

Fellside News



March 2007

Easter Eggstravaganza

An Easter craft event for all the family, with loads to do both inside and outside . . .
Weather permitting!

Saturday
31st March

9.30am to 12.30pm

Details over the page



FRESH!

Ever thought there's more to life than GCSEs, A Levels, Big Brother and MTV???

If you have, you're not alone, and Fresh! is for you!

The next one's on
March 16th
7.30pm

For more info email:
freshconnection@hotmail.co.uk

Spotlight On ... Erin Morrison



Erin Morrison joined us in September from Lisburn in Northern Ireland for a gap year placement with the organisation *Careforce*. Recalling her first six months here, Erin says:

"Well where do I begin? I've been here for almost six months and how time does fly! So, how does a Careforce volunteer spend her time in the village of Whickham? It's an interesting question, my timetable varies so greatly from week to week that I find it hard to answer. There's the elderly day centre, FROG (a youth group), prayer meetings, Fresh, pastoral meetings, Sunday evening small group, Bible

studies, outreach meetings, and last but not least stewards' meetings. Obviously not all of these happen on a weekly basis, but the time in between is taken to prepare for such activities and to further my spiritual growth through whatever means possible.

It's been a while since I have fellowshiped at a Methodist church, but I firmly believe that God has placed me here for a reason. I am keen to gain greater insight into the work of the Methodist Church in the North East region, and to explore the opportunities for young people in the area. It didn't take long for God to show me the potential of the young people in Fellside, and the Church as a whole. One of my main objectives is to encourage people to explore God's call on their lives and to throw themselves wholeheartedly into radical discipleship. This has certainly been the most challenging six

months of my life, but as always God has been faithful through the ups and downs. One of the highlights would have to be the *Careforce* refresher course, to worship with eighty four other people all having the one desire to see Jesus transform the hearts and lives of people all over the UK is one of the most amazing experiences I have ever encountered, I would highly recommend it!

I could never have imagined my year if I had tried, I have made some amazing friends, been blessed with a loving church family, and been placed in the ultimate environment for growth and change. I can't wait to see what the Holy Spirit is going to do in Fellside.

I'll leave you with a few verses God has led me to recently and hope that you can find their truth as uplifting as I have, Psalm 32:6-8."

Did You Know?

... that you can access this newsletter, the church notices, and loads of information on the church web site?

And ... you can even download or stream audio of sermons and talks given on Sundays!

Pay us a visit at www.fellside.co.uk

Easter at Fellside

Here are some details of
Easter Services:

Good Friday 10.15am

Followed by distribution of
hot cross buns outside
Sommerfield

Easter Day

Sunrise Service

5.30am Sunnyside Park

**Contemporary Worship
10.15am**

**Traditional Worship
6.15pm**

Come and celebrate the risen
Jesus with us!



Caring Web

Everybody's needs are important, and so there is a structure in place that ensures that nobody is forgotten. Kay Zwolinsky, Pastoral Steward, explains:

"At Fellside Church, we aim to provide an environment where each person feels comfortable, supported and able to experience Christian love. There are many ways that this happens spontaneously – in friendships that spring up, in shared activities, in small groups, in prayer times.

The Caring Web underpins this support, by ensuring that everyone who regularly attends is allocated a carer, i.e. someone who will simply look out for them. A friendly face, a friend who will call you if you are not well – in this way, we can pass on the love and care of God for us in Jesus. Fellside is a growing Church, and the Caring Web constantly grows to match!"



Easter Eggstravaganza!

Fancy doing something different this Easter? Why not come along to Fellside on **Saturday March 31st from 9.30am to 12.30pm!** There'll be activities going on for all the family.

Coffee with homemade biscuits and tray bakes will be there to tempt you!

Different craft activities will be available throughout the morning:

- ◆ Make an Easter Card
- ◆ Enter the Treasure Hunt
- ◆ Make an edible Easter Bonnet
- ◆ Watch a demonstration of an Easter flower arrangement
- ◆ Make an Easter Garden



Older children will be able to participate in all of the activities, but there will be special crafts specifically for them.

Why not decorate a hard boiled egg and enter it in our special Easter Egg Decorating competition? There will be three classes: under 8 years, 8 to 16 years, 16 years and over. All eggs must be registered at the Eggstravaganza by 10.30am, when judging will commence.

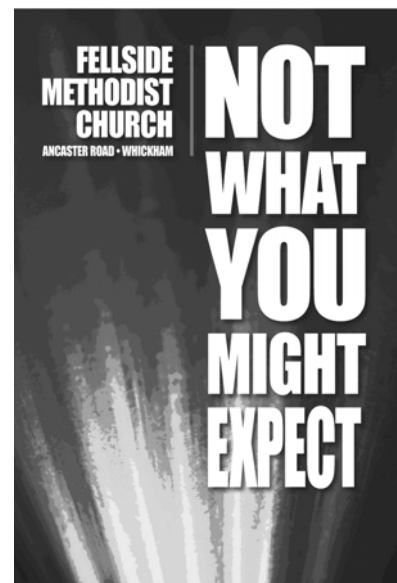
The whole event is **FREE** but there will be boxes provided for you to donate towards the coffee or craft materials if you wish to do so.

Please note: Due to child protection laws, we ask that all children be accompanied by an adult.

Prayer Requests

Fellside believes in the power of prayer. If you would like us to pray for anything important to you, please either email requests to info@fellside.co.uk or phone 496 0072. There is soon to be a letter box at the church where you can post requests. We respect your privacy and confidentiality. Feel free to remain anonymous if you wish.

Sunday Services
Contemporary
Worship 10.15am
Traditional Worship
6.15pm



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