

# June 2010 Newsletter

Connecting Church to Community

The Connect newsletter goes out to churches in and around the Height. Its aim is to let you know what is going on in the other local churches. You can see if there is anything you want to come along to, get involved in, pray for or tell others about. We want to form deeper connections between the churches, so that, in turn, we can connect more effectively with our local community.

## **Praise in the park**

Praise In The Park.  
Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup> 3 -4 pm  
in Light oaks park.  
Organised by the churches  
on the height. With music  
from the MAPAS Carnival  
Band and Salford  
Community Choir.

Why not bring a picnic?

## **Worship event with Michael Larsson**

Mount Chapel are hosting  
an evening of worship with  
Canadian worship leader,  
Michael Larsson, on  
Thursday the 17th of June  
at 7:30pm. It should be  
really good!

## **Kidz Klub**

Every Tuesday during term  
time at 6:15 - 7:30pm at  
Holy Angels church hall,  
Salford Elim church runs  
Kidz Klub. There are  
brilliant games, crafts and  
Bible stories for kids of  
primary school age.

For more information ring  
Ruth on 07990 593523, or  
you can send her an email  
at

Ruth\_bolton@hotmail.co.uk

## **A 'Massive Thank you'**

A 'Massive Thank you' to  
all who have donated  
spectacles to the Lion's  
glasses appeal. The  
scheme runs continuously  
and I'm trying to increase  
the number of collection  
points. So far I have  
collected more than 110  
spectacles!

I have also given out in  
excess of 150 bottles in  
the 'Message in a bottle'  
scheme. Again, more are  
available.

Contact me, Geoff Yates  
on 07785 335023. for  
further information on  
these two schemes.

## **Salix community Carnival**

Salix Homes are  
organising a community  
carnival on Thursday the  
3rd of June 12 - 5 pm at  
the Broadwalk centre (M6  
5EJ). There will be a  
petting zoo and the  
opportunity to handle birds  
of prey, free refreshments  
and much more.

For more information see:  
[www.salixhomes.org](http://www.salixhomes.org)

## **Churches together in worship.**

1st Sunday evening of  
every month at Mount  
Chapel, starting at 7pm  
and finishing by 9pm. A  
meeting which involves  
worship, testimony, prayer  
and encouraging one  
another to continue to  
work to see God's kingdom  
come in Salford and  
beyond. Currently, we  
have people from Elim,  
LCC, Elmwood and Mount  
Chapel attending and it  
encourages unity. All are  
welcome!

## **Parents', Carers' and Toddler Group.**

The Height Methodist  
church holds a Parents',  
Carers' and Toddler Group  
that meets on Thursdays  
from 9.30-11.30am in term  
time and caters for babies  
and toddlers from 0 to 4  
years. A small charge is  
made per family. There are  
various activities for the  
children and refreshments  
are included.

Please speak to Joyce  
Smethurst, 789 4312 or  
Diane Greaves 736 7787  
for more information.

## Praise In The Park

We are blessed on the Height in that our church leaders and members can and do pray, worship, plan and arrange a programme of joint services and events each year. It's good to be part of the wider Christian family, to have valued friends in the other local churches and to work, serve and witness together.

Last month for our Church AGM at The Height Methodist I outlined the Ecumenical activities and it was really encouraging to recall just how much had gone off during the last twelve months. That's another story!

It was in 2008 that we decided to try a 'Praise In The Park' event in Lightoaks Park. Richard Milton brought along the MAPAS Carnival band and David Walker, our minister at The Height introduced the hymns with some information about the hymn writers.

If you remember, it had been an incredibly wet summer, but this afternoon was hot and sunny and there was a good turn out. Some folk came along because they knew it was happening, others joined in as they walked dogs and pushed prams. Quite a few people asked when the next one would be, so we didn't hesitate to plan one for 2009.

The morning was gloomy with a shower as we arrived, however the sun broke through and lit up the afternoon. Vera Tyldesley, from St Johns church had liaised with Richard Milton to arrange the programme with the band and Joe Doogan did a solo slot. There was Christian literature available, plus a member from each church around to engage with anyone who wanted to chat.

This year it just seemed right to do it again and we are so pleased to have The Salford Community Choir as well as The MAPAS band which hopefully will attract even more people. The event will be held on Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup> at 3-4 pm in Light oaks park. This year it's Father Mark from Holy Angels and St. Thomas who will be arranging the programme.

Do come down if you can. It's certainly an enjoyable afternoon and a very positive way of sharing the Good News of the risen Christ in our neighbourhood.

## Healing on the Streets

Its been great for the past few months to work with Elim and others from Mount Chapel, the second Saturday of each month at Salford precinct with our giant 'Healing' banner and to be offering to pray for people there for healing, or anything else!

We meet at 10.30am for 2 hours and its quick and easy to set up, then comes the more challenging part of trying to engage with lots of people out doing their shopping and to introduce them to Jesus and what he can do.

A visitor to LCC who's worked around the world for years described the precinct as having the most 'oppressed' looking people he's ever seen, and another said there seemed to be a lot of 'depression, oppression and oppressiveness' around.

Its definitely challenging and we're aware that we're asking people to take a massive step of faith in coming to God and us with something they may have suffered with for years. It is a privilege to be there and to have the many amazing conversations we've had with a number of people each week, to get to know some regulars.

Last time, 2 women walked past and said "we would stop for prayer, but we did previously, and it worked!" We've seen some physical healings too, a lump in the throat disappeared after prayer, a sore knee felt lots better, back pain went, and a trip to the States was not half as stressful as the woman who wanted prayer for it expected.

So we've seen God do some miracles on Saturday mornings at the precinct, but we really want to see more, we really want to be able to extend God's blessings to more people, and we'd really love to be doing this in the best possible way.

Please pray for God to bring his healing to people who don't know Him, so that they will come to know Him. Please pray for wisdom for the team as we look at moving our work forward and being as relevant as we can for the area we're in. Also praise Him for what he's done already!

Thank you,

Rachel Morris LCC

## Football Focus

We are looking for footballers from the age of 6 to 14, both male and female who would like to be coached by FA qualified coaches. We meet every Saturday morning from 10 till 11am on the field by the side of Pendleton college.

The cost is just £1 per person per week with the first week free. With monies going toward trips out to places like 'Sportsoccer' and to subsidise our Football Focus kit. If you're interested then just turn up on Saturday at 10am, it would be great to see you.

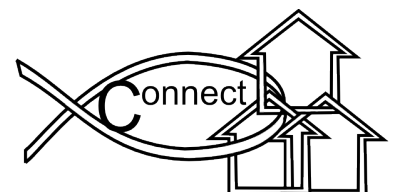
## Get involved!

Have you any thing you'd like to advertise in next months newsletter? Would you like to contribute a short article about something you are involved in your church or local community, or perhaps about something completely different.

Get in touch with me by emailing:

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Or talk to one of your church leaders.



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