## **The Link Letter**

Have you made a list of all the New Year's resolutions you want to keep, and a list of all the New Year's resolutions you will keep? The first list will contain all the things you should do if you completely changed your life to be the person you always wanted to be; the second list will contain all the things you could do by accepting your current life, and taking realistic steps towards the life you want to lead. However, what you should or could do with your life is not important; the important thing you must do with your life is to love.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

...John 13:34-35 NIV

Christmas was a time when we remembered God's great love for us through the gift of Jesus who fills our hearts with His love. It was encouraging to see the numbers of both old and young who came to our first united family service at the Link in December and we look forward to the next one in February at Holy Trinity. We thank the Pre-school for the heart- warming nativity service featuring the Grumpy Inn keeper and for the life size stable that completed our Christmas decorations in the Chapel. Thanks also for all of you who braved the elements and turned out for the carols at the Red Lion and to Duncan and Scott for their hospitality, mince pies and mulled wine. We'll be returning to the Red Lion on 16<sup>th</sup> January for our third Men's Breakfast; this time we'll be hearing the miraculous story of Phil Norton, Team Leader Covert Surveillance Unit of Essex Police who survived a high speed car crash while chasing a drug dealer along the M6; we invite you to come and join our band of brothers but places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

We wish you every blessing in 2016,

Dave and Jenny

## The Link Services and meetings

Sunday Service 10am (unless otherwise stated).

Chill Out Zone (1) Youth Group, Monday 5:30pm – 7:00pm for 10 – 13/14 year olds (year 9).

Chill Out Zone (2) Youth Group, Monday 7:30pm – 9:00pm for 13/14 year olds (year 9) – 19 year olds.

(NB: year 9's choose which session is for them depending on friendship groups).

Coffee morning, Tuesday 10:30am, coffee and chatter with scrabble afterwards. Other board games are also available, or just come to read your newspaper in the company of others!

Art & Craft group, Tuesday 2:00pm-4:00pm.

Starting Point to explore issues of faith, God, church etc. (contact Jenny for details).

Home-groups, Thursday afternoon and evening, (contact Jenny and Dave for details).

Family Films (under investigation). Film suggestions welcome!

Men's Breakfast at the Red Lion, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January 8:30am-10:00am, tickets from Duncan at the Red Lion or Dave (Tel: 01275 332746), please book tickets before 14<sup>th</sup> January.

Connection - prayer & waiting on God, Thursday 21st January 8:00pm.

For more information visit: www.thelinkbishopsutton.co.uk