

*Winchmore Hill Baptist Church Weekly Notices*  
**Sunday 22nd February 2015**

**TODAY**

**10am**

Elsie Silsby Room available for quiet prayer

**10.30am**

Morning Worship led by Andy

**12noon**

Extra Church Meeting to discuss buildings - see page 2

**THE COMING WEEK AT WHBC**

***Monday 23rd February 2015***

**Boys' Brigade** - Company Section and Seniors - 7pm

***Tuesday 24th February 2015***

**Girls' Brigade** - 6pm

***Wednesday 25th February 2015***

**Prayer Meeting** - 10.30am

***Thursday 26th February 2015***

**Thursday Afternoon Club** - 2.30pm

**Boys' Brigade** - Anchors and Juniors - 6pm

**Church Meeting** - 8pm

**Cleaning Next Weekend**

Andy and Rachel McG

**NEXT SUNDAY - 1st March**

**10am**

Elsie Silsby Room available for quiet prayer

**10.30am**

Morning Worship led by Andy

**SPECIAL NOTICES**

- The Churches Together **Lent Course** will begin on Thursday 26th February 8pm at St Pauls - see poster for details. Although this is not clear on the poster, this is an ecumenical event and all denominations are invited.
- The **Annual General Meeting** will take place on Saturday 28th March (5 weeks) at 4pm in Carey Hall.
  - Letters are being distributed to all members about nominations for the diaconate.
  - Nomination forms are located in the vestibule and with the returning officers (Andrew and Paul). The deadline for completed nominations to be received by the returning officers is **Sunday 8th March** (2 weeks).
  - The deadline for content for the Annual Report is **Sunday 22nd March** (4 weeks).

## Extra Church Meeting - 22nd February - Message from Tim

As most of you will be aware, last year the Deacons commissioned a company of surveyors to do a review of our buildings and the work that we need to do urgently, or that may need attention over the next five to ten years. This review - the Quinquennial Survey - has now been completed and reviewed by our Maintenance Group and the Deacons.

The survey contains some good news - we are apparently not in any imminent danger from collapsing buildings or other major building related disaster; but it also contains advice about the amounts of money we are recommended to spend over the next few years in order to keep our buildings in good order and to address the most urgent issues. The Survey contains some 150 recommendations and items to consider.

Over the last few years we have been confronted with some expensive building related costs - for example, the Dry Rot in the vestry area, Japanese Knot Weed, Boilers breaking and so on. Therefore, the recommendation that we allocate money to buildings on a regular basis is not a surprising one. However, this is a big building and the amount of money we should be allocating is likewise quite large. It will certainly present a challenge, and since our income is at present fully spent every year on items other than buildings, we must in the first instance, try to find this money over and above our current levels of giving to the Church.

This is an issue that affects us all: Deacons, Church Members, the wider congregation, and will have an impact on other parts of our community that use the Church buildings. Therefore, both Deacons and the Church meeting have agreed it would be a good idea to give more people the opportunity to contribute ideas, ask questions and understand the challenges we face. Particularly since those two same groups agree that if we fail to achieve increased levels of giving to cover our regular building expenses, then we may face some more difficult decisions next year on the way in which we allocate our money, perhaps having to reduce our charitable giving or impacting our missionary support or cutting back on other things that we perhaps take somewhat for granted at the moment.

In order to make the meeting as accessible as possible for people, we have arranged that it should be held in Carey Hall, after the Church service on the 22nd February, in three Sunday's time. Provisionally, we have set the time for the meeting as 12:00 until 12:45. We would **really** like as many of the Church family to attend as possible - no restriction to members. There will be a short presentation on the Quinquennial Survey, the works required, the Church budget and other pertinent information; there will be opportunity for questions; but more than anything we would like your input, your reactions, your ideas. For those with children, we will try and have some simple activities for them since we do not want anyone to feel that they can't come along 'because of the children'. We are a family - we love our children - and if they make a noise, well, that's what children do and that's fine!

I hope that's clear and you can make a note of the commitment in your diaries - but if you have any questions, then do please speak to me, or to any of the Deacons.