



Annual Report April 2010 - March 2011

The Fellowship is independent of any denomination and is a member of 'Churches Together in Hereford' and the national organisation 'The Evangelical Alliance'. The Fellowship is run on a week by week basis by its members, with a body of Trustees (including three Fellowship members) overseeing the work. The Fellowship welcomes visitors to any of its services and meetings.

During the year to 31st March 2011, donations of £2,762 were made to Christian missionary and international aid organisations.

Sunday Worship

During the year Bodenhams Christian Fellowship has continued worship at the Chapel each Sunday from 10.30am - 11.45. The regular attendance at Sunday morning worship varies from 12 to 25. The services included a monthly fellowship service when members take part, with speakers from the Fellowship and other churches, chapels & mission organisations on the remaining Sundays. Services are informal and are followed by refreshments.

Recently a further one hour service has been introduced at 9am on one Sunday (usually the first) in the month, which has been followed by coffee & croissants.

Bible Study & Prayer Meetings

A weekly Bible Study & Prayer meeting has been held on Thursday evenings at the homes of members. Studies have included the books of Acts and 'Exodus - Guidance for living and Worship'.

Newsletter

A monthly newsletter is produced which is available from the Chapel and Post Office or can be delivered on request.

Ladies' Bible Study

A Ladies Bible Study is held twice a month at the Chapel on Tuesday mornings. This is led by Margaret Seccombe. Studies have included 'Standing Firm' a study of 1 Thessalonians, and selected Psalms.

Café@Chapel

Café@Chapel is a joint venture with St. Michael's Church. This continued on Thursday mornings from 10.30am - 12noon between September and May and is an opportunity for anyone to call in for coffee and a chat. Attendances during these mornings are now regularly in double figures and have on occasions exceeded 20.

Mission

Mike Smith made two further two-week visits to Nepal, leading medical teams in the provision of E.N.T. clinics and surgery.

Arthur & Yvonne Etheridge continued leading the Hereford based Hope Carriers Trust, which sends aid to Romania mainly for disadvantaged children. Several truckloads of aid were sent during the year, and the Trust is also involved with the provision of facilities for children.

Other events

An evening was held in June to hear about the work of S.A.S.R.A. (The Soldiers' and Airmen's Scripture Readers Association).

A mini folk festival was held in 2010 which featured local artists.

Evening Presentations

The Chapel was hired out for a series of slide shows on Wednesday evenings entitled 'Travels with a Camera' with presentations on Zimbabwe, Turkey, Japan, China, Gardens of Herefordshire, Snow, and the Severn Valley Railway. £223 has been raised for Hope Carriers Trust during these evenings.

Other evenings have included presentations by Dr. Karilyn Collins on her work in Tanzania, and Peter Strevens showing the Coast to Coast walk in the north of England, with £126 & £52 respectively being raised for their designated charities.

Seasonal Workers

For the seventh year members of the Fellowship hosted evening meals for migrant workers employed by S&A at Marden. 21 fruit-pickers (from Poland, Bulgaria & Romania) attended on 4 occasions during the spring.

Hire of Chapel

The chapel continues to be available for regular or occasional use by other village organisations or individuals, with hire charges being £5 per hour, £10 per session or £15 per day.

Bodenham Christian Fellowship can be visited on the internet at:

www.findachurch.co.uk/churches/so/so55/bodenhamcf/index.html

Entries and events are also to be included on the Bodenham Village website www.bodenhamparish.org.uk

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