

New Pastor Selection

Interviews 24th July

The team: Christopher Delbridge (chair), Maureen Easterbrook, Jake Gillespie, Richard Powell, Rose Carter, Jonathan Luker, Steve Allen, Stephen Thomas, Brian Mitchell.

We are going through a period of major transition in our church. There are some things that we do not want to change. In fact we will fight to keep our core values and principles. Believing and living out the Bible, preaching and teaching the whole counsel of God: these are non-negotiable and we will not compromise in these areas. But at the same time we need to move forward; we need to meet people's needs in a way that is relevant and effective. Above all we need to hear what God is saying to us about how we are to serve Him. Throughout the Bible we see that God's method was to raise up leaders who heard his voice and were able to lead the people. Brothers and sisters, it is vital that we have the right man to lead us. Only God's man will do! Please let us be earnest in prayer for the right man to be chosen. Those called to fast should fast. We must all take this seriously. That means giving substantial time to prayer and it means coming together to pray.

Prayer pointers

- Give thanks that God has led us so clearly so far to a good short list with interviews on 24th July
- Pray that God would continue to make clear his will by wisdom and supernatural revelation
- Pray that on the interview day especially God's will would be plain to see and that the team would be unanimous

Following Jesus together...



Dear Church,



Last weekend was truly a "celebration weekend", celebrating the great things God has done over the last 25 years as John and Tessa have ministered among us. It was great to be reminded on Friday evening of the miracles God worked to enable us to buy and to fit out the church and the manse. But what I found most touching were the testimonies of lives transformed. Saturday afternoon and evening were a lot of fun. My abiding memory will be of the way the chairs were all put back in 10 minutes flat by a human chain passing them out from the crèche room: What teamwork! The Sunday services were inspirational. Chris Short's message was just right both to challenge us and to make us appreciate the eternal significance of John and Tessa's work here. John's passionate call to "Fight the good fight of the faith" summed up his ministry and stirred our hearts. At the end John and I looked out from the pulpit over a church full of groups praying fervently for each other. It was a glorious sight!

So what now? Forward! Onward! We have been reminded of what a great God we have. We have been reminded of what a great body of people gather here. Our values and our principles are clear: We are a Christ-Centred, Bible-Believing, People-Loving community, following Jesus together. Now we need the faith and the courage to live that out. There is a battle raging for the souls of men. We are daily faced with the choice of whether to opt out or to engage with that battle. Brothers and sisters let us not be passive, but active for the Kingdom of God! We must engage, first with God, to call down the resources of Heaven, and then with men and women to share the truth of the Gospel and the love of Jesus. It will not be easy. There are battles to come. Let us be like the saints of Revelation 12 who won victory over Satan:

They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

Yours in Christ,
Ian Thompson (Acting pastor)

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Global Day of Prayer

29th September at Wembley Stadium

2.00 – 6.00pm

Cost £10 Plus £1.75 registration

To find out more about this great gathering see

<http://www.globaldayofprayer.com>

Hilarie Blair and Maureen Easterbrook will be going. Contact them on 01579 343931.



UBM (United Beach Missions)

UBM teams will be joining us again this summer. They arrive Saturday 21st July for 3 weeks. They will be staying in the church and working in Looe. Please make them welcome and support them in prayer and in any way you can.

The team will be using the kitchen to prepare meals, so there will be no meal after church on 5th August.

Evening services will be suspended during their visit. They will resume Sunday 12th August.

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Thursday 7.30pm PRAYER in the office. We want to see God working in power to change lives; we know He moves in answer to prayer: so we need to pray! Come and join us on Thursday evenings.

Care & Coffee Third Tuesday of the Month - Next Date is 17th July at 12.30
Contact Rose Crago 01503 240747 to confirm your place or for more details.

Women's Bible Study and Fellowship: The next meeting will be on Thursday 19th July at 1.30pm and will meet every other week. Further details from Chris Tipper, 01579 320804.

Naomi and David Bhadreshwar will be sharing during the service on 22nd July about their work in Lima, Peru.

East Cornwall Christian Rendezvous meets on Friday 27th July at 7.30pm in the Public Hall Liskeard. The preacher is Robert Oliver on Prayer and the Sovereignty of God. For further details speak to John Hollins 01579 349963.

The manse telephone number 01503 240333 will be out of action for about a week after today while accounts are swapped over. After that Archie and Sam Gray will be on that number.

The Rusty Bucket Coffee Shop East Looe - Opportunities for volunteers: We are short of dishwasher volunteers and would value the support of one or two new faces to join us in Looe. You need to be reasonably fit for lifting of crockery laden trays in and out of the commercial dishwasher. Hours most definitely negotiable and we feed and water you too! Contact Paul Penhaligan on 01503 264014 or paul@tresawson.co.uk

Find us on Facebook! If you have a testimony of what God has done for you, or something to share, or a link to something faith-building, send it in to Ian at the office for posting on the site.

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