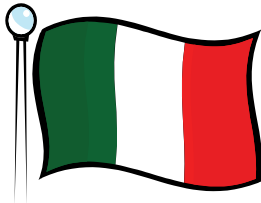


### **A taste of Italy**

David and Ann MacFarlane, working with BMS in Southern Italy, will be visiting East Northamptonshire in April.

The programme includes an Italian style lunch at Ringstead Shared Church on Saturday 21st April, services at Thrapston, Aldwinckle and Woodford on Sunday 22nd and an assembly at Ringstead School on Monday 23rd.



### **Brass Band Concert**

The Raunds Temperance Band is performing on the 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7: 30pm. Earls Barton Baptist Church. Tickets are £5 each and are available from Ted Scarfe (01604 466734) or on the door.

### **Parish Nurse for Long Buckby**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March was a special day for Long Buckby Baptist Church...the commissioning of their member Lesley Sallet as Parish Nurse for the village. If you know anyone who is a registered nurse and might be interested in this new UK initiative, please give them the invite overleaf.



### **Mission to Thailand.**

6 members of Mount Pleasant Baptist church are going on a two-week mission trip this Easter. They're off to Thailand... but not the tourist part! They'll be learning about life there with people who have much less than we do here in Northamptonshire, running some children's work, visiting villages and helping with some youth camps.



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## **HAPPY EASTER**



Good Friday morning this year will again see Christians from all denominations in Northamptonshire towns and villages gathering for special services. On Sunday we will be celebrating the Resurrection joy in our churches. Why not make this Easter even more special and rediscover for yourself the amazing truth of how far God has gone to offer you new life and hope.

## **JOURNEYS**

**After Easter some of our churches are putting on a series of video showings featuring live interviews with people who have discovered faith through hard times.**

**Its called "Journeys" and its really good for people who don't have much faith but would like to find out a bit more. It lasts just five weeks.**

**It's produced by a New Zealand journalist. Mount Pleasant Baptist Church and Grange Park Church are among those planning to show it. Its well worth seeing.**

### ***"Hey Man! Watcha Doing?"***

"Hey man! Watcha doing?" rang out in Long Buckby & Brington Baptist Church every time Haman came on stage. This was the occasion of the annual church pantomime – this time "Esther" written by some of the church members.

The O.T. story wove its way through the plot (omitting the hanging) but the entertainment also had all the customary panto elements.

The cast ranged in age from 8 to the late 60s and included dancing girls in a harem scene! No-one could miss the clear message of deliverance and protection afforded by a faithful God, declared by Mordecai at the end.

### ***International duo visit***

#### ***Northamptonshire village event***

Ringstead Shared Church hosted a weekend of music spanning the centuries and continents at the beginning of March. They celebrated together the gift of music through concerts, children's workshops and special services. Drawing on the talents of their own musicians and those of visiting duo "Bayou Seco", the four day event was a special way of reaching out to their friends and neighbours.

### ***West Haddon Baptists provide windows & doors for African congregation***

On a recent trip to Kenya, Mission Enabler Helen Wordsworth was asked to convey special thanks to members of West Haddon Baptist Church, whose generous gift to a church in Bungoma Diocese enabled the completion of their new church building. Pictures of the windows can be seen in a report of the visit on the cba website. [www.centralba.org.uk](http://www.centralba.org.uk)

### ***Rockingham Road Baptist Church in Kettering have been stepping out in new ways lately!***

They spent one Sunday evening learning about Passover and how it connects with Communion: And another in a Gospel concert led by George Hamilton IV....a sell out. Tim Burt, the minister, admitted that it wasn't everyone's cup of tea, but that it was an excellent outreach event. They plan further special Sunday evening events so if you live anywhere near Kettering, watch out for the posters!

### ***God moves in mysterious ways!***

God has strange ways of moving people to prepare for an unknown future, and so it was that a lady walked into Earls Barton Baptist Church one day just as repairs to the leaky baptistery were being started. Five years later, following a Songs of Praise, this same lady came to see the pastor and another deacon.

Her request was simple; "Can I please be baptised?, I've been fighting God for long enough." Behind her request, lay a long story of illness and heartbreak, and through it all God had worked, and is still working miracles. Just recently, in a very special service, that lady was baptised.

**A morning to explore Parish Nursing April 21st 10.30—1.00pm**

#### **Church of the Epiphany, Corby**

There are Parish Nurses already working in the Diocese of Peterborough and they will be available to share stories of their vision for whole person health care.

If you are a registered nurse, or interested in broader health issues then this is an opportunity not to miss.

A Healthy lunch will be available for a small charge of £2.50.

Please book by phone or e-mail

Contact Gillian Spokes on 01604 887048 or [gillian.spokes@peterborough-diocese.org.uk](mailto:gillian.spokes@peterborough-diocese.org.uk)

Please book by 16th April 2007