

Knighton News

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The legacy of a life

Andrew Upton,
Pastor

A funeral may not be one of the most inspiring and visionary subjects to write about for a Knighton News editorial.

Yet that is precisely what the Thanksgiving Service for the life of Cynthia Medhurst was - inspiring and visionary.

In 1 Timothy 6:7 Paul says that we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. A funeral really reminds you of that truth. To my knowledge

Cynthia didn't leave behind pots of gold or academic accomplishments or celebrity status - but then what good are they now? She did leave behind lots and lots of good friendships.

I asked different people how they knew Cynthia. There were lots of family and friends from church of course but others were neighbours, some old work colleagues, ladies from the tapestry and needlework society, and friends from *Guide Dogs for the Blind*.

The list went on and on and all of them wanted to be there as a mark of their respect and love for Cynthia. I'm sure that she'd told them that she was a follower of Jesus Christ but then she also showed them by her love.

Reflect on that and make sure that you are not giving your life for things that cannot last. Instead let's serve our King by building good friendships, loving those around us and pointing them towards Him.



Welcome to Warran! (...and Lee-Ellen and Astrah). Warran was accepted as our new Assistant Community Pastor at the church meeting on September 6th. We trust the Lord will bless, strengthen and encourage us together.

Students

Info. taken from our web site: www.knighton.org

At Knighton we have a team dedicated to students, led by **Steve and Rachel Bawden** who studied at Leicester. We want to make it as easy as possible for you to get involved and feel at home here. We put on a number of events throughout the year specifically for students but our heart is that you feel very much part of the family here at Knighton!



Student Lunches

We all know students appreciate good food! We hold regular student lunches at homes, and it's a fantastic way to get to know other members of the church - as well as feeding up for the rest of the week! **Student Lunches will commence from Sunday 9 October and run for at least four Sundays.**

Sunday Evenings

Every Sunday evening, after the 6.30pm service we normally head back to Steve and Rach's house nearby. It's a good time to enjoy hanging out as a group, It's been really exciting to see friendships grow as we share and pray together .

Globe Café for International Students

We count it a great privilege that students from all over the world join us at Knighton. Throughout the year we lay on a number of meetings and social events for international students, and all are also welcome to join any of the groups and events at Knighton. The 'Globe Cafe' runs on Monday nights at 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Leicester.

And last but not least!!

Let's not forget our Knighton young people who are setting off to University for the first time:

Seb & Alex Owczarek, Ruth Bailey, Hattie Cufflin, Lydia Parker and Amy Moltu. Remember as well Pippa Graves starting as a Relay worker with UCCF.

Family News

Condolences to John Medhurst and family on the loss of his wife, Cynthia; and to Debbie and Richard Harris and family on the recent loss of Debbie's Mum, Ros Bodicoat.

Church Office - Notice

Gail Jewell is out of action following her recent operation and will be off work for some weeks. The office is therefore closed until further notice.

FOR URGENT CALLS, please ring 07896 042131. Information for the news sheet should be sent to the office email, subject: NEWS SHEET, by 11 a.m. each Wednesday.

Congratulations and
**Best Wishes to Richard
Farrar and Pauline Wilde
on their wedding on Satur-
day 3rd September.**

RE-NEW MEMBER: Hilary Odling was previously a member of Knighton, and became part of the Avenue church plant some years ago. At the church meeting on 6th September, Hilary was accepted again as a member of Knighton.

Babies!

Welcome to **Tabitha Grace Wandera**, born on 1st June to Rachel and Deo, and to **Harry Arthur Ellis**, born on August 10th to Sarah and Jules; and to **Zachary Peter Cromwell**, born on August 10th to Ruth and Paul.



STOP PRESS: Welcome also to **Joseph Benjamin Cross**, a son for Dale and Angela, born on 21st September.

We refer new parents to the text in 1 Corinthians 15: 51b/52a (KJV) '...We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in the twinkling of an eye...'

Holiday at Paignton

In September, thirty-nine 'New Lifers' spent a wonderful week in Torbay. We had great fun, with bowls competitions, quizzes, games and outings. We

We also visited Orchid Paradise and The House of Marbles.



We had good fellowship together, not least over meal times.

We can't wait for the next holiday!



In our morning meetings we learned more about the miracles of Jesus, and in the evenings considered the words of Jesus from the cross; where Jonathan Wood was an encouraging and challenging speaker.



Jonathan Wood

visited Buckfast Abbey and Dartmouth and took in a cruise up the river Dart, all in lovely sunshine.

The Search for New Life

On 8th - 12th August, many intrepid explorers led by the fearless Ian King set off to find New Life - but they were in Paignton (No, not THAT New Life!). It was our annual Holiday Bible Club.

During the week, scores of 5-9-year-olds came along, and helped by their enthusiastic team leaders; heard stories, played games and did crafts, all pointing them to REAL New Life - that found in the Lord Jesus.

If I can get my computer working, we may see some pictures next time... (MA)

Cantamici



A concert to herald the start of the festive
season

Following their concert at KEFC in March 2010 which raised over
£850 for the work of *Compassion*, we have invited the *Cantamici*
choir to make a return visit to Knighton for a Christmas concert to
be held in

St Mary's Parish Church, Brinsmead Road,
on Saturday 26th November 2011 at 7.30 pm

Cantamici has a varied repertoire of sacred and secular music, and
traditional and modern folk songs. The choir has performed in
Ireland, France, Poland and Tuscany, as well as the UK, and has
recorded two CDs.

Cantamici will be joined in this concert by special guest performers

Chloe and Gwion Thomas

CLC Moves house



Michael and Jane Shaw, the managers of the
CLC shop previously in Belvoir Street have led a
successful move to its new location in Bishop
Street, by the Town Hall Square - a few doors
from the old main Post Office. They would be
delighted to welcome you and show you around
the new premises.

Advance & Aspire

Hungarton Camps weeks 1 & 2

Emily Sothcott-Gilson

Advance: Week One

(school yrs 10-13)

Tim kicked off the week with the first evening activity with the customary walk.

The London Trip was exciting, as some campers had had little experience of London. They were given a number of options there, including a tour around the most famous sites in London. **Go Ape was another day trip.** The campers set off in groups to complete the course within the trees at Sherwood Forest.

Traditionally camp has to have a wide game in which each team strategically aims to defend their base and attack the opposing base. On the last night there was a talent show with sketches, musical instrument performances and solos. The bonfire was a great time for the campers and leaders to reflect on the week and share what they had learnt.

**Camp comments
(campers)**

'Very good'

'Encouraging'

'Quiet times the best time'

'Good discussions'

Aspire: Week Two (school yrs 7-9)

The overall atmosphere on camp was good; there was lots of fun through all the activities on offer. Barbeques in tent groups allowed for tent bonding over burnt burgers and toasted marshmallows. Activities included swimming, horse-riding, fishing, craft, drama, drumming, volleyball and crazy ball.

The day trip to Rutland Water was a roasting day, allowing everybody to make the most of the raft building and racing, kayaking and dive-bombing in the water. Another trip was organised to Drayton Manor.

The meetings in the barn were interactive and engaging.

**Camp comments
(leaders):**

'Brilliant week - highlight of the year!'

'The worship was humbling'

Splat a Pastor



Before



After

Scenes from the Knighton Park Fun Day on 4th September - a good time was had by all.

Photos: Graham Coleman



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GRACE IN THE
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Coming up

Life 2011 October 2nd - 9th at Samworth Enterprise Academy. See leaflets in foyer.

Manchester Northern Women's Convention 8th October. Tickets - £17 & £12 concessions. Speaker - Rebecca Manley-Pippert. See Fiona for details.

Harvest Supper - Saturday 15th October 7pm at Knighton. This will be an outreach evening for you to bring your non-Christian friends. Ticket only event – contact J & M Antill (see below)

Holbrooks Evangelical Church Ladies' Conference

15th October. Speaker - Kath Paterson

If you hope to go please email the office before 28th October so food can be ordered.

The deadline for the next Knighton News is November 15th. Please send any articles, information etc. for inclusion in the next issue to Margaret Antill:

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