



A Passion for Life Newsletter October 2009

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A Passion for Life is a nationwide and interdenominational initiative of mission in March 2010. As part of that there will be events in Bury St Edmunds 18-28 March 2010.

Dear All,

This is the first **A Passion for Life Newsletter** for Bury St. Edmunds and the surrounding area. Its aim is to keep you up to date on plans and to encourage you to pray.

If you know of others who would like to receive this or if you would like it sent to someone instead of you, for example if you are a church leader and this would be better sent to a mission team or link person, let us know.

The Launch Event

This took place on 17 September and many thanks to all who came and made this a thoroughly encouraging event. We heard from Rev. Hugh Palmer, we prayed, we found out more of the plans for **18-28 March 2010** and were reminded of the effectiveness of putting on events like this.

Preparing and Praying for Mission

The next stage is **Preparing for Mission**, and we can provide 2 resources to help you and your church gear up for March 2010 and beyond.

1. A **DVD** which would be excellent to use in Small Groups. It has 12 sessions each with a 20 minute video and short Bible Study. Contact us if you would like to obtain one or more. A video trailer is available on either of the websites listed above.
2. 3 **central meetings** we are running to help us pray and prepare.

Wed 11 November	7.30pm	Southgate Church Centre
Thurs 14 January	7.30pm	Christ Church, Moreton Hall
Thurs 18 February	7.30pm	West Road Church

In addition, we have lots of the **introductory postcards** given out at the Launch event still available. If you would like them to give to church members let us know.

The preparation stage will finish with a **Churches' Celebration** with Krish Kandiah at 6.30pm on Sunday March 14.

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The dates are set for **18-28 March 2010**. It will look a bit like this:

18-21 March	Local focus with invitation services, small events, door-knocking and more.
22-28 March	Hugh Palmer joins us for our Central focus. Events will hopefully include evenings at the Corn Exchange, a Youth Stream, Lunchtime talks, Sports evening and a Women's evening.

What can you do?

Pray!	We're encouraged to pray for 3 of our own friends / family For hearts to be softened and prepared to hear the gospel For ideas and wisdom in planning For our main speaker, Hugh Palmer
Give	We have an estimated budget of £6000. Some has already been pledged. Contact us for details of how best to give.
Support	Can your church publicise the central events? Can you support an event or run your own? Can your church or individuals within it provide time or resources?

With all best wishes,

The "A Passion for Life in Bury" team

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