



GRAPEVINE

FEBRUARY 22 2009

Our destiny is in God, our hope is in Christ Jesus, our inspiration is through the Holy Spirit and our guidebook is the Bible.

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A very warm welcome to you all. If you are visiting Torre del Mar Church for the first time, please make yourself known to Jacki, our minister, or a member of the congregation. You are very welcome to stay for coffee and a chat after the service.



Each week please pray for our Church Officers. Pray for our sponsored

children Angel Adrian, Bernadette, Alemneshe, Keru, Ian and Subash. Pray for our outreach and mission in 2008 and for our church witness.. Ask that God would open a door for our love and our message. For private prayer or a home visit, please contact : Rev. J. Hartsmith Foy, Minister Tel. 95 2532825

Minister's day

off: **MONDAY.** Emergency calls only please.



Bible Study this Thursday at 11.00 TORROX PARK everyone welcome. Starts at 11.00 SEE OPPOSITE---

SPIRITUAL HEALTH

At first glance the reading today in Mark 2:1-12 seems to be more about faith than about health; More about a breakthrough in faith than a breakthrough in health. But as we read, we see it is also about the restoration to spiritual health that comes about as we reach out to Jesus.



The recognition that human health can only be restored by the healing grace of Jesus Christ drives the paralytic's helpers to dig up the roof. And once we ourselves have the same recognition we begin to reach out for the healing available in Jesus Christ with the same eagerness and determination. When we come to know what human well-being means and when we come to recognise how profoundly we fall short of it, we begin to thirst for the healing grace that God offers us in Christ. Then we begin to speak with longing and hope the words of the psalmist:

As for me I said, 'Lord have mercy on me, Heal my soul for I have sinned against you.'
If you uphold me I shall be unharmed
And set in your presence for evermore. Amen

VERSE OF THE WEEK: When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son your sins are forgiven." Mark 2:5



Preaching today: Rev. J. Hartsmith Foy "Breakthrough In Faith"

COMMUNION SERVICES THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH WE SHARE COMMUNION WITH ALL WHO LOVE JESUS CHRIST AND CONFESS HIM AS LORD. IT IS THE TABLE NOT OF THE CHURCH, BUT OF THE LORD, OPEN TO ALL WHO LOVE HIM. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE WHETHER YOU CAN JOIN US IN COMMUNION, PLEASE HAVE A CHAT WITH OUR MINISTER, Rev. JACKI HARTSMITH FOY. Next

Communion Service will be on Sunday MARCH 01 2009 at 11.30.



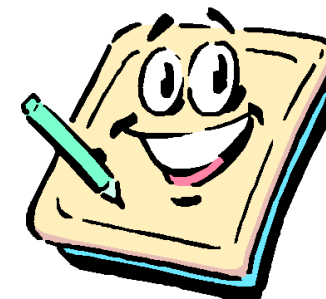
UPCOMING DATES FOR MARCH:

MARCH 6TH WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER at LUX MUNDI

MARCH 12 AT 7PM AT THE RESTAURANT EL PINO SONGS OF PRAISE EVENING

MARCH 13 CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 11AM IN THE CHURCH FLAT.

PLEASE NOTE YOUR DIARY. .



This week we say goodbye to ANDREW AND SHELAGH HENDERSON who are returning home to England after six months with us. We can't believe how quickly that time has flown! We have benefitted so much from their ministry and unstinting help. We wish them every blessing now that their house has been completed. We look forward to seeing them again in the not too distant future. Please remember Andrew and Shelagh and the Weybourne Baptist Church in your prayers. We will share a celebratory lunch with them and wish them a last goodbye at the special meeting at Torrox Park this Thursday, see below, everyone welcome.



PLEASE NOTE THIS THURSDAY 26TH FEBRUARY: OUR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MEETING will be held on Thursday 26th at LIVINGSTONES

Restaurant, Torrox Park. This is a "dry run" to determine how best to use the premises, see what is there, and what we need, ask God to bless the place and bless us as we seek to serve him. We will be talking about "New Beginnings".

Please do come along and help us to set up this important new outreach for Torrox Park. Time 11.00 SHARP please. Venue: EL PINO Restaurant for coffee then we will go over to Livingstones for our meeting followed by tapas lunch.



BREAKTHROUGH IN FAITH

MARK 2:1-12

In today's gospel reading a paralytic is brought to Jesus for healing. The faith of those who bring him and their eagerness is manifest as they dig up the roof to get past the crowd who are blocking their way. But instead of restoring the man to bodily health Jesus does something that seems to us to be very odd. He tells the man that his sins are forgiven.



Only a bit later on, as the scribes begin to accuse him of blasphemy, does Jesus command the man to get up and walk, giving him back the use of his limbs.

Jesus is the best of all doctors and he offers us the fullness of human healing and human health in all the actions and words of his life. And in forgiving the man's sins he is doing what a good doctor does: he identifies the underlying cause behind the symptom of paralysis. The cause is human sin.

In the Bible there is often a tendency to see the physical misfortunes of a person as being the direct result of wrongs that person has done. Jesus does not confirm this idea as such, but he does point to the more fundamental truth lying behind it: that human life, as we experience it, is dislocated from God and as a result falls short of the human well-being that God wants for us. This dislocation is what we name as sin, whether or not any individual is personally blameworthy for it.

This is something we should take very seriously. The recognition that our human health can only be restored through the healing grace of Jesus Christ should fill us with the same eagerness that the paralytic's helpers show. But for this to happen we have to know what human health is. And this something that God's teaching tells us. Human beings have human health insofar as they come to make real the great two-fold commandment of love of God and love of neighbour (Luke 10:25-28).

Human well-being consists in our coming to experience the life and love of the Trinity, and which extends out to love of our fellow human beings, just the divine love extends out to all human beings in creation and redemption. [Martin Ganeri O.P. Torch.org](http://www.torredelmarchurch.org)

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TORRE DEL MAR CHURCH GRAPEVINE SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22 2009



Hymns for Today's Service

- 441 **Only By Grace**
- 470 **Praise To The Lord, The Almighty**
- 594 **When I Feel The Touch**
- 316 **Just As I Am**
- 462 **Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**
- 596 **When I Survey The Wondrous Cross**
- 559 **To God Be The Glory**



**Scriptures: Isaiah 53:1-6 ; Mark 2:1-12
Psalm 119:105-112**



SPEAKER: Rev. J. Hartsmith Foy

TITLE: "Breakthrough In Faith"

Music: Mair Martínez

