

BCC News!



RICHARD'S RAMBLE! Spring brings with it the promise of new life. That which was dead in the ground suddenly bursts fourth in fragrance and colour and warms the hearts of all those who look on. This is nature's way of mirroring the Resurrection and the empty tomb. But it is also a reminder to us of the promise that is given to us of new life which begins with us coming to faith and will be complete in our resurrection. And yet there is something for each one of us to do now in terms of activating that promise



no looking back...

within us now. Paul says, 'Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus' (Philippians 3:13-14). Paul is not passive in terms of activating the power of the resurrection in his life. He takes deliberately action to lay aside his past and to 'strain' towards the goal. God has not called us to be apathetic Christians. We are called to take hold of our destiny and press on towards the goal that God has given to each of us. This Spring, lay aside all of the encumbrances of the past – all that weighs you down and stops your progress in the faith – and be determined to 'take hold of that for which Christ has taken hold' of you. God Bless. Richard.

Mission!



- **Launch Celebration Service - Tuesday (16th) @7:30-8:30pm at Beverley Minster**

This will be a blended worship experience aimed at launching the mission.

- **Spiritual & Emotional Well Being Workshop - Thursday (18th) @ 8-9:30pm at BCC Offices**

An opportunity to look at and address issues of life.

- **Life after Life - Friday 19th 7.30-10pm at Beverley Memorial Hall**

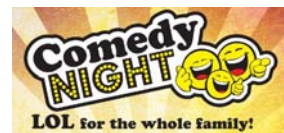
A night of live music, powerful testimonies, food and drama. Perfect for us to bring friends and family to so they can find out who we are and the awesome things God has done in our lives. Please start praying for opportunities to invite people. Any questions see Angie, Richard or Peter



Spencer. **We need people** to help: prepare and serve food (outlay of costs will be reimbursed), please see Natalie to assist with the food or if you would like to help set up the venue - please see Peter Spencer.

- **Comedy Night - Saturday 20th 7-9:30pm at Beverley Memorial Hall**

A chance to bring along friends and family to a low cringe, event.



- **Church Breakfast & Celebration Service - Sunday 21st 9:30am at Beverley Memorial Hall**

Worship and bacon butties. What could be better! Again there is opportunity to serve at this event; see Natalie for details.

- **BCC Stall @ The Event in the Square - Sunday 21st 2-4pm in Saturday Market**

An opportunity to display the church to the world. Music, testimonies, stalls and a chance to hear the personal story of our Saturday night comedian.

Following the Festival of Life event **The Discovery Course** starts! 7:45pm Tuesday **23rd June** @ the BCC Offices. There will be a meal, talk and discussion. Please start praying for people to invite. See Richard, Peter Spencer or Angie.



Angie is running the Beverley 10K on 10 May to raise awareness of the Restoration Centre and to try to raise money for resources so if you want to sponsor her please let her know.



Restoration Centre

This month we are launching the Restoration Centre. Essentially we

are pulling together under one banner the various spiritual, emotional, relational and personal well-being services we offer as a church and making them more publically available. These include: Pregnancy Crisis and Money Management, as well as pastoral counselling to help individuals with a range of emotional needs. We will also offer the various courses we have experience in delivering such as Parenting Teenagers and Marriage Enrichment. Please support us in prayer in this venture and if you are able to volunteer to be a 'minder' (to ensure there is another party present in the offices whilst we meet with a member of the public) please let Richard, Angie or Maxine know.

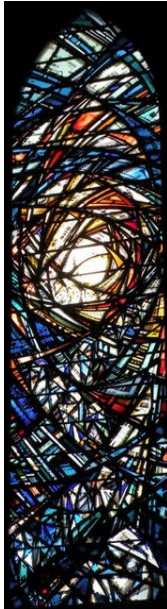
May at a glance!

Fri	1st	10am Ladies Bible Study
Sun	3rd	10:30am Service 6:30pm Prayer Meeting
Mon	4th	1:30pm Wellbeing Group 6pm 18-30's
Tues	5th	7:30pm Freedom in Christ Course 8pm Homegroups
Thurs	7th	8pm Brink Picnic bag packing & curry
Fri	8th	10am Ladies Bible Study 3:30pm Costa with Crompto 8pm Purpose Driven Pint
Sat	9th	Basileia Bible School
Sun	10th	10:30am Service 6:30pm Prayer Meeting
Mon	11th	10am Oranges & Lemons 1:30pm Wellbeing Group 8pm Wider Leadership Meeting
Tues	12th	6:30pm Lindum House 7:30pm Freedom in Christ Course 8pm Homegroups
Thurs	14th	8pm Brink Social - Zorb Ball
Fri	15th	10am Ladies Bible Study 3:30pm Costa with Crompto
Sat	16th	9am Freedom in Christ - Steps To Freedom Day
Sun	17th	10:30am Service 6:30pm Prayer Meeting 7:30pm Sunday Night Live
Mon	18th	10am Oranges & Lemons 1:30pm Wellbeing Group 6pm 18-30's
Tues	19th	7:30pm Freedom in Christ Course 8pm Homegroups
Thurs	21st	6:30pm Cedar Grange 8pm Emotional & Spiritual Wellbeing
Fri	22nd	10am Ladies Bible Study 8pm Purpose Driven Pint
Sat	23rd	11am Sanctuary
Sun	24th	10:30am Service 6:30pm Prayer Meeting 7:30pm Sunday Night Live
Mon	25th	1:30pm Wellbeing Group
Tues	26th	8pm Homegroups
Thurs	28th	8pm Brink Encounter
Sat	30th	7pm Brink Spring Fund Raiser
Sun	31st	10:30am Service 12pm PICNIC IN THE PARK - The Pavilion 6:30pm Prayer Meeting

SANCTUARY

Beverley used to be a sanctuary town, providing a place of safety, board and

lodge and advocacy to fugitives from the law; it is also where St John of Beverley gained a reputation for performing numerous healings & miracles, so that many people came to Beverley seeking healing, even after his death. Sanctuary also refers to the altar area in a church and to the Holy of Holies in the Temple, where the Presence of God was. In our modern life, it is hard to avoid the rat race. Stress, anxiety, sickness, loss, grief, depression, fear, envy and resentment underlie our lives, sometimes overwhelming them, and we lose the presence of Jesus and the Love, Joy and Peace which is our spiritual inheritance. "Stand still and allow the restlessness of our tragic age to fall away like the worn-out, dusty cloak that it is – a cloak that was once considered beautiful. The restlessness was considered the magic carpet to tomorrow, but in reality we see it for what it is: a running away from oneself, a turning from that journey inward that all men must undertake to meet God dwelling within the depths of their souls" (C Dockerty).



You will be offered space and time to experience: Silence * Stillness * Listening to God * Contemplation/Meditation * Releasing Burdens * Creative Prayer * Spirituality & the Arts * Soaking in the Spirit * Emotional Healing * Letting go in worship * Prayer & Healing Ministry.

A small group of people both from and outside BCC have been coming, and found peace and emotional healing. We listen, we note down or express creatively what we hear from God, share with the others, then pray into and out from those insights.

Comments by attendees: - Thank you so much for your prayers.

- A glimpse of peace in an often chaotic world', - A place to go deeper with God.
- A space for really listening to God and letting him speak into your life.
- A privilege and a joy. - I would come tired and leave energized by the Spirit.

Visitor's comment: - I remember every detail of the time I visited Sanctuary. The cups of tea to welcome with hugs and laughter and all gentleness. Thoughtful comments about St Frances with poetry and music to deepen our adventure into a place of being: being with God. I clearly remember the cross made from broken pottery, so beautiful. Then in the time of silence with quiet inspirational music in the back ground God gave me an image. I painted it. When we shared at the end I realised God was telling me to let go of my prejudices. Then with love and gentleness we prayed for each other and a strength rose within us to go out and love more, be more and know God is with us.

We usually meet the first Sat of the month. Contact Rosie on 01964 541705 or 07772580326. Future dates: **May 23rd**, June 13th, July 11th @ BCC office, 11-1pm.

Having a clear out?

Any unwanted computers, televisions, all types of musical instruments and educational/picture books can be used to help refugee families.

Contact Rosie 0777 2580326

The Monday Wellbeing Group

1.30 - 3.00 pm
every Monday
at the BCC offices

click for more info

Events marked in blue are The Brink

Want to be part of a group or volunteer for an activity? You can by speaking to one of the leaders; by email: info@beverleycommunitychurch.org or by visiting our website: beverleycommunitychurch.org
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