

GREAT

expectations

And so we begin. Another year! What are you expecting this year? Some people expect nothing, literally. You know the type of person who plods through life, never expecting anything good, or anything exciting. Yet expectations are key, they set the bar on our hopes, our dreams, what we want to achieve, what we expect from others, our careers, our children etc.

"expectations are key, they set the bar on our hopes"

I heard of a young psychology student who was serving in the Army and one day decided to test out a theory. He had been given kitchen duty,

and had been given the job of passing out the apricots to the men as they went along the canteen line collecting their food. He asked the first few soldiers that came by, "You don't want any apricots, do you?" Ninety percent said "No." Then he tried the positive approach: "You do want apricots, don't you?" About half answered, "Yeah. I'll take some." Then he tried a third test, this time he asked, "One dish of apricots or two?" And in spite of the fact that the overwhelming majority of soldiers don't like Army apricots, 40 percent took two dishes and 50 percent took one! The student observed that the only difference was expectation! In the first test, when they perceived that they weren't expected to eat any, most didn't. In the second test, with the question posed positively half did. However in the final part of the test, the language changed communicating

that the expectation was not whether they would eat the apricots or not, but instead focused on what quantity the soldiers would eat. Ninety percent then did. Expectation is key.



Most people in our society do not expect anything from Jesus. Many have Jesus pinned loosely in the history books, a babe in the manger who later died on a cross. A good man, a kind man, maybe a miracle worker, a story teller. They have no expectation that Jesus has any relevance to their lives today. Yet we know that Jesus came that we might have life, and life in all its glorious fullness.

A new life that is not full of things, not focused on getting, but on being. Human Beings. Being in relationship with our Creator, the One who knows us most, who knows our pains, the deepest places of our hearts, our ambitions, our joys, our good days, and our bad days.

Jesus came that humans might finally understand what God is really like (Jesus said if you have seen me you have seen the Father). And Jesus waits expectantly. He waits for the day when the first conversation will start, when each person will realise He is real, that He is the Son of God and God the Son. That He loves each one, knows each person by name, and longs to be in real relationship with us. It is His great expectation. It is not based around wealth, whether we have it not, it is not based around good deeds, whether we match up or not, it is based on His deep love for you and knowing that you will never be complete until you know Him.

So for 2012 let's not settle for the mundane, the every day, the ordinary in our expectations.

"for 2012 let's not settle for the mundane"

Let's look to God who can take the ordinary and turn it into the extraordinary, the natural into the supernatural.

We just have to allow Jesus the time, and the space in our lives. And if you do, this year you can truly expect great, great things.

Roy and Keely Morley
Senior Pastors

As a church we are taking a team to a town called Harrismith in South Africa in April 2013. We will be working in conjunction with Freedom Ministries Church who work hard in the area all year round to meet the many needs of their community and the surrounding townships.

In a country that has 16 million people with Aids, 5 million of which are children, Harrismith Centre runs a charity that works with an orphans, children who have been abandoned or diagnosed with Aids. It takes a tremendous amount of money to feed and clothe these children, provide the medicines they require and ensure they have 24 hour care. We want to raise as much money as possible to help these projects, and others that the church runs, and to enable the team to get there.

As part of our fund raising initiative we are going to be holding a car rally on Saturday 3 March across Kent!

Teams need to sign up (sign up sheets will be available on Sundays) and register at a cost of

£20 per team (you can spread the cost amongst your team members).

We will meet at Net Church, East Street, Sittingbourne at 2:00pm on the Saturday and the packs will be handed out containing the clues for you to find. All teams will then finally meet at Bredgar Scout Hall, Bexon Lane, Bredgar where the team will win who have the most answers correct and in the quickest time.

We will then have some food together and a bonfire!! If for any reason you can't take part in the car rally but still want to come for the buffet and bonfire simply donate £5 on arrival at the scout hall per person (children under 10 eat free).

However if you want to donate more on the day feel free, it is for a great cause. Food will be ready at 6:00pm and the bonfire lit at around 7:00pm. See you there!

car rally key points

- Date: Saturday 3 March
- 2:00pm Teams meeting at Net Church.
- 5:30pm Team deadline to arrive at Bredgar Scout Hall Bredgar Kent
- 5:45pm Winners announced
- 6:00pm Food
- 7:00pm Bonfire lit



car rally

for africa mission

KEY LEADERS WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER



WEEK END AWAY

Leaving Friday 16 March
Returning Sat 17 March

Book in for this exciting Key Leaders weekend away. We have booked Gary and Nikki Rucci to come. Gary is the Regional Superintendent for the London and South East area in the Assemblies of God, and is a dynamic leader.

Of course, there will be time to eat, drink coffee and get to know each other better. The programme will start Friday evening at 7:00pm. and return Saturday evening on 17th March.

venue: Latimer House, Bucks.

Cost: £35.00 each

He and Nikki will be training and inspiring us.

To book in see Ariel Rapson.



Calling all department and connect group leaders - make sure you do not miss these important key leaders meetings.

Building a dynamic, 21st century church will take passionate, vision inspired leaders. If you are a key leader, responsible for a department or a connect group, you are invited to these great sessions.

We will be coming together to sharpen your leadership gift, to plan for the future, and to seek God for the building of His church.

See Roy for further information.

Dates for the diary:

Monday 13th February 7:45pm

Building on strength
Venue: Emmanuel Church
East Hill, Dartford Da1 1SA
Joint with Dartford Key Leaders

March weekend away

Tuesday 8th May 7:45pm

Venue: Net Church
East Street
Sittingbourne
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PREACHING ING ACADEMY

“Preach the word, be prepared in season and out of season. Correct, rebuke and encourage with great patience and careful instruction” (2 Tim 4:2).

Do you want to learn how to effectively communicate the message of the Bible? If you feel a call and a passion to preach then this course could be for you.

Over the next 12 months we will be exploring how to bring powerful, relevant preaching for the 21st century. This promises to be a stretching and challenging experience, sharpening you in your gifting.

There are only a limited number of spaces, so to apply for a place on this year's course contact Roy Morley on roydmorley@hotmail.com outlining your reason for applying. You will then be notified if you have a place.

Dates:

Sunday 29 January
Sunday 26th Feb
Sunday 25th March
Sunday 29th April

Time:
5:00 to 7:30pm

Venue:
Emmanuel Church,
Dartford and Net
Church, Sittingbourne
(see calendar for date & venue).

For more info email
Roy Morley.

CONNECT GROUPS

We have great **small groups** which are the ideal time to get know **people better**, understand the Bible together, connect and **grow spiritually**.

This year we are looking at the fantastic new testament **book of James**. The first book written to the early church.

On **Sunday 29th January** we will be holding SIGN UP Sunday. Simply choose a group you would like to be part of, and talk to the leader who will sign you up to their group for one year.

If you want to be part of the Net Church **family**, it is really important that you **join** a connect group. These great groups meet fortnightly. If you want more information please chat to Jaya Judd.

mark ritchie



An important date for your diary - Mark Ritchie is speaking on Sunday 15 April 6pm.

Mark is a passionate Scotsman who has travelled all over the world communicating about the message of the cross. He mixes a unique blend of humour with the Gospel message. Mark is coming to share about a new initiative he is taking on this year to walk the length and breadth of our nation carrying a cross! Come and find out why.

An evening not to be missed.



BROTHERHOOD

11-12 May 2012

John Bevere

Brotherhood is about forging significant friendships with the men in our church to challenge and inspire one another to live more passionately and significantly for the cause of Christ.

To enable us to do this we want to invite you to come to this 2 day men's conference with guest speaker John Bevere. Marked by boldness and passion, John delivers uncompromising truth from God's word. His best selling books are now in 60 languages

and include titles such as "The Bait of Satan," and "Driven by Eternity."

When: 11-12 May 2012

Venue: Manchester

Cost: £35 conference fee plus transport and accommodation.

See Simon Gadd for more details.

up and coming events



26 - 28 April, 2012 Wembley Arena

Calling all the ladies - you are invited to Colour 2012 in London. Make space for God to speak into your life and come to this phenomenal ladies conference with powerful worship and impacting preaching.

when

It starts on Thursday 26 April in the evening, runs throughout Friday 27th (with time off in the afternoon) and finishes Saturday lunchtime.

venue

Located right by Wembley Stadium, Wembley Arena is accessible by London Underground's Jubilee Line, Metropolitan line and Bakerloo lines that stop at either Wembley Park or Wembley Central tube stations.

cost

The conference entrance fee costs £115.00 but we also want to stay in a hotel - see Claire Hawksworth to secure a room at great rates as soon as possible (the cost of accommodation will increase the closer we get to the event). Plus you will need money for your food and travel to get there.

want to come?

1. Book your conference ticket online <http://colourconference.com>
Ensure you select the London conference as they hold this conference around the world.
2. See Claire Hawksworth to book your hotel accommodation and to help you sort out your travel arrangements.

More information can be found on the Hillsong colour conference website <http://colourconference.com/London>.

These are key opportunities to step outside our every day lives and make time and space for God to speak to us. I really hope you can make it.

Bringing change to CHINA

In June 2012 we will be taking a team to China to work with International China Concern. This is an organisation which focuses on bringing love, hope and opportunity to China's abandoned orphans and disabled.

It will cost £600 per person for accommodation and ground costs PLUS flight and spending money (overall costs to be around £1300). Janet Bindra is heading the team up. Would you like to go? Give your name and email address to Jaya and we will send you more details. It will be life changing.



January

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| sun 1 11:00am Tom Rapson | mon 2 | tues 3 | wed 4 | thur 5 Music Practice 7:30pm | fri 6 6.30-7.45pm N.r.gise Club 5-10's 8.00-9.30pm Youth Group 11-17's | sat 7 |
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| sun 8 11:00am Roy Morley | mon 9 | tues 10 | wed 11 | thur 12 Music Practice 7:30pm | fri 13 6.30-7.45pm N.r.gise Club 5-10's 8.00-9.30pm Youth Group 11-17's | sat 14 |
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| sun 15 11:00am Peter Judd 5:00pm Connect leaders meeting | mon 16 | tues 17 | wed 18 | thur 19 Music Practice 7:30pm | fri 20 6.30-7.45pm N.r.gise Club 5-10's 8.00-9.30pm Youth Group 11-17's | sat 21 |
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| sun 22 11:00am Keely Morley 6:00-7:15pm Deeper at Dartford Da1 1SA | mon 23 | tues 24 | wed 25 | thur 26 Music Practice 7:30pm | fri 27 6.30-7.45pm N.r.gise Club 5-10's 8.00-9.30pm Youth Group 11-17's | sat 28 |
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| sun 29 11:00am Ariel Rapson <i>connect sign up</i> 5:00-7:30pm Preaching Academy Net Church | mon 30 | tues 31 | wed 1 | thur 2 | fri 3 | sat 4 |
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February

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| sun 5 11:00am Janet Bindra 5:00pm Connect Leaders Mtg 6:00pm Songwriting Academy | mon 6 <i>Visit to The Turrets 6:20pm</i> | tues 7 | wed 8 | thur 9 Music Practice 7:30pm | fri 10 6.30-7.45pm N.r.gise Club 5-10's 8.00-9.30pm Youth Group 11-17's | sat 11 |
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| sun 12 11:00am Andy Judd 5:30pm 18-30's Bowling Meet at Church £11 | mon 13 <i>Key Leaders 7:45pm at Dartford East Hill Da1 1SA</i> | tues 14 | wed 15 | thur 16 Music Practice 7:30pm | fri 17 Half Term No NRGISE or youth | sat 18 |
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| sun 19 11:00am Roy Morley <i>Coffee Bar Offering</i> 6:00-7:15pm Deeper at Net Church | mon 20 | tues 21 <i>Connect Groups 7:45pm</i> | wed 22 <i>Daytime Connect Group 10:30am</i> | thur 23 Music Practice 7:30pm | fri 24 6.30-7.45pm N.r.gise Club 5-10's 8.00-9.30pm Youth Group 11-17's | sat 25 |
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| sun 26 11:00am Peter Judd 5:00-7:30pm Preaching Academy at Dartford | mon 27 | tues 28 <i>Connect Groups 7:45pm</i> | wed 29 | thur 1 | fri 2 | sat 3 |
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March

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| sun 26 | mon 27 | tues 28 | wed 29 | thur 1 Music Practise 7:30pm | fri 2 6.30-7.45pm N.r.gise Club 5-10's 8.00-9.30pm Youth Group | sat 3 Car Rally 14:00 See inside Bulletin for more info |
| sun 4 11:00am Tom Rapson 5:00pm Connect Leaders Mtg 6:00pm Songwriting Academy | mon 5 | tues 6 | wed 7 Getting to know you night 7.30-8:30 | thur 8 Music Practise 7:30pm | fri 9 6.30-7.45pm N.r.gise Club 5-10's 8.00-9.30pm Youth Group | sat 10 |
| sun 11 11:00am Peter Judd 6:00-7:15pm Deeper | mon 12 | tues 13 | wed 14 | thur 15 Music Practise 7:30pm | fri 16 No Nrgise or Youth leaders away key leaders weekend | sat 17 |
| sun 18 11:00am Nikki Rucci Thanking the women special | mon 19 | tues 20 Connect Groups 7:45pm | wed 21 Daytime Connect Group 10:30am | thur 22 Music Practise 7:30pm | fri 23 6.30-7.45pm N.r.gise Club 5-10's 8.00-9.30pm Youth Group | sat 24 |
| sun 25 11:00am Keely Morley 5:00-7:30pm Preaching Academy Net Church | mon 26 | tues 27 Connect Groups 7:45pm | wed 28 Music Practise 7:30pm | thur 29 | fri 30 6.30-7.45pm N.r.gise Club 5-10's 8.00-9.30pm Youth Group | sat 31 |

April

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| sun 1 11:00am Preaching Academy 5:00pm Connect Leaders Mtg 6:00pm Songwriting Academy | mon 2 Visit to The Turrets 11:00am | tues 3 | wed 4 | thur 5 Music Practise 7:30pm | fri 6 No Nrgise or Youth Good Friday | sat 7 |
| sun 8 11:00am Andy Judd Easter Sunday | mon 9 | tues 10 | wed 11 | thur 12 Music Practise 7:30pm | fri 13 No NRGISE or Youth Easter Hols 18-30's Nandos Canterbury 7pm | sat 14 |
| sun 15 11:00am Peter Judd 6:00pm Mark Ritchie | mon 16 | tues 17 Connect Groups 7:45pm | wed 18 Daytime Connect Group 10:30am | thur 19 Music Practise 7:30pm | fri 20 6.30-7.45pm N.r.gise Club 5-10's 8.00-9.30pm Youth Group 11-17's | sat 21 |
| sun 22 11:00am Ariel Rapson 6:00-7:15pm Deeper at Net Church | mon 23 | tues 24 Connect Groups 7:45pm | wed 25 | thur 26 Music Practise 7:30pm Ladies Colour Conference | fri 27 6.30-7.45pm N.r.gise Club 5-10's 8.00-9.30pm Youth Group | sat 28 |
| sun 29 11:00am Roy Morley 5:00-7:30pm Preaching Academy at Dartford Da1 1SA | mon 30 | tues 1 | wed 2 | thur 3 | fri 4 | sat 5 |

community

Quays Visits



Following on from our great visit to the Quays as part of the 12 days of Christmas project, we want to continue this year to build relationships with the residents.

Jaya Judd is meeting with the Quays Manager to plan some key dates throughout 2012, where we can serve, support and demonstrate love to all.

As soon as events and dates are confirmed we will let you know. A huge thank you to everyone that was involved in any way in the Christmas event, it was deeply appreciated by the Quays.

Together we can make a difference.

Turretts Visits



The Turretts is a sheltered housing unit for elderly people based in West Lane (not far from the church). As a church we have visited The Turretts before and the residents always really appreciate our visits. Many have no family and spend hours without any one to really talk to.

Could you give an hour and a half of your time to sit and talk? We have planned three dates:

Monday 6th Feb 6:20pm
Monday 5th March 6:20pm
Monday 2nd April 11:00am

We will meet at the church at 6:20 to go into The Turretts from 6:30-8:00pm. Sometimes the greatest gift we can give is time to another. The residents at The Turretts would deeply appreciate it.

Street Pastors



We are actively involved in the Street Pastors programme within our town. Street Pastors is an inter-denominational Church response to engage with people on the streets to care, listen and talk.

Our teams in Sittingbourne operate on Friday and Saturday nights from 10pm to around 3:00am. But more volunteers are always needed.

Training is provided, we simply need people who can connect with people from all walks of life and be able to help and listen.

Interested? Chat to Jaya Judd about getting involved and she will point you in the right direction.

new coffee bar outreach planned



We want Net Church to always be a place where everyone feels welcome, loved and supported.

For 2012 we really want to build relationships with the parents of our playgroup, and other members of our community. To do this we want to create a coffee bar area in the room at the front.

Peter Judd will be putting together a team to tackle the DIY, so please do see Pete if you can donate some time to help.

We will also be taking a special offering to transform the room. Please do pray about what you can give.

[Special offering Sunday 19 February](#)

To revamp this room into a coffee bar area will require approximately £2500, and we really need your help.

We would deeply appreciate any amount that you could give towards transforming this area so that the playgroup mums and dads have somewhere to get a coffee and have a chat, and many others in our town.

We will take the special offering in the Sunday service 19 February.

deeper

time to encounter God



Sunday 22 January at Emmanuel Church 6:00-7:15
Sunday 19th February at Net Church 6:00-7:15pm
Sunday 11th March at Emmanuel Church 6:00-7:15pm
Sunday 22nd April at Net Church 6:00-7:15pm
Directions for Net Church www.thenetchurch.co.uk

vision

Leading

people to Jesus locally regionally, nationally and internationally

Growing

strong, mature Christians who are fully released in their God given ministries

Building

significant, big local churches that are modern and relevant in the 21st century

values

People Values

love, encouragement, acceptance, choosing to see potential, respect, generosity.

Working Values

excellence, unity, commitment, support, maturity, flexibility, reliability.

Mission Values

building a church that is a contemporary, relevant expression of the Kingdom of God. Communicating the message of Jesus, with power and relevance. Reaching out not just with words but with actions.

We're easy to find...



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