

Recently we had our covenant service which was an opportunity as a church to commit to God and one another for the coming year. If for any reason you felt unable to join in with one or more of those covenant promises do have a think and a pray about why that was and what God might be asking you to do about it.

For example, it may be that your integrity did not permit you to promise to act in 'love towards other members' because you are struggling to forgive a particular person or group. If so what constructive actions might you take towards reconciliation in the coming days? Or you may have felt unable to promise to 'giving regularly' because of financial pressures at home, if so talk to us about this and ask for help. Alternatively, the prospect of 'inviting the unchurched to attend' scares you witless in which case let us know how we might equip you better for this task!

If you had hesitations about committing to 'follow the leaders' please do come to talk about this with us directly so that we can find a way forward together. MTLs are open to be approached if you have any hopes or concerns about their specific area of ministry, and as a PLT we have also committed ourselves to listening more in 2012. One way we are doing this is by issuing an open invitation to anyone who feels they have an important dream or concern to come and have an informal chat with us over a cup of tea. If that is you please arrange to come to see us, perhaps on a Monday morning which is when we meet on a weekly basis, or alternatively, if that's inconvenient, we can arrange a time and location more suitable to you. We would love to hear from you and promise not to squash/judge/bite you!

Whatever the hurdle, we want to listen and to help, so that together we can overcome any current obstacles to our church's unity and mission in 2012. The coming months will no doubt offer many challenges, but let's see these as opportunities to learn and mature as a church body, and to make an Olympian effort to love God and our neighbour as we move ahead.

Rev. Phil Durrant

Coming up...

Thinking about what to do for Lent?

Carbon Fast is an alternative program for Lent and focuses on doing something each day to reduce the impacts of climate change. **Tearfund have produced some wonderful booklets with postcards to give away to your friends.** Copies available on the Hub. This is one for the whole family.

There is also a **Lent Reading Group** meeting each Saturday during Lent at the home of Phil and Jo Durrant. See the sign up sheet in the Foyer

Marriage Enrichment Course

Now starting 19th February 2012, please see the flyers on The Hub for more details.

Children + Families

Rock Solid: 4pm-6.30pm 2nd Sunday of the month @ the YMCA

An opportunity for those in Key Stage 2 to meet together with others from Clevedon churches to build friendships, have fun and learn more about Jesus.

Holiday Club 2012: Monday 23rd-Friday 27th July

For info on other events please see

www.clevedonbaptistchurch.org and the Hub

CTiC United Fellowship Meal on Saturday 18th February at 7.30pm held at churches across Clevedon. Tickets now available from the Church Office / Sarah Sweet and cost £5 per adult or £2 per child of primary school age. It's a great opportunity to get to know other Christians in Clevedon and make new friends.

The menu is: chicken chasseur, new potatoes, green beans and carrots, soft drinks, peach crumble and ice cream followed by tea/coffee and mints. There are vegetarian and gluten free options available.

Deadline for purchasing your tickets is today! Last year's was a sell out so don't leave it too late! Tickets available from Sarah Sweet today.

Bristol Region Leaders' morning: An invitation is extended to all church leaders, homegroup, youth, activity and Christian organisation leaders for a morning with **Pete Greig** on **Thursday 9th February from 10am-1pm** at Woodlands Church, Belgrave Road, Clifton. The morning will include worship, input from Pete followed by Q&A and an opportunity for some prayer ministry, along with plenty of coffee and pastries. If you would like to come to the leaders morning, then please email info@thenoise.org.uk and let them know. (£5 on the door to cover costs). There will also be an **Evening Celebration** on the same day (**Thursday 9th February**) at **7.30pm at Woodlands Church**, when Pete will be speaking on 'Your Kingdom Come' and this will be open to everyone in churches across the Bristol region.