



COSHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Knowing Jesus, making Jesus known

Revd Jim Thomas: Minister (Team Leader)

Revd Simon Ford : Minister (Youth Specialist)

3rd January 2010

A warm welcome to all visitors and newcomers. If you would like to know more about the church and in order that we may get to know you, please fill in one of the welcome cards that you can obtain from the stewards. A 'Welcome Pack' giving information about the church is available from the foyer.

Please introduce yourselves to those around you after the service and stay on for coffee, which is served every Sunday morning and evening.

The loop system is in operation. Hearing aids should be turned to 'T'. Toilets, including one for the disabled, are located in the corridor.

Our services today,

10.30 am MORNING WORSHIP & COMMUNION:

Jim Thomas - Revelation 2 1-7. "You've got mail". Part 1
(Please note the bread is suitable for coeliacs)

6.30 pm EVENING WORSHIP

Matthew & Saffron Grandage

Matthew 2 1-12 "Wise men still follow"

7.30 pm TRANSFORM

Contemporary Worship. New Series: The Best Message Ever.

The prayer ministry team is available to talk and pray with you following all services today.

The collection in the evening service will be for Matthew & Saffron's work in China.

If you wish to give to the general fund, please use the morning collection, or – in the evening collection – put your gift in an envelope marked 'church'

(otherwise, all gifts given during the evening collection will go towards Matthew & Saffron).

HOSPITALITY ROTA: If you are new to the church, or just visiting, and have no plans for lunch, please see Pastoral Assistant, Sue Jones, who will introduce you to some folk who would be pleased to offer hospitality.

RESPONSE BOX: Any comments, responses, forms may be left in the Response box which is in the foyer. Just fill in the slips or put in your own note and they will be dealt with as soon as possible. Thank you.

CD RECORDINGS of services and Alpha talks may be ordered via the Response Box. Donations to cover costs may be given in the offering. **Sermons and Talks** may also be downloaded from our website.

Church members. At the **church meeting** on the **19th January** some necessary amendments to our current trust arrangements with the Baptist Union will be considered. The adjustments are required in order to accommodate the new development for the proposed Children's Centre. Please will church members pick up a separate sheet at the back of the church.

Christmas Day Collection for Tearfund. The total was £1,820. Thank you so much.

Free to a good home! Medium sized keyboard
Also if you have any unwanted sleeping bags, blankets, jumpers, joggers, fleece coats small or medium sizes they would be gratefully collected for the homeless

Doreen 023 9232 6978

Next Sunday January 10th:

10.30am MORNING WORSHIP: Simon Ford

6.30 pm EVENING WORSHIP: Jim Thomas

8.00pm TRANSFORM

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAYS at 10am and 6pm in the Front Hall –

Prepare in prayer before each service. Feel free to come and go as your availability allows.

SUNDAYS at 8pm: Prayer for the ongoing development of the Children's Centre – ALL WELCOME (back hall)

Cosham Baptist Church, Havant Road, Cosham.

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This weeks events

CBC Week of prayer 3-10 Jan 2010

Monday to Friday Mornings 10:00 am - 12 noon

Our thought is to have these times as 'personal meditation' (like a mini retreat) with simple multi-sensory 'stimulus' available to aid this e.g. images with accompanying texts, quiet appropriate instrumental music playing in the background, prayers/prayer books, candles to light, cards to write, prayers with issues for others to pray for, Bibles, prayer boards...

Evenings 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Wednesday: Worship and prayer for personal renewal, prayer for those in need, healing and a time of ministry

Thursday: Prayer for guidance on Church growth, Children's Centre and other outreach

Friday: Prayer for the work place in general and for specific 'industries'

Saturday Prayer Breakfast 8:00 - 10:00 am: Prayer for World Mission, justice,

A New Year Thought

How can I use the New Year to better serve my Lord?
I'll read my Bible every day, and be more in accord.
I'll find new ways to serve others; I'll love my neighbour, too.
I'll focus on "give" instead of "get", in everything I do.
I'll forgive the people I'm mad at; angry feelings I'll discard;
I'll try to love my enemies, even though it's hard.
In the new year, I'll lift people up, instead of putting them down.
I'll fill my heart with love and joy, and never wear a frown.
I'll let go of my worries; I'll put it all in His hands;
I'll repent and try to sin less, and obey all His commands.
These new year's resolutions are difficult, at best,
But there's something I can do each day that will put my soul at rest:
I'll love my Lord with all my heart, with all my mind and soul,
And if I do that essential thing, all the rest will be in control.

Church Family News

Praise the Lord for:

A flow of news via phone and e-mail from **Emily** from Nevis in the Caribbean to say she's well – and missing CBC friends. We miss her too!

News that **Annette** has been discharged from her second stint in hospital. She was readmitted after developing digestive problems following her appendectomy. Praise God the baby she's expecting is fine. Please remember Annette's husband, **Reese**. Pray for **Jill and John**, who land at Heathrow tomorrow and will call in to see Annette on their way home, and who emailed to say thank you for all our prayers.

The good care which **Emma, Coleen's** daughter, is receiving from her local hospital in Devon after developing diabetes in the later stages of pregnancy. Please pray for **Emma's** husband, **James** and the baby and for Coleen, who is naturally concerned.

Steady progress in **Jude** condition. Jude, who was hospitalised with pneumonia, is now eating and her temperature is more normal. Please pray for full restoration.

We thank God, too, for improvement in **Jim's** neck condition – thanks in no small measure to the work of our resident CBC physio. Again please pray for full healing.

Please Pray For:

Some CBC mothers and babies who have been stricken with winter ailments – including **Faith** who is recovering from bronchitis and **Kharis** who has had conjunctivitis. Mum, **Wendy**, is also recovering from a chest infection. **Matthew** also suffered a nasty viral illness – liberally shared with his parents.

Please also pray for **Teresa's** six week old Granddaughter, **Nell**, who was admitted to hospital with breathing difficulties.

Marion who needs to return to hospital for a repeat of leg surgery. And **Marjorie** awaiting news of a surgery appointment.

Gill – back on a recovery track after a bit of a setback, following her second hip replacement operation.

Sue's father, who has been transferred to a rehab ward in St Mary's following a major stroke – but who is still extremely poorly.

Lizzie's brother, still suffering paralysis after what seems to have been a stroke. Please pray that the medics in Africa who are treating him will reach a correct diagnosis and prescribe appropriate treatment.

Jasper : like Barbara, Jas is thrilled to have son Carl and family home from Oz – but is suffering major problems with his arms and shoulders and experiencing distressing breathing difficulties.

Lynn and John – in some uncertainty about future domestic and business plans.