

## HOW CHURCH NIGHT WORKS

1. We encourage everyone in the church to commit their Thursday evening to the church, if this is at all feasible. To put it another way, Thursday evening is committed for church use;  
**Thursday night is Church Night.**

2. Everyone then has a choice about how to use their Church Night:

(a) Series. The next few months of Series are mapped out and you choose which ones you want to opt in to. When appropriate there will be a choice between two Series at the same time. (This will help to keep the group sizes down to an optimum number, which encourages fellowship and gives greater variety to the subjects which we can look at and the style we use to approach the subject.) When you opt in, you opt in to the complete Series (as far as is possible).

(b) If you do not opt in to one of the Series you could give your Church Night to one of the following (or you may have ideas of your own):

*fellowship* - with others who have not opted in

*hospitality* - with those who you do not know so well

*visiting* - those who are unable to get out in the evenings

*small group Bible study* - with others who have not opted in (Martin W can suggest materials if you want help in this way).

(c) If you are unable to get out on a Thursday evening (through age or family needs etc) you may still be able to have a Church Night by writing to a missionary, ringing a

brother or sister who needs fellowship, praying for the church etc.

3. We also have Missionary Meetings and Joint Meetings with other churches from time to time. Sometimes these will interrupt Series. We hope as many as possible will come to these.

## WHY CHURCH NIGHTWORKS

1. It is advantageous when people are present in a Series because they have made the choice to be there.
2. It allows for the fact that not every subject is pertinent to everyone. This means people do not have to opt in to it if they feel it is not relevant to them (although they may still choose to, for a variety of reasons), as well as meaning that the church can still look at the subject without alienating anyone.
3. This approach gives due balance to the differing, but frequently linked, needs of having *fellowship* with brothers and sisters, *learning together* as disciples of Jesus Christ, and *praying* together.
4. For various reasons some people cannot come every week throughout the year. This Modular approach will help some people to come for just a few weeks at a time who otherwise may not come at all. This will benefit us all.
5. It will be possible to run some courses that we could open up to believers from other churches if appropriate.



Evangelical Church Otley & Ilkley

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# Church Night

JUNE - AUGUST 2010

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The details given below are intended to give you a little taster of the subject and an idea of how it will be approached. A more detailed breakdown of dates and titles will be given at the beginning of each series.

### 24 JUNE – 26 AUGUST

Thursdays at 7.45pm

#### Living the Cross Centred Life

Do you desire more passion for Jesus Christ? Have the extremities taken over and left the core of your faith forgotten? Do you get confused by what you feel versus what is real?

Let pastor C. J. Mahaney, in his book **Living the Cross Centred Life**, strip away the nonessentials and bring you back to the simplest, most fundamental reason for your faith: Jesus Christ and Him crucified. This book is packed with powerful truth that will grip your heart, clear your mind, and invigorate your soul. Chapters include "Why the Cross should define our lives," "Breaking the Rule of Legalism," "The Cross Centred Day," and "Assurance and Joy." Get ready to behold a breathtaking view of what God intends to accomplish in and through you every day. You'll discover how embracing this cross centred life is both our highest privilege and greatest responsibility.

This 156 (small) page book is already regarded by many as a modern classic, even though it was only written in 2006.

Through the ten weeks we will read the book and then discuss its impact and implications as we meet together at our Church Night.

Leader: Martin Woodier (464631)

Venue: Martin & Kim's, 39 Harecroft Road, **Otley LS21 2BG (464631)**

Choose ONE ONLY from this series

#### Hebrews: Consider Jesus

Jesus is used as a comforting idea in times of trouble, an inspiration for those seeking spirituality, and even as a figurehead for counter-cultural enthusiasts. But the real Jesus is so much greater than this.

Jesus Christ is at the centre of the Bible's message and God's plan for the universe - and at the centre of human history. But is He at the centre of our existence - our hopes, priorities and day-to-day lives? We need to move on from simply knowing the details of His birth, life and death to a deeper understanding of their meaning.

The letter to the Hebrews helps us leave behind our limited views of Jesus.

During this series we will use a Bible Study Guide which will help us to see that in Jesus we have *1. God's greatest revelation (Heb 1:1-2:4)*

*2. The greatest man (2:5-18)*

*3. A greater Moses (3:1-4:13)*

*4. A greater priest (4:14-5:10 & 7)*

*5. A greater truth (5:11-6:20)*

*6. A greater covenant (8:-10:25)*

*7. A greater promise (10:26-12:3)*

*8. A greater kingdom (12:1-13:25)*

Leaders: Steve Orr (01274 419080) and Richard Hughes (01943 851112)

Venue: Eric & Barbara's, 4 Parish Ghyll Road, **Ilkley LS29 9NE (609180)**

- then to Lyndon & Margaret's, 7 Mayfield Gardens, **Ilkley LS29 8LJ (607543)** after their return!

If you would like any further details please speak to the appropriate series Leader or to Pastor Martin Woodier (464631).

## CHURCH NIGHT PLANNING

### Future Plans:

The Church Night Planning Group is always happy to receive suggestions of subjects/issues/questions/books/Bible books etc which you might find helpful for a Church Night series.

### The Aim of Church Night:

**To encourage meaningful fellowship** between brothers and sisters at Bethel as we talk together over the Scriptures and of our own experiences, praying and applying God's truth to our lives.

If you have any ideas which fit with this Aim please list them below and give them to Pastor Martin Woodier.



## ENROLMENT

**It is essential to enrol for a series if you are planning to attend  
JUNE – AUGUST 2010**

Please tick your preferred option and return to Martin by

**Sunday 13 June**

**Living the Cross Centred Life** costs £6 per person for the book (if two people are attending, please indicate whether you want one book or two \_\_\_\_\_)

**Hebrews: Consider Jesus** costs £3 per person for Bible Study Guide (it is necessary to have one book per person)

Please tick here if you wouldn't mind attending the other series should your first option be over-subscribed.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_