



# GRAPEVINE

FEBRUARY 15 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.*

**YOUR CHURCH OFFICERS:-** Rev. Jacqueline Hartsmith-Foy, Minister (Tel 00 34 952532825, email:

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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 and Subash. Pray for our outreach and mission in 2009 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 AT THE CHURCH FLAT everyone welcome. Starts at 11.00 SHARP**

## SECURITY Philippeans 4:4-7

Conventional wisdom preaches that security is having enough money invested for a comfortable retirement, enough insurance to cover any calamity, and a home-protection system to ward off would-be vandals or thieves.



All these things are good, but they don't bring real peace of mind and heart. We still lie awake wondering what will happen if the market collapses (which it has) or what we will do if the spot on the X-ray is cancer. According to the passage in Philippeans, the primary result of prayer is not necessarily healing or miraculous provision, but peace.

When you feel anxiety, fear or insecurity, remember Paul's encouragement to "pray about everything."

Trust God to guard your heart and mind with a supernatural and inexplicable peace.

**VERSE OF THE WEEK:** "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." **Philippians 4:6**



This week's speaker: **DAVID NEWELL**

**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 WE PLAN SONGS OF PRAISE EVENING**

**MARCH 13 CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 11AM IN THE CHURCH FLAT. PLEASE NOTE YOUR DIARY. .**



This morning we are pleased to welcome David and Averill Newell. David who will be speaking to us this morning, has been Deacon in two churches and a Church Secretary, so he knows all about hard work! He has also been a Trustee for a Christian Charity working in Romania, where his main interest was supporting Baptist Pastors - quite a challenge. He felt a call to speak in 1985 and was given greater opportunity, especially under the pastorate of Rev Peter Eyre, now Working on Thames Baptist Church. David, and Averill, you are very welcome.



**PLEASE NOTE 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.**



## Reaching Out Vivian Boland Torch Ministries

On the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel is Michelangelo's famous painting of the creation of Adam, in which the outstretched hand of God the Creator almost, but not quite, touches the outstretched hand of Adam. Within that tiny gap between the two fingers is found - so we can imagine - the entire energy of creation, as the One-who-is reaches out to the one-who-is-not so that he might come to be. God said 'let there be', and there was.



In the gospel of Mark, [Mark 1:40-45](#) Jesus reaches out and touches a leper who has asked to be made clean. In that moment when the outstretched hand of Jesus reaches the suffering body of the leper is found - so we can imagine - the entire energy of the new creation, as the Word become flesh reaches out to the one subject to the power of sin and death, so that he might live a new life. Jesus said 'I will, be clean' and the leprosy left him.

In touching the leper Jesus acts scandalously, breaking the laws of Israel. The leper was unclean and must live apart, says the Book of Leviticus, he must live 'outside the camp'. So we can imagine this also, that the hand of Jesus reaching out to touch the leper, reaches out from within the Law, from within the traditions and decency of Israel, from within culture and civilization as human beings succeed in establishing those things. He reaches out from within law, decency and civilization to touch someone who is unclean, dwelling at the margins and even beyond the limits of law, decency and civilization.

In doing this Jesus reveals the radically scandalous truth that God is love. God is not waiting for us to become presentable, to tidy ourselves up, before receiving us back. Saint Paul says that even if we do have all sorts of impressive moral and spiritual achievements to report but are without love then it is of no use to us at all. What proves that God loves us, Paul says elsewhere, is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. God's love comes to touch us while we are still lepers.

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## TORRE DEL MAR CHURCH GRAPEVINE SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15 2009



### Hymns for Today's Service

- ohp Come Now Is The Time
- 393 Morning Has Broken
- 89 Faithful One
- 147 Great Is Thy Faithfulness
- 462 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
- 728 Give Me Oil In My Lamp
- ohp In Christ Alone



**Scriptures: Psalm 89:1-8 ; Genesis 26:1-14  
Philippeans 4:4-20**



**SPEAKER: DAVID NEWELL**

**TITLE: "Christian Prosperity"**

**Music: Shelagh Henderson**

