

# Knighton News

## Just talking about Jesus

Andy Upton

**A friend of mine was giving the low-down on this year's New Word Alive.**

I asked him about the talks and whether there was one that stood out. He said that David Cook was speaking on evangelism: "It was brilliant but really obvious. He told us that evangelism is telling people about Jesus.' I must have looked a little surprised so my friend explained. 'A lot of people seem to think that in order to do evangelism you need a degree from a Bible College or you have to have read lots of books on apologetics. David Cook told us that evangelism is just talking to people about Jesus, and anyone can do that."

**That's what happened on Monday night (18th April) in the Cradock.**

Judy Pyrah had arranged for over 35 people to come to the pub, eat, drink and hear a simple talk on 'Why does a good God allow suffering?' It wasn't complicated or difficult, it wasn't cringe-making or embarrassing. And as I sat there afterwards listening to people talking about anything from suffering to football I thought. "Why don't we do this more often?" We could run this event again, but what about joining up, getting some friends together and having a discussion? We could have an evening on what's gone wrong with the world? Or, how can human beings change? Or, what happens after death? Your friend could share their view and, as part of the discussion, you put yours, and simply talk about Jesus...

Now I just need somebody who would arrange it :-)

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## New Life

Trevor King

### New Life continues to flourish.

We have had over 60 people at our recent meetings including several visitors. We have welcomed varied and effective guest speakers:

Major Chris Herbert from the Salvation Army, Sue Smout from Open Hands and John Stevens, the director of FIEC. We also enjoyed a meal and a walk in the sunshine at Smeeton Westerby. Why not join us on a Tuesday and see what you have been missing?



Smeeton Westerby walk

### New Life meeting times

**May 3, May 17, June 7,  
June 21**

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## Here Come the Girls!

Women of the church! Do you wish you knew your fellow female Knighton-ites better? Well, we hope this is the beginning of a solution.

On **June 18th** there will be a morning for all **women of all ages** in the church. It is mainly for fellowship, getting to know one another better, and encouragement. There will be no crèche, so Mums can be free for a couple of hours! There will be **coffee, cakes, and a talk by Linda Marshall**, with lots of opportunity for feedback and chat! We hope it will lead to greater things... There will be a sign up sheet in the foyer for those who can come, bring a cake, and/or help serve coffee. The idea for the name was Gail's, and as no-one has come up with anything better, it seems to have stuck.

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# Family News

## **Condolences**

to family and friends of **May Swarsbrick**, a long time member of Knighton, who went to be with the Lord on Sunday 6th January; also to the Beresford, Simpkin and Barry families on the death of **Kathleen Beresford** on 6th February, very shortly after that of her husband George. Both of these ladies had been long serving members of Knighton.

## **Congratulations**

to Chris & Rachel Trafford on the birth of Katie Elizabeth Trafford on 7th April. The proud grandparents are Trevor and Jane King. And congratulations also to new grandparents Barry and Pam Hallam, whose daughter Charlotte had a baby boy, Oscar Robert, on 26th April.

## **Golden Wedding**

Pauline & John Sumpter celebrated 50 years of marriage on 10th March;

and On 3rd April John & Margaret Antill celebrated their Ruby wedding.

## **Dedications**

Jonny & Heather Acheson brought their daughter Anna for dedication on 23rd January, and on 27th March, Paul & Emma Cross brought their daughter Sophie to be dedicated to the Lord.

## **Baptism**

On 30th January, Beth Trafford and Carys Schutz declared their faith by being baptised.

## Beatrice hits the ton!

'**God has been very gracious**' said Beatrice on her 100th Birthday; which she celebrated by coming to Knighton for the morning service on 17th April – her actual birth date. Beatrice was presented with flowers, and met many old friends. She says she doesn't feel any different, being 100, but acknowledges the Lord's goodness to her. She now lives at the Pilgrims' Home, Wellsborough (Hornsey Rise Memorial Home).



## Your Help Needed!

Hilary Mayers



Can you spare half an hour, from 10.30 to 11 a.m. on one Friday morning, [bi-monthly](#)?

A small group of our church family visit the Manor Residential Home and take a short service. We have hymn singing, a short talk and an opportunity to chat with a few of the residents.

**Do join us, we need your help!**

For more information please contact Trevor King  
(0116 2704912)

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## Our new church cleaner

**Recently Naomi Gurr was appointed to be our church cleaner.**

We are grateful for the work she does on our behalf in caring for the premises, and ask people to be considerate in the way they use the church, and to be especially careful to clear away rubbish, etc.

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## FOSSIL hospitality

Many overseas students in Leicester have been shown hospitality by Christians through FOSSIL (Friends of Overseas Students in Leicester). If you would like to be involved, please contact

Jennifer:

[fossilmeals@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fossilmeals@hotmail.co.uk) who links potential hosts with an overseas student, usually for Sunday lunch.

## Simply Spring (Lucy's Food)

Alison Timmins

### Simply Spring was simply fab!

Lucy Cufflin – sister of Ollie – is a Cordon-Bleu trained chef who runs a successful local shop and catering business. In our upstairs church hall, transformed for the evening into a rather slick demonstration kitchen, she cooked a range of dishes

**'Altogether, a perfect evening'**

from her recently pub-

lished book, Lucy's Food. Around fifty of us gathered to watch the show!

Moving through moreish canapés to gorgeous mains such as melting lamb shanks with roast aubergine chilli and mint rice, Lucy and her team cooked confidently but were chattily informal; in fact, it was much more like having a knowledgeable friend sharing her best tips, of which there were plenty.

We then enjoyed a most delicious meal prepared by her team combining a



nod to the Royals in Coronation Chicken in filo baskets and an eye to an expanding waistline with an indulgent chocolate cupcake topped with chocolate ganache. Yum!

Neil Tansley concluded the evening by giving an interesting overview of the work of Open Hands. Altogether a perfect evening.

## Don't forget our friends overseas!

### *Remember*

Martin & Claudia and the boys in Kenya,

Ray & Marion ;

Graham & Debbie and family in Bolivia,

Patrick & Debs and family in S E Asia, and

Kay & Steve in the far east of England!



**This is an initiative launched with the 24/7 Prayer Week in January.** It aims to help all of us at KEFC to achieve our mission of 'Making Disciples of Jesus to be grace in the community'. It is a strategy to help us as individuals and as a fellowship make more connections with people and organisations within our community.

### **The principles behind Go 2011**

- ⇒ Living out the gospel where God has placed us
- ⇒ Being different and making a difference in our community
- ⇒ The whole Church focusing outward
- ⇒ Driven by personal growth in prayer
- ⇒ Endeavouring to make all we do accessible to our community
- ⇒ Encouraging people to make opportunities to share their faith in word and action
- ⇒ Doing 'good' for our community

### **Who should be involved?**

Every individual and group within our Church will be encouraged to look outwards into our community, often doing what we already do, but with an outreach focus.

These activities will be supported by centrally coordinated events that will offer further opportunities to engage with friends and neighbours.

We will work with St Mary's when appropriate, to broaden our reach into the community, utilising shared contacts and facilities.

# Introducing Howard Sayers

Howard was recently appointed as a Pastoral Worker at Knighton

**I was born in 1944 in Henfield, Sussex and grew up on a small dairy farm.** There never was any uncertainty about the career I wanted - farming! After Agricultural College I worked on a pig farm in Gloucestershire during which time Gill and I started courting. After only a year we got married and moved to Sussex for 7 years during which time the Lord gave us three lovely children.

**I was brought up in a Christian family but turned away from God in my teens.** While I was at college I began the slow struggle back to the Lord. Later we began to seek God regarding His will for our lives. To our surprise He showed us He wanted us to go as a family to Guinea Bissau, West Africa with WEC International. We eventually arrived there in

1976.

We lived in a rural area in a mud house with no running water or electricity. Gill, who was a nurse, started up a clinic in a palm branch shelter, treating some very sick people; and later I finished building a small clinic. I did a little to help local farmers improve their crops and in well digging, but most of my time was spent in assisting practically the young churches that were beginning to emerge.

**We first visited Knighton in 1978.** However we had to return to the UK for good in 1981 for health reasons. After a long period of hospital treatment we were able to work in the mission HQ as Candidate Directors until 1999, when the Lord led us to run a little Christian retreat centre in Sussex. We were there until the Lord called my precious Gill Home in 2007.



Since Gill's death the journey of grief for me has been the hardest one I have ever made as I quickly hit depression. Many times all I have wanted has been for the Lord to call me Home too. But through it all, the Lord has been there to wrap me in His arms of love and encourage me onwards with Him. Part of His healing for me has been the lovely ministry and fellowship I have received at KEFC. Thank you KEFC! So now I want to share with others something of the love and comfort that Jesus has given to me.

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*Coming Soon!*

(but check all dates with weekly bulletin, as there may be changes)

**14th May, 8 a.m.:** Men's Breakfast,  
speaker Mike Steptoe

**17th May, 7.30 p.m.** Church prayer  
meeting 7.30pm

**18th June , 10 a.m.–12.30p.m.**  
Here come the girls! Women's Morning

**21st June, 7.30 p.m.** Church prayer  
meeting 7.30 pm

**26th June** Open Gardens afternoon

## HUNGARTON CAMP DATES

**Advance** (15-18 yrs)

SAT 23rd July-FRI 29th July

**Aspire** (12-14 yrs)

SUN 31st July-SAT 6th August

**Activate** (9-11 yrs)

SUN 14th August-FRI 19th August