

# Jan Feb 2001 Newsletter



## Thought – An Olympic Year

Wow!, Our millennium year is over and what a year? All manner of events took place but surely the event of the year must be the Sydney Olympic Games.

Most nations and most sports were represented and probably most would agree that the **spirit** of the Games was abundantly evident. Yes it was important for individuals and teams to win the coveted gold medals, but just to take part, to be there must have been tremendously exciting and memorable for everyone.

It is ironic though that it takes a huge event like the Olympic Games to highlight the fundamental principles God has given to mankind. Olympic rules are rooted and founded on Christian principles of fairness, consideration, patience, peace, and kindness all bound up in **love** for one another.

To win a medal does of course demand hard work, dedication and commitment. A thorough knowledge of the rules is absolutely essential. So, just as the sportsman or athlete has to be totally familiar with the rules, the Christian must also find out for him / herself about God's rules for life.

A dedicated and committed reading of the gospel will give us ALL of the rules of life we need to put into practice, so that we can achieve a prize far far greater than all the gold medals awarded ever. The apostle Paul talks about this prize in his first letter to the Corinthian Church (1 Corinthians 9:24,25)

*"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever..."*

The crown is **eternal life** and the **challenge** is there for everyone. Are we going to enter the race of life with the dedication and commitment that is due to our Heavenly Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, or will we take the easy option to simply be a **spectator**? If we don't 'take up the baton' we deny ourselves the prospect of a wonderfully fulfilled life, a life transformed by knowing Jesus **now** and having the prospect of God granting us the ULTIMATE prize of eternal life in his Kingdom on earth when Jesus returns.

## In Focus – Friday Club (Senior Youth Group)

Friday club happens at 7:30pm every Friday and is open to everyone who attends our Sunday School and is aged 11 and upwards. (If you'd like to come why not pop in and see us?) Here's a few words to let you know what we get up to...

## In Focus Ctd... (Friday Club)

In summer we try to go out on a trip every other week. These outings include Bowling, Swimming, Outdoor games and Ice Skating. In winter we go out approximately one week in four. When we're back at the Hall we play pool, table tennis and other games, as well as taking part in other activities that are organised by members of the Church. We try to keep the programme as varied as possible with Art, Craft, Quizzes, Cooking and more Games. We think that it is important to share what God says in the Bible with others, so for a few minutes during the evening we put down our bats and cues, and one of the leaders shares a short thought with the rest of us. We don't demand that everyone who comes to club believes everything that we say, but Friday club is a church Youth Club and we expect the members and leaders to respect each other and their beliefs.

I love helping out at Club even though it is really humiliating to get thrashed at table tennis by an eleven year old. Probably the best advert for the club is that most of the leaders were members themselves in their younger days and enjoyed it so much that they never stopped coming.

## What's On? (At Henrietta St. unless otherwise stated)

### Sunday evening Services at 6:00 pm...

DATE	SUBJECT	SPEAKER(S)
Jan 7	A New Creation	Steve Eichorn
Jan 14	Strange but true	Andrew Champion
Jan 21	<b>Why it matters what we believe about ...</b> <i>the nature of Jesus</i>	Tony Tasker
Jan 28	The Bible in our lives	Ben Twelves
Feb 4	<b>Why it matters what we believe about ...</b> Baptism	Nic Willis
Feb 11	Think about it – it's your future	Trevor Standeven
Feb 18	The Bible in our lives	John Fane
Feb 25	Forgiveness in a culture of Blame	Michael Griffiths

### Regulars:

- Sunday
    - Breaking of Bread Service 10:30 a.m.
    - Sunday School 2:45 p.m. (From Kids aged 4, up to Adult Discussion Group)
    - Evening Service 6:00 p.m. (See above for details)
  - Tuesday
    - Junior Youth club 6:45 p.m.
    - **FREE** – "Learn to Read and understand the Bible" Course 7:15 p.m. at Chorlton Adult Education Centre. (Currently studying Exodus) Ring for details ☎(0161) 286 6471
  - Wednesday
    - Young Peoples Bible reading Group 8:00 (Held at Various homes)
  - Thursday
    - Bible Class 8:00 p.m.
  - Friday
    - Senior Youth club 7:30 p.m.
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