

Dates for the Diary



An evening of

Groovy Funk and Gospel Soul
Sat 30th May 2009

8pm (Doors open 7.30pm)

Tickets £5 (£6 on the door)

New Community Church, Station Rd, Sidcup
Please contact the office or your church
Ambassador for tickets

Following our successful n:joy event in 2007, we are holding another event for all the family.



It will once again be held at the home of Martin Andrews, one of our trustees

Sat 27th June 2009
3pm - 5.30pm

Tickets IN ADVANCE ONLY:
cost £2 adults £1 children
Available from the office



NEWS Summer 09

Dear friends,

I passed a significant milestone in April with my 50th birthday. It made me reflect, among other things, on the nature of my work and the sense of fulfillment I receive from it. I have so much to be thankful for. Standing in front of a packed school assembly last week, about to be introduced and invited to lead the collective worship for that day, I was reminded of the story of a little girl who told Henri Nouwen that she needed a blessing. At the time the great author was working among severely challenged children in Canada. Instinctively, Henri touched the little lady's head with the sign of a cross. "No," she responded immediately, "That doesn't work. I want a real blessing."

Later, during a group session, this same little girl walked over to Henri and laid her head on his chest. The sensitive priest took the little girl into his arms, enfolding her in his clerical robe and saying, "Janet, I want you to know that you are God's beloved daughter. You are precious in God's eyes. Your beautiful smile, your kindness to the people in your house and all the good things you do show us what a beautiful human being you are. I know you feel a little low these days and that there is some sadness in your heart, but I want you to remember who you are: a very special person deeply loved by God and the people who are here with you."

No sooner had Nouwen spoken the last word, than every child in the room rushed to him saying, "I want a blessing."

Every child we stand in front of, every child we crouch down next to, every person we talk to needs a blessing – the blessing of our Father. I have the privilege of passing on God's blessing to hundreds of children every week. For that I am humbly grateful. By praying, by giving, you too are sharing in the carrying of this blessing.

On behalf of the children,

Thank you.

Gordon Raggett

Become a FRIEND OF CRIBS

CRIBS relies on the goodwill and generous support of many individuals. By becoming a Friend of CRIBS you can fulfil a vital role in ensuring our work continues. Membership is open to everyone. All we ask is that you sign up to a regular donation (minimum £10/month). In return we will: -

- § keep you informed of our work through regular newsletters
- § invite you to our regular prayer and fundraising events
- § send you a welcome pack including a small gift
- § send you two free tickets to our annual summer social

o request a Friend of CRIBS Pack
all the office or email
ona@cribsonline.org

Coffee Mornings

Fancy a great way to raise money and to have fun as well?

What about holding a Coffee Morning
(or perhaps a BBQ or Cream tea?)

What could be simpler? Have the cappuccino laid on, get your friends to donate the cost of a coffee – all for the benefit of CRIBS!

Contact the office for a pack.

If you require more information about the work of CRIBS please get in touch.

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God's blessing makes life rich;
nothing we do can improve on God.

Proverbs 10:22 (The Message)

News from the team

Lunch-Time Clubs

Recently, over the past few terms we have developed and promoted lunch time clubs. I personally have delivered three clubs and am doing two more this term. Generally these are well attended. We run the club for whichever year groups the school request. This can be from year 1 (5-6yr olds) up to year 6 (10-11yr olds). We generally have half an hour with these children with numbers ranging from 5 to 30. It is a fantastic way of telling the gospel while forming good relationships with them. The only drawback is that we only have half an hour in which to do this !!!

We have prepared a 5-week programme following the theme "People that met Jesus – and were their lives changed?" We tell the Bible stories of Zacchaeus, the Samaritan woman at the well, the boy with the loaves and fish and the lame man with four friends. We tell the stories in fun and interactive ways, learn a Christian song (with actions), and make an appropriate craft that they take home with the Bible verse. We also use the new song, with actions, to form part of an all-school assembly. In the last session we make it more personal by telling the children that we consider that we have met with Jesus and how He has changed *our* lives, also that they too can meet this Jesus.

The children are very keen, and in some schools we have had to limit numbers to 30 as we normally take these clubs in a classroom. We enjoy taking these clubs but they are quite labour-intensive (particularly the craft item, as we only have half an hour with the children and therefore have to prepare a lot in advance).

Please pray for the children that attend, now and in the future, that they can see Jesus for themselves and that relationships with the leaders form quickly. We would love more and more schools to take this opportunity for us to deliver more clubs to their pupils.

Finally we would love more volunteers to help us, as doing these clubs on our own is quite daunting. Please phone the office if you could help in anyway.

Craig Coston

The Easter Play

We loved taking *The Colours of Easter* to so many children and staff. God gave us the strength to keep going through 56 performances and we all felt that God really used us to communicate His love in a powerful way. We received quite a mail bag from schools afterwards and here is a sample of the comments as they were written:

Thankyou for letting us watch your Easter play. I realy liked the end when everyone was clapping. I love your play. It was soooo exallent. Thank you!

Ruby

I really liked the cleaning song your drawing was amazing. At the weekend I am going to my mums house and I am having a easter hunt because it has shocilate in it and my family says that I have to put on wate. I hope I see it again. It was super doper.

Olivia

Dear CRIBS team,

Thank you for the wonderful Easter show that you performed for us today. We all learnt a lot about Jesus when he died on the cross. We will all try to be good friends to each other and forgive each other when things go wrong. We all really enjoyed the ending of the show when you all played the bins, broom, board and jars. It was very clever! Thank you once again and we hope you have a lovely Easter.

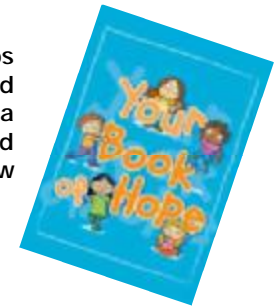
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ALIVE After-School Clubs

We have been really enjoying running these clubs at Brampton, Belmont and Royal Park and encouraged by the childrens' responses. We used a free booklet called *Your Book of Hope* which guided them through God's Story and helped them to know Jesus for themselves.

They have loved it!



Points for prayer

Our busy summer term has started with 20 schools being visited regularly for lessons, two ALIVE clubs for 4 more weeks, residential visits and preparation for big summer missions. As always we would value your prayers.

- Gordon is helping lead two school journeys to Halls Green Christian Activity Centre in May and June
- CRIBS are taking children from the ALIVE clubs to Halls Green over the weekend of 19-21 June
- The CRIBS team are helping at the FIZZ and BUZZ children's clubs during Lark in the Park starting 27th July

Prayer together

Join us for prayer (usually) on the first Monday of each month:
11th May, 1st June and 6th July at 9.00am at the home of
Mick and Wendy Harvey 126 Hengist Road, Northumberland Heath.

 PRESENTS



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AN EVENING OF GROOVY FUNK AND GOSPEL SOUL

SATURDAY 30TH MAY 8PM
DOORS OPEN 7.30PM

TICKETS £5 (£6 ON THE DOOR)
 FROM CRIBS 01322 330730
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Serving schools and young people in Bexley Borough

CRIBS Presents *n:joy!*

Saturday 27th June 2009

3pm - 5.30pm

The venue for our second Garden Party is at the home of one of our Trustees, Martin Andrews and his family. Their house, pictured here, was built in around 1890 and was originally part of the market garden industry prevalent in the area. The house still occupies approximately 14 acres of mature gardens, woodland and orchards.



We are planning a massive event suitable for all. Whether you fancy a go on the giant inflatables or a quiet stroll through the grounds, this promises to be an un-missable event. There will be children's activities, fun and games for everyone along with a delicious cream tea available on the lawn.

We hope it will do three things:

- provide a great few hours of fun for families
- promote the work of CRIBS
- raise money

Tickets IN ADVANCE ONLY: cost £2 adults £1 children

Available from the CRIBS office now

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- Please find enclosed a donation
- Gift Aid – please tick here if you are a UK Tax Payer so that Gift Aid can be claimed. See opposite for more details.

IMPORTANT:

If your donation can be Gift Aided please make sure you give your full name and home address.

- I would like to receive regular mailings
- I would like to make a regular donation
- I would like to leave a gift in my will to CRIBS
- I would like to volunteer to help with the Primary Team
 - 1-2 hours a week
 - 3- 4 hours a week
- I would like to become a CRIBS AMBASSADOR for my church
-

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

Church _____

Email _____

Tel _____

Convenient time to call _____

Donating to CRIBS

You can donate to CRIBS in a variety of ways, and we always welcome contributions we receive.

Newsletters

Unless you wish otherwise, we send all donors a quarterly news sheet which tells you more about what we do and how your money is spent.

Standing Order

We particularly welcome donations via Standing Orders to help us meet our bills on a monthly basis and plan for the future. Standing Orders are a vital way you can support the work we do. Please contact Ron at the office and he will mail you the necessary forms.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR DONORS

- Tick "Gift Aid" overleaf if you are a UK Tax Payer so that Gift Aid can be claimed.
(For every pound donated the Inland Revenue will give us 25 pence. To qualify for Gift Aid you must pay income tax / and or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax reclaimed by CRIBS on the donation)

Cheque or Postal Order

Please make all cheques or postal orders payable to "The CRIBS Charitable Trust", and send to:
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Volunteering

Contact Gordon to find out about becoming a volunteer

- With the Primary Team
- At some of our fund-raising events

Leaving a gift in your will

Leaving a gift to CRIBS is a way you can make a huge difference to children in Bexley Borough for generations to come.

For a confidential chat on this topic fill in the form overleaf with your name and telephone number along with a convenient time to call you.

Do let us know if you are including CRIBS in your will so we can thank you and keep you in touch with all the work we are doing.

Become an CRIBS Ambassador in your church

Take a vital role in promoting the work of CRIBS in your church which includes handing out quarterly newsletters and advertising CRIBS events.