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Looking ahead



HELLO!



We hope that you find this booklet helpful as we share some things that are taking place this term and focus more fully on our new vision and values. The booklet is intended to be a talking point and provoke discussion and interest so please read it and talk about it with others. Please also join the Eldership in praying through the term ahead and that we above all things honour God with all that we are and have. Please also pray for those who will start or continue in their journey to discovering Jesus.

Our Notice Board on the website will also continue to share key information and events coming up.

OUR VISION AND VALUES

WE EXIST TO MULTIPLY FULLY DEVOTED DISCIPLES OF JESUS

Jesus made it clear to his disciples that they were to **love God with everything** that they were and had i.e. full devotion (Matt.22). After His resurrection He also commissioned them to **make disciples** (Matt 28).

As a church we take these instructions of Jesus seriously and seek to be fully devoted disciples and make and multiply them also.

BIBLE SATURATED



**RELIANT ON THE
SPIRIT**



**EXPECTANT
IN PRAYER**



PEOPLE-FOCUSED



As we seek to be and multiply disciples of Jesus we intentionally seek to be and become more and more like Jesus. We see from the Bible that everything He is and did is soaked in Scripture and following and empowered by the Holy Spirit. When Jesus prays to His Father, He is expectant that He will hear from Him and that His Father not only listens, but will answer. Jesus also, time and time again, chose to notice people and not be so focused on schedules or programmes that they were missed. **We choose as a church to be like Jesus** in these four values.

GATHERINGS AND MAKING DISCIPLES

This term we continue with two Sunday morning gatherings (8:45 and 10:30) with coffee served in between. We also have our Youth Service (Breathe) each Sunday evening.



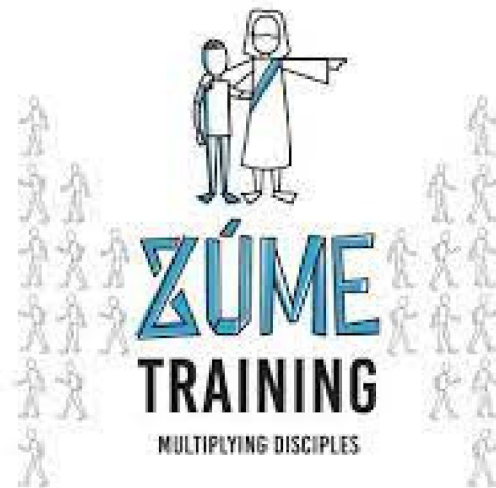
If we are to see fully devoted disciples made and multiplied however, we recognise that attendance at a large gathering once a week is insufficient to fulfill that vision. Jesus made disciples in smaller communities rather than in the crowds.

In addition to our Life Groups, this term will see the launch of at least one micro-church and the preparation of others to lead intentional disciple making communities.

At the beginning of 2023 we took the words of the Lord's Prayer as a focus verse for the year. The 'strapline' that we took was '**Growing outposts of Heaven here on earth**'. In addition to prayerfully creating an 'outpost of Heaven' at the Hub we seek to do this in our workplaces, in our streets and in other places around our region.

At the **Hub on Tuesday evenings** we will be using some training from Zume to equip us in growing in these things.


Some life groups may also be using this material as a follow on from 'The Discipleship Pathway'. If you want to go through it with a small group of friends it is available for free using our church log in on RightNow Media.






10 DAYS OF TURNING

Prayer and Fasting 15th-24th Sept 2023



Around the world between 15th -24th September followers of Jesus will be taking time to fast and pray, turning to God in repentance, worship and praise. As a church family, we are choosing to join this global prayer time and turn personally and collectively to our Father in prayer, repentance and worship. Can we encourage you to take time to turn off computers or devices and pray? Turn away from sin and repent. Turn down certain things as you fast and turn to God in prayer and worship and seek Him for renewal and revival. In addition to the prayer times detailed here there will be breakfast prayer times and other resources provided.



	LUNCHTIME	EVENING
FRIDAY 15TH SEPT	12-1PM ROOM 6/7	CHILDREN'S PRAYER AND WORSHIP 4:30PM-5:30PM YOUTH AND ADULTS WORSHIP EVENING 6:30-9:30PM
SATURDAY 16TH	12-1PM ONLINE	7:30-9:30PM HUB AUDITORIUM
SUNDAY 17TH	8:45 & 10:30 SERVICES	7:30-9:30PM WORSHIP EVENING
MONDAY 18TH	12-1:30PM FOYER	8-9PM ONLINE
TUESDAY 19TH	ONLINE 12-1PM	7:30-9:30PM HUB AUDITORIUM
WEDNESDAY 20TH	12- 1:30PM ROOM 8	7:30-9:30PM HUB WORSHIP EVENING
THURSDAY 21ST	12-1:30PM PRAYER WALKING CSP	ONLINE 8-9PM
FRIDAY 22ND	ONLINE 12-1PM	7:30-9:30PM HUB AUDITORIUM
SATURDAY 23RD	12-1:30PM FOYER	ONLINE 8-9PM
SUNDAY 24TH	8:45 AND 10:30 TESTIMONY, PRAYER AND WORSHIP TIME	7:30-9:30PM WORSHIP EVENING

ZOOM DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AND WILL BE EMAILED OUT NEARER THE TIME

CHILDREN (UNDER 11S) SUNDAYS



We are so looking forward to all God will do in and through the under 11s in the next term. We will continue to run a vibrant programme for under 11s with a mix of regular and one off activities as well as Sunday morning ministry groups at the 10:30am gathering. Please keep up to date with the website and communications for up to date programmes and updates.



Sundays this term

Under 7s : This term the under 7s will be looking at Isaac, Abraham, Moses and the Christmas of story.

7-11s: This term 7-11s will be looking at looking out for others, tithing, 'The Good Life?', Noah, Solomon, Esther and unwrapping the true meaning of Christmas.



We want to make sure that our groups are accessible to all. If your child has additional needs, please get in touch with Shona (see below) so we can ensure your child feels safe and comfortable.

CHILDREN (UNDER 11S) DURING THE WEEK

Hub Night – Thursdays, 6:15–7:30pm 7-11 year olds. £1 per week

Returning 14th September 2023

An exciting programme full of a wide range of activities from craft nights to trips out. A safe place for children to spend time with their friends and to make new ones. Each week hear a short bible thought that is age appropriate and applicable for all.



Toddler Praise – Fridays, 10–11:30am

Under 4s (Parents/Carers required to stay) £1 per family, per week

Returning 15th September 2023

A welcoming group for under 4s and their parents and carers. Each week we get out a wide range of toys, soft play and crafts as we create community together. We also have a Bible story and a time of praise which often includes getting out the parachute and our bubble machine!



Open the Book and School Assemblies

Open the Book is looking forward to returning to St Joseph's school and Robertswood school in September. We will also be going to Robertswood school to do other assemblies too!



If you have any questions or would like to have a further conversation about what goes on for the under 11s – please don't hesitate to get in touch.

YOUTH

We are passionate about seeing young people grow into all God has for them. We want to see the young people in our community thrive and flourish, regardless of their background or faith. We want them to know that they have purpose and so much potential for making a positive impact in the world, and this starts in Chalfont St Peter!

Over the next term we are going to continue to take time to speak to the young people about what will help their walks with Jesus. Because of this, some things may change format across the term – keep an eye on the website and communications to stay up to date. For this term our programme will look like this:

Sundays during 10:30 Gathering

Year 7-10 Meet every Sunday morning at the 10:30am gathering.

Year 11-13 Meet every week other than the last week of the month.

Breathe Youth Service

Sundays 6-8pm

Breathe is our youth gathering for school years 7-13, run and led by our young people during term time. We have lots of fun and games beginning with some basketball and some singing and someone 'sharing a thought' and then time to have a chat in discussion groups! From being part of the welcome or tech teams, to playing in our band or speaking... Come and join the fun- we would love to have you join us and hear what you think!

Mid-week Bible Study

Tuesdays

Bible Studies will recommence, every other week, on Tuesday 3rd October at the Hub. The content of these groups will be discussed with the young people at the start of the term to create a space where we are exploring Gods word and responding to certain 'Hot Topics' that they want to cover.

On a Tuesday we will have a younger youth Bible study (Year 7-10) from 5:30pm – 6:30pm. After this we will have dinner together and the older youth will join. Older youth (Year 11-13) will then have their Bible Study from 7:30pm-8:30pm.

Year 7-10 Bible Study: 5:30pm-6:30pm

Youth Dinner - £2.50 per week 6:30pm-7:15pm

Year 11-13 Bible Study

7:30pm-8:30pm

We will be trialling this for this term and intend to talk to use the 3rd October as a way of starting a discussion about this new model. If this goes ahead the dates for the next term will be. October – 3rd, 17th November – 14th, 28th December - 13th

CSP Youth Centre

We are really glad to have a strong partnership with the local youth centre in our village. It has a long history of serving the young people of our village by putting on youth club nights that build relationships with young people and help them out in life. We are pleased to play our part as a church by partnering with them, and many of the volunteers serving there are from our church. It's a great place to spend time, with lots of committed leaders and teams who love to get alongside young people to provide a safe, fun place for them to be. There are three club nights every week, and these are the details:

Returning week of the 11th September 2023

Monday Nights, 7–8:30pm – Year 7s

Tuesday Nights, 7–8pm – for children with ASD

Thursday Nights, 7:30–9pm – Years 8s



Gold Hill Young Adults



Following the successful Summer BBQ we are relaunching our Young Adults group this term. If you are aged 18-30 please come along on the 6th September to the late Summer social with Avtar's famous curry. At this event there will be opportunity to plan the term together and a brilliant blend of socials, Bible Studies, food together and so much more.

Contact Liz/Adrian Thorp or Chrissie Driscoll for more details (01753 342011)

Unique Like You

Inspire · Create · Cherish



Pottery Making Classes

Wednesdays: 7pm-9pm **or** Fridays: 10am-12pm

Dates

13th/15th September - 18th/20th October
and

8th/10th November - 13th/15th December
(Room 4 in The Hub)



**Be INSPIRED to CREATE something that
you will CHERISH forever.**

Call Fiona on **07958 107696** to book your place.

Launching in October 2023 the People's Pantry will be an opportunity to connect with our Food Bank users.

The Pantry will give people the opportunity to choose several items to complement their food parcels including fresh milk and cheese. We hope to support users of the pantry by offering conversation and deeper connection with the hub and Gold Hill Family.

Speak to James Simmons to be involved in this new venture.





launchcatalyst.org

This November we will be hosting day conference at the Hub exploring 'Kingdom Culture'.

The Launch Conference provides a space for leaders (from all different spheres of life e.g. church, business, , community) to come together and receive inspirational teaching within an atmosphere of worship. As the hosting church there is opportunity for people to serve on team and bless those who attend. Church Members are also allowed to sign up as delegates.

If you are interested in serving that day please complete the form on the Launch website.

10TH - 11TH NOVEMBER @THE HUB

REVIVAL READY

INSPIRE BIBLE CONFERENCE 2024



Speaker Steve Uppal leader
of All Nations Movement



All are welcome at this Amnos Ministries
event www.goldhill.org/revivalready

CHRISTMAS 2023 AT THE HUB

1ST DEC
CSP FUN
NIGHT

17TH DEC
CAROL
SERVICE

24TH DEC
CAROLS IN
THE COLD

10TH DEC
WHITE
CHRISTMAS

24TH DEC
FAMILY
NATIVITY

More information and
events to be announced
nearer Christmas

'we have come to worship him'
(Matt 2:2)

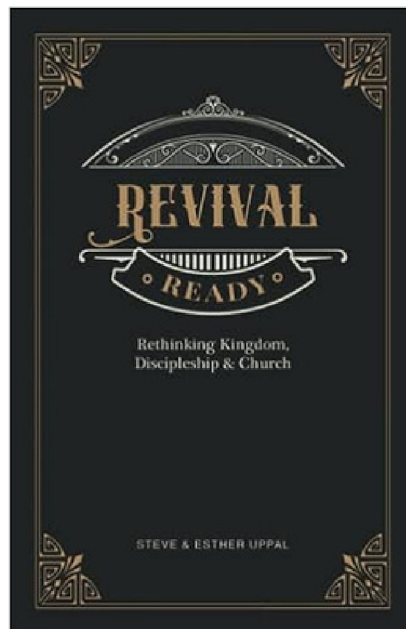
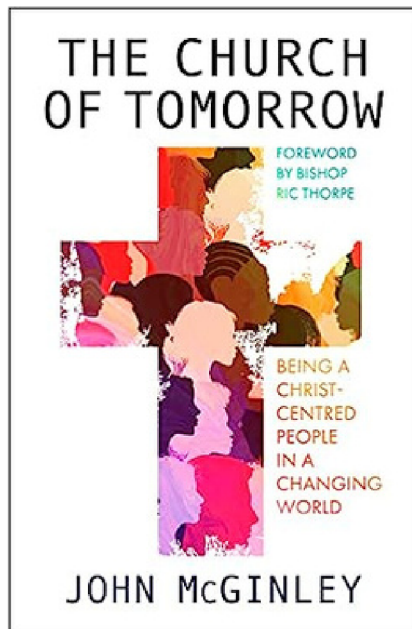


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THE
NARNIA
E X P E R I E N C E

5th-11th February 2024

In February we will be transforming the Hub into the world of Narnia inviting schools, families and individuals to come and explore and experience the story of 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'. We would like as many people as possible to join in the preparation and running of this event. There will be a meeting for all who want to be involved on Sunday 15th October 12:30. Lunch will be provided.



Three highly recommended books

John McGinley is a church leader based in Princes Risborough and brings a clear and prophetic overview of the church needed for our post-covid and post-Christian nation.

Steve and Esther Uppal provides an inspiring book full of testimony, scripture and reflections helping get personally 'ready for revival'.

Randy Newman provides 10 helpful insights from CS Lewis and how to share the Gospel with others in a post-Christian world. (very helpful reading before our Narnia Experience in Feb. 2024.



***CELEBRATING ALL
THAT GOD HAS
DONE AND
CELEBRATING NEW
DISCIPLES BEING
MADE***

2024 marks the 250th anniversary of the start of the church that went on to become known as Gold Hill Baptist Church. The founders of the church initially gathered at the Mill House near to the Church Lane carpark before moving up onto Gold Hill Common.

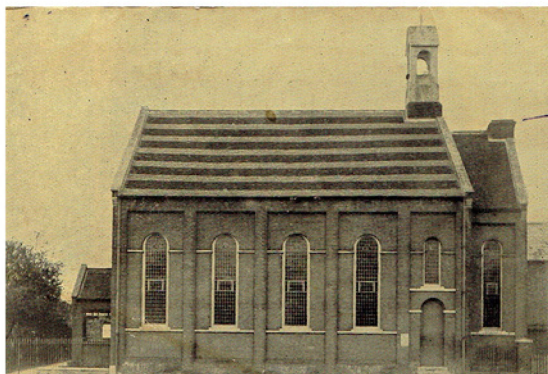
As we step into our 250th year, we want to celebrate God's faithfulness and all that He has done. We also want to celebrate what God is doing now and will do in the next 250 years.

Throughout the year we will have different ways to celebrate God's history through this church family and also various ways in which we will reach out, see and celebrate new disciples being made.

If you have any ideas on how we could celebrate, please let Stephen or one of the Elders know.



From the Mill...



to Gold Hill..



to the Hub.



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