

AMERSHAM
KING'S CHURCH
More than just a Sunday!

Key Dates for your Diary

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| March 7 th | Secret Sunday |
| March 27 th | Family Cinema |
| April 24 th | Family Games night |
| May 9 th | Secret Sunday |
| May 15 th | Ladies Conference |
| June 12 th | WC football outreach |
| June 26 th | Bekonscot |
| August 23 - 27 th | Holiday Club |
| Sept 12 th | Secret Sunday |
| Oct 15/16 th | "Abide" 2010 |
| Oct 31 st | Family Cinema |
| Nov 7 th | Secret Sunday |
| Dec 4 th | Christmas Panto |
| Dec 31 st | New Year's Eve party |

These five purposes sum up what the King's Church is all about who we are, why we exist and what we spend our time doing.

King's Church is more than just a Sunday.
Join with me wholeheartedly as we pursue God and His purpose in 2009.

Blessings

Paul

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Vision - 2010

Paul writes to the church at Philippi and says whatever happens in life conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. "Whatever happens" covers the widest possible range of setbacks: unemployment, ill health, loss of friends, disappointment in love, pressure of work, lack of appreciation, disloyalty and bereavement. Whatever happens prosperity and poverty, happiness and misery, victory and defeat, we are to conduct ourselves **"worthy of the gospel of Christ."**

Looking at the earliest picture of the New Testament Church which is found in Acts 2 v 41-47 we find five clear purposes on which we base our church life.



Know and worship God: Acts 2 v 47

'..Praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people.'

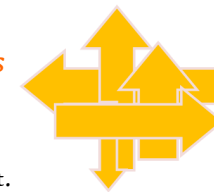
At the centre our primary purpose is to know and worship God. It's more than singing songs as the prophet Jeremiah spoke thousands of years earlier. It's about knowing God (Jeremiah 31). The message that you will hear spoken at King's over and over again is that God is not a distant God. He longs to draw near to each one of us. He is the perfect heavenly Father – we have been created to know Him and worship Him.

Goals for 2009

- Spend more time alone with God in worship
- Expand and explore our spirituality through worship
- Make worship a lifestyle

Equip for service: Acts 2 v 43

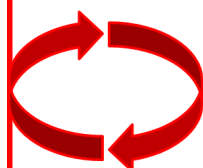
'Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.'



Every one of us has a part to play. Church is not a spectator sport. Whether it's a ministry to the disadvantaged or training to be a counsellor or stewarding or teaching or praying for the sick we all have a role to play. Our purpose both individually and as a church is to be and do everything that God has made us for.

Goals for 2009

- Every one to find their place in the body
- Go beyond your comfort zone
- Spend time with others who inspire us to pursue God



Belonging to family: Acts 2 v 46

'Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts.'

Relationships are what hold people together in a local church and attract people to come in. The King's Church exists because we belong to one another. Our aim is to be an inclusive family rather than an exclusive one. A family that is by its very nature a place where people feel that they can belong and can invite others to join. Jesus said, 'If you love one another then they will know you are my disciples,' and that's what we want to achieve. We believe that family is just that – the whole family and not just the adults. We have an ever-growing children's ministry and an

Goals for 2009

- Explore further church family life
 - Share hospitality
 - To be inclusive

Spiritual growth: Acts 2 v 42

'They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.'

We place a high value on the fact that the Christian life is a journey, a journey towards maturity in Christ. It is not a journey that we take on alone but something that we do together. Discipleship happens through relationship with Jesus, obedience to Him and modelling our lives after His. This is one of our highest goals, to order our lives around the things Jesus did to become the man that He was. Who we are is more important than what we do.



Goals for 2009

- Increase our Focus group attendance
- Increase accountability amongst the body
- Widen our Scriptural teaching experience

World and local mission: Acts 2 v 41

'Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.'

The passage starts and ends with people being added to the church. We exist because we are on a mission together, not just here in Amersham but across the world. With news this good, we feel that we have a responsibility to tell others, both the people we live and work around and also to those in other nations.

Goals for 2009

- Continue to pursue our core existing activities
- To develop and unpackage our mission strategy for the next five years.
- To strengthen and expand global vision for mission

