Are you talking about this at the moment?'. 'Yes' she said, 'it's our theme for the term. Each child is special in their own particular way.' They were dealing with how the children should view each other and interact.

I just praised God for his guidance and encouragement.

When it comes to interacting as Christians in our church environment, perhaps we all need to learn something similar to what those children were hearing. Not that our relationships in Rehoboth are generally strained or problematical. But the fact is **you and I are special**. We are certainly special in the eyes of our loving heavenly Father who chose us out of the world. Therefore how much more should we, in every thought or word with, or about someone else in the Fellowship, remember that they are **special**. If they're special to God, they must be special to us. And you treat special people in a special way.

God said to his people Israel as they were about to enter the Promised Land, 'The Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a **special** people unto himself.' (Deuteronomy 7: 6 KJV). That word 'special' in its original Hebrew has the thought of treasure. Thus the NIV translates the verse: 'The Lord your God has chosen you ... to be his people, his **treasured possession**'. While the NKJV employs both words: 'The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for himself, a special treasure ...'

Let's remember that that's how the Lord views us today—1 Peter 2:9 NKJV 'You are ... **his own special people**'. That's us—you and me.

This month sees our Annual General Church Members' Meeting, with information to be prayed over, important decisions to make, officers to be voted upon. Let's remember, each one is special to us — and it will be reflected in all we say and decide.

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## Fellowship News:

Please continue to remember **Rosetta Myers** and her family in your prayers.

**John Howbery-Gale**'s wrist is slowly improving after his fall. Do pray for him that he will get full use of it back very soon.

We do continue to pray for those who are out of paid employment at present, or who face an uncertain future in their jobs.

It's good to have **Andrew Smith** undertaking a three week series on the 1st two chapters on Sunday mornings, 1st, 8th & 15th of March. Andrew, Pat Smith's son, & of course, Wendy's brother, grew up here at Rehoboth and is now an elder at Dorking Baptist Chapel.

**March 7th** The day commences with a Men's Breakfast and follows with a day of spring cleaning of the church. While the breakfast is perhaps just for men, everyone is welcome to assist in the refreshing of the fabric of the building. Please contact Andrew Cooke for further details.

## **CHURCHES FOR PRAYER IN THE AGBC(SE)**

### **01 WEST HAM (R Danladi)**

### **08 GRACE BAPTIST WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION**

An excellent conference took place in November with 218 women keen to hear God's word. Pray that we would become women of Grace as we work together for GBWA!

### **15 HOMERTON (S Richards)**

We Praise God for his continued goodness to us, those who have been unwell are showing real signs of improvement. The numbers at our morning service have been increasing with the average age dropping. Pray for our young people that they may stand firm in the Lord; also for those who lost their jobs as a result of the current economic problems.

### **22 LEYTON**

We thank God that our mid-week outreach activities are well attended and pray that these contacts will lead to conversions. The need for a pastor is a matter for prayer.

### **29 CLAPHAM (J Gardner)**

*To him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine,  
according to his power that is at work within us, be glory.*

Ephesians 3:20,21

## A Testimony from Sandra Piggott

*J. Piper in 'his book 'Future Grace' writes:*

*"God's grace reaches back into eternity, and every step of the way leading to this moment has been a moment of grace. My election is by grace; my predestination is by grace; my effectual calling is by grace; and because of all this glorious bygone grace, I may now, with tremendous confidence stand in the great halls of Romans 8: 28 and live in the freedom, love and righteousness that comes through faith in future grace, that God will cause all things to work together for my good."*



So I marvel, that before I was born — God knew me, and I wonder at his faithfulness in going before and designing my journey. He has, and is, taking me along pathways he already knew I would have to follow. From early childhood and through Sunday School days, through into teenage years he led me, although I was not fully aware of it until November 5th 1958. It was on that day that I was convicted, convinced and captivated by the realization that Jesus had given his life for me. I knew in that moment that I was a sinner, but was forgiven, redeemed and eternally loved.

The journey continued - on to college, a teaching career, musical experiences, marriage and a family - a journey with many joys, laughter, some sadness and above all, love, marked by the devotion of a godly, gentle husband, Chris, for 37 years, and the gift of two lovely children, Rachel and Jonathan, and subsequent grandchildren.

However, on May 10th, 2005 my world was rocked— Chris died suddenly and unexpectedly. Nothing had prepared me for this parting, to be followed 2 months later on the 4th July with the passing of my beloved mother. Yet even through the sadness and grief my Saviour became more real, more precious, more intimate. For it is in brokenness he shines, and the Man of Sorrows comes to stay and always stays.

In 2006 another chapter opened in my journey - this time leading me from Stony Stratford, where we had lived for all our married life, to Tilehurst, Reading. All the while I claimed the promise from Jeremiah

29: 11-14 of a hope and a future. I found the fellowship and support of Carey Baptist Church in Reading another indication of my magnificent Saviour's care and unconditional love for me.

Then another dramatic event occurred—the diagnosis and subsequent death from cancer of my much loved son in law, Paul in July 2008. We now had two widows in one family, but yet again God was faithful, just and his compassion never failed.

So now to this moment of grace, here at Rehoboth. A new beginning—marriage to Steve, unexpected but wonderful; A new role as a pastor's wife; new home and an extended family; a new church and new friends.

I marvel, therefore, at God's unfailing love and his grace. When I have wandered, he has steered me back; when I have doubted (and I have), he has reassured me; when I've been weak, he has been my strength.

I know that when the Morning comes, I will see his smile, but until then I know that he delights in me and I in him. *'... when Jesus Christ is revealed, though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. 1 Peter 1: 7b-9* Sandra

### **Maria Amoako**

David Chapman of the AGBC(SE) writes that, Maria Amoako has accepted an invitation to work with our Home Mission team for one year, based in Highbury. Maria has recently moved back to the UK and needs some furniture for her flat. She was moving in on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February and the team is in need of furniture:

A fridge with freezer compartment; washing machine; microwave; 1 or 2 beds, preferably double beds; 1 or 2 two door wardrobes with hanging rail; chest of drawers; desk, sofa and arm chair; dining table & chairs; coffee table; bookshelves.

Things like pots and pans, cutlery plates, duvet, duvet covers pillows and pillowcases are less expensive and may have already been obtained, but any decent quality ones would be appreciated.

If you can help please email Maria at [mariaamoako@hotmail.com](mailto:mariaamoako@hotmail.com)

## MARCH CALENDAR

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>4:30pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICES</b> <b>Andrew Smith (Dorking) + Communion</b> <b>Service at Horsham Hospital (arrive 4:15)</b> <b>Stuart Beadle</b>
Monday	2nd	10.30am	Little Verse & Little Verse 2
Tuesday	3rd	2:30pm	Afternoon Fellowship—Christina Willis
Wednesday	4th	10.30am 8.00pm	Gillette House Service Annual Church Members Meeting
Thursday	5th	8.00pm	Banner Group
Friday	6th	10.00am 8.00pm	WAM Bible Study— 8 Uppark Gardens Pathfinders
Saturday	7th	8.30am	Men's Breakfast—Stuart Beadle <b>Church Spring Clean Day</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>6.30pm</b> <b>8.00pm</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICES</b> <b>Andrew Smith</b> <b>Kevin Borrett</b> <b>Outreach UK Prayer meeting</b>
Monday	9th	10.30am	Little Verse & Little Verse 2
Wednesday	11th	8.00pm	Prayer & Bible Study: 165 Tanbridge Park
Friday	13th	10.00am 8.00pm	WAM Coffee 54 Blakesfarm Road, Southwater Pathfinders
Saturday	14th	8.30am	Early Prayer led by Steve Piggott
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>15th</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>6:30am</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICES</b> <b>Andrew Smith</b> <b>Steve Piggott + communion</b>
Monday	16th	10.30am	Little Verse & Little Verse 2
Tuesday	17th	2.30pm	Afternoon Fellowship—David Piggott

Wednesday	18th	11.00am 8.00pm	Mill River Lodge Service Prayer & Bible Study—16 Little Bridges Close, Southwater
Friday	20th	10.00am 8.00pm	WAM Bible Study— 18 Swan Close Pathfinders
Saturday	21st	9.45am	<b>Church Day At Pilgrim Hall</b> (with Trevor Dickerson)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22nd</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>MOTHERING SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES</b> <b>Trevor Dickerson</b> <b>Steve Piggott</b>
Monday	23rd	10.30am	Little Verse & Little Verse 2
Tuesday	24th	8:00pm	Church Action Group—Rehoboth
Wednesday	25th	8.00pm	Prayer & Bible Study - Littlehaven Cottage
Friday	27th	10:00am 11.00am 8.00pm	WAM Coffee 70 Blackbridge Lane Page Court Service Pathfinders
Saturday	28th	8.30am	Early Prayer led by Stuart Beadle
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29th</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICES</b> <b>Steve Piggott</b> <b>Simon Mason</b>
Monday	30th	10:30am	Little Verse & Little Verse 2
Tuesday	31st	2:30pm	Afternoon Fellowship—Bob Davey

### **Preaching out this month**

8th Steve Piggott - Fetcham pm

Please remember Sandra Piggott who is speaking at 'Ladies at 10' at Carey Baptist, Reading on Monday 2nd.

**Praying and caring for the Community. Roads for prayer:**  
**Arthur Road & Bedford Road**



## **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, usually 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 & Little Verse 2**

For parents with babies or toddlers. Meets Monday mornings at 10:30am. 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**

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