



binscombe church

Our story...

1957...

Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labour in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.

Psalm 127:1



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- **Concerned for the spiritual needs of the area, Irene May, a member of Godalming Baptist Church, started a mid week Bible study along with family and friends, in her home in Binscombe village.**
- **She had been inspired in a Bible study by Proverbs 29:18, *'Where there is no vision, the people perish'*.**
- **Every home in the area was visited and people personally invited to attend the meetings at her bungalow 'Timbers'.**





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- **With ongoing visiting of homes in the area, numbers grew at 'Timbers' until the kitchen, hall and lounge were packed with people.**
- **Some became Christians, others returned to churches they had long since stopped attending.**
- **A Sunday School was also started for the children of the area.**





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1959

- **Binscombe Estate**





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1960

- **A Christian mission for adults and children was held by Jim Bathgate of 'Counties Work', increasing the Sunday School attendance at 'Timbers'.**
- **This was so popular that most rooms in the bungalow had to be used for teaching. The garden was also used.**

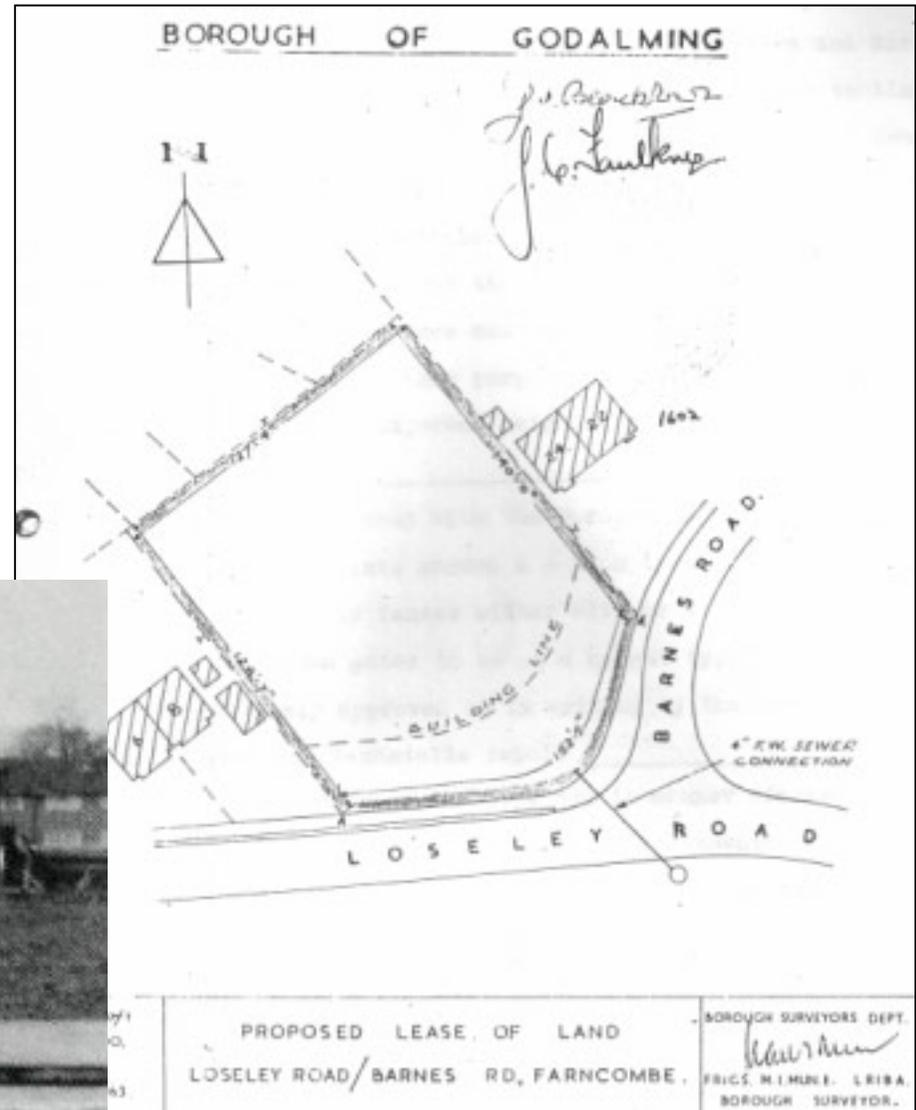




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- The Binscombe housing estate was designed and built soon after the Second World War, with a plot of land at the junction of Barnes and Loseley Road designated as a site for worship.





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- **With the local population growing, Irene May and her family called a meeting on 10th February to discuss building a hall on this site. Thirty eight people attended.**
- **50 local Christians agreed to support this initiative. Not all would join the proposed church but all promised support.**
- **These Christians came from a variety of denominations but most were associated with either Baptists or Brethren Churches.**
- **Committee member Malcolm Campbell writes: *'There is in my opinion a very real opportunity here to commence something along New Testament lines. The land cries out to be possessed and a progressive and live evangelical witness would fill a great need.'***



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1961

- Irene May records; the initial meetings, the priority of prayer, three applications to the Council for leasing the land and the church opening. A great example of persevering faith.

Binscombe Church.

First Meeting to discuss ways & means.
Friday. February 10th 1961.

First Committee Meeting. Friday. February 17th 1961.

Prayer Meeting every Wednesday.

1st Application for land in Loxley Rd.
Turned down. December 1961.

2nd Application. Council Meeting.
Tuesday. July 24th 1962. Turned down.

3rd Application - Accepted.
Friday. January 3rd 1963.
(Free Church Federal Council)

Opening of Church.
March 6th 1965.



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1962

- **Sunday evening meetings were held at 'Timbers' for worship and Bible teaching; first monthly, then fortnightly.**
- **Numbers steadily increased with up to 60 people regularly cramming into the bungalow.**
- **Thursday evening prayer meetings and Bible studies were started.**
- **The group was officially formed as the 'Binscombe Christian Fellowship'.**
- **In response to prayer, money was given towards a church hall and classrooms.**





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- **The Chairman of the Binscombe Christian Fellowship wrote to the local paper explaining the vision for the church.**

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—Having read the report concerning the land available for Church purposes on the Binscombe Estate, we wish to emphasise that the Binscombe Christian Fellowship was formed to serve the general community in the Binscombe area. Our aim is to provide as speedily as possible a place of worship to which all may come, and extend the activities which are already in being.

A Sunday School for children in the area meets in a private house, where accommodation is taxed to the utmost and an extremely flourishing Women's Fellowship meets on the same premises.

As soon as accommodation is available it is hoped a Boys' Club will be housed in the building, together with a Youth Club and Old People's Club. We feel that all these features are sorely needed in the area and that a Church based project is best.—Yours faithfully,

R. P. STOCK,

Chairman of committee, Binscombe
Christian Fellowship.



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- **There were other proposals for the site to be used as a community centre with the church having use of the building. Prayer, and businessman John Laing's generous promise of £2000 if the fellowship could match it, helped secure the site.**

The chairman of the Binscombe Fellowship was reported to have written to the chairman of the Town Council's Housing Committee (Cclr. W. G. Tyreman) stating that although no appeal had yet been launched, the Fellowship held funds amounting to nearly £500, and a promise of help from a nationally well-known business man amounted to a further £2,000. When erected, the buildings—which would include a chapel—would be used for a Women's Fellowship, a Sunday School, Boys' Club, Youth Fellowship and a Men's Movement. In addition, they would like to place the premises at the disposal of the Old People's Welfare Committee during the daytime in the week.



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- There were supporters for the church using the site to service the community.

Binscombe needs a "village hall or community centre"

Binscombe social centre plea

AN appeal to the "powers that be" to lease land at Binscombe for use as a site for a social centre, was made by Alderman J. T. Simmonds to Godalming Council on Tuesday.

"I approve of this church site at Binscombe," declared Alderman Simmonds. "It is long overdue."

"I appeal to the powers that be. There is something else needed in that part of the borough . . . a social centre.

"I think we should lease them some land for proposed social facilities."



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In answer to many prayers...

**New church for
Binscombe site**

Godalming Borough Council decided on Friday last week to let land to the Binscombe Christian Fellowship "... for use as a site for the erection of a Christian church and for ancillary church purposes. for a term of 99 years at a ground rent of £50 a year ..."

The land is part of the Binscombe Farm estate.

31/1/63.



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- The plan to build the church had its opponents.
- In spite of opposition the council rented the site to the church at the low price of £50 a year.

Church site dispute

GODALMING Council Tenants' Association has protested to the town council against its decision to let a site for a church on the Binscombe Farm Estate at the "concessional rent" of £50 a year.

The land has been leased to the Binscombe Christian Fellowship—described by the tenants' association as a "a small and little-known religious sect or organisation with a comparatively small membership—for a period of 99 years.

Because of the agreement, the tenants argue, the fellowship will now be subsidised—probably to the extent of £100 a year—by the housing revenue account at the expense of the general body of the tenants.

While acknowledging this to be true the council says that it was influenced in its decision to a large extent by the full support given to the fellowship by Godalming's Free Church Federal Council.

The association is being assured that the £50 rent would be credited to housing revenue account.



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- The planned building work would be in two stages. The first stage was to cost £4,500.

USE OF BINSCOMBE CHURCH SITE

Plans submitted on behalf of the Binscombe Christian Fellowship for the site on Binscombe housing estate allocated for a church show a proposal to erect buildings in two stages.

Godalming Council were told last week that the first stage included three classrooms, kitchen, store and lavatories; and the second stage, a main hall capable of seating 150 people. A car park was shown at the front with accesses from Loseley Road and Barnes Road.



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- **The Sunday School in the garden at Timbers.**





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- On March 2nd a trust was set up and a 99yr lease of the site was agreed with the local council – *‘to erect a building on the said land... to be used occupied and enjoyed as a place for the public worship of God by the members of Binscombe Evangelical Church for the Biblical instruction of children and adults and for such other charitable purposes for the advancement of religion as may be determined by the said Church not being political meetings secular entertainments or meetings tending to the propagation of doctrines at variance with the doctrines set forth in the Statement of Doctrine’*
- The trustees were a group of local evangelical leaders who advised the young church in these early days of its formation.



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1964

Trust Deed Statement of faith...

1. The full inspiration of the Holy Scriptures; their authority and sufficiency as not only containing, but being in themselves, the Word of God; the reliability of the New Testament in its testimony to the character and authorship of the Old Testament; and the need of the teaching of the Holy Spirit to a true and spiritual understanding of the whole.
2. The unity of the Godhead and the divine co-equality of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; the sovereignty of God in creation, providence, and redemption
3. The utter depravity of human nature in consequence of the fall, and the necessity for regeneration.
4. The true and proper Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ; His virgin birth; His real and perfect manhood; the authority of His teaching, and the infallibility of His utterances; His work of atonement for sinners of mankind by His vicarious sufferings and death; His bodily resurrection and His ascension into Heaven; and his present priestly intercession for His people.



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Trust Deed Statement of faith continued...

5. The justification of the sinner solely by faith, through the atoning merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
6. The necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit in regeneration, conversion, and sanctification; also in ministry and worship.
7. The ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper as being instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ, but not in Baptism as conveying regenerating grace, nor in the Lord's Supper as being a sacrifice for sin or involving any change in the bread and wine.
8. The personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ in glory.
9. The resurrection of the body; the judgment of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, with the eternal blessedness of the righteous and the eternal punishment of the wicked.

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by the said IAN STUART BARTER
in the presence of:

Antony [unclear]
Kimberley
St. Nicolas Avenue
Cranleigh, Surrey

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SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED
by the said MALCOLM CAMPBELL
in the presence of:

Antony [unclear]
as above.

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- **From a leaflet produced to raise financial support for the building project.**

**ONE
SQUARE
MILE...**



Most people have heard of the valuable 'Square Mile' in the City of London centred around the Bank of England, but this leaflet is to acquaint Christian friends of another square mile – a neglected one – shown on the plan overleaf. This is the Binscombe area on the outskirts of Godalming in Surrey and within it live more than 6,000 people – roughly one third of the total population of the borough.

In this square mile there is no Church or Chapel of any description but through the co-operation of the local Council an excellent site shown on the photograph overleaf – perhaps the only one available in the area – has been leased to us for the purpose of public worship. This is indeed a wonderful opportunity to proclaim that 'Jesus Christ is Lord'.

The Binscombe area is a little isolated. Travelling facilities, especially on Sundays, are not good and as a result many young people are growing up without any religious influence. We earnestly desire to meet this urgent need by starting to build as soon as possible.



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In May a team of volunteers began to clear the ground and started the first stage of building.





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- The text of a leaflet distributed around Binscombe in November.



Surely not! Is this the new Church already? Indeed it is, and we can hardly believe our *OWN* eyes!

The above photograph of the building was taken on one of those sunny days last month. We hope to finish the first stage and be ready to start regular services in the early part of 1965.

THEN BINSCOMBE WILL HAVE ITS OWN CHURCH.

This is exciting news to many, and we are grateful to our building friends, voluntary and otherwise, whose hard work has made this possible. We are also indebted to all those who have contributed and promised the necessary funds which now total £3,050.

We have decided at an estimated cost of £4,000, to proceed without a pause to the second stage of the building. Counting on the continued generous giving of Christian friends we are sure that we will not be disappointed.

Meantime at "Timbers", Binscombe Lane, Binscombe Village, the Services have been extended and are now as follows:—

<u>SUNDAYS</u>	3 p.m.	Sunday School
	7 p.m.	Evening Service (<i>Twice monthly at present</i>)
<u>WEDNESDAYS</u>	7.15 p.m.	Womens Fellowship
<u>THURSDAYS</u>	7.45 p.m.	Bible Study

Do please visit the site and inspect the building—at the corner of Loseley Road and Barnes Road, Binscombe. Above all, join us if you can, at any of the above services. We need your help and you will be made very welcome.



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- **On 6th March, 180 people gathered, including the Mayor and Mayoress of Godalming, for the opening of the new building by Irene May.**
- **Cyril Chilvers led the meeting with Gilbert Kirby (Principal of London Bible College) as guest speaker.**



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HOW IT ALL BEGAN

When Mrs. I. May and her family moved to Binscombe in 1957, it became apparent that there was a need for a Christian witness in the area. As so often must have happened in New Testament times, neighbours were invited in to listen to the Gospel. The informal meeting grew in numbers, and several conversions took place, whilst other friends renewed their former faith in Christ.

The local Council had reserved a church site on the nearby estate, and when the local churches were unable to develop it, the friends meeting at Timbers launched a building fund in the faith that God would open a way to build a house of prayer and evangelism. The whole area was developing rapidly, and while the other churches were doing what they could, it was evident that active help on the spot was urgently needed.

Following a special mission conducted on the present church site by Mr. J. Bathgate, a Sunday School was added to the activities at Timbers, and this proved to meet a need among children who did not attend any other church.

God honoured the faith of those who had launched the new scheme, and although the years that followed were full of difficulties, He provided for the embryo church fellowship in gifts and promises. Other helpers were raised up, and through the late Mr. Malcolm Campbell an independent Trust was established. A ground lease was negotiated with the Borough Council, plans drawn up and passed, and the building commenced in May, 1964.

The church has been partly built by the voluntary efforts of members and friends, but a great debt of gratitude is owed to Messrs. Jackson & Gocher Ltd., and the sub-contractors, who have shown such an interest in the scheme.

The present building, designed by Mr. Anthony Clare, is the first stage in what it is hoped will eventually be a church to seat 150 people, and accommodation for a comprehensive programme for the thousands living around us.

Man's need for forgiveness through a Living Saviour is as great as ever, and we pray that we may be kept true to the Word of God in our endeavours to fulfill the command of Christ to "Go . . . tell."



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‘DO-IT-YOURSELF’ CHURCH OPENED

ONE hundred and eighty people — double the normal capacity of the new “do-it-yourself” Binscombe Evangelical Church—went to the church on Saturday afternoon for the official opening.

“We dug the foundations, laid the oversite concrete and did the decorating ourselves,” explained church secretary Mr. Peter Stock afterwards. “The remainder of work we put out to contract. We reckon we saved about £2,000 by doing this.”

The way to make the greatest impact on the neighbourhood was to let the people see that the church was throbbing with life and vitality. This would attract more people than spending money on publicity.



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1965

- **Church Programme of regular activities in 1965**
- **Sundays**
 - 10:00am Boys and girls 'Kings Own' Bible classes
 - 10:30am Prayer meeting
 - 11:00am Family worship
 - 3:00pm Sunday school
 - 7:00pm Evening service
- **Mondays**
 - 7:15pm Women's fellowship
- **Tuesdays**
 - 6:30pm Tuesday club for children
 - 7:30pm Youth club
- **Thursdays**
 - 7:15pm Girls' club
 - 8:00pm Bible study and prayer meeting
- **Fridays**
 - 7:17pm Boys' club



There was an active interest in missions and in addition to special collections the church gave 15% of its income to mission at home and overseas



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1965

- Written by Winston Baldock for the first Harvest Supper.

A BALLAD OF BINSCOMBE CHURCH

In '65, a year of grace,
And wet withal in every place,
There rose upon a new estate
A noble pile and most ornate.
To tell the tale of this event
Is now my task, most humbly meant.
In '64, or so I'm told,
Young Peter Stock, so brave and bold,
Did summon all his merry men,
Four, five or six or even ten,
And with much sweat they there did toil
To make impression on the soil.
The site, at confluence of two streets,
Was soon a mess of iron sheets,
Of bricks and mortar, wood and stone,
And men who worked hard to the bone.
Many talents there combined
To build a church, tall and refined.
Before too long the shape was seen,
All long at front, and in between,
A biggish box, short, fat and squat,
And difficult to clean, I wot.
"But now's the time," young Peter cried,
"To brush the paint we have supplied."
And so they came, the men and maidens,
All volunteers and all unpaidens.

Dear David Rolph did lend a hand,
And Frank and Andrew joined the band,
And Mrs. May and Bernard Morgan,
While Janet Benke played the organ.
Nick and Inge too were there,
She reached the windows from a chair,
With Mrs. Fountain on the floor,
And lots of others - but no more!
But ~~they~~ ~~did~~ work this happy lot,
They went and finished every pot
Of paint until the ~~very~~ day arranged
For opening, and then they changed
Into their best to welcome Mayor
And all the people gathered there.
After meetings bright and gay
To augur in that happy day
They got to work as weeks went by
And welcomed all to come and try
With them the hymns they loved to sing
And made that building brightly ring.

And now the moral of my song
Is plain to all who do belong
To Binscombe Church, most Evangelical.
If you desire to see a miracle
Then act the word co-operation
And let each one go to his station,
And never say the work is done
For it has only just begun.



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1966

- **With increasing numbers and an active programme, plans were made to double the size of the main meeting area and build a games hall.**
- **Volunteers helped reduce the cost of building.**





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1966



- **Sunday School beach day at Mundeford and a walk by the River Wey.**





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1966

- **Billy Graham Crusade at Wembley.**
- **4th September a special church meeting was held to clarify church leadership structure.**
- **The Church Council's responsibilities were divided into two areas**
 - **Pastoral Committee – vision, policy, church membership, ministry, missionary outreach, personnel and training.**
 - **Executive Committee – secretarial, financial, organisational and practical.**





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1967

- **Ongoing work and fundraising to double the size of the main hall and build a games hall.**





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1967

- **February and December, a mission was led with Sandy Thompson.**
- **Content and structure of Thursday night Bible study and prayer meetings were reviewed.**
 - **The baptistery was built.**
 - **24th December, 'Candlelight Service'.**
 - **Christmas Service at Byways Home, Odiham.**
 - **Christmas party.**
- **Frank Elcock was a leading light in youth work, outreach and pastoral care for many years.**





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1968

- **February and November, 'Youth Rally' with Peter Anderson was held.**
- **Sunday School Ramble.**





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1968



- **11th March** the Church Council reviewed the leadership of the church and agreed to start the process of looking for a pastoral leader.
- **Duties would include:** *“(i) visitation and caring, both spiritual and social, (ii) Membership of the Church Council, (iii) Chairmanship of the pastoral committee, (iv) Residence in the district surrounding the church.”*
- **On 24th March** at a special meeting, members accepted the Church Council’s proposal to look for a Pastor.
- **On 28th September** 21 members met at Marley Manor for a ‘Quiet Day’ to seek God’s will and pray about the leadership of the church.



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- Ongoing fundraising to complete building expansion.

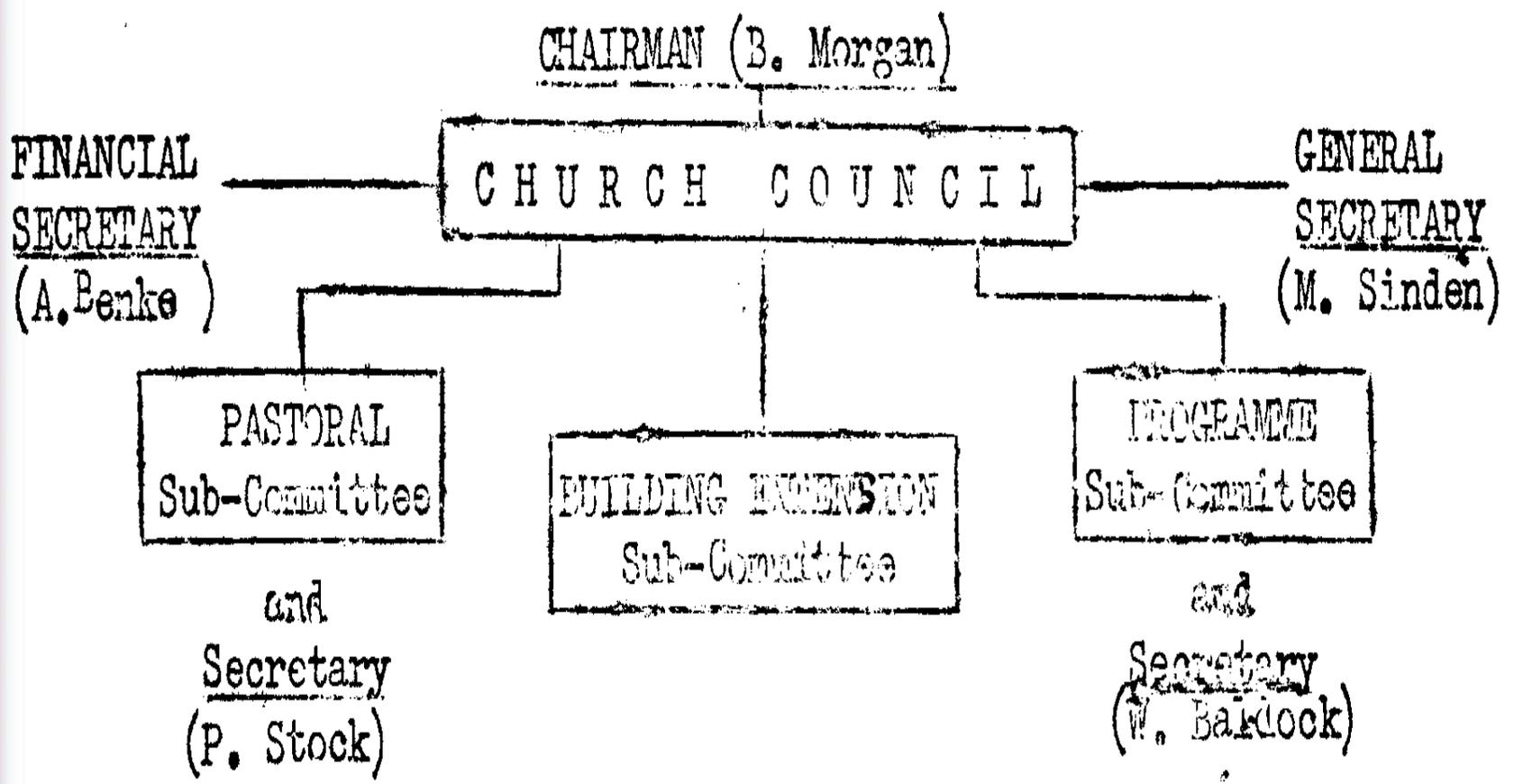




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BINSCOMBE EVANGELICAL CHURCH RE-ORGANISATION MARCH 1968





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GENERAL SECRETARY:

Church Council and Church Meeting arrangements;
liaison between other sections as required;
general administration and correspondence as
required.

PASTORAL SECRETARY:

All pastoral matters and committee including
membership, visitation and relevant
correspondence.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY:

All financial matters - covering all committees
and groups and relevant correspondence.

PROGRAMME SECRETARY:

All programme service and devotional meeting
arrangements and activities including
publicity, hospitality and relevant
correspondence.



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1969

- **A training scheme was proposed for youth workers to meet the needs of a growing youth work.**
- **On 1st March the enlarged premises, sponsored by church members, were opened (phase 2) with David Pawson preaching at the thanksgiving service.**
- **Easter Sunday School walk.**





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1969



- **Sunday School Beach day.**
- **Pastoral search continued with advice from David Pawson (Guildford Baptist) and Gilbert Kirby (London Bible College).**
 - **Training organised for potential leaders.**
- **Christmas Party and Nativity Production.**





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1969

- From the Surrey Advertiser.



Refreshments follow the formal opening ceremony on Saturday of the new extension to Binscombe Evangelical Church.

Church extension dedicated

A SERVICE of dedication in the new extension to Binscombe Evangelical Church was held on Saturday. The service dedicated both the extension of the church (now double its previous length) and the new church hall (the second stage of the extension is planned to include a lounge, classroom and store).



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1970



- **Plans underway for building the manse.**
- **Spring bank holiday church ramble.**
- **4th October first baptism service.**
- **Ongoing search for a pastor.**
- **Sunday School, King David Play**
- **19th December carol singing around Binscombe.**
- **Thriving Women's Fellowship.**



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1971

- On Thursdays throughout March and April the church was called to special prayer times regarding looking for a pastor.
- In March giving was £28 per week. By April, in response to an appeal to cover the cost of a Pastor and pay off borrowed capital, this had risen to £34:53 per week. By October it had risen to £45 per week. £56 per week was needed.



- Sunday School outing.
- Planning and training for Autumn church mission with Oliver Styles.
- 16th May Church members tea to discuss 'Membership Participation', including visitation, cleaning, Autumn mission, and the privileges and responsibilities of membership.



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- **Privileges and responsibilities of membership.**

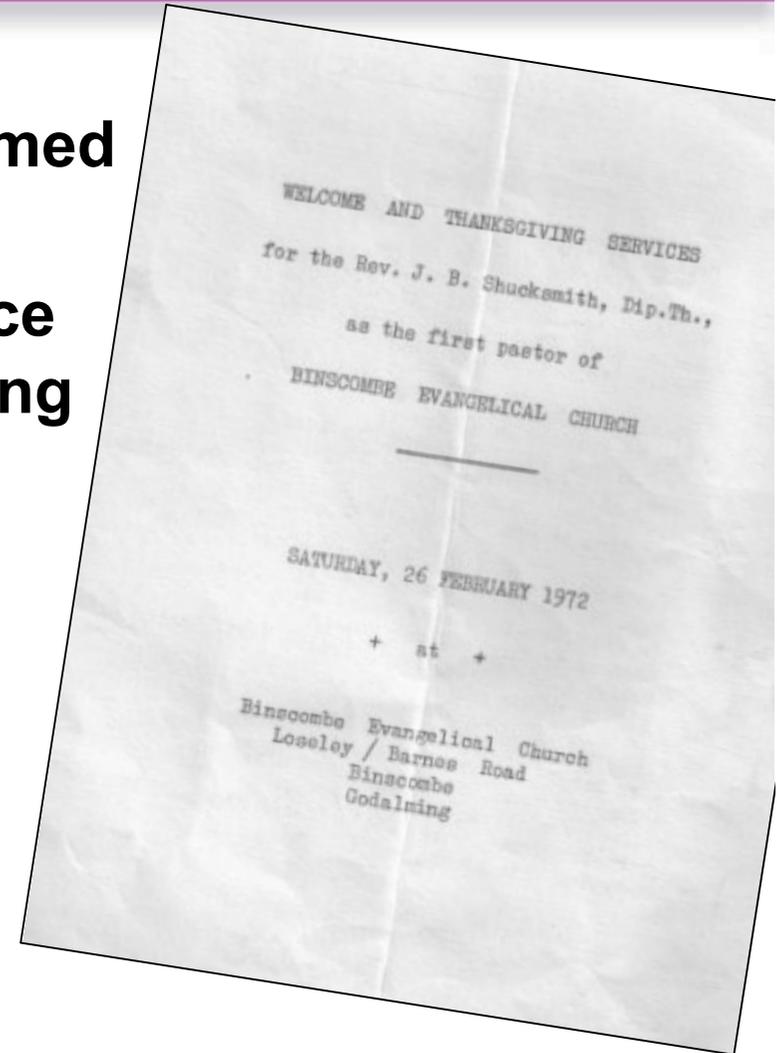
It is hoped that all members will seek to maintain a close communion with their Lord in personal devotion and service; will regularly meet for worship and fellowship; will pray for the ministry of the Word in this church, and look for opportunities of meeting need whether within the context of church life or in their own neighbourhood and work places. It is expected that members will seek to give regularly to the Lord's work in this church. Above all it is hoped that through the quality of their daily lives all members will commend their Saviour to others and actively seek to introduce others to the church and to their Lord.



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1972

- **On 26th February Barry Shucksmith was welcomed as the first pastor.**
- **3:30pm Welcome Service and 5:30pm Thanksgiving Service, with Dr Martyn Lloyd Jones as guest speaker.**





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1972

- **Barry Shucksmith (Pastor 1972-1974) with his wife Janet and children.**





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1972



- **Church membership of 54.**
 - **In April the church resigned from Godalming Council of Churches for theological reasons.**



- **In September a monthly magazine was started, being distributed in Binscombe.**
- **26-29th October a coffee bar in the hall was organised for the community.**



- **Sunday School Party.**





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1972

- **On Saturday 30th September a service of dedication was held for the Manse.**





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1973

- **On the last Sundays of May-August at 6pm, open air services were held at different locations around the estate.**



- **In April the church resigned from the Godalming and District Free Church Council and joined the 'British Evangelical Council'.**
- **Harvest Supper entertainments.**



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1973

- **Church programme of regular activities.**

Binscombe Evangelical Church

Barnes Road, Binscombe, Godalming, Surrey.
Tel. Godalming 23464

Pastor: The Rev. J.B. Shucksmith, Dip. Th.,
The Manse, 10 Loseley Road, Binscombe.

Secretary: Mr. N. Sinden, The Briars, Highfield Crescent,
Hindhead. Tel. Hindhead 5935.

Treasurer: Mr. A.F. Benke, 73 Long Gore, Farncombe.
Tel. Godalming 7649.

Magazine Secretary and Book Agent: Mr. R. Ellement,
36 Chestnut Way, Godalming. Tel. Godalming 6501.

Sunday Worship

11.00 a.m. Family Worship (Creche provided)
7.00 p.m. Evening Service

The Lord's Supper

1st Sunday - after the Evening Service.
3rd Sunday - Family Communion - 11.00 a.m.

Sunday School 3.00 p.m.

Bible Classes Boys and girls 11-15 years 10.15 a.m.

Tuesdays Children's Meeting 6.30 p.m.

Tuesdays Youth Group - 15 plus 8.00 p.m.

Wednesdays Young wives in the Manse 2.00 p.m.
Women's Meeting in Church 7.15 p.m.

Thursday United prayer meeting and Bible study
in the Church 7.45 p.m.

Missionary Meeting Last Thursday in the month.

Please remember these meetings and those who
lead them in your prayers each day.



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1973

- **Church magazine September 1973 on the Chairman of the Trustees and Irene May moving from the area.**

We have already paid tribute, at a previous Church Meeting, to Mr. Bernard Morgan (Chairman of the Trustees) and Mrs May but we feel that it needs to be said again. We are so grateful to God for all that they have been able to do, under Him, in helping to establish this Church in Binscombe. Laying the foundations for any building is undoubtedly the most important task of all. How much more important when it comes to laying the spiritual foundations of a Church? We shall always be grateful to God for their vision, wisdom, prayerfulness, and desire to put the Lord first in everything. Much of what we enjoy, at Binscombe today, particularly our Evangelical heritage is due to their leadership in the early days. We want to say thank-you to you both and hope that you will be able to come and see us again from time to time.



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Various prizes were awarded during the Camp, notably to Andy, who received the prize for the 'rudey' of the Camp. Although he was not awarded a prize, the Pastor, (who has threatened to censor all photographs) in floppy hat, string vest and knee-length shorts, deserved one for his unintentional portrayal of one of the flower-pot men.

To finish on a more serious (!) note. We all found the camp a great blessing as regards witnessing. Most of the towns we visited found themselves bombarded with tracts and invaded by Christians singing about the Lord. We would appreciate it if you would pray for all those on the receiving end of our witnessing. All barriers of shyness went to the wind and as a result all the later additions to the fellowship, myself included, now find it much easier in open prayer, Bible study and general fellowship. More than anything else we all found and amazing nearness to the Lord - probably because we had to rely on Him to such an extent - and came back full of the Spirit.

- **Church magazine September 1973 on the first Young People's Fellowship Camp at Tresaith in Wales, attended by 50 people.**





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1974

- **Sat 26th – Mon 28th January first Missionary weekend was held with Sudan Interior Mission.**
- **On Sundays in June and July open air services were held around the estate, followed by the evening service on the church forecourt.**





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1974



- **Harvest Supper.**
- **September Barry Shucksmith resigned from being the Pastor to move to Cape Town, SA.**
- **December mission with Dick Saunders.**
- **15th December Barry Shucksmith's farewell service.**
- **Christmas Cinderella Pantomime.**





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1974

- **Church magazine October 1974, Graham Sinden as he left to go to Bible college.**

There is now a committee under the guidance of Mick Howley which attempts to organize Sunday Evening Activities for young people. Some of these after-Church fellowships have been of great blessing. We, as young Christians, recognise the need for teaching in order to develop into mature Christians. It is principally this need which we try to meet on Sunday evenings. There has been much to praise God for in this department of the Church; and there is equally much to pray for, especially individuals.

I love my Church and thank my Lord for it but this Church is not bricks and mortar. It is people; like minded people who love and worship God. It is you and me and so I thank all of you for allowing me to share in the receiving of God's blessing in this place.



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1975

- **9-10th March 10th Anniversary including testimonies, a history of the church and Dr Martin Lloyd Jones preaching.**
- **September, Sunday School time was changed from 3:00pm to 10:15am, before the morning service.**
- **On the first three Sundays evenings in August open air meetings were held before the evening service with leaflets distributed.**
- **5th October gift day to raise funds to finish paying for the manse and to start building the extension.**
- **Women's Fellowship outing.**

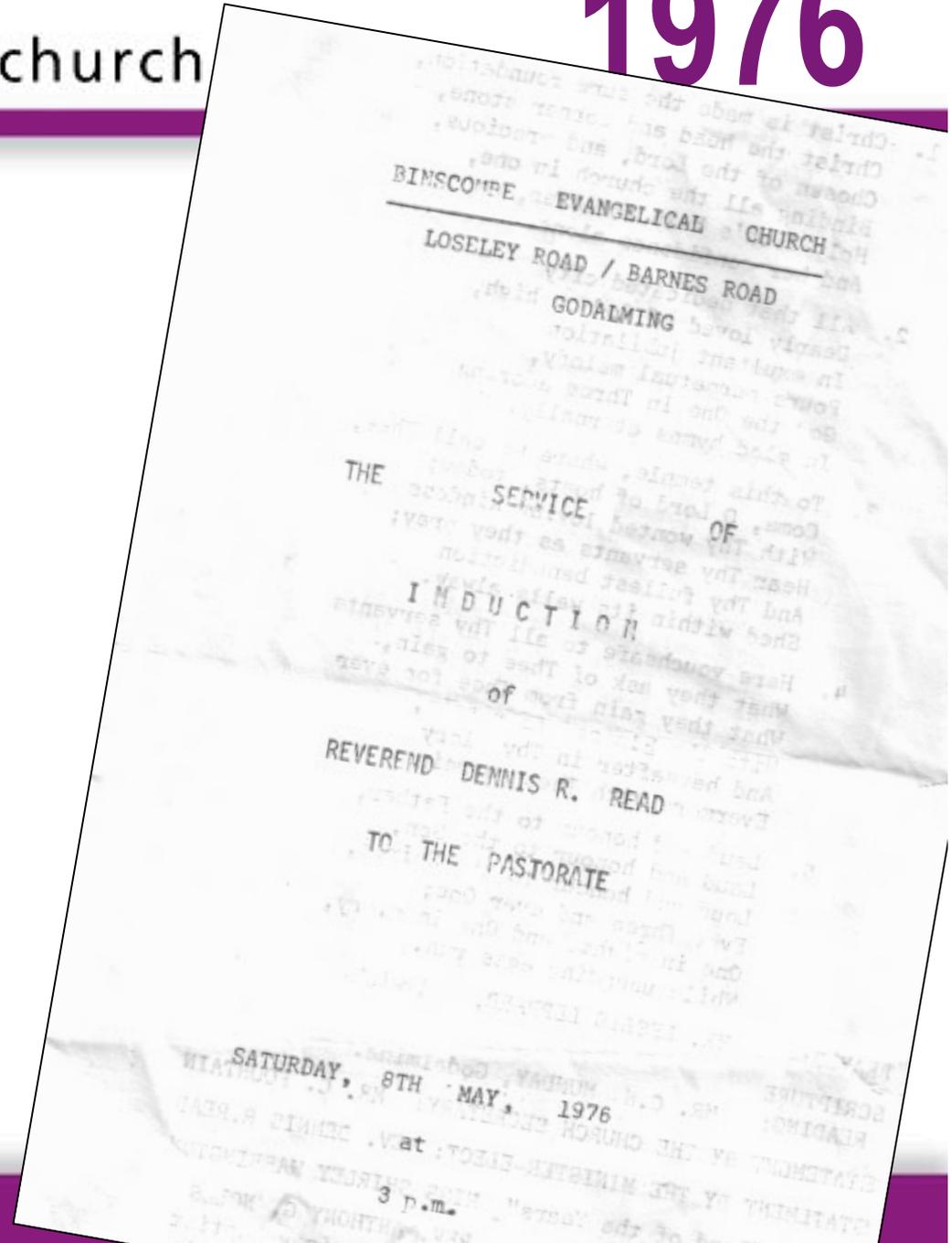




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1976

- On 8th May Dennis Read was welcomed as the second pastor.
- Guest speakers Anthony Noles and Philip Jones.





binscombe church

1976

- **Dennis Read (Pastor 1976-1982) with his wife Angela and children.**





binscombe church

1976



- **Church council met monthly to pray for members of the church.**
- **Children's church ran at the same time as the morning service.**
- **March Sunday afternoon 'monthly get togethers' were started, followed by an open air service in the summer months.**
 - **In September a Mother and Toddler group was started.**
 - **Harvest supper.**
 - **In November the church Bible was changed to the Revised Standard Version.**





binscombe church

1977

- **22nd May dedication of the church extension.**
- **June Church magazine...**

"Unless the Lord builds the house

After years of talking and hoping and planning, the church extension is at last a reality. On Sunday 22 May, at 11 a.m., the congregation joined the Sunday School in singing praise to God for His goodness in granting us the privilege of using the new building. It was a happy occasion. And then in the evening, after the service, there was the more formal "official" opening, when, in the prayers and Bible readings, we were reminded of all that is involved in the building: the giving, the planning, the work.

Many people gave their time and talents: in particular we would like to thank Iain McLaren, our resident architect, Peter Knottley, who did the electrical work, and Reg Woodhouse who was responsible for the plumbing.

And all that remains now is to use the building. Already the Sunday School has enjoyed the peace and freedom of individual classrooms. Let us pray that as a church we will use the extra space to the full.

"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain."
Psalm 27:1.



binscombe church

1977

- **A play group started with 25 children.**
- **A week of prayer was organised in the lead up to Easter weekend.**
- **15th May guest service of favourite hymns.**
- **In June the church hosted a Silver Jubilee street party.**
- **Harvest display.**
- **24th September, church council day at Pilgrim Hall, focussing on evangelism, worship and youth work.**





binscombe church

1977

- **Women's Fellowship.**





binscombe church

1978

- **The church joined membership of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches.**
- **Plans were made to form a Church Constitution.**
- **Ordination of Graham Sinden to pastoral ministry in Peckham.**
- **Women's coffee morning, with a crèche, was started with the following aims, 1. Outreach, 2. Bible study, 3. Training and encouraging women to start their own Bible study groups, 4. Termly social events.**
- **Review of church leadership moving towards the election of elders and deacons.**





binscombe church

1979

- **April week of prayer.**
- **Criteria for eldership explored and the first elders elected (Andrew Benke & Alan Davies).**
- **Missionary weekend organised to raise interest in world mission.**
- **Youth group attended Greenbelt Festival.**
- **Church outing to Eleanor Judd's home.**





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1980

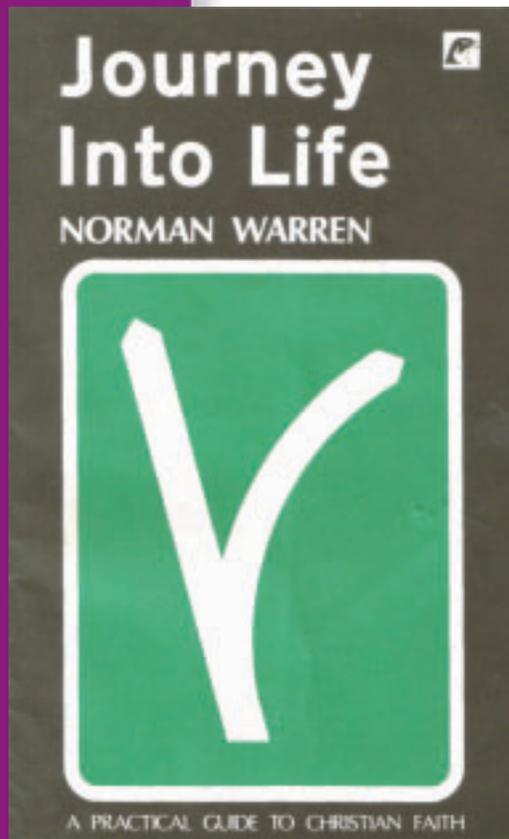
- **The elders reviewed the members' gifts and opportunities for service.**
- **Sunday mornings services were developed as 'family services'.**
- **September a 'Children's week' mission was organised.**
- **Carol parties were held in the lead up to Christmas.**





binscombe church

1981



- **Church mission using ‘Journey into Life’ leaflet in the lead up to Easter events.**
- **Preaching classes were commenced.**
- **Structure of leadership and responsibilities outlined:**
 - **Elders – ‘people’ matters, preaching and teaching, evangelism, oversight of departmental activities, worship and mission matters.**
 - **Church council – maintenance, transport, publicity and duplicating, church calendar arrangements, finance, liaison with FIEC and catering.**



binscombe church

1982

- **Due to a drop in teachers and children attending, Sunday School was stopped to focus resources on mid week clubs.**
- **Formation of a prayer chain to respond quickly to needs.**
- **Dennis Read resigned as pastor.**



binscombe church

1983



- Days of prayer were organised to pray for a new pastor.
- A gift day for missionary funds, was doubled by church funds.
- On 24th September George Goldsmith was welcomed as the third pastor.



binscombe church

1983

- **George Goldsmith (Pastor 1983-1993) with his wife Sheila and family.**





binscombe church

1984

- **Mid week Bible studies were re-structured due to growth in numbers.**
- **Sunday afternoon training sessions were organised for public reading, leading Bible studies, conducting groups, stewarding, evangelism, door to door work and children's work.**
- **Foundation groups were started to disciple young Christians.**



- **Outreach to Bowring House sheltered housing.**
- **Harvest events.**



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1985

- **11-14s Saturday club was launched.**
- **Church away days were arranged to a number of locations including Hampton Court, the Watercress Line and Winchester.**
- **Student placement from London Bible College for three weeks in September.**





binscombe church

1985

- **Numerical church growth:**
 - **Membership: 36 in 1983, 56 at present.**
 - **Average congregation: 80 in 1984, 90 at present.**
 - **5 adults and 6 children became Christians in the last year.**
- **Growing Women's Fellowship.**





binscombe church

1986

- **Church away days to Windsor Castle, Worthing and Cranleigh mission conference.**
- **Men's Friday meetings commenced.**
- **Women's Fellowship membership at 40.**
- **15-21 September Binscombe Mission with Roger Carswell.**
- **October – first home groups started.**

Mission Conversions analysed by attendance at services, Church Activities or other contact

Mothers and Toddlers Club	-
Women's Fellowship	5
Friday Youth Club (Boys)	1
Saturday Club	1
Sunday Services	5
Strangers	3
Total	<u>15</u>



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1986

- In a review of regular events these areas of activity were listed.

1. Worship
2. Outreach - Youth: Sunday School, Mothers and Toddlers, the Tuesday, Friday and Saturday Clubs
 - Ladies Meeting
 - Men's Meeting
 - Coffee Mornings
3. Bible Study - Thursday
4. Prayer - Sunday
 - Thursday: all day and in the evening meeting
5. Fellowship - Harvest Supper. Away Days. (Social) Field Days. Barbecues. Meals in homes
6. Personal Development - Foundation Group
7. Missionary - Support for individuals and for organisations
8. Giving - Box offerings
 - By Covenants



binscombe church

1987

- **Home Groups** grew in numbers as the membership increased and new Christians joined from foundation groups.



- **Church outreach** was planned through home groups.
- **Elders** visited all church members to discuss worship, fellowship and teaching.
- **December:** Pastor's wife Shelia Goldsmith died after a long battle with cancer.
- **Carol singing** around Binscombe.





binscombe church

1988

- **9am – 6pm 5th March day of prayer and fasting for spiritual state of the nation.**
- **Church name was changed from ‘Binscombe Evangelical Church’ to ‘Binscombe Church’.**
 - **‘Person to Person’, a ten week evangelism training programme was organised.**
 - **Women’s Fellowship membership 36.**
 - **25 15-17yr olds attended Friday club.**





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1989



- 30 7-11yr olds at Tuesday club.
- 20 parents, 40 children at Mothers and Toddlers.
- 'Fork Supper' outreach events.
- **Discovery groups were started following the Billy Graham mission at Guildford Civic Hall.**
- **Members were encouraged to visit ten homes each with a survey to gauge needs and interest:**
 - 171 houses visited, 115 open to discussion, 129 tracts left, 27 further visits requested.
- **Christmas Party at Byways Home.**



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1989

- **George Goldsmith (Pastor 1983-1993) with his second wife Millicent.**





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1990

- **3rd-4th March 25th Church Anniversary celebrations (Barry and Janet Shucksmith cut the cake).**



- **Focussing the church direction included reviewing: worship, prayer, teaching, home groups, fellowship, mission, pastoral care and social events. Progress would be shaped by the strategic involvement of the membership.**



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1990

- **80 7-11yr olds attended October half term activity week boosting Tuesday club attendance to 50 children.**





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1991

- Family services, 1st Sunday of each month.
- 16th February, day conference with Brian Edwards.
 - Home Groups were designed for people investigating Christianity titled 'Back to Basics'.
 - FIEC revised statement of faith was adopted:
<http://www.fiec.org.uk/AboutUs/Beliefs/tabid/509/Default.aspx>



- September weekend conference with Roy Clements on Acts.
- Community events: cookery and flower arranging and men's breakfasts.



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1992



- **‘Truth to Tell’ mission with Paul Hinton.**
- **50 children attended August holiday activity week.**
 - **Start of services at Broadwater Lodge Care Home.**
- **Community event: supper and skittles evening.**
 - **George Goldsmith announced his retirement in 1993, starting the prayerful search for a new pastor.**



binscombe church

1993

- **39 regularly attended women's fellowship.**
- **Review of membership involvement was organised by elders.**
- **On 4th September George Goldsmith retired as Pastor.**
- **On 11th September Gray Robinson was welcomed as the fourth Pastor.**
- **Small groups were organised for prayer and pastoral support.**
- **A tape library was established.**
- **Inquirers group was organised.**





binscombe church

1993

- **Gray Robinson (Pastor 1993-2003) with his wife Janet and children.**





binscombe church

1994



- **9th July church barbecue.**
- **Review of home groups, pastoral care, evangelism, leadership training, and missions.**
- **Church group attended the FIEC Caister Conference.**
- **110 children attended activity week.**
- **Home evangelism contacted 323 homes, 55 John's gospels were given out, with 29 homes to follow up.**
 - **Needs identified – mother and toddler group and visiting the elderly.**
- **Review of World Mission strategy.**



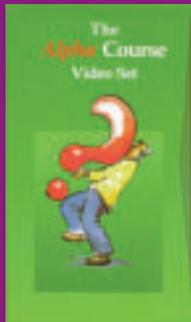
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1995

- **1st April, training day with Michael Griffiths (OMF) on the role of the church in mission.**
- **Toddlers' average 24 with 60 on the waiting list.**



- **Men's group was formed.**
- **83 children at summer activity week.**
- **6:45am Tuesday prayer meetings were put on throughout September.**
- **Youth Camp to Farley Green.**
- **Alpha Course was organised.**



- **Guidelines for church practice were drawn up covering:**
 - **history of the church, statement of faith, church purpose, leadership structure, FIEC membership, events programme and membership expectations.**



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1996

- **Search for a youth worker to meet the needs of a growing youth work.**
- **Discipleship course run parallel to Home Groups.**
- **A series of 4 membership classes were introduced for people inquiring about membership.**
- **Monthly men's coffee morning started.**
- **Autumn 'Ready to Serve' course.**
- **Encouragements:**
 - Increased attendance on Sunday mornings, Monday club, Sunday School, Explorers and men's meetings.
 - New music group and women's Christmas evening.
- **Discouragements:**
 - Low attendance at prayer meetings, home groups and Broadwater Lodge.
 - Tape library not often used.





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1997

- **Report on elders' interviews with members covering: Sunday services (music, prayers, reading, drama, communion, preaching, shape and content of services), Home groups, Pastoral care, Outreach, Missions and Prayer.**



- **Women's coffee morning focussed on Bible studies and outreach.**
- **Parenting course at Binscombe Junior School with St Saviour's Church.**
- **Worship band developed.**
- **October mission with Paul Hinton.**



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1998

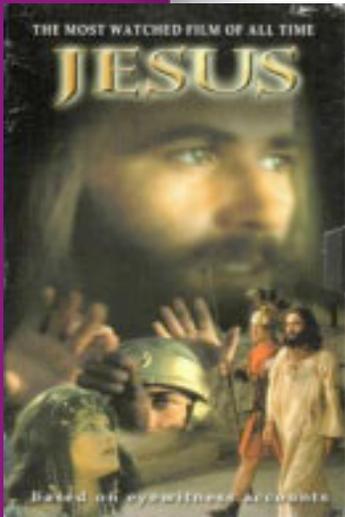


- **Gideon Bibles into Broadwater School.**
 - **Review of Sunday evening format to encourage higher attendance.**
 - **Parenting course run in partnership with Binscombe Junior School.**
- **Start of a new youth club for 11-14yrs.**
- **Preachers' forum to develop preaching gifts.**
 - **19th December 'Joseph' production.**
- **Nativity production.**



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1999



- **16-18th April – Church weekend away to Dalesdown.**
- **Jesus video outreach to Binscombe over Easter.**
- **Supper outreaches organised.**
- **AD booklet distributed in local schools.**
- **Growing mothers and toddlers group.**
- **New ‘Praise’ hymn book adopted.**
- **Church Guidelines document outlining beliefs and practices.**
- **Church hosted scout group, contributing to its spiritual input.**
- **Youth work comprised of ‘Sparklers’ (4-6yrs), ‘Trailblazers’ (7-12yrs), ‘Friday B@’ and Explorers.**



binscombe church

2000

- 12-14th May Church weekend to Dalesdown.
- June: Liz Cox appointed as part time youth worker.
 - Fixed term of 3yrs introduced for deacons, followed by 3yrs if appropriate, followed by year off.
- Youth worker outreach to Binscombe Junior, Farncombe Infant, Green Lane Infant and Broadwater Schools.
 - Church group attended Stoneleigh Bible Week.
- Review of the future direction of the church, and its impact in the area.
 - 16 September, men's sailing day at CYE.
- Home Groups used 'SEAN' course and Scripture Union studies.
- Youth group carol singing at Longbourne Green.





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2000

- **Liz Cox (Part time Youth Worker 2000-2004).**





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2001

- **Sunday evenings were reformatted, with options of an interactive sermon/study or a SEAN course, one at church and one as a Home Group.**
- **Teams were set up under the oversight of deacons:**
 - **Care team (visiting and stewarding), Youth and Children, Maintenance and Development, Evangelism and Social, Missionary team.**
- **Sunday evenings were changed to small groups.**
- **Mission giving – Alan Knowles (African Leadership), Wycliffe Bible Translators, France Mission, FIEC Home Missions, Lifewords, Tear Fund, Byways and Pilgrim Homes.**





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2001

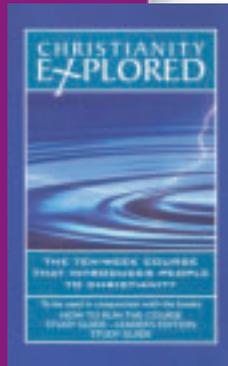


- **2nd June Church float at town carnival.**
- **7-9th September Church weekend away Dalesdown.**
- **17th Nov: Family Fun Day.**
- **Christmas craft evening.**



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2002



- Christianity Explored course started in February.
- Social events, Valentines dinner, International food evening, film evening, Beach day, Barbecue and treasure hunt, quiz night, youth concert.
- 4-7th May Church weekend away to Dalesdown.
- Door to door visitation developed.
 - 'Yetunseen' Album produced by the youth group.
 - Church beach day.





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2002

- **Summer community work, litter picking around Binscombe.**
- **Binscombe Family Day.**
- **Youth Alpha run with the 15-20 young people attending the Thursday night youth group**
- **Youth band played alternate weeks in church.**
- **Alice Richards on placement as a youth worker whilst doing the YMCA Youth Serve course.**





binscombe church

2003

- **Church website launched.**
- **9th Feb church night of prayer and fasting.**
- **February half term holiday Bible club attended by 30 and doubling the regular 'Whizz Kids' club attendance.**
- **Christianity Explored organised.**
- **Freehold for the church site purchased at £14,446.**
- **'Binscombe Handbook Beliefs & Aims' revised.**

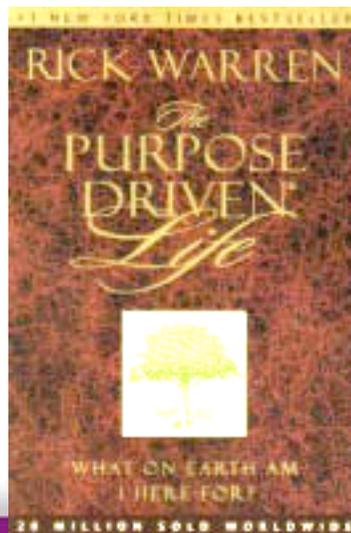




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2003

- **Purpose Driven Life used in Home Groups.**
- **5th August Pastor Gray Robinson died after a long battle with cancer. The funeral was on the 12th August in a packed Godalming Baptist Church.**
- **Youth report – ‘Whizz kids’ (7-10yrs) 15-20, Youth Group (11-13yrs) 15, Discipleship Group (Youth Home Group) 11.**





binscombe church

2004



- On 14th March Alan Davies was welcomed as the fifth Pastor (for up to three years).
- 50 children at Holiday Bible Club boosting WhizzKids Club numbers.
- Liz Cox stepped down as youth worker to return to work in Wales, starting the search for a new youth worker.
- Events: Picnic in the park, BBQ, Beach day, Harvest Supper, Puddings evening, Quiz Evening.



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2004

- **Alan Davies (Pastor 2004-2006) with his wife Marion.**





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2005



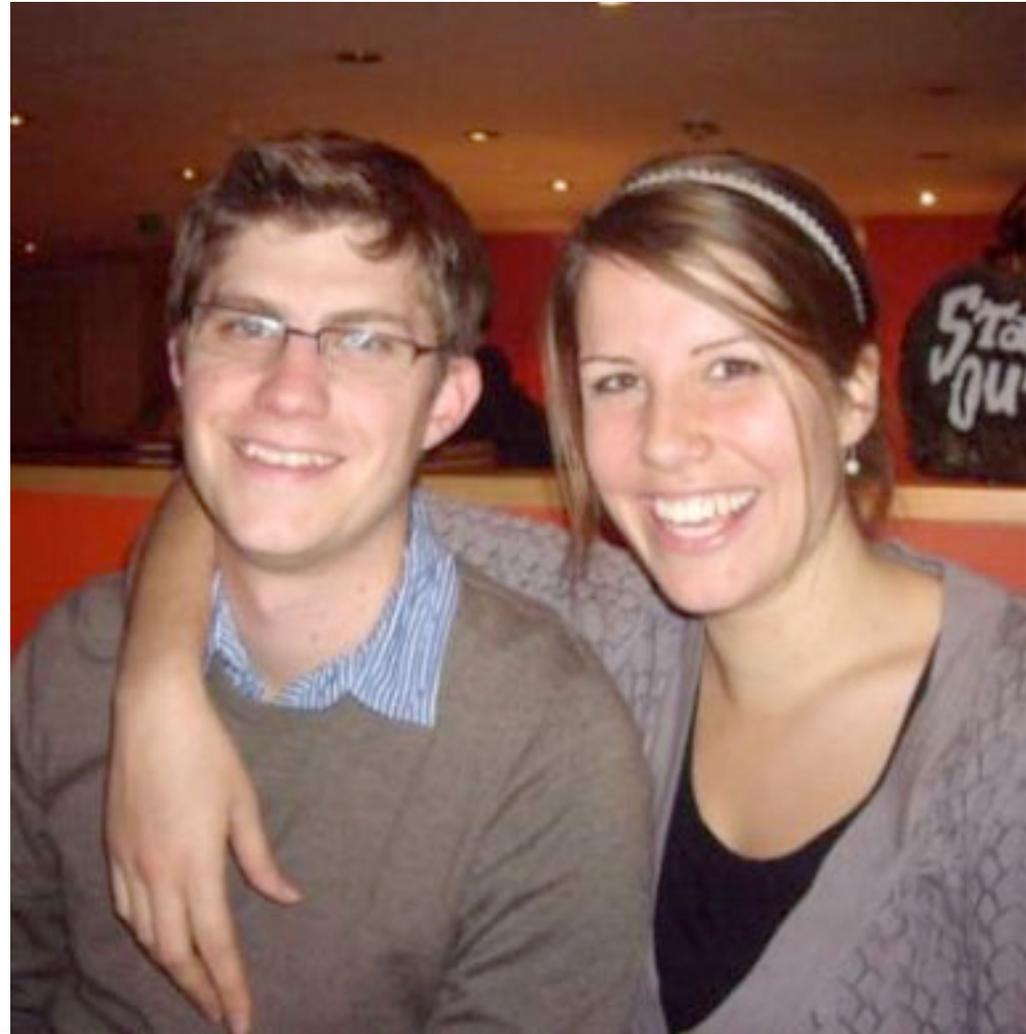
- **Pastoral search group started looking for the next pastor.**
- **'Y Course' organised.**
- **'Worship Survey' compiled to gauge praise preferences.**
- **August – James Southcombe appointed as community / youth worker in training.**
- **After 8's youth club for 8-11yrs started, Sunday Bible class and October Holiday Bible Club.**
- **Events: Beach day, BBQ, Entertainment evening, Alternative Halloween, Quiz Night, Craft evening, Men's Breakfasts.**
- **Essential 100 studies in Home Groups.**
- **Mission giving: FIEC Home Mission, Friends International, Lifewords, France Mission, Alan Knowles (African Leadership).**



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2005

- **James Southcombe (Community / Youth Worker in training 2005-2007) with his wife Gracie.**





binscombe church

2005

On 28th March Irene May died at the age of 98 years old.

The following is an article she wrote for a church magazine during her later years, recording the story of Binscombe Church.



MY TESTIMONY OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

One of the joys of advancing years is that one can look back and see God's hand at work in the joys and sorrows of the past. When I was young with two small children I often wondered why, in 1945, my husband was the only person in Godalming to be blown up ^{by a flying bomb} and so severely injured that when he eventually took to an invalid chair, our doctor suggested we should move from our house on the top of Holloway Hill to somewhere on level ground and nearer the shops. I eventually bought a cedarwood bungalow which I named 'Timbers', in a small village on the outskirts of a large housing estate at Binscombe, Godalming. On my walk to Godalming Baptist Church on Sundays, which totalled nine miles by the end of the day I had ample time to think about the people living on the estate and their lack of any place of worship, although a site had been reserved for a church, but at that time was a dumping ground for beds, tyres, old cars, washing machines etc.

I prayed for these people and eventually became so burdened I could not sleep. One Friday night I said, "Lord, if anybody mentions the need of these people tomorrow, I will open my house as a church," but when I thought of my invalid husband and two teenage children I hoped nobody would, and tried to make sure

they would not by going off to Guildford for the day with my daughter. On our return, while having tea, two young men from Godalming Baptist Church arrived and joined us; when out of the blue, one turned to me and said, "Mrs. May if ever there was a need for somebody to open their house for a church it is here." I could hardly believe my ears, for once I could not speak but later went to see Rev. Stephen Madden, the Minister of the Godalming ^{Baptist} Church, who said, "If the Lord has spoken, do it." My mother and I went off to the estate armed with a bundle of invitation cards which resulted in nineteen people arriving on the first Wednesday in September 1957 for our evening service taken by Mr. Sidney Butcher, the then Secretary of Godalming Baptist Church, who spoke on Phil. 3:10 'That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection.' That became our goal through the years. God blessed those gatherings, numbers increased, several conversions took place and others renewed their former faith in Christ. Three years later we started a Sunday School and I look back on those days with real joy. We could not cope with the children who came in the summer, if fine we had them in the garden, but in winter we even had classes in the bathroom which was most inconvenient at times and also

had its disadvantages!

Two years later we started a Sunday evening service. In 1963 the Council sent to all Godalming churches asking if they wanted to build a church on the site at Binscombe. They all replied, "No!" My daughter-in-law who took the minutes of the Council meeting told me the Council had decided to erect a building for a Youth Centre and Bingo Hall. "Never" I said, "I will claim it for the Lord." At our next mid-week service I put a collecting box on the mantleshelf. I well remember one night lying awake thinking, "what have I done? How can we build this church?" Money seemed very slow coming in but the Lord seemed to say, "Give what you have" and when we did, and also wrote to Sir John Laing - who gave £1 for every £1 collected - we had no more money troubles. We collected the first £1000 and eventually plans were drawn up and passed, and building commenced in May 1964. God was so good to us. On March 6, 1965 I formally opened Binscombe Evangelical Church, Rev. Cyril Chilvers led the Service of Dedication and Rev. Gilbert Kirby gave the address. Within a short while it became obvious that the building was not large enough to cater for all the demands made upon it, so

a second period of building commenced with a hall and extension of the Church. Again volunteers helped to reduce the cost, and again Sir John Laing came to our aid. The enlarged premises were opened in March 1969 by Rev. David Pawson. In 1972, £8000 was raised for the building of a manse and in 1974 a lounge, classroom and storage space were added. In February 1972 we called our first Pastor, Rev. Barry Shucksmith. Dr. Martin Lloyd-Jones spoke at the Induction Service, for it was he who had introduced our Pastor. One could tell so much more of the Lord's working. It has all been of the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes.

It was lovely going home to Godalming a few weeks ago when a young married woman came up to me and said, "Do you remember me, Mrs. May?" I did not, so she said, "I'm Sue Hoad. I used to be in your Sunday School class at 'Timbers!'"

Irene May.

Praise the Lord, for He is glorious;
Never shall His promise fail;
Heaven and earth, and all creation,
Laud and magnify His Name.



binscombe church

2006

- **‘Just Looking’ course organised.**
- **Monthly ‘Community Teas’ on Sunday afternoons.**
- **Time Out youth club for 11-14yrs started.**
- **Outreach events: Men’s breakfast, Litter patrol, Gardening, World Cup, Bonfire night.**
- **On 10th September Peter Hitchcock was welcomed as the sixth pastor.**
- **Christianity Explored training with the church.**
- **Sally Beaman moved to Cardiff to work with Urban Vision.**
- **Youth work at Loseley Fields and Godalming Junior schools.**
- **Stall at Godalming Town day to meet the community.**





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2006

- **Peter Hitchcock (Pastor 2006-) with his wife Jenny and children.**





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2007

- **Christianity Explored course organised.**
- **Junior Church (3-9yrs) and SWOT (10+yrs) running parallel with the Sunday morning service.**



- **Home Groups focussed to follow up Sunday ministry.**
- **New audio-visual system installed.**
- **21 attended Cheltenham Bible Festival.**
- **Rainbow House Children's Home opened in Kenya by Lynda Ferrin.**





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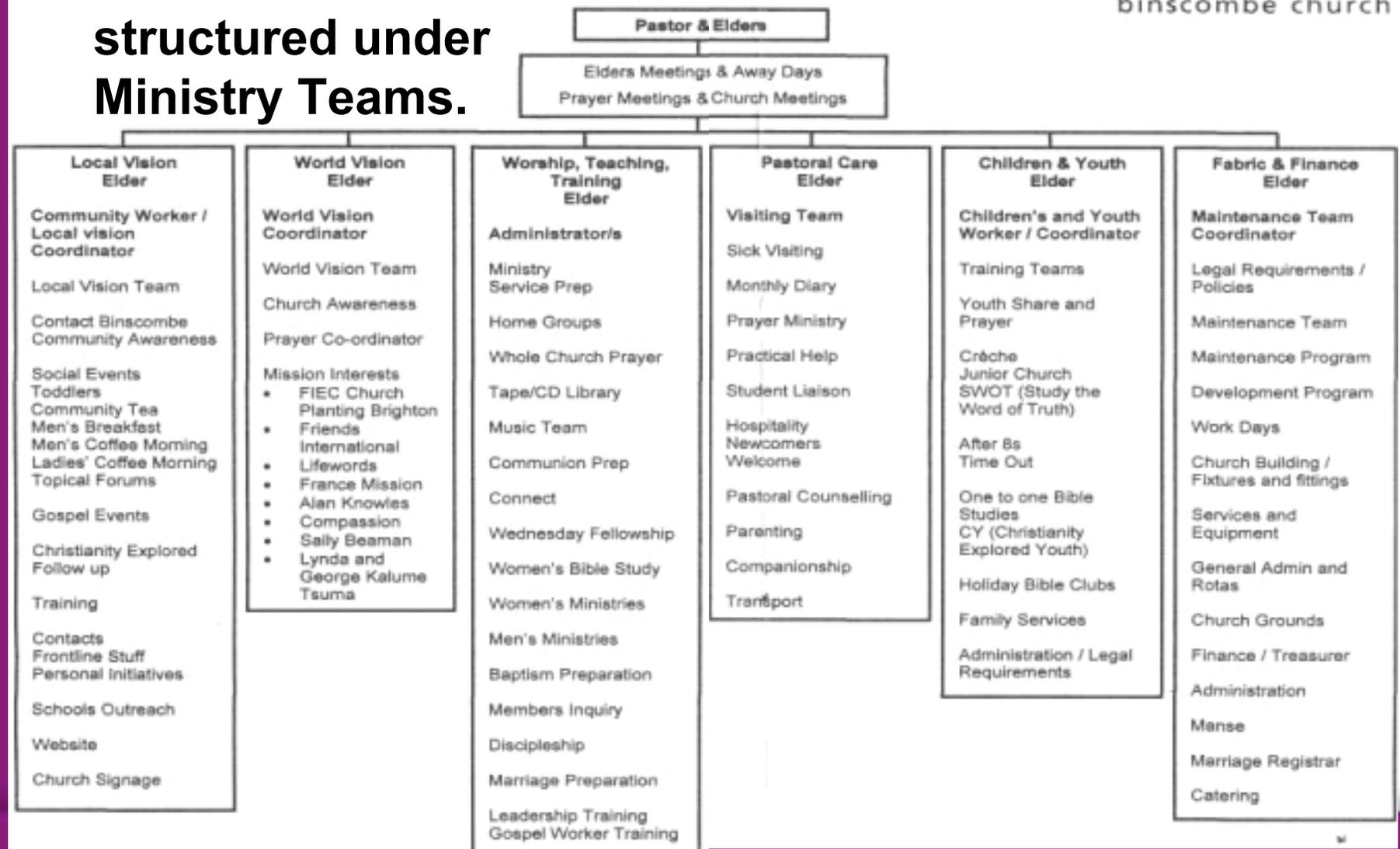
2007

- Church structured under Ministry Teams.

Ministry Teams Chart
(May 2007)



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2007

- **August James Southcombe stepped down as community / youth worker.**
 - **Children's summer activity week.**
 - **3rd June Gift Day raised £6700.**
 - **18th September Women's Fellowship celebrated their 50th Anniversary.**
- **Interactive format for Sunday evenings.**
- **'Real Lives' book distributed to local houses.**
 - **Christmas Craft evening.**





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2008

- **Christianity Explored course organised.**
- **Events: Scalextric, Midsummer music evening, BBQ, Bonfire Night, Women's Breakfast.**
 - **Sunday evening Topical Forums organised: including Global warming, Islam, Poverty, Education etc.**
 - **'Lounge' started for 11+yrs.**
- **Oasis group for 20s-40s women launched.**





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2008



- Requirements, importance and commitment of membership reviewed.
- 14-15th June – Church camping weekend at Farley Green.
 - Fundraising gig for Rainbow House Children's Home, Kenya.
 - October: Church Dedication Sunday.
 - 1st Sunday lunch and afternoon communion.
 - 2nd-9th November week of prayer and fasting.



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2009

- **‘Friday Club’ started for 5-9yrs and on Sundays ‘Mini Church’ for 3-5yrs.**
 - **Christianity Explored course organised.**
 - **‘Allsorts’ Social group launched.**
- **World Vision Team set up to review and lead mission strategy. Mission giving: Friends International, New Life Church Brighton, Alan Knowles (African Leadership), Wycliffe Bible Translators and Elam Ministries.**
 - **Local Vision Team set up to lead outreach.**
 - **Search for a Youth and Community Worker restarted.**
- **19-21st June Church camping weekend at Farley Green.**





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2009

- Quiz Night.
- 22-29 Nov week of prayer and fasting.
- Christmas Unveiled – Christmas in Art event.
- Church hosted Loseley Fields School Carol Services.
- Toddlers and Junior and Mini Church Nativity Play.





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2009

- **New Website launched.**

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Binscombe Church website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.binscombechurch.org>. The website features a purple header with the church's logo and name, and a navigation menu with links for Home, About us, The Team, Church Life, Contacts, and Resources. The main content area includes a 'Welcome' section with a circular image of the church building, followed by text describing the church's mission and services. A sidebar on the left contains links for 'How to find us' and 'Contact us'. On the right, there are two boxes: one for 'CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED' with a 'Find out more' link, and another for 'FORTHCOMING EVENTS' listing 'Christmas Services' (Sunday 23rd December, 10.30am), 'Carols by Candlelight' (Tuesday 25th December, 4.30pm), 'Family Service' (Tuesday 25th December, 10.30am), 'Christianity Explored' (Starts Wed January 9th 2008), 'Quiz Night' (Coming up in the Spring), and 'Scalextric evening' (Coming up in May...).

Contact us on 01483 425652 or email pete@binscombechurch.org

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2010

- Ongoing search for a youth & children's worker.
- Review of Sundays to provide more opportunity for teaching, fellowship and worship.
- Social events include: Outing to The Vine, church hike, beach day, Toddlers trip to Fisher's Farm, family day at Farley Green, and bonfire night.
- Church Constitution and Handbook adopted.
- Church celebration of 'Our Story' on Sunday 26th September.
- New trial Sunday programme launched in October:
 - 9:30am Binscombe Bible Training / Kids Club (1st Sundays Communion).
 - 10:30am Tea / Coffee.
 - 11:00am Morning Service / Crèche, Junior & Mini Church.
 - 6:30am Evening Service (except 1st Sundays).





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2010



- **October half term Holiday Bible Club run in partnership with Hook Evangelical Church.**

- **Junior/Mini Church and Friday Club Nativity Play.**

24th November, African Children's Choir Concert.





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2010

Church Vision and Mission outlined in Autumn Sunday preaching series.

Our Vision (Looking forward... what we are aiming at).

- **We want to be for God's glory a growing community disciple-making disciples.**

Our Mission (Moving forward... how, under God, we work toward our aim).

- **Holy Spirit filled prayer ministry.**
- **Gospel centred Bible teaching and training.**
- **Loving, serving, courageous leadership.**
- **Loving, serving gospel community.**
- **Whole-life, whole world gospel outreach.**

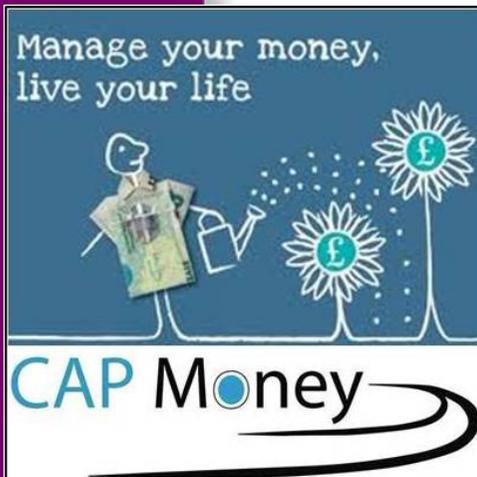


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2011



- February Quiz Night.
- 200 people attended Tony Anthony Mission at Loseley Fields School.
- New Sunday programme adopted.
- Building Group formed to develop the front of the church premises.
- Beach day at Wittering and BBQ at Farley Green.
- Friends International Tea and World Vision Week.
- Three people trained to run CAP Money.
- Growth in numbers at Women's Fellowship.





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2011



- Growing Toddlers group.
- Holiday Bible Club and Community Bonfire Night.
- Friday Coffee Morning launched.
- Growth in numbers at Friday Club and in Junior Church.



- Ongoing search for a Children's and Youth Worker.
- Growth in numbers at Sunday Morning Service.





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2012

- **Home Group studies re structured and ongoing leaders training.**
- **Facilitating growth discussed: multiple services, church planting or revitalising, building expansion or hiring larger premises.**
- **First CAP Money Management courses run.**
- **Introduction of 'Ministry Descriptions'.**
- **Church Family Barbeque at Aldro School.**
- **Women's Fellowship Diamond Jubilee Tea.**





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2012



- **Friday Club Barbeque.**
- **September, Chris Nash appointed as Children's and Youth Worker (Training at the Cornhill Training Course).**

- **Friday Club Extra started for Yr3-6 with Friday Club continuing for Rec-Yr2. 50-60 children.**
 - **Junior Church groups; Minis (3-5yrs old) Explorers (Yrs1-3) and Adventurers (Yrs4-6).**
 - **Friends International Tea.**





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2012

- **Chris Nash
(Children's and
Youth Worker
2012-2016)
with his wife
Andy.**





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2012

- **Over 200 at Bonfire Night.**
- **Building plans develop to complete a major upgrade; creating a meeting place which is a contemporary and hospitable environment for the gospel, the church family and the community to interact together.**



- **Remembrance Weekend Men's Breakfast.**
- **Friday Club Extra Christmas Banquet.**
- **Community Carol Service held at Loseley Fields Primary School.**



- **Church membership increase regular giving by 50% to cover two members of staff.**



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2013

- Church weekend at Aldro school with Ray Evans.
- Holiday Bible Club October half term.
- Christian Union started in Broadwater School with assemblies in Broadwater, Loseley and Godalming Junior.
- Home Groups purpose clarified.



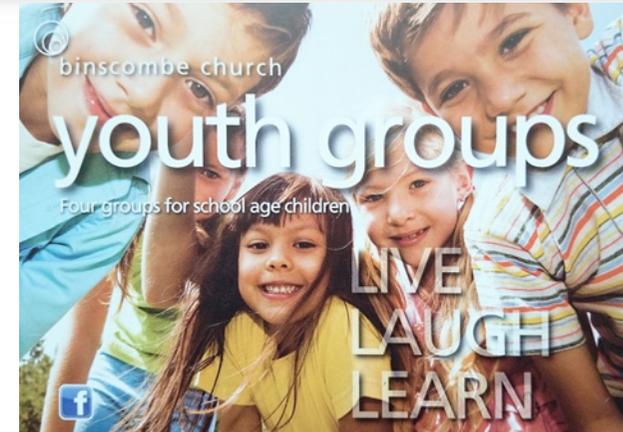


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2013



- Youth work re structured to cater for growth:
**Scramblers (Nursery),
Explorers (Rec-Yr2),
Adventurers (Yrs3-6) and
Discovery (Yrs6-9).**



- Use of Uncover Bible studies in Luke.
- CAP Money Management Course run in partnership with Loseley Fields Children's Centre.
- Building project application made to Waverley Borough Council to explore the possibility of rebuilding.
- Sunday evening service discontinued due to low numbers.





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2014

Church Purpose and Values Clarified

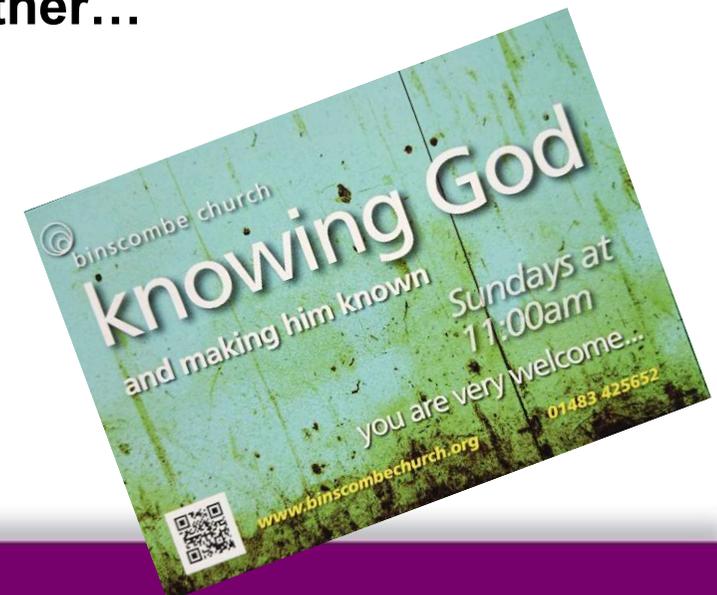
Our purpose ...describes why we exist as a church. It is our mission as a local community of God's people.

Our purpose is...

Knowing God and making him known

In seeking to know God and make him known we have six values that shape our life together...

- Centred on Jesus
- Transformed by his Spirit
- Governed by his word
- Trusting his strength
- Serving his community
- Loving his world





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2014



- Binscombe Bible Training re-launched as 'Learning for Life' as a key part of Sunday church family morning, along with 11am service.
- Waverley Borough Council respond positively to plans for rebuilding.
- April 24th members vote to develop rebuild designs for planning permission.



- Good question event: What is God like?
- Friday Women's Bible Study launched.



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2014



- Church weekend at Aldro School with Ian Fry.
- Architect Ralph Allen works on initial designs for a church rebuild to cater for growth.



- 70 children in mid week youth groups.
- 50 children at Holiday Bible Club.
- Toddler's Christmas Craft Evening.





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2015

- LIFE Mission 8th-15th Feb.
- Special events.
- Hijacking our normal programme.
- Door to door.
- Extra schools work.
- Cornhill Training Course student team.



Quiz Night
Mon 9th Feb

Jesus in Art
Thu 12th Feb

Magic Show
Fri 13th Feb

Why Suffering?
Sun 15th Feb

Messy Church
Sun 15th Feb



LIFE

What's it all about?

On 6th March 2015, Binscombe Church will be 50 years old. You are invited to join in our 50th Celebrations at one or more of our community events

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2015

- **8th March, over 180 past and present church family members gathered to celebrate our 50th Anniversary, with FIEC National Director John Stevens preaching and all six Binscombe Pastors represented.**





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2015

- **March, rebuild designs are consulted on with the church family, the local community and local councilors.**



- **28th May members overwhelmingly vote to approval final rebuild designs at £1.7 m.**





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2015

Site Plan





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2015

- **24th June full planning application to rebuild submitted to Waverley Borough Council.**
- **4th November Waverly Borough Council unanimously grant full planning permission.**
- **6th November Surrey Advertiser front page article.**
- **Fundraising launched on 22nd & 29th November.**

New church to meet the growing congregation

BINSCOMBE will gain a new 'landmark' in the form of a church that will help meet the needs of a growing congregation, after a planning application was approved.

Councillors voted in favour at Wednesday's area planning committee meeting to bulldoze Binscombe's current place of worship, for the erection of a 'modern' church which would be 'better suited to serving the community'.

The new church, which will sit on the current Binscombe Church site in Loseley Road,

will have increased activities to serve the community during the week and a cafe space will be created in a bid to become the 'hub' of the building.

Binscombe's pastor Pete Hitchcock said he is 'thrilled' with the decision.

He said: "We have been working towards this for a long time now, driven by a growing congregation.

"It is going to be a lot larger, which means we can do a lot more for the community, and have a better home for our

church family."

Mr Hitchcock said the new place of worship will be an investment for future church goers. "We are very grateful to councillors for supporting it unanimously," he said. "We really value their support in that."

The proposal also includes alterations to the parking layout and landscaping.

At present there are five vehicle parking spaces located at the front, with a further nine spaces to the side.

The new plans would

include the re-configuration of the existing car parking to provide 17 parking spots in addition to covered cycle shelters.

The proposed new building would be part two storey, part single storey, with a partially winged, partially flat roof and will have an entrance foyer, two halls, kitchen facilities and three meeting rooms.

Within the design and access statement put together by Allen Associates Architect LTD, it states: "We believe the amended design reflects the

suggestions made in the pre-application response and results in a building that will be a landmark and contribute significantly to the overall quality and character of the area."

The existing building currently accommodates two nursery groups, a senior citizens' social group, a children's club, a number of coffee mornings and various youth groups.

During the course of a week around 30 toddlers' families and 80 young children use the

building and the 'limitations' of the building restrict the provision and catering of these activities.

The Sunday Morning Church service attracts a congregation of around 110 people meaning the current building is 'overcrowded'.

The report continues: "The proposed building would be of a scale that would increase the scope to accommodate existing activities whilst giving potential to provide for the future aspirations of the church."



The existing church in Binscombe



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2015



- All age services developed for Christmas, Easter and Holiday Bible Club.
- Termly Messy Church developed.
- Church weekend with Jonty Alcock.
- Eldership team expanded.
- 'Space to Grow' discussions.
- Church Consultations to become a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation).
- Christmas Craft Evening and Curry Evening.
- New website launched.

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Membership Consultations

Membership Vote

The only performance that counts

Speaker: Richard Leadbeater

Men's Curry Night

Monday 23rd November 2015 @ 7:45pm

Venue: The Rajasthan, 103 Long Gore, Farncombe, GU11 3TV

Sign up TODAY!

ADMIT ONE £12

Includes: Dips/Daubus Sauce, Main Course, Side, Dish and Rice or Nani

DESSERTS IN LATTER

CHRISTMAS CRAFT EVENING

Binscombe Church

Wednesday 11th November - 8:00pm

Sign up!

A chance to have a go at making some decorations and cards. With refreshments, and a short talk on the message of Christmas by Elie Margesson, a member of Binscombe Church.

£3 per person

If you are planning to come, please sign up at Binscombe Toddler group, or let Anne Cooke know, in person or via email apcooke@gmail.com

Binscombe Church, Looesley Road, Godalming, GU7 5EP



Binscombe Church Weekend
Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th July 2015

At Aldro School and Binscombe Church



Theme: Free to Obey (Ten Commandments)

Guest Speaker: Jonty Alcock



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knowing God and making him known

Welcome to Binscombe Church

We are a church family in the heart of Binscombe that exists to know God and make him known. Whether we have been here for over 60 years, the message of the Gospel of our church has always been the same through times that have changed a lot.

Whether you are just starting your questions about God, or a committed Christian who seeks to grow in your relationship with God, you can find a home here at Binscombe Church.

We are located on the borders of Godalming, 3 miles south of Guildford, Surrey.

We look forward to welcoming you anytime.

New Here >

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2016

- 31st January Church Rebuild Gift Day raised over £337,000 in gifts and pledges from within the Church Family.
- Fundraising events included: a stall at Godalming Spring Fair, a quiz night, selling bunting, renting a vintage car and a sponsored sky dive.

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Building for the Future

Our vision
Fifty years ago a group of Christians set out to establish a church in Binscombe, and many people have benefitted from their vision and investment.
Times have changed but our commitment remains the same: to create a church centre that will communicate the love of God in word and action to the people of Binscombe and beyond.
Our church family comprises 100 adults and 40 children, and we are a member of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC), a national network of 565 churches.

SUBJECT ADVERTISER 28 October 2016

Jumping from a plane for anniversaries and church

In September Jackie Tagg took to the sky and raised £839 for the Loseley Road church rebuild project.

JUMPING out of a plane not only helped one woman celebrate her 50th wedding anniversary and 70th birthday but it also helped to raise more than £800 for Binscombe Church's rebuild project.

"Jackie's recent sky dive is the latest of a number of fundraising activities and initiatives the church has seen. Jackie has done this jump to raise funds for our rebuild but has a great sense of humour.

to serve the community during the week and a cafe space will be created in a bid to become the 'hub' of the building. The proposal includes alterations to the parking layout and landscaping.



- Applications to grant making organisations to raise funds.





• Church Vision clarified with... Why? How? What?

• **WHY** do we exist?

Binscombe Church exists to enable people to
DISCOVER LIFE'S PURPOSE

• **HOW** do we do this?

We believe this only truly happens by
KNOWING GOD AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

• **WHAT** do we do?

We proclaim the message of the **BIBLE**
and prioritise **PRAYER** so that we...

- **LOVE** God for saving us through Jesus
- **GROW** in relationship with God through his Spirit
- **SERVE** the church family with our spiritual gifts
- **GO** to the world with the message of God's salvation





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2016

- Church Weekend with Jonathan Fletcher.
- Craft and Curry Evenings.
- ‘Wonderfully Made’ parenting course.
- 6th June – Registered as a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation).





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2016

- **Two Messy Church Events.**
- **Leadership (Elders) and Management (Deacons) structure clarified, with a team of six Deacons elected to serve in specific roles alongside Elders.**
- **December: Chris Nash resigned as Children's and Youth Worker.**
- **Life Explored run as part of a Sunday Night Blokes Bible Study Group.**
- **Cowboy Themed Holiday Bible Club.**

A flyer for a Messy Church event. It features a group of smiling children. The text includes:

Messy Church

Sign up in foyer

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Sunday 25th September, 4:00-5:15pm

Bring the whole family for an afternoon of messy craft, along with singing, a short Bible story and party food too!





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Today....



Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

