



Jubilee Church

Worshipping God,
serving the community.

Doors open to the community

We can't believe that it's nearly three years since the new Jubilee Centre, based in Southlands Road, was completed! Our aim was always to have a building designed to provide a place of worship for Jubilee Church and, just as importantly, a community centre that would have its 'doors open' to benefit everyone in the local area.

Well, if the number of people coming along to our various clubs and activities are anything to go by, then hopefully we are doing something right! With an

average of 50+ teenagers coming along to our youth club, Recess, every Friday night, around 45 under-fives and their parents/carers taking part in our weekly structured playtime sessions, Little Stars, and 30 people joining us every Wednesday morning for coffee, cake and a chat, we have obviously already had the pleasure of welcoming many of you into the Jubilee Centre!

Other clubs at the centre include Jubilee Fun Jungle, affectionately known as 'JFJ', held every Friday for 7-11 year olds and a keep fit session on Monday evenings. However, we don't just open our doors to welcome people in, we do venture outside the centre too! As well as living in and around the locality, many people at

Jubilee Church are involved in activities to support the community – from regular visits to offer friendship to residents in the Greenhill and Elmwood nursing homes, to helping with the new iPad scheme, a drop-in centre in Bromley providing support and advice to people of all ages who need housing.

With so much going on, it's no surprise that time has flown by so quickly! We have lots more planned for this year, starting with our Family Fun Day on Saturday 30 June. If you haven't been to the Jubilee Centre before, why not come along? Whether the sun shines or not, we promise you'll receive a warm welcome!

Jackie Mills
On behalf of the Jubilee
Church Leadership Team



Jubilee family fun!

Join us for an afternoon of fun

Saturday 30 June 2007, 2.00-5.00pm

As we go to print with this Community Newsletter, there are lots of people working hard behind the scenes to get ready for our next Fun Day at the Jubilee Centre. Since the first event we held, just over two years ago, our Fun Days have become increasingly popular – and it's not just for kids, there's something for everyone to enjoy!

There is no entrance fee or charge for refreshments, however if you wish to make a contribution, we will be

donating any money raised to the 'Stop the Traffik' campaign (see inside for more details).

A bouncy castle for the kids, together with face painting, games and puppets are just some of the entertainment planned for the afternoon. We will also have sign dancing and live music, as well as the opportunity for a relaxing hand massage or a bit of retail therapy on our Fairtrade stalls ... and if you don't feel in the mood for any of that, then you can just take it easy with a 'slice of cake and a nice cup of tea' (or coffee!) with our compliments. While you're here, if there's anything you'd like us to pray for, we'll also be happy to do that – just let us know!

So, whether you are just bringing yourself, or coming along with friends or family, don't forget to put the date in your diary – we really look forward to seeing you!

Stop the Traffik



The scale of human trafficking

It is estimated that every year up to 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders – and approximately 80% of these are women and children. It is the fastest growing form of international crime, although gathering statistics on the scale of the problem is a complex and difficult task. People are trafficked – in other words, taken or sold against their will – into various roles, including prostitution, forced labour, forced marriage and forced illegal adoption.

Freedom Day

25 March 2007 marked 'Freedom Day' – 200 years since the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade. Liberty was even celebrated by Hollywood with the film, *Amazing Grace*, telling the story of William Wilberforce who was very influential in bringing about an end to slavery. However, 'Freedom Day' also marked the commitment to continue the pursuit of freedom for all those being trafficked and trapped in slavery.

What is Stop the Traffik?

Stop the Traffik is a global partnership of a wide range of organisations who are working to raise awareness of human trafficking. They are also campaigning to put pressure on the United Nations and individual governments to bring about a change in legislation and policies, with the aim of protecting people from human trafficking and unlocking the freedom of those already trafficked.

What can we do?

We realise it's not a very pleasant subject to read about, but it's something that is happening to people, just like us, all around the world and we can all play a part in helping abolish this awful trade, whether it's making a financial donation or raising awareness in our schools, communities or places of work. To find out more, visit www.stophetraffik.org.

Jubilee kids set up car wash to raise funds

Some of the kids from Jubilee Church decided to



do their bit for the Stop the Traffik campaign. The idea was put forward by Joanna, Emily and Katie, and together with Sophie, Danny, Ben and Sophie, they offered to wash cars in exchange for donations.

So, on Sunday 20 May, the Jubilee Church car park, and the forecourt of Spanners Garage next door, turned into a 'car wash'! As people arrived for church, they were asked whether or not they wanted their car washed, and if they did, they were asked to make a donation – in fact

some people even paid NOT to have their car cleaned!

With the sun shining, lots of hard work and plenty of fun, they washed about 12 cars, resulting in an amazing total of £90! The money will go to a charity in India that helps to track down children who have been trafficked and reunite them with their families.

Katie said "It was fun washing all the cars and we are happy that we will be helping children get back to their own homes with their mums and dads".

Relaxing to support Breast Cancer Care

Forty-two women got together in May to enjoy a relaxing 'Ladies Night' in aid of Breast Cancer Care. Tickets for the event, which was sponsored by Jubilee Church, included a mini relaxation treatment, a glass of wine (or two!) and some 'posh' nibbles!

With the help of mood lighting, inspiring words and images, scented candles, 'chill out' areas, magazines and calming music, it wasn't long before the hectic rush of life was put to one side. Therapists de-stressed guests with soothing massages, reflexology and facials, and there were indulgent pampering treats to be won through the fundraising tombola and raffle.

An amazing £514 was raised for Breast Cancer Care and organisers of the event, Brigitte and Maureen, were delighted. "We'd like to thank all those who supported our Ladies Night – everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves and went home relaxed and refreshed. It was so popular that we are looking at planning something similar later in the year!"

For more information visit www.breastcancercare.org.uk.

Enjoying chocolate, the right way!

Hhhmmm ... chocolate! There's not many of us that don't enjoy eating it, whether it's a bar of chocolate, a box of chocolates, chocolate ice-cream, chocolate cake, chocolate milkshake ... the choices are endless!

But have you ever thought about where your chocolate comes from – or more importantly, who is helping to make it? Nearly half of the world's chocolate is made from cocoa grown in the Ivory Coast in Africa where it is reported that 12,000 children have been forced to work and spend long days harvesting the cocoa beans. In addition, there are farmers who work hard to harvest cocoa beans to make the chocolate that we eat, but who live in extreme poverty as they don't get paid a fair price for what they grow.

When you are next buying some chocolate, why not choose to eat chocolate that is guaranteed to be Fairtrade and 'traffik



free'! That way, not only will you enjoy your chocolate, but you'll be able to eat it in the happy knowledge that the farmers received a fair price and that children were not exploited.

Waitrose, Marks and Spencer, Tesco, Sainsbury's and the Co-op are just some of the shops that sell a range of Fairtrade and 'traffik free' chocolate, as do many others companies. To find out more, visit www.fairtrade.org.uk or see the 'Good Chocolate Guide' on www.stophetraffik.org.uk.

Why not try out this delicious recipe!

Easy-to-make Chocolate Fridge Cake

- 250g digestive biscuits
- 300g Fairtrade chocolate
- 100g unsalted butter
- 150g golden syrup
- 200g dried fruit (raisins, cherries etc)



1. Use cling film to line a 20cm shallow, square-shaped tin, leaving extra cling film hanging over the sides.
2. Crush the biscuits into pieces using a rolling pin (put them into a plastic bag first so they don't go everywhere!).
3. Melt the chocolate, butter and golden syrup in a heatproof bowl set over a pan of simmering water, stirring occasionally.
4. Remove the bowl from the heat and stir in the crushed biscuits and dried fruit. Spoon the mixture into the tin and level it out with the back of a spoon.
5. Leave to cool, then put in the fridge for 1-2 hours to set.
6. Turn out the cake from the tin and peel off the cling film, then cut into 12 pieces – and enjoy!

All dressed up for Prom Night!

Posh dresses and stylish suits were out on show when the Jubilee Centre played host to a 'Prom Night'! The evening was part of the programme of activities organised for Recess, a club for young people aged 11-18, and it certainly seemed that a good time was had by everyone! As well as music and dancing, they were served a variety of cocktails (non-alcoholic!) and, in true American tradition, there was an award for the Prom King and Queen!

Giving young people a warm welcome

Recess meets weekly at the centre on a Friday evening during term. It seems that many young people don't have anywhere particular to go to socialise, aside from public areas like parks and streets, so we believe that opening up our doors and providing them with a safe place to get together is beneficial to both them and to our local community. There is clearly a need for a club like Recess as we have grown rapidly with an average of 50+ young people every Friday, and sometimes more. We are currently looking at how we can address this to make sure that we do our best to meet the needs of all these young people, and likewise do all we can to minimise any impact on our neighbours.

A great place to hang out!

The club is run by Jubilee Church with a team of leaders overseeing all the activities. Recess is a 'regular' youth club – we don't

push our beliefs, but we're very open about being Christians. We do often have discussions about God and 'faith', along with any other subjects affecting young people that they might want to talk about.

They receive a warm welcome from us and each week we provide a variety of activities, such as table tennis, pool, PlayStation games and karaoke. We've had competitions, lock-ins, quiz nights and even raised money for charity! Sometimes we go out for the evening, like bowling or ice skating – and recently we went out for a night hike, led by a qualified guide, which was great fun!

Sophie has been coming along to the club for nearly four years. "I really love it, we always have a real laugh" she says. "I look forward to going every week. We had a Prom Night which was good as we all got dressed up and the lock-ins are good fun, but I don't mind what we do as if we're staying at the centre I can just chill with my mates. It's just a great place to hang out with friends".



Talking to God

We believe that all of us can talk to God and tell Him about everything that is going on in our lives. However, we also know that some people don't feel they can pray, or would prefer that someone else prayed for them. At Jubilee Church, we believe that God listens when we talk to him – and that He also does answer our prayers.

If you have anything that you would like us to pray for on your behalf, please feel free to write them down and put them through the door of the Jubilee Centre, anonymously if you wish. You can also email us at prayer@jubileechurch.co.uk and we will commit to bring you and your request before God. We can't guarantee how He will respond, but we can guarantee that we will pray for you. We also promise that unless you ask us to, we will not make contact with you.

Something for the kids - just for fun!

It won't be long before school is finished and you'll be enjoying the summer break! Here are a few words to get you thinking about your time off – see if you can find them! They can be found diagonally, vertically or horizontally. No prizes, as it's just for fun - happy holidays everyone!

beach holiday sand
 boat park sea
 friends playing sunshine
 games

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d	p	a	p	d	n	a	s
n	l	l	t	a	o	b	k
e	a	b	a	m	r	y	s
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In and around the centre

Church meetings

Jubilee Church meets in the Jubilee Centre on Sunday mornings at 10.00am, with the exception of the last Sunday in the month when we start with refreshments at 10.00am and then hold a slightly shorter service, with the focus on worship for all ages, from 10.30am. Our church services are friendly and informal and for part of the service, there are separate activities for children and young people.

We also meet at various times during the week, either at the centre or at people's houses, and spend time together exploring what it means to follow Jesus in today's world.

If you would like to join us on a Sunday morning, without any obligation, you will be made to feel very welcome.

Clubs and activities at the centre

Keep Fit	Mondays 7.50pm
Coffee Morning	Wednesdays 10.30am
Women's Bible Study*	Thursdays 10.00am
Little Stars (0-5 years)	Thursdays 10.00am (inc school hols)
Jubilee Fun Jungle (7-11 years)	Fridays 6.00pm
Recess (11-18 years)	Fridays 8.00pm

* not held at the Jubilee Centre, contact us for details



We thought you'd like to know that at our 2006 Christmas Fun Day, your kind contributions totalled £223.44. We used this to buy some goats, clean water for 10 families and vaccines for 10 children through the charity organisation, World Vision. Those of you who attended our Christingle Service also gave generously and we were able to send £150 to The Children's Society.
Thank you!

Community connections

In addition to all our church services and weekly activities at the Jubilee Centre, there are lots of other things going on that you might be interested in! So far this year, events have included a wine tasting evening, car treasure hunt, walks in the country (usually stopping off for a pub lunch), and a barn dance!

Quiz nights

We have regular quiz nights which are always great fun! The next one takes place on 15 September at 8.00pm

– it costs just £2.50 per person and we supply tea, coffee and cakes. If you want any other drinks and nibbles, you are welcome to bring some with you! Don't worry if you haven't got a team together, there are always people you can join up with on the night.

Keep fit

Our Keep Fit club meets every Monday evening at 7.50pm for an hour. Barbie, our qualified fitness instructor, provides a varied training session suitable for all levels, whether you are just starting to get fitter and want to take it easy, or whether you want to push yourself further with a challenging workout. At £2.50 per session, it's a

real bargain, as well as being friendly, healthy and good fun!

Coffee mornings

If you're around and about on a Wednesday morning at 10.30am, why not join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a piece of cake. It's a good opportunity to catch up with old friends - or make new ones! Everyone is welcome, whatever your age ... and for those with little ones, there are some toys for them to play with while you have a chat.

Our community events are always publicised on the noticeboard outside the centre, so why not keep an eye out for something that interests you? We hope to see you soon!

Why we are here

Our reason for being together is found in one person – Jesus Christ. We share the common purpose of serving Jesus, and one another. We also want to serve our local community, knowing that God loves our world and that he is interested in each and every person, whoever or wherever they are. We believe that a life lived for Him is simply the best!

If you would like more information about Jubilee Church, any of the activities at our centre and in and around the local community, please feel free to contact us:

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