



Jubilee Church

Worshipping God,
serving the community.

Fun in the SUN!

**Join us for this FREE
community event in
Whitehall Recreation
Ground, on Saturday,
20 August 2011, from
12 noon to 4.00pm.**

Following the success of last year's event, Bromley Common Churches Together are holding their second 'Fun in the Sun' event for the local community. Volunteers from St Luke's, Bromley Common Baptist, Holy Trinity, St Swithun's, Coppice Community Church, Bromley Common Methodist, St Augustine's and Jubilee Church have been planning some great activities, including face painting, bouncy castle, live music from local band 'Jasper', traditional outdoor games, giant Snakes and Ladders and giant Draughts. There will also be the opportunity to chat to members of the Kent Fire & Rescue team who will have one of their fire engines on display, and the local Police who will be bringing along an emergency response car.

There'll be plenty of people busy baking in the days running up to the event as we'll be providing free refreshments, with lots of homemade cakes and biscuits to accompany a refreshing cup of tea, coffee or squash – and for those who'd prefer something savoury, we'll also have a barbeque on the go and will be serving free burgers and hot dogs throughout the afternoon (or until the food runs out!).

Jackie Mills, one of the leaders of Jubilee Church and event organiser, said, "Last year's event was such a success that we decided to do it all again this year – we're hoping that the sun will shine, but more than that we're hoping to see the community come together and have a great time."

As a group of churches in the local area, we're also happy to pray with you and will have an area set aside for that, so if you have any worries or concerns that you'd like us to pray about, just let us know.

We hope you'll join us for a happy, enjoyable afternoon – there'll be plenty of activities for everybody, whether you want an action-packed afternoon or the chance to sit down and relax. At 4.00pm, we'll be holding a short informal service in the park, which everyone is welcome to attend.

'Fun in the Sun' will be a fantastic free afternoon out, so put the date on your calendars and we look forward to seeing you between 12 noon and 4.00pm on Saturday, 20 August 2011!



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- Jubilee's travels around the world
- Family fun at Mosaic Saturdays
- Jubilee's community links over the years

From Bromley to India, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Uganda...

For many years, Jubilee Church has had connections with other churches and organisations in the UK, and further afield. Jim Holl, who led Jubilee Church with his wife, Sylvia, until his retirement a few years ago, has travelled to many places including Sri Lanka and India, and more recently, Kampala in Uganda. During these visits, he has built up many friendships and, as a result, Jubilee Church has been able to support the work done by these churches, many of which are helping people in very difficult situations, including extreme poverty.

In India, we are linked with an organisation based in Chennai, the largest metropolitan city in South India, called the Inter-Mission Industrial Development Association, which focuses on giving relief and rehabilitation to people who are below the poverty line. As part of their activities, they run a community college to give young men and women the opportunity to learn a skill, enabling them to get a job so that they can have a better future and help their families. Jubilee Church are currently supporting six students and receive regular updates on how their studies are going – they are so enthusiastic and keen to gain their qualifications.

We have also developed very strong links with a church in Cape Town, South Africa, called Impact Direct Ministries, who target issues such as HIV/AIDS and poverty relief, as well as working with children and adults on the street and helping to provide opportunities for the disadvantaged, including those who have previously been involved in drugs or gangs. Teams from Jubilee Church have been out to the church and it's



Jubilee members with the counselling trainees in Cape Town



Sunday morning worship in Kampala

support centre over a number of years now, running various training courses to help those working at the centre, such as first aid and counselling. They have also taught computer skills for those using the centre to provide them with more of a chance of getting a job. The teams from Jubilee are made up from men and women of all ages, indeed in May this year the youngest member was 12 year old Katie who joined her mum,

Clare, who was visiting Cape Town to run CV and interview skills workshops at the centre. Katie was keen to go and do what she could to help and, with the full support of her school, she went to South Africa and really enjoyed the experience and learned a lot from it. Plans are already in place to continue the support for these organisations, and new links with churches in Indonesia and Kenya are also being developed.



First aid course in Cape Town



Broadcasting on local radio in Kampala



CV and interview skills in Cape Town

Mosaic Saturdays provide family fun

Research by our Children's Worker, Pip Perrin, highlighted the need for more activities in the local area where all the family could be involved together. Steve and Emma Palmer, also from Jubilee Church, decided to respond to this and, working with Pip, came up with the idea of 'Mosaic Saturdays'.

The name 'Mosaic' was taken from Jubilee's 'Mosaic Sundays' which are church services that we hold every now and again with lots of different and creative ways of worshipping God, reflecting the fact that our church is made up from individuals of different ages, backgrounds and personalities, but, like individual pieces of pottery or glass, together we make a beautiful and colourful mosaic.

Steve, a qualified teacher who now works for the Spinnaker Trust, a Christian organisation that works in over 70 schools, including those in Bromley, and Emma, also a local teacher, worked with Pip to develop a series of four events, held at the centre on Saturday mornings, suitable for all members of the family. 'Mosaic Saturdays' have been really successful, with around 12 families attending each event, which have had themes such as 'Arty Party'. Children and adults alike are encouraged to get involved with all sorts of fun activities which have included baking cookies and searching for bugs! The last event, called 'Beach Bash' had a beach theme and families made their own baseball hats and some fruit kebabs for their beach snack.

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Emma said, "The aim of Mosaic Saturdays is to provide families with new ways to enjoy each other's company, creating and making things together in a relaxed environment. We've also shared a short Bible story at each event and invited families to join in with a couple of fun songs." Steve added, "We're so pleased with how these first four events have gone – it seems that families have really appreciated spending a morning together doing some organised activities."

Feedback from the families who have attended one of the activity mornings has been fantastic, with many giving it at least 8/10! Jubilee Church are now looking to the future to see whether Mosaic Saturdays can be held on a more regular basis. If you want to be kept informed about future events, please contact Steve or Emma by email at info@jubileechurch.co.uk or look out for more information on our website or noticeboard.

Serving the community over the years

Did you know that Jubilee Church has been serving the local community in and around Southlands Road, in one form or another, for over 90 years? A young Christian man, called Kiff Balfour, founded a boys club in Southlands Road in the 1920s, which grew to become an active church in the community - the Belmont Mission. Jubilee Church had been meeting in various locations in the Bromley Common area since the 1970s and came together with the Belmont Mission to take over it's work, following an invitation from the mission's leaders. The wooden building was in a desperate state of repair and, with funds raised almost entirely by church members, it was demolished and redeveloped, with the new building, the Jubilee Centre, opening in November 2004. Since that time, the centre has been used to worship God with church services and prayer meetings, and has also continued to serve the community through a wide range of activities, including children's clubs, coffee mornings and keep fit. Jubilee Centre is home to a really vibrant Christian community in your local area and you will always receive a warm welcome, whether coming along to church or to one of our clubs or activities.



Talking to God

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

We know that people have lots of stresses and worries in life and if you have anything you'd like us to pray for on your behalf, please feel free to write it down and put it through the door of the Jubilee Centre, anonymously if you wish. You can also email us at prayer@jubileechurch.co.uk and we promise we will pray for you and your situation. We don't know how God will respond, but we do know that He loves you and He will hear our prayers. We also promise that unless you ask us to, we will not contact you.

In and around the centre

Jubilee Church meets in the centre on Sundays at 10.00am, where our friendly and informal services are followed by the chance to catch up with one another over a cup of tea or coffee. Children spend some of the morning in their own group learning stories from the Bible and having fun with arts and crafts. A couple of times a month, there are also separate activities for teenagers, with the opportunity to explore Christianity in the context of the issues they face as young adults today. On the last Sunday of each month, we start with refreshments at 10.00am, followed by a shorter service with a focus on worship for all ages at 10.30am.

We also occasionally run an Alpha course which is designed for people who would like the opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed and informal way. If you are interested, please contact us by email or give us a ring and we'll make sure we let you know when we have dates for our next Alpha course.

Our centre is also used for lots of other activities, including a variety of regular clubs and other events that are held throughout the year, such as music evenings and quiz nights. You are warmly invited to join us and if you would like further information, please take a look at the noticeboard outside of the centre or on our website, or contact us by phone or email using the details below.

Church Service	Sunday 10.00am
Keep Fit	Monday 8.00pm
Midweek Groups*	Tuesday/Wednesday 8.00pm
Coffee Morning	Wednesday 10.30am
Women's Bible Study*	Thursday 10.00am
Little Stars (0-5 yrs)	Thursday 10.00am (inc school hols)
Pilates	Thursday 7.30pm
Recess (11-18 yrs)	Friday 8.00pm

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

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There are lots of activities at the Jubilee Centre and some of them are mentioned in this newsletter. They've also found their way into our wordsearch – see if you can find them!

ALPHA	BIBLE STUDY
CHURCH	COFFEE
FUN IN THE SUN	KEEP FIT
LITTLE STARS	MORNING
MOSAIC	PILATES
RECESS	WORSHIP

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, wherever 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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