



Travelling to India is like entering a different world. It is like having all your senses suddenly turned up to 11. This includes the heat, the smell, the colour, the busyness and the traffic. It is also the incongruity of everything – ox drawn carts alongside the latest cars; beggars outside 5 star hotels; shopping malls with western stores such as KFC, Marks & Spencer and H&M alongside pavement sellers or people crushing sugar cane to sell as energy drinks. Also, imagine a world in which there is no NHS (all treatment needs to be paid for), no free schooling (all education needs to be paid for), no unemployment, disability or any other kind of benefit.

When I was there recently, I was asked by one of the members of the church why I am prepared to leave the comfort of the west and come to such a different kind of culture. I told her my story of how God had opened up the way and given us connections which had made it possible, but I don't think I really answered the question. The answer is that God has called us to be part of a bigger world than the one we inhabit. It is the world of the Kingdom and incorporates people from every race, tribe, tongue and nation. Whilst my encounter with Indians may at times be a clash of cultures requiring sensitivity and accommodation, the one place we are united is in Christ Jesus. This supersedes all barriers and enables us to receive one another as equals – brothers and sisters in Christ.

God Bless, Richard

## JOIN US FOR BIG QUESTIONS

Friday 13 March

Doors open 6:30pm for 7:00pm start

For the last few years we have joined with other Beverley churches in putting on the Festival of Life. Essentially, this is a two week period during which the churches in the town put on missional events under the one banner and in the flavour they prefer. This year, the Festival commences on 1<sup>st</sup> March and we are putting on two events. Firstly, on **7<sup>th</sup> March 9:00-12:00**, we are running the charity market stall in Saturday Market. The purpose will be to raise the profile of some of our social action activities through the selling of cakes and the giving away of balloons and rock. We will also be giving out flyers for our second event which is the **Big questions evening on 13<sup>th</sup> March**. This will be an evening to invite friends who are interested in finding out more about what we believe and why. It would be great if you can support these events, either by manning the stall for an hour, or by turning up at the Big Questions night (preferably with a guest)! **Richard**



Your opportunity to ask all those questions about life and the Bible that you have always wondered about but were too afraid to ask.

A meal with drinks will be served.  
Please book by email: [info@beverleycommunitychurch.org](mailto:info@beverleycommunitychurch.org)



Beverley Market Stall  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March**  
**9.00 - 12.00**

Volunteers needed!  
Can you spare an hour?  
Or bake cakes?

Any contribution will be very much appreciated and will be great fun!

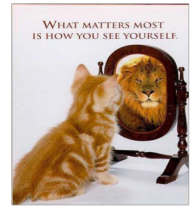
See Natalie for more details



## March at a glance

<b>Sun</b>	1st	10.30 BCC Service 18.00 Intercession 18.30 CT Prayer Meeting 19.15 CREW Youth Group
<b>Mon</b>	2nd	10.00 Oranges and Lemons
<b>Tues</b>	3rd	19.15 Prayer and Worship (Minster Parish Hall)
<b>Fri</b>	6th	09.45 Men and Coffee 10.00 Ladies Bible Study 20.00 Purpose Driven Pint
<b>Sat</b>	7th	09.00 <b>Market Stall</b> 22.00 Street Angels
<b>Sun</b>	8th	10.30 BCC Service 18.00 Intercession 19.15 CREW Youth Group
<b>Mon</b>	9th	10.00 Oranges and Lemons 20.00 Wider Leaders' Meeting
<b>Tues</b>	10th	19.00 Homegroups
<b>Wed</b>	11th	18.30 CMA Meeting
<b>Thur</b>	12th	18.30 Angie's - This is not a Homegroup - Bible book group
<b>Fri</b>	13th	09.45 Men and Coffee 10.00 Ladies Bible Study 18.30 <b>Big Questions Event</b> (Memorial Hall)
<b>Sat</b>	14th	22.00 Street Angels
<b>Sun</b>	15th	10.30 BCC Service 18.00 Intercession 19.30 CREW Youth Group
<b>Mon</b>	16th	10.00 Oranges and Lemons
<b>Tues</b>	17th	19.00 Homegroups
<b>Thur</b>	19th	18.30 Angie's - This is still not a Homegroup - Be still and know that I am God
<b>Fri</b>	20th	09.45 Men and Coffee 10.00 Ladies Bible Study 20.00 Purpose Driven Pint
<b>Sat</b>	21st	22.00 Street Angels
<b>Sun</b>	22nd	10.30 BCC Service 18.00 Intercession 19.30 CREW Youth Group
<b>Mon</b>	23rd	10.00 Oranges and Lemons
<b>Tues</b>	24th	19.00 Homegroups
<b>Thur</b>	26th	18.30 Angie's - Maybe It Is A Homegroup - Pub night
<b>Fri</b>	27th	09.45 Men and Coffee 10.00 Ladies Bible Study
<b>Sat</b>	28th	22.00 Street Angels
<b>Sun</b>	29th	10.30 BCC Service 18.00 Intercession 18.30 CT Prayer Meeting 19.15 CREW Youth Group

It was a real privilege to lead the Women's breakfast talk in February on Mental and Spiritual resilience. Last September, God put a desire on my heart to share on this important topic- the ability to bounce forward into growth! I got out of my comfort zone. (Do you remember the 3 zones?) I fought my NATs. (Remember those?...negative automatic thoughts- our self- critical voice). I replaced these with PETs (Remember those?...positive enabling thoughts- renewing our minds with scripture. "I can do all



things through Christ who gives me strength." Philippians 4 :13

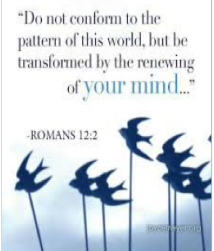


I set myself a SMART target. (Can you remember what this acronym stands for?) I faced my fears, namely, the fear of rejection, what people might think, say, looking foolish etc etc... can you identify with these? And all the time, working on changing my mindset from a fixed to a growth mindset. (Do you remember some of the components of these?) Finally, looking at Jesus- He is our inspiration to

be resilient. And yes...I loved every minute of the talk (apparently, 60 minutes to be precise!) It flew by!

Thank you, Ladies, for coming and for the tremendous compliments that I received. (Do you remember how powerful the giving and receiving of compliments are?)

This is only the beginning....Be inspired again...Book your place on the Chosen Women Weekend 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> April. **Maxine**



Act Justly. *Love Mercy.* Walk Humbly. Micah 6:8

On 5<sup>th</sup> April I will be flying out to Dakar, Senegal as a volunteer with Mercy Ships where for 3 weeks I will be working with the dental team in an off-ship dental clinic in Case Foyer, Sanglakam.

Mercy Ships was founded in 1978 and is a faith-based international development organisation following the 2000 year old model of Jesus by "bringing hope and healing to the forgotten poor", helping people of all faiths and none. Operating the largest charity-run hospital ship in the world they deliver free, vital medical care to some of the world's least developed countries. This floating hospital is staffed almost entirely by volunteers from up to 40 nations who give their time and expertise for free to help treat dental and eye problems, cleft lips and palates, tumours, club feet, child birth injuries and various other conditions.

During the Africa Mercy's 10-month stay in Dakar, Mercy Ships plans to provide 1,700 life-changing surgeries onboard and to treat over 3,400 at a land-based dental clinic. Volunteers also work closely with host nations to improve the way healthcare is delivered across the country, by training and mentoring local medical staff, and renovating hospitals and clinics. All of this is provided at no cost to the recipients and will help to improve the healthcare provision in Senegal long after the ship leaves port.

Mercy Ships doesn't just take doctors and nurses – the ship is a small city, with cooks, teachers, receptionists, mechanics, IT specialists, engineers and cleaners. There are around 400 volunteers on the hospital ship at any one time and 1,000 serve onboard throughout the year.

I feel very privileged to be able to join Mercy Ships this year and hope to be able to share my experiences with you when I return. Please visit [www.mercyships.org.uk](http://www.mercyships.org.uk) or [www.youtube.com/user/MercyShipsGB/](https://www.youtube.com/user/MercyShipsGB/) to see what they are doing and how you can support this valuable work. **Janette**

