

THE EASTENDER

THIS WEEK

Barry Lamb is preaching today.

Friday's meeting is for the women, with Kids Kingdom provided. This will be the first class in our London-wide Deeper Teaching Series, looking at the book of Hosea. The men will have a similar class next week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for some **PRE-TEEN FUN**

Great Notley

Saturday 2nd October
drop off 2 p.m. at



**Great Notley Country Park
Braintree
CM77 7FS**

collect 4 p.m.

Questions: ask
Martin and Amanda
01708 641179

Bring a juice and a snack

MOTHER & DAUGHTER RETREAT (13 YEARS +)

30 - 31 October Holiday Inn, Brentwood
£55 per head. Registration is now open www.iccm-events.info

LONDON FINANCES

The changes to the way the London Church operates financially that were introduced on 1-Jun-10, as explained recently at our Financial Presentation, were done so with a commitment that they would be reviewed by the London Leadership Team (LLT) and London Advisory Group (LAG) in September. At our meeting on the 14th Sep we reviewed the London Church accounts, with a particular emphasis on the contribution as this had received much focus and attention over the summer. While there has been a small increase in the contribution, the overall financial picture has not yet materially improved from that which caused us to make the financial changes a few months ago. Consequently, the LLT and LAG have agreed to continue the current arrangements until at least the end of the year.

The LLT and LAG have asked Paul Rowden and Andrew Agerbak (Northwest) to begin investigating alternative financial arrangements that could be implemented once the current phase has passed. We are keen to receive suggestions from the church, which should be emailed to london.finances@icoc.org.uk.

BENEVOLENCE FUND

Benevolence needs within the congregation have until now been primarily dealt with by the Leadership Group, with any monetary assistance coming from Regular Contribution. With the progress made with the Gifts Ministries, and the setting up of a Benevolence Ministry, the Leadership Group would shortly like to delegate all benevolence needs to this ministry. To support this, we will be taking a collection on Oct 17th for a Benevolence Fund, where monies given are for the sole purpose of meeting benevolent needs. The Benevolence Ministry will administer this fund, under the oversight of the Leadership Group. We anticipate that further collections for the Benevolence Fund will be made a few times per year from now on.

RETREATS

If you have been on a Retreat this year and haven't yet paid, please do so today or next Sunday at the latest. F&S 8+ £95; M&D £90; PreTeen £120; Teen £150.

CONTRIBUTION

If you would like to start giving by standing order, or wish to amend an existing standing order, forms are available from Paul Rowden.



CRECHE

Please be reminded that there is a creche for parents with pre-Kids Kingdom children to use during the service, which is 'wired-up' so you don't miss hearing anything.

Diary Dates

SAT 25 SEP

London Teaching Day
Intro to Hosea Deeper Teaching Series

SUN 26 SEP

Worship & Teens
Graduation Service
London Teens

FRI 1 OCT

Women Class 1
(ch.1-2) CW/JD

FRI 1 OCT -

SUN 3 OCT

Singles Retreat

SUN 3 OCT

Worship Service

FRI 8 OCT

Men Class 1 (ch.1-2)
TO

SUN 10 OCT

All Class 2 (ch.3) BL

FRI 15 OCT

All Class 3 (ch.4-5) TC

SUN 17 OCT

Worship Service

FRI 22 OCT

All Class 4 (ch.6) SD

SUN 24 OCT

All Class 5 (ch.7-8)
AE/TO

FRI 29 OCT

No class (FGL meeting)

SUN 31 OCT

All Class 6 (ch.9-10)
SD/MD

FRI 5 NOV

Women Class 7
(ch.11-12) CW

FRI 12 NOV

Men Class 7 (ch.11-12)
UA

FRI 19 NOV

All Class 8 (ch.13-14)
TC/AE