

SUMMER 2010 Teaching Programme

SHARING THE STORY, PAYING THE PRICE? In March a Glasgow Christian was arrested whilst street preaching. He was charged with breaching the peace and inciting religious hatred, and fined £1000. What Paul experienced as he took the gospel from Jerusalem to Rome - and what many brothers and sisters around the world experience daily - was somewhat worse. Numerous beatings, attempts on his life, imprisonments, trials and a shipwreck were Paul's human reward for taking seriously Christ's commission to preach the good news of the resurrection. As we remember the amazing trials of this pioneering apostle, will we be willing to pay the price for sharing the story?

'TEACH US TO PRAY,' the disciples asked Jesus, and he gave them a prayer-pattern. The prayers of others can teach us lots about both how to pray and what to pray for. Most of know we should pray, but can easily find ourselves long on lists and short on inspiration. In this series we'll look at five biblical patterns that will teach us more about how to pray.

EZEKIEL Revealing God's character God's throne moving from place to place on wheels? An army of skeletons brought back to life? Just two in a series of strange visions that God gave to his prophet Ezekiel. But nothing from God is without purpose, and it is through these visions that Ezekiel finds answers to some of the day's most perplexing questions. Where was God when they most needed him? Was their situation beyond hope? Does God really intervene in the affairs of people and nations? Ezekiel addresses these strikingly contemporary cries by reminding us of the character of our awesome God.

WHY TRUST THE BIBLE? 'You can't believe that old book! It's full of contradictions and mistakes, and people just make it say whatever they want!' How can we have confidence in the Bible as the word of God? Can we really base our lives upon an ancient text? In this evening series we'll look at the evidence for the reliability of the Bible and consider how the message of Christ has transformed lives throughout history.

KINGDOM STORIES The parables are amongst the Bible's best-known bits. Their lessons and images are embedded in everyday culture, from 'being a Good Samaritan' to 'the return of the prodigal'. Jesus told many of these stories to describe the kingdom of God, and their lessons are revolutionary, inspiring and challenging. In this series we'll take a look at five parables from the gospel of Matthew and see afresh the heart of the story and its meaning for our lives, our church and our world.

ANGELS AND DEMONS Sometimes it seems that every other TV show features someone or something angelic, undead or possessed. What lies behind our culture's continuing fascination with the supernatural, and with angels and demons in particular? What does the Bible say about where they come from, why they're here and what they do? What differences should being aware of them make to our everyday lives? And what can we learn from some of the Bible stories in which they feature?

What's on at Belmont this Summer?

CHRISTIANITY DISCUSSION GROUP

Want to find out more about God and the Bible? This course is run by knowledgeable, encouraging leaders in a friendly and relaxing environment. You can ask many questions, or just sit back and listen—whatever you feel comfortable with. Coming to the group has been instrumental in helping me make the best decision of my life—to put my faith and trust in God. (Steve Davis) The first meeting of the summer group is on **Tues 11 May, 7.30pm** and the final meeting is on **Tues 29 June**. The evenings are friendly and relaxed and start with an optional meal at 7pm. Please contact Kathy Browne in the Office on 01392 258029 or email: office@belmont.eclipse.co.uk if you'd like to come, or sign the sheet on the Welcome Desk.

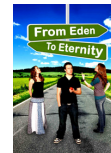


PARENTING COURSE For parents of children aged 0-6 years an eight-week course starting on **Mon 10 May, 7.30pm**.

PICNIC IN THE PARK Sun 2 May Celebrate the coming of spring with a great picnic in Belmont Park after the morning services. Please bring your own picnic and outdoor games!

WAY 2 MEMBERSHIP COURSE Two short sessions during the 9.30 service on **Sun 9 May** and **Sun 30 May**.

FROM EDEN TO ETERNITY Tues 11 May, 7.30pm The Bible in an hour brought to life on stage by Saltmine Theatre Company. Tragedy and tears, music and mirth, serpents and salvation! A great evening for all ages!



GO GLOBAL Sat 22 May, 10am-4pm A day conference at Belmont for everyone wanting to see how they can be part of God blessing his world. Speakers include Jonathan Lamb + seminars + experts.

BAPTISM SUNDAY Sun 13 June (morning) Baptism is the key way we declare that we're serious about following Jesus. If you'd like to be baptised, please contact Derek Burnside in the Office.

WELCOME LUNCH Sun 13 June If you're new (or newish) to Belmont come to the Welcome Lunch after the morning service.

CHURCH MEETING Wed 30 June, 7.30pm

HOLIDAY CLUB Mon 26 to Fri 30 July, mornings Roll up ... roll up ... for Belmont's BIG TOP Holiday Club. For 0s-5s and 5s-11s.

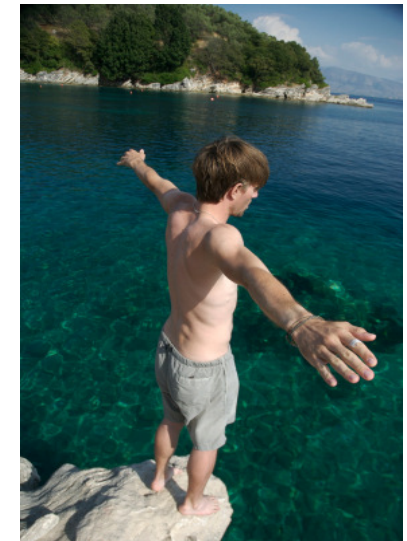


CHURCH PICNIC Sun 29 August After the morning service—a great chance to catch up with each other after the summer break. Bring your own picnic and meet at Haytor. More details in summer Focus.

For details about any of the above activities, please contact Kathy Browne in the Office (see front page).



Belmont Chapel SUMMER PROGRAMME 2010



*Short time or long—
I pray to God that all
who are listening to me
today may
become what I am—
a Christian.*

Acts 26:29

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Morning Services 9.30am & 11.15am


Except where noted

11 April Family Communion	Sharing the story, paying the price? <i>'There may be trouble ahead'</i> Acts 21:1-26 Derek Burnside
18 April	Acts: 'Sharing the story, paying the price' Acts 21:27—22:29 John Allan
25 April	Acts: 'Facing the opposition' Acts 22:30—23:35 John Allan
2 May Communion	Acts: 'Felix the undecided' Acts 24:1-27 John Allan
9 May Family Communion	Acts: 'Making a stand' Acts 25:1-27 Derek Burnside
16 May	Acts: 'Before Agrippa' Acts 25:23—26:32 John Allan
23 May	Acts: 'Shipwrecked' Acts 27:1-44 Jonathan Lamb
30 May Communion Way 2:2	Acts: 'Miracles on Malta' Acts 28:1-16 Derek Burnside
6 June Family Communion	Acts: 'Freedom in Chains' Acts 28:17-31 Derek Burnside
13 June	BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY John Allan
20 June Communion	Teach us to pray: 'When you pray' Luke 11:1-13 Ruth Flanagan
27 June Communion	Teach us to pray: 'Pray for other churches' 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Clive Hughes
4 July	Teach us to pray: 'Pray in God's sovereignty' Ephesians 1:13-23 Paul Webber
11 July Family Communion	Teach us to pray: 'Pray to know Christ's power' Ephesians 3:14-21 Pam Cousins
18 July Communion	Teach us to pray: 'Pray for God's workers' Romans 15:9-33 Jonny Baker
25 July 10am	HOLIDAY CLUB LAUNCH All-Age Service
1 August 10am	HOLIDAY CLUB CELEBRATION All-Age Service
8 August 10am Communion	'God reveals himself' Ezekiel 1-3 Nick Goldsworthy
15 August 10am Family Communion	'God holds us accountable' Ezekiel 18 Nick Goldsworthy
22 August 10am	'God promises to bless' Ezekiel 34 Nick Goldsworthy
29 August 10am Family Communion	'God gives new life' Ezekiel 37 Nick Goldsworthy

10AM Alternative

The 10AM Alternative is designed for people with little knowledge or experience of church. It's an opportunity to discuss the issues of the day and see what Christians think. This term's series is called 'Could I just ask?'



Sun 20 June	 <p>'COULD I JUST ASK?' A chance to explore in depth with John Allan some of the basic issues surrounding Christianity which are argued about today. The content will be determined by the group which will be limited in size to facilitate good discussion. <i>More details in Focus.</i></p>
Sun 27 June	
Sun 4 July	
Sun 11 July	
Sun 18 July	

Belmont Home Groups

Home groups are centres of love, care, learning and fellowship. They're the main way to enjoy a sense of belonging to the church family, rather than just being a face in the crowd. Home groups meet every fortnight on Monday and Wednesday evenings and there is also a Wednesday daytime group. We encourage everyone who comes to Belmont regularly to join a home group for Bible study, prayer and friendship. If you would like to find out more about joining a group, please contact Kathy Browne in the Office. Home groups will be meeting on the following weeks this term.



19/21 April SLOBS 11/4	Sharing the story, paying the price Acts 21:27—22:29
3/5 May SLOBS 25/4	Felix the undecided Acts 24:1-27
17/19 May SLOBS 9/5	Before Agrippa Acts 25:23—26:32
7/9 June SLOBS 30/5	Freedom in chains Acts 28:17-31
21/23 June NO SLOBS	Welcoming: rethinking our approach
5/7 July SLOBS 27/6	When you pray Luke 11:1-13
19/21 July SLOBS 11/7	Praying within God's plan Ephesians 1:13-23

Evening Service 6.30pm

11 April SLOBS	Hebrews: Just Jesus Derek Burnside Jesus: Our Focus now Hebrews 12:1-29
18 April Communion	Hebrews: Just Jesus Derek Burnside Jesus: Our great Shepherd Hebrews 13:1-25
25 April Communion SLOBS	Hebrews: Just Jesus Derek Burnside Just Jesus? Summary and conclusion
2 May	NO EVENING SERVICE
9 May SLOBS	Why trust the Bible? 'The evidence of witnesses' 1 Corinthians 15 John Allan
16 May Communion	Why trust the Bible? 'The fulfilled story' 2 Peter 1 John Allan
23 May Communion	Why trust the Bible? 'The right measure' 2 Timothy 3 Nick Goldsworthy
30 May SLOBS	Why trust the Bible? 'The solid foundation' 2 Timothy 1:11-13 Paul Webber
6 June	Why trust the Bible? 'Going to work' Ephesians 6:16—20 & Hebrews 4:12-16 Derek Burnside
13 June Communion	PRAYER & TESTIMONY EVENING SLOBS
20 June	Kingdom Stories: 'A Vineyard' Matthew 20:1-16 Adrian Rushworth
27 June SLOBS	Kingdom Stories: 'Treasure' Matthew 13:44-46 Hannah Richards
4 July Communion	Kingdom Stories: 'Banquet' Matthew 22:1-14 Derek Burnside
11 July SLOBS	Kingdom Stories: 'Wedding Day' Matthew 25:1-13 Dave Pegg
18 July	Kingdom Stories: 'Talents' Matthew 25:14-30 John Campbell
25 July Communion	Angels and Demons: Introduction John Allan
1 August Communion	Angels and Demons: 'Angels in heaven' Adrian Bailey
8 August	Angels and Demons: 'Angels on earth'
15 August	Angels and Demons: 'What demons want'
22 August Communion	Angels and Demons: 'Fighting demons today' Derek Burnside
29 August	NO EVENING SERVICE