

What's on at Belmont in the Spring?

START THE YEAR IN PRAYER

2017 starts with three consecutive Sunday evenings focussed on prayer. Come to Belmont on **Sunday 8th January at 7.00pm** for a Prayer Night with communion. On **Sunday 15th January, 5.00pm** there will be a showing of *The War Room* film ("prayer is a powerful weapon"), followed by a time for prayer and discussion. Then on the evening of **Sunday 22nd January at 6.30pm** join with other Christians at Exeter Cathedral for the Joint Churches' Prayer Night.

CHRISTIANITY: THE STORY starts Tues 7th Feb

For anyone wanting to know more about the Christian faith. A relaxed, small-group opportunity to find out what Christians believe and why. Eight Tuesday evenings starting with a meal, followed by discussion.

MARRIAGE COURSE starts Tues 17th Jan

An 8-week course giving couples a chance to chat over what's going well and what could be better. No group discussion. "It brings your marriage out of the dark and into the light."

SOLIHULL PARENTING COURSE starts Thurs 26th Jan

Helping you enjoy your time with your children more and be less anxious as a parent, the trained leaders will help you discover more about child development and understand how it affects behaviour.

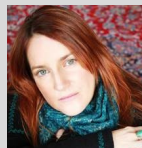
To sign up or for more information on these courses, contact Gill in the office.

Two great opportunities to invite friends to Belmont this Spring

In Concert With... **Yvonne Lyon & Gareth Davies-Jones.** Sunday 26th February, 7pm. In 2016 two of the UK's finest



Christian singer-songwriters teamed up to produce 'The Space Between', a gorgeous, evocative album exploring themes in the Sermon on the Mount. We're privileged to be a venue on their UK tour. Do not miss this



opportunity to hear music Radio 2's Bob Harris considers 'very beautiful and highly recommended'.

In Conversation With... **Gary Streeter MP.** Sunday 19th March 7pm. Our popular series

continues: informal chats with Christians with vivid stories leading fascinating lives. Gary is the MP for South-West Devon and the chair of the cross-party group 'Christians in Parliament'. We'll be discussing with him his story, his faith and his job.



Spring 2017 Teaching Programme

Salt & Light. In just four verses, containing two simple images, Matthew 5: 13 – 16 tells us who we are and what we're here to do. Phrase by phrase this morning series will explore what it truly means for us to be the Salt of the Earth and the Light of the World, and will set our core theme as a church for 2017.

1 John. 'Dear Friends, leave the shadows, live in the light, and love each other, because Jesus shows us Who love is. Love John x.' On these Sunday nights we'll learn from a man who saw, touched and heard Jesus and who points us towards vivid lives of obedience, love and faith.

Who is this man? As he hung on the cross it looked like Jesus' brief influence on the world had ended - but a revolution was just beginning. This morning series explores Jesus' impact on both civilizations and individual human hearts, takes us to the bloody, victorious pivot on which human history turns and poses the most important question any human heart can ask. Based on the John Ortberg book, one of this term's recommended reads.

When God gets angry The Bible's quite clear – God gets angry. But who is he angry with, and why? And what does it lead to? Two of the Bible's shortest books – Nahum and Obadiah, written seven hundred years before Jesus – not only help us understand the way God feels, they also give a profound message about the ultimate justice which lies at the heart of God's plan for human life.

Recommended Read: *Who is this Man?* by John Ortberg

"Jesus' impact on our world is highly unlikely, widely inescapable, largely unknown, and decidedly double-edged. It is unlikely in light of the severe limitations of his earthly life; it is inescapable because of the range of impact; it is unknown because history doesn't connect dots; and it is doubled-edged because his followers have wreaked so much havoc, often in his name. His influence has swept over history, bringing inspiration to what has happened in art, science, government, medicine, and education; he has taught humans about dignity, compassion, forgiveness, and hope."



The War Room. Sun 15th Jan 5.00pm "Prayer is a powerful weapon"

"This is a wonderfully inspiring film for Christians or for those who at least respect Christianity. A timely and entertaining reminder of the powerful nature of prayer and spiritual warfare. I loved it. Churches everywhere should have viewings of this film." - Internet customer review.



SPRING 2017 PROGRAMME



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Morning Services 9.30am & 11.15am

(Except where stated in date column)

Sun 1st Jan All age 10am Family Communion	Happy New Year: By a Different Road Paul and Sarah Cooke
Sun 8th Jan	You are the salt of the earth Matthew 5:13 John Allan
Sun 15th Jan Communion	But if salt loses its saltiness ... Matthew 5:13 Derek Burnside
Sun 22nd Jan Communion	...It's no longer good for anything... Matthew 5:13 John Allan
Sun 29th Jan	You are the light of the world Matthew 5:14 Derek Burnside
Sun 5th Feb Communion	A city on a hill cannot be hidden Matthew 5:14 John Allan
Sun 12th Feb Family Communion	Lights go on stands, not under bowls Matthew 5:15 Derek Burnside
Sun 19th Feb	Let your light shine before others... Matthew 5:16 John Allan
Sun 26th Feb Communion	That they may praise your heavenly Father Matthew 5:16 Derek Burnside
Sun 5th Mar 10am Family Communion at Belmont	NEWQUAY WEEKEND AWAY Elaine Duncan (Scottish Bible Society) Belmont: Brian Spurling
Sun 12th Mar	Who is this man? Mark: 2:1-12 Saz Flint
Sun 19th Mar Communion	Who is this man ... with unique authority? Luke 2:41-52 Alex Yates
Sun 26th Mar Baptism & Membership Sunday	Who is this man ... who treats everyone with dignity? Luke 14:1-24 Jonny Baker
Sun 2nd Apr All Age 10am Family Communion	Who is this man...who loves his enemies? Matt 5: 43-48 Rachel Morris
Sun 9th Apr All Age 10am Palm Sunday	Who is this man ... riding to the rescue? Luke 19:28-48 Paul and Sarah Cooke
Sun 16th Apr All Age 10am Easter Sunday Family Communion	Who is this man ... rising to victory? Luke 24:1-53

BELMONT HOME GROUPS are where we get to know and care for one another, study the Bible, pray together and witness to our local communities.



If you'd like to join a home group, contact Gill in the Office.

Study Leaders' Own Bible Study (SLOBS) sessions are a chance for study leaders to prepare in advance with others.

w/b 1st Jan	Catch up and pray
w/b 15th Jan SLOBS Sun 8th Jan	Keeping salt salty: Matthew 5:13
w/b 5th Feb SLOBS Sun 29th Jan	A city on a hill cannot be hidden: Matthew 5:14
w/b 19th Feb SLOBS Sun 12th Feb	Let your light shine before others: Matthew 5:16
w/b 5th March SLOBS Sun 19th Feb	Loving our Locality
w/b 19th March SLOBS Sun 12th Mar	Who is this man... with unique authority? Luke 2: 41-52
w/b 2nd April SLOBS Sun 26th Mar	Who is this man, who loves his enemies? Matthew 5: 43-48
w/b 19th April	Own programme

NEWQUAY— BELMONT WEEKEND AWAY Friday 3rd March—Sunday 5th March 2017.

Our yearly opportunity to come together as a church family! Staying in beach-side hotels in Newquay we'll enjoy fellowship with each other as we receive teaching from Elaine Duncan, Chief Executive of the Scottish Bible Society. There'll also be time for worship and fun together. Full details and booking forms are on the Information Desk, or contact the office. Bookings deadline is **Sunday 19th February**.

THINKING OF GETTING BAPTISED?

We will be baptising believers in our morning services on

Sunday 26th March. If you are considering baptism, come to our new two-part preparation course on **26th February and 12th March**. Please contact the office or speak to a member of the Leadership Team if you are considering baptism.



MEMBERSHIP COURSE

A two-session course for people interested in becoming members here will be on **12th February and 19th March**.

New members will be welcomed on Sunday 26th March.

Evening Services 7.00pm (Except where stated in date column)

Sun 1st Jan	NO EVENING SERVICE
Sun 8th Jan Communion SLOBS	Prayer night
Sun 15th Jan 5.00pm	The War Room (film), followed by discussion and prayer
Sun 22nd Jan 6.30pm	Joint Churches' Prayer Night, Exeter Cathedral
Sun 29th Jan Communion SLOBS	Dear Friends ... come out of the shadows 1 John 1:1-2:2 Nick Goldsworthy
Sun 5th Feb	Dear Friends... live in the light 1 John 2:3-2:28 Adam Western
Sun 12th Feb SLOBS	Dear Friends... love each other 1 John 2:28-3:24 Richard Judd
Sun 19th Feb Communion SLOBS	Dear Friends... Jesus shows Who love is 1 John 4 Rob Wilkinson
Sun 26th Feb	In Concert with ... Yvonne Lyon & Gareth Davies-Jones
Sun 5th Mar	NO EVENING SERVICE
Sun 12th Mar Communion SLOBS	Dear Friends...Be confident ...it's all true! 1 John 5 Ruth Flanagan
Sun 19th Mar	In Conversation with... Gary Streeter MP
Sun 26th Mar Communion SLOBS	Nahum—When cruelty is crushed Simon Richards
Sun 2nd Apr	Obadiah—When inhumanity is ended Nick Goldsworthy
Sun 9th Apr Communion	Praise Night
Sun 16th Apr	NO EVENING SERVICE