



Welcome to another edition of **missionscene**. We are also excited to have the opportunity to speak directly this month through the DVD being mailed out to every church. As well as the '**Be the Centre**' crossingplaces story, you will find '**Resourcing Crossingplaces**' to show in your church, or play it from the Mission **crossingplaces** page on the BUGB website.

From the year planner on page 6 and from the events and resources described, we hope you will be encouraged to extend the ways in which you share the good news of Jesus Christ. In particular, May is '**Digital Outreach Month**', so look at some of the digital evangelistic opportunities on page 5. This edition has fewer pages because we can add more information to the **new BUGB website** and give you links. Do take a look at the Mission pages building up there, including the 'news' section which will change. Extra information and news are also delivered most days via the 'Crossingplaces' page on **Facebook**.

In sharing life with people, may we be filled with the confidence in the gospel that Easter brings,
Kathryn Morgan - BUGB Mission Adviser

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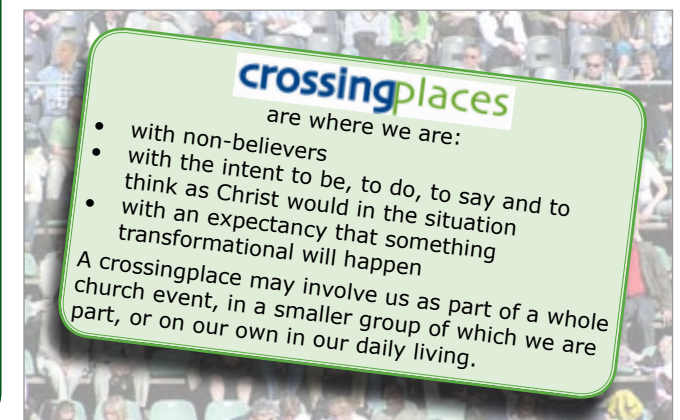
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Dates for your Diary

12 May	Evangelists' Network Day (Book by 27 April)
14 May	Love your Local School day (Book by 3 May)
24-25 May	BUGB Youthworkers' and Children's Workers' 24-hour retreat (Book by 6 May)
15 Jun	Inner City and Estate Churches Network Day (Book by 1 June)
18 Jun	Crossingplaces Day (Book with Yorkshire Baptist Association)
2 Jul	Woman to Woman (Book by 17 June)
13 Jul	Wellsprings Evening (Book by 29 June)
2-7 Aug	Leading Edge
1 Oct	Crossingplaces Day (Book by 16 September)
23-25 Nov	Being Church for the Baby Boomer Generation? (Book by 4 November)



Mission Department Events

For more information and to book for these events, see www.baptist.org.uk/events.html or click on the event title

Evangelists' Network Day

for people working as evangelists or with responsibility for evangelism in the local church

Speakers: **Chris Duffett**
Peter Graystone
Date: **Thursday 12 May**
Venue: **Baptist House, Didcot**

LOVE YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL

A day for churches to develop effective links with their local school

Speakers: **Nigel Roberts, David Skinner and Martin Sweet**

Date: **Saturday 14 May**
Venue: **The Abbey Centre, Northampton**

BUGB Youthworkers' and Children's Workers' Retreat

Burn Out, Sell Out or Live Out

A time out together for those who work in youth and children's ministries in Baptist churches

Speakers: **Iain Hoskins and Sharon Prior**
Date: **24-25 May 2011**
Venue: **Kings Park Conference Centre, Northampton**

Inner City and Estate Churches' Network Day

Speaker: **Erica Dunmow, Urban Mission**
Date: **Wednesday 15 June**
Venue: **Shekinah Christian Centre, nr Burnley**

crossingplaces days

Baptist Christians making a difference wherever they are - a day for church groups

Speakers: **Ian Bunce and Kathryn Morgan**
Dates: **Saturday 18 June - Leeds**
Saturday 1 October - Colchester

Woman to Woman

A day for Christian women with a heart to see other women come to Christ

Speakers: **Leesa Barton, Kathryn Morgan and Lorna Smith**
Date: **Saturday 2 July**
Venue: **in South East Baptist Association**

crossingplaces



Wellsprings Evening
- for women in churches who might run a Wellsprings course

Speaker: **Leesa Barton**
Date: **Wednesday 13 July**
Venue: **Kislingbury Baptist Church**

Step out of the Traffic: Refuelling for Living



Dates: **2 - 7 August 2011** www.baptist.org.uk/leadingedge
Venue: **Warwick School**
God and good times for all the family

Beings Church for the Boomer Generation?

engaging with the spirituality of this influential, energetic generation

Date: **23-25 November 2011**
Venue: **High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon, Herts**

Please book early

Please book your place at Mission Department events as early as possible. This helps us with our planning, prevents us from making unnecessary cancellations, and saves the Union from incurring last minute expenses. We appreciate your help and look forward to receiving your bookings!

Please note: some venues have limited space - places may fill up before the closing date listed.

Other Training and Events



on your marks – for the 2012 Games

To help churches find out more about engaging with the community through the 2012 Games, More Than Gold is organising the 'On Your Marks' tour taking place in **May / June** 2011.

For more information about dates and venues, and to book your place, see:
www.morethangold.org.uk/your-church/on-your-marks-tour.html



Parish Nursing



Applications are still welcome for the induction course on 9 May.
http://parishnursing.org.uk/index.php?option=com_seminar&Itemid=287



30 May - 5 June 2011

Join in and celebrate family life in the UK

Your church can help promote National Family Week and organise events or activities for families in your local community. Ideas to help Baptist churches get involved are available at:
www.baptist.org.uk/component/docman/doc_download/643-national-family-week.html

For further information on National Family Week, see: www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk

We're supporting The Big Lunch Sunday 5th June 2011

The Big Lunch is a very simple idea from the Eden Project which aims to get as many people in the UK as possible to have lunch with their neighbours. It can have a huge impact on communities, and is a great **crossingplaces** opportunity for churches to engage with.



www.thebiglunch.com

**A National Day of Prayer
for Church-based Toddler Groups**
is to be held at the end of National Family Week on Sunday 5 June.



Toolbox



Toolbox is LICC's celebrated intensive training programme, helping Christians engage with today's rapidly changing world by equipping them with skills in biblical interpretation and contemporary cultural engagement.

The next courses take place at LICC in London:
13 - 17 June and **12 - 16 September**

For more information, see
www.licc.org.uk/engaging-with-culture/licc-toolbox



Premier Christian Radio presents an apologetics day conference for anyone who wants help in thinking through and responding to the tough questions on faith from atheists, Muslims and those of other world views.

Saturday 14 May 2011
Bloomsbury Baptist Church, London

For more information, see:
www.premier.org.uk/features/unbelievable-conference.aspx



Want to find out more about cafechurch?

- Book now for the next training days on:
- Saturday 2 July - Sutton Coldfield, W Midlands
 - Saturday 1 October - Potters Bar, Herts
 - Saturday 12 November - Benfleet, Essex

See www.cafechurch.net for more details
or call 07827 322330.

Resources

Baptists have been planting churches at the rate of one a month through the last decade

In early 2011 we engaged in a mapping and survey of churches planted from 2005. Download the summary report of this research from: www.baptist.org.uk/component/docman/doc_download/772-church-planting-research.html

Courses for Church Planters

The following training courses will support church planters:

- Crucible runs weekend courses suitable for church planters. Details are available at: www.urbanexpression.org.uk/crucible/crucible-course
- There will be an introductory day course on church planting (CP101) on 1 October in Bristol and 8 October in Cardiff. More details available soon.
- Mission-shaped ministry courses are designed for groups of church planters to attend together and run part-time over a year at various venues and starting at different times. For details, see www.missionshapedministry.org



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What is the Big Welcome?

This is a simple concept that encourages us to invite one person we know to something we love. We hope that, through the simple word 'Welcome', local churches will find ways to invite people into their church. This may be through a Sunday service, a special Sunday lunch, Cafe Church, a concert or whatever. The important thing is that you invite people by personal invitation, and when they respond you make them feel very welcome.

Baptist churches will be receiving full details in the post of all the resources available to help them offer a Big Welcome in 2011, and ordering information. Alternatively, see the website for details.



Start to prepare the church in prayer now, and encourage people to get ready to invite someone they know to something they love.

www.baptist.org.uk/thebigwelcome

2011 is the 400th anniversary of the 'King James' translation of the Bible

Biblefresh is an initiative to encourage the Church to focus its attention on the Word of God. See www.biblefresh.com for details and resources for your church.



Another useful resource to mark this anniversary, that could be used at church, in education and in a public setting is **KJB - The Book that changed the World**. This film tells the exciting story of how the KJB came

into being. For further information for buying the film and for public screening licences see www.kjbthefilm.com

Bible messages for today

Look out for a leaflet coming to all BUGB churches inviting Baptists to write 'bible messages for today', based on their own experiences of God and the world. Please share this with your church, and encourage people to write and submit their modern-day parables and psalms.



Alternatively, find information at: www.baptist.org.uk/discipleship/confident-discipleship/bible-fresh.html?start=1

Mission Consultancy

Most Associations offer a mission consultancy service to individual churches on request.

To access this type of help you should contact the Regional Minister in your area with the responsibility for Mission. See the contact details on page 8 for information about your local Regional Minister.

Two organisations, led by Baptist Ministers, can also help with mission consultancy and developing healthy churches:

The Entheos Trust

www.theentheostrust.org/docs/brochure7.pdf

Lead Academy

www.leadacademy.net



MAY IS DIGITAL OUTREACH MONTH



Internet Evangelism Day is an annual event taking place on 15 May. This year the entire month of May has been designated as Digital Outreach Month. So May is an ideal time to check how you are using your website and social networking effectively to ensure that it is more than just an internal communication tool. You can use free downloads from IE Day's resource site to showcase these opportunities - video clips, PowerPoints, handouts, free music, dramascripts and posters.

Get more information from www.InternetEvangelismDay.com/description.php#ixzz1HcXhbHcz

Share Evangelistic Video Clips with One Click

The new YesHEIs.com website offers Christians a categorised range of third-party evangelistic video clips - a one-stop source of conversation-starting video clips that Christians can easily share on Facebook (or other social media), embed in a blog, or download to a smartphone to share one-to-one.



Check out www.yesheis.com/en/en/about

Premier Radio

The good news of Jesus Christ can now be heard in London and across the UK now that Premier is available on digital radio!

Find out what's on when from www.premier.org.uk and following the radio tab.



www.premier.tv has a range of videos that are useful too.

Getting Your Church in the News

Churches have a massive opportunity to use local newspapers, radio and social media to promote their work. Journalist Robbie Lane has created a website with lots of useful tips on raising your profile in local and social media.

Have a look at www.yourchurchinthenews.org

YOUR CHURCH IN THE NEWS

Signpost the not-yet Christians

The Christian Enquiry Agency's website has a section that keeps changing through the year with seasons and national events. Hope Together referred people to these pages at their Easter events this year.

We recommend you add the web address to your website and to your written publicity material as well: www.christianity.org.uk

Special Events in 2011

These events may give you an opportunity to connect with your community and help you with your planning in the next few months.

Throughout 2011

Biblefresh will be running throughout the year, marking the 400th anniversary of the publication of the King James version of the Bible.

January

18-25 January

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Thursday 27 January

Holocaust Memorial Day

29 January to 6 February

Poverty and Homelessness Action Week

February

Monday 14 February

Valentine's Day

Sunday 20 February

Education Sunday 2011

28 February - 13 March

Fairtrade Fortnight

March

March 2011

Celebrating Religious Education Month

Tuesday 8 March

Centenary of International Women's Day

Tuesday 8 March

Shrove Tuesday ('Pancake Day')

9 March - 23 April

Lent - beginning on Ash Wednesday
Christian Aid's Count your Blessings

April

Sunday 3 April

Mothers' Day

17 - 24 April

Holy Week

Sunday 24 April

Easter Sunday

29 April

Royal Wedding

29 April - 2 May

Baptist Assembly

May

May is Digital Outreach Month

15 May

Internet Evangelism Day

30 May - 5 June

National Family Week

June

Sunday 5 June

The Big Lunch

National Day of Prayer for Church-based
Toddler Groups

Sunday 12 June

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday 19 June

Father's Day

August

2-7 August

Leading Edge

September

9 September - 23 October

The Rugby World Cup

Sunday 25 September

The Big Welcome (Back to Church Sunday)

September / October

Harvest

October

September / October

Harvest

Monday 31 October

Halloween

November

Sunday 13 November

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 27 November

Advent Sunday

December

Sunday 25 December

Christmas Day

Please put your cursor over the words in green for direct links to further information and resources.

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Youth, Children's and Family Workers' Pages

BUGB Youthworkers' and Children's Workers' Retreat Burn Out, Sell Out or Live Out

24-25 May 2011

Kings Park Conference Centre,
Northampton

For details see:

www.baptist.org.uk/events.html



national family week

30 May - 5 June 2011

Over the last two years, National Family Week has been a great celebration of family life in the UK. Your church can help promote the Week and organise events or activities for families in your local community. Ideas to help Baptist churches get involved are available at: www.baptist.org.uk/component/docman/doc_download/643-national-family-week.html

For further information on National Family Week, see: www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk



make them count

**National Day of Prayer
for Church-based Toddler Groups**

is to be held at the end of National Family Week on Sunday 5 June.

Pray for Schools fortnight 8-23 May 2011

This year's PFS fortnight takes place in early May and the focus will be 'praying the Bible'.



Suggestions for PFS events include:

- Include a Pray for Schools slot in your church service, and ask children or teachers in the congregation for prayer requests and testimonies.
- As it's exam time, why not take in some cakes or treats for teachers at any schools you pray for and then hold a PFS event to pray for them.
- Plan a morning or evening event along with other interested parties in your area.

If you register your prayer group or event, you will be put in touch with any others nearby who are praying, and sent some resources.

For more information see:

www.prayforschools.org



Africa United is a heart-warming film about friendship and unity in pursuit of a shared goal. It follows the marathon journey by young friends who set out from Rwanda to reach the 2010 World Cup.

The Bible Society has just published a youth-friendly session guide to the film Africa United in the Reel Issues Scene zone at www.biblesociety.org.uk



Resources from Youth For Christ

Make young disciples of Jesus through fun, relevant and challenging youth resources.

To find out more, see:

www.yfchurchresources.co.uk



REINSPIRED

REinspired is a church into schools project based in East Reading. It seeks to build partnerships between local churches and local schools. It aims to engage with 'every child, in every school, every year'. Currently, it works with 83% of pupils across 11 primary schools through leading RE sessions.

REinspired also runs regular training days called 'REmatters' - the next being held on

- Thursday 7 July
 - Thursday 15 September
 - Thursday 17 November
- Find out more at www.re-inspired.net or contact office@re-inspired.org.uk or phone 0118 966 3929.

See REinspired at the **Christian Resources Exhibition** in Esher. They will be leading a workshop from 11:00 - 12:00 on Thursday 12 May. www.creonline.co.uk

THE CHRISTIAN YOUTH WORK AWARDS 2011

The 'We Love Our Youth Worker' Charter has just launched the **Christian Youth Work Awards** as a way of promoting both the Charter and good practice. It's an annual programme that allows churches, young people and anyone else to nominate the youth worker who has made a real impact in their ministry. For details of the five awards see www.youthworkawards.co.uk (closing date 1 June)



'How to use the Bible in Schools'

a one-day seminar at Wootton Bassett

Thursday 5 May - 10:00 – 15:30

You will be equipped to serve your local school with the Bible in Literacy resource.

Cost £65 per delegate - refreshments and lunch provided

For more information and to book your place contact: 07939 329879 or email shirleygowland@bibleinliteracy.org

www.bibleinliteracy.org


















New: Activity Cards with ideas for using the Bible in Literacy material are now available.

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is produced bi-monthly. If you would like to receive a **direct link** to it please sign up at www.baptist.org.uk to be added to the mailing list.

Don't forget, you can find **Mission Files** on a variety of topics at: www.baptist.org.uk/resources-events/missionfiles

For more ideas for mission in your local area please contact your local association or college (see contact details below) or contact the department on 01235 517713 / email mission@baptist.org.uk

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