

Regular Activities

Sunday	10.30am	Morning communion (third Sunday of every month)
	11.00am	Morning worship
	11.00am	TJC (The Junior Church) - younger persons' groups
	6.00pm	Evening communion (first Sunday of every month)
	6.30pm	Evening worship
Monday	6.30pm	Club 7/12* - ages 7-12, school year 3-7
Tuesday	7.45pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	10.00am	Tot Spot (parent and toddler group)*
	11.00am	Open Church*
	12.00pm	Women's Bible Study (second and fourth Wednesday of every month)
Thursday	7.00pm	Fuse* - ages 11+
Friday	10.30am	Coffee Break*

* These activities do not run during the school holidays or on public holidays.

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A new youth group for Corringham...

Ever since our former youth group (YPF) came to an end last year, we've been looking for a new and exciting way to serve young people in the local area, and we think we've found it.

Fuse is a youth group with a difference for those aged 11+. There will be plenty of the fun and games of a normal youth group, but with an ethos of teamwork and friendship building. Fuse is a weekly club where you can come along and be yourself. There are no uniforms and not too many

rules but we do expect everyone to have a good time.

Every night will be different, combining indoor and outdoor games with team projects, creative space, learning new skills and relevant group discussions.

Fuse is led by the following church members:

- Chris Mayers, who runs his own photography business and has three young children (all boys)
- Jon Clarke, a local (soon-to-be) Accountant who is married to –
- Rosie Clarke, originally from Portsmouth but now living locally and working as a Midwife at Basildon Hospital

Fuse runs every Thursday during term-time, starting at 7.00pm and finishing at 9.15pm.

Is it for you? Well you'll never know unless you give it a go!

For more information about Fuse tweet @CorringhamEvan, visit our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/corringhamevangelical) or e-mail fuse@corringhamevangelical.co.uk.



Editor's Letter

Dear Reader,

What a summer of celebration it's been!



As a country we've seen many high points and great achievements over the last few months, and the various events have given many of us a renewed sense of being proud to be British. I particularly got stuck into the Olympics as an armchair spectator.

Interestingly the Bible also refers to sport and competition in 1 Corinthians 9:24-25 where it says 'Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.'

This passage is talking about the fact that life is a long race that we need to run to get the prize, which for Christians is eternal life. It talks here about needing to train, and that means that we need to study the Bible and spend time with others who can encourage us to strive on, and who we too can encourage.

I may not be an Olympic athlete, but I am running the most important race of all and I will get the prize in the end, which is eternity in heaven.

Best wishes,

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to deal with the technical requirements of the church—basically anything that has a plug! He also has overall responsibility for the church's communication needs, including the Gateway magazine, website, Facebook, Twitter and other promotional material. He is married to Rachel who is one of the teachers of the older group within TJC and they have a new baby girl.

While the oversight are the leaders of the church, what is without question is that they couldn't undertake their roles without the support of family, friends and church members around them each and every day, for which they are very grateful.

**Below you can see a photograph of the members of the Oversight, taken at the recent Jubilee Party by Chris Mayers Photography—
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Back row (left to right):
Jeremy—Assistant Minister, Pastoral & Youth
Daren—Evangelism
Martyn—Church Administrator
Front row (left to right):
Richard—Leading Minister & Fabric
Dave—Technical & Communications

The church is 98 years old!

A church, just like a person, has to be born and come into existence at some point, and for Corringham Evangelical Church our building was erected in 1914 so this year will be our 98th birthday!

The church as a body of people existed before this point in time but we're not sure exactly when it started.

Each year we celebrate our anniversary (birthday), and we're now starting to think about 2014 and how we can celebrate our centenary. If you've got any great ideas (however unusual they are!) then please contact us using the details on page 2.

This year we will celebrate with special services led by Geoff Carr on Sunday 21st October.



Who are the church oversight?

As an organisation Corringham Evangelical Church is run entirely by volunteers. These volunteers do everything from preaching, playing musical instruments and leading prayer times, through to cleaning, flower arranging and organising rotas.

The team of five who take overall responsibility for the spiritual and practical leadership are referred to as the oversight, and are a diverse bunch of people, even if four of them are related!

The oversight take their responsibilities from 1 Timothy 3, a Bible passage that sets out the requirements for being an elder or a deacon and lays out the conduct and character that an overseer must conform to. They are voted on every two years at the church Annual General Meeting and must receive 75% of the votes of the formal church membership to be elected.

Here's a short biography of the five members of the Oversight (not that they're anybody particularly special!):

Richard is the Leading Minister and looks after the fabric of the building. An agricultural engineer by trade, Richard travels around the country installing and repairing milking machines to ensure that you can have milk with your corn flakes every day. He preaches most weeks, leads Bible studies and sets the overall direction of teaching within the church. He is married to Denise who undertakes many pastoral visits to care for those

connected to our church community, and they have two sons (Jeremy and Daren, below).

Jeremy is a local secondary school teacher and supports Richard with teaching within the church, as well as looking after the pastoral needs of the congregation (with a team of helpers), and having responsibility for setting the strategic direction of youth work within our local area. He is married to Vicki, a primary school worker who heads up the work of TJC (The Junior Church), and they have two sons.

Daren is a local primary school Headteacher and his role is to spearhead the evangelism of the church. That doesn't mean that he has to do it all by himself but he empowers everyone within the church to share their faith. Within this role he leads our Christianity Explored course. He is married to Hollie who leads the Tot Spot group on a Wednesday, and together they have a son with another baby on the way.

Martyn works within the insurance industry in London and his role within the oversight is to keep everyone else organised as the church administrator. He makes sure that everyone within the church knows the important events coming up and that we know any vital prayer needs. He is married to Carol who is one of the teachers of the younger group within TJC and he has four step-children.

Dave is an accountant working for a local authority and his responsibility is

2013 ADVANCE NOTICE

We're very excited to be able to announce that popular children's songwriter and worship leader Doug Horley (aka Duggie Dug Dug) is coming to Corringham in 2013!

We're fortunate to have been able to book Doug to lead a Praise Party on Saturday 11th May from 6.00pm—7.30pm for children in the local area.

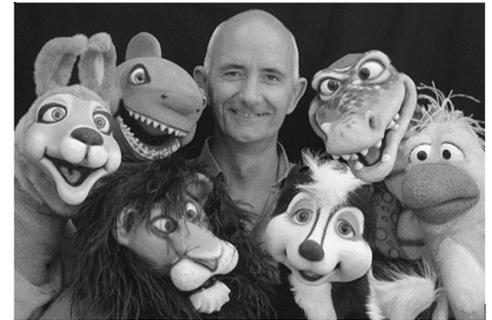
It will be a fast-moving mixture of fun action songs, pop music dance tracks, puppets, tricks, lots of fun, laughter and interaction and a clear presentation of the gospel.

In addition Doug will be leading a training seminar around children's work from 2.00pm—4.00pm. Equipping and inspiring children's leaders is vital. Week in, week out, children's work is hard work and we all need to be challenged, encouraged and re-envisioned from time to time. This multimedia training session is designed to be fun, fast-moving, interactive, and inspiring.

Doug Horley has a

national and international ministry working with children and song writing. He is a recording artist signed to EMI/Kingsway and has written many songs that have become children's favourites in churches across the planet.

More details on both of these events, including how to get tickets, will be available shortly.



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SUNDAY NIGHT AFTER CHURCH

Biblical discipleship for teens

First and Third Sunday of the month

We're inviting YOU!

BackToChurchSunday

When you think about Sunday, do you think about church? Do you think back to those childhood days when you went to church or Sunday School?

Back to Church Sunday is the largest single local-church invitational initiative in the world. It is based on the simplest and shortest step in evangelism - that we should invite someone we already know to something we love; invite our friend to our church. The initial focus was to invite 'back' those who used to attend, but we want to ensure that anyone who doesn't currently attend can be guaranteed an especially warm welcome, including children and young people.

Following the success of the initiative here at Corringham Evangelical Church last year we are again supporting BTCS and want to give you a warm welcome to come along on 30th September 2012 at 11.00am. You are, of course, welcome to come along to any of our services or meetings, but on this particular Sunday we'll be doing our hardest to be as

friendly and inviting as possible.

You might wonder why we have to have a specific day to encourage people to come along. In reality, many people have preconceived ideas about what church is like, and sometimes it takes a bit of effort to overcome those barriers and show that we're not stuffy or old-fashioned.

However, while we might not present things the same way we always have, what is absolutely true is that the message of Jesus Christ dying on the cross and being raised to life in order to forgive our sins has not, and will not, ever change.

Why not come along to give it a try? We'd love to welcome you in.

FREE MEAL

This year we also want to offer everyone who comes along (whether a current church attendee, past visitor or someone completely new) a **free meal** after the morning church service. We will have both meat and vegetarian options available.

You don't need to book but if you know you'll be coming it would be helpful to let us know using the details on page 2.

30th September 2012

What is communion?

One of the things you'll regularly see on our list of activities is communion. But just what is communion, and why do we celebrate it?

Communion is sometimes also called the Lord's Supper, the Breaking of Bread or Eucharist in more traditional churches.

The idea of communion is that through the taking of bread and wine, Christian believers remember Calvary, the place where the Lord Jesus Christ allowed His body to become a sacrifice for our sin on the cross.

We share in this custom together because we are following the example of the early church: 'On the first day of the week we came together to break bread.' (Acts 20:7a)

Before taking part in this act, believers should examine themselves and repent of their sin; we know that we are unworthy to receive forgiveness based on our own merit, but we also recognise the broken

body of the Lord Jesus and how necessary it was for us to be forgiven. The reason for this is that 1 Corinthians 11:26-27 says 'For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.'

At Corringham we practice what is referred to as an open table which means that anyone who professes to be a Christian may come to the table and partake of the service. We don't expect everyone to be a formal member or to have been baptised.

We believe that the bread and wine that are taken are just that, unchanged elements, used as symbols, to represent Christ's body and blood and His sacrifice.

Communion is often a solemn time because we are remembering the death of the key figure in the Christian message, but at the same time it is a celebration because Jesus' resurrection gives us great joy.



If you are a Christian who has truly asked for forgiveness and repented of your sin then we welcome you to join us on the first Sunday of the month at 6.00pm, or the third Sunday of the month at 10.30am for our time of communion.