



Hebron News Update

Thursday 9th January

Happy New Year! We're only 9 days in so it's still okay to say that this week...

After the festive season we've had a slow start to the year thanks to all the snow, but are expecting everything to be back to normal from this Sunday:

Kevin will be preaching on Sunday morning, returning to our series in **Matthew's Gospel** where we have reached chapter 8. We'll also be sharing communion together in the morning this week.

On Sunday evening at 6.30pm, Jonny will begin a new series of studies, on the **Apostles' Creed** - this week looking at the statement, "I believe in God."

The evening service series will tie in with our new **Home Group** studies which begin again this week. Study guides ("The Apostles' Creed") will be available to collect on Sunday or from your group leader during the week.

Remember that you can join us earlier on Sunday as we have our Morning Prayer time at 10.30am, through in the side hall, with tea and coffee being served from 10. Tea and Coffee will also be service after the morning service.

Our Toddler Group and Mainly Music have lost a few volunteers for the next rota due to changes in schedule for some of our regulars who have been serving for a long time. We are so grateful for the time they have given to help in this ministry over recent years!

To make it possible to continue we are looking for some more help on the snack rota on Tuesdays at 1pm or Thursdays at 10am. If you would like to get involved, or find out more about it, please reply to this email or speak to Joanna, Fiona or Sally.

As well as Home Groups, our mid week activity groups should all be back up and running in their usual slots from Monday:

- Monday Club for P1-P7 children at 6pm on Mondays
- Indoor Bowls at 10am on Tuesdays
- Craft Club at 10am on Tuesdays
- Mainly Music for babies and toddlers at 1pm on Tuesdays
- Kids Sports for ages 8-14 at 6.30pm on Tuesdays
- Baby and Toddler Group at 10am on Thursdays
- Ladies Prayer Meeting at 10.30am on Thursdays
- Youth Night for S1 to age 18 at 7pm on Fridays

Also running for the next three weeks will be the [Hope Explored Course](#), on Thursdays 16, 23 and 30 January at 7.30pm in the conference room. The course uses a video and study guide with conversation points, to help guests explore the Hope that we have in Christ and is ideal for anyone who is interested in finding out more about the Christian faith. Please sign up on the website or get in touch with Jonny or Joanna if you are thinking of coming or bringing someone along.

Give thanks with Peter and Hannah Osei-Bonsu, and big brother Ezra, for the safe arrival of **baby Martha** on Sunday the 22nd December, and with Jared and Meg Cameron for the safe arrival of **baby Eliza** on Friday 27th December. All are doing well.



All parents and grandparents who are interested in coming along to the Faith In Kids Parenting Seminar on Wednesday 5th February are encouraged to get their tickets booked *as soon as possible!*

The **“Raising Confident Kids in a Confusing World”** event will be held in Hebron at 7.45 to 9.30pm on the 5th and is described as an evening of Biblical truth and practical wisdom, presented with a side order of real-life stories and a generous sprinkling of humour. It is perfect for parents at every stage of family life, from birth through to the teenage years, as well as for grandparents, leaders and anyone else who wants to be part of the wonderful challenge of raising children to lead flourishing lives for Christ.

Guests will leave with:

- Tools to help them talk to children about the issues that matter most to them and shape their decision-making and their behaviour.
- Greater clarity on how to tackle some cultural hot topics with children and young people.
- A renewed appreciation that a child’s heart is the control room for all of their decisions and a fresh desire to influence their heart for Christ.

You can find out more and book your space at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/faithinkids/1333502>

We have a letter sent from Claire Brodie with some of her news from Thailand:

Dear Hebron,

At the start of this new year I wanted to take a moment to write and thank you for your financial support of my ministry of teaching at Grace International School (GIS). Your generosity has been instrumental in allowing me to go where God has called me and allow me to serve families who are in a range of different ministries. I truly could not do this without you.

GIS recently celebrated our 25th Anniversary and created this video explaining the history at GIS and how much God has led and blessed this school over the years. It has not always been smooth sailing, but through the provision of this school thousands have been impacted for Christ. I've added a link to the [video here](#).

Today I started my new role as Vice Principal of Middle school (P7-S2), it was a good first day, but lots to learn and grow in. I am both excited and nervous about this new role. I am also deeply aware that this

opportunity would not be possible without your financial and prayerful support. Thank you for believing in me and investing in me and this ministry at GIS.

I am so grateful for your friendship and partnership.

With grateful thanks,
Claire

Every Blessing,

