

The Link Letter – Anyone for camping?

We hope you have had good holidays and have been rested, refreshed and inspired for the year ahead. Would anyone fancy an additional camping holiday between 4-11 October? In Israel, people will be sleeping outside at this time under booths as they celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles remembering the 40 years they spent in the wilderness living in tents. During that time they could see the Presence of God covering them with His cloud by day and warming them at night by His fiery presence.

The feast of Tabernacles is also called the Feast of Ingathering when we give thanks for the harvest and all that God provides. During the 40 year "wilderness experience", all their needs were taken care of.

The Feast of Tabernacles also looks forward to the time when Jesus will return and establish his reign from Jerusalem; don't we pray "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven"! It will be a time when all the nations learn of the great things that happen when people follow the ways of God as His peace spreads out from Jerusalem to encompass the whole world. Understanding the Messianic connection of Jesus to the Feast of Tabernacles even helps us grasp something of the mystery of His incarnation:

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). The word "dwelt" here in the Greek means "tabernacled." When He became flesh, Jesus inhabited the temporary shelter of an earthly body, knowing He soon would be required to leave it. Why did He do it? So that we might find a home in Him – not a temporary shelter in the wilderness, but an eternal home in a Kingdom that abides forever.

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The Link Activities:

Sunday Services at the Link 10 am every week with children's Junior church.

Connection: "Going deeper with God" ... 1st Thursday in the month. Next is 7th September, 8pm, for prayer, praise, worship and waiting on God.

Stop and Drop: Stop for a cuppa before dropping off kids at the pre-school, everyone welcome, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:55am-9:30am term time.

Chill Out Zone (1) Youth Group: ... Monday 5:30pm-7pm for 9/10 year olds (year 5) to 13/14 year olds (year 9) during term time.

Fitness Fun: Low impact aerobic and stretching exercises with Julia. Tuesday 9:30-10:25am, £3:00 per class, all abilities welcome, wheelchair accessible.

Coffee morning: and chatter, with Scrabble and Upwords... Tuesday 10:30am-12 noon. Other board games are also available.

Food Bank: Tuesday 10:30-12:00am or emergencies contact Dave & Jenny.

Most needed items: Jars of bolognaise sauce or other pasta sauce, Coffee (small jars), Instant mashed potato, Jam, Peanut butter, Honey. **Other items needed:** Packets of custard, Rice pudding, 500g Pasta, Meat (tinned hot dogs, Fray Bentos tins, ravioli, meatballs), Long life fruit juice, Tinned tuna, Sweets, chocs and cereal bars, Cereal packs 500g, Cup a soup packets. A BIG THANKYOU to all who give to this worthy cause.

Art and Craft Group: Tuesday 2pm-4:30pm.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday 16th September 8:30am-10am in the Red Lion with Bob Grace. Bob worked with many legends of the music industry including David Bowie and the Spice Girls helping to promote some of the most influential rock albums including the Beatles' Revolver and the Beach Boys' Pet Sounds albums. But the excesses of the industry left a trail of broken relationships and alcoholism ... guys come and join us for the rest of the story. Tickets £7 from Dave or Email: thelink.bsbc@btinternet.com /01275 332746.

Bishop Sutton Film Club: For suggestions for Autumn film titles and bookings email: Bishopsuttonfilmclub@hotmail.com or tel:07843 276593 /01275 332746.