



Mosaic art clocks in at Perrett's

JUST two years after the formation of The Community of Perrett's Park, COPP is planning an exciting Community Arts Project in Perrett's Park, Knowle.

The project is to design, create and install a mosaic human sundial in the park, involving children from three local schools, a playgroup and



Artist David Bowers and his son Isaac, enjoy the snow in Perrett's Park.

tbc Friday youth club.

Bristol mosaic artist, David Bowers (Mosaic Madness) has recently been running workshops with children from Hillcrest Primary School, Victoria Park Infants School, Victoria Park Junior School, Sydenham Road Under-Fives and tbc Friday Youth Club.

The children designed and created the sundial using mosaic tiles fixed on to concrete slabs and it is hoped to install the sundial in the park around Easter time.

Human sundials work by standing on the appropriate slab for the month of the year, and



David at a tbc Youth Club workshop

telling the time by seeing where your shadow falls.

COPP raised more than £5,000 for the project by local fundraising, including grants from Quartet Foundation and Awards for All.

COPP chairman, the Rev Laurie Burn, says: "This is an exciting educational project which will involve local children in the community in creating a public artwork and also learning about science and nature. It will also enhance Perrett's Park by providing an attractive feature, which we hope to combine with a picnic area."

Don't worry – there IS a God! Enjoy Him at tbc

YOU may have seen the recent bus advertising campaign by humanists, which claimed: "There is probably no God, so stop worrying and enjoy your life!"

The assumptions behind this claim are that:

1. Science has disproved God, and
2. God (if He does exist) is a grumpy, judgmental killjoy!

Wrong on both counts! There are many eminent scientists (see the *Christians in Science* website (www.cis.org.uk) who hold to all the latest theories, yet have a vibrant faith in Jesus Christ.

Jesus shows us what the true God is really like – a far cry from a divine version of the unforgiving boss, Alan Sugars! Jesus said: "I have come that you may have life in all its fullness." By dying on the cross, He took the punishment for all our errors and by rising again, He set us free to enjoy life fully without guilt, fear, or end.

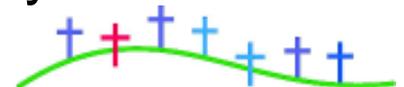
Hence, the sign on the tbc noticeboard:

**Don't worry,
there IS a God!
Enjoy Him here.**

We invite you to join us this Easter to celebrate this wonderful free gift.



Last year's Walk of Witness by the churches



**Churches Together
in Knowle and Totterdown**

GOOD FRIDAY

April 10	
10.30am	Service of Meditation on the Cross at tbc
12.noon	Churches Together Walk of Witness from Totterdown Methodist Church to Knowle Methodist Church
3pm	Asian Christian Fellowship Service at tbc

EASTER DAY

April 12	
10.30am	Family Easter Celebration
6.30pm	Easter Praise and Worship

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 31	
3pm	Songs of Praise in Perrett's Park with CTKT

Being God's family, helping people to know Jesus



The team at the awards and presentation lunch

Jamie finds a new goal

JAMIE BURTON spent a lot of time truanting and hanging around with street gangs, getting into trouble. He even once smashed up a vicar's car!

But things became even worse when two local lads, including Jamie's best friend, were tragically killed in recent Bristol street violence.

Jamie was a regular at **tbc** Thursday Youth Club, but not a church-goer. When **tbc** started the football team BS4 FC, he became one of the founder players and often plays in goal at the Saturday morning Bristol Churches League matches (see www.webteams.co.uk/bs4fc). Jamie attended the annual team awards



Jamie discovered Jesus is the one who saves

lunch and presentation and met members of **tbc** who sponsor the team and really take an interest in the lads. He started coming to church regularly and hasn't looked back since.

The goalie's job is to save goals and he is often blamed when the ball goes into the net, but Jamie discovered that Jesus was the one who saves us and takes the blame for all our wrong-doing. Jesus enables anyone to make a fresh start with clean score sheet, and gives a new goal and purpose for life.



Jamie is currently attending a local Alpha course where he is finding the answers to a lot of his questions.

In October last year he was baptised and now plays a very active part in the life of **tbc**. Jamie says: "I have two passions – Jesus and football – and I know that God can never betray me!"

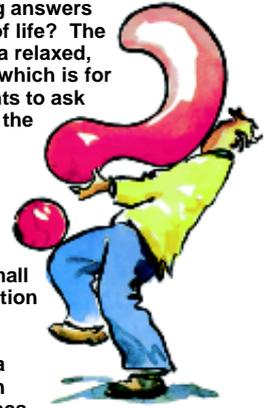
Alpha – new time for your questions

ARE you seeking answers to the meaning of life? The Alpha course is a relaxed, 10-week course which is for anyone who wants to ask questions about the Christian faith.

Each session begins with a meal, followed by a DVD and friendly discussion in small groups. No question is taboo, or too hostile.

The next Alpha course, to be run jointly by Churches Together in Knowle and Totterdown, will start in September 2009 with an introductory supper

For details, look up www.alpha.org or contact Laurie Burn on 0117 977 8040 or laurieburn@tbc.org.uk if you're interested in joining the course.



WHO OR WHAT IS tbc?

tbc is the group of people which meets in the building known as Totterdown Baptist Church. Our vision and purpose are summed up:

Being God's family, helping people to know Jesus

tbc meets every Sunday at 10.30am and 6.30pm, plus midweek meetings

Films on Fridays offer night out

DO you like to spend your Friday nights with a good film? How would you like to add a bigger screen, a few friends with whom you can discuss it and some freshly made popcorn, right here in Totterdown?

The **tbc** film club met for the first time last month in the church parlour to watch Paul Thomas Anderson's *Magnolia* (1999), a late night marathon at just over three hours.

Future films will be drawn from a wide variety of genres, styles, and content ratings, and each one will be introduced to the group by someone who feels it has impacted them on a spiritual level.

Anyone is welcome to come along; the screening is free, although donations are welcome for refreshments. The next meeting will take place on Friday, April 17 at 8:30pm. Entry is via the side door on Sydenham Road. For more information, please contact rogerwhiter@blueyonder.co.uk.

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Sydenham Road U-fives

SRUF is an independent group which rents the premises every weekday morning for activities with under fives. The Toddler group welcomes parents and carers with babies or under-threes, and the Playgroup is for pre-school children, three and upwards. Contact SRUF administrator, Maria Hulme on 0117 377 8665 for details.



United Nations social evening at tbc

United in the person of Jesus

YOU will find all sorts of people at **tbc** – young and old; united nations, including Pakistan, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Iran, Jamaica, China and Scotland; people with PhD's and others with learning difficulties; professionals, working class, unemployed and retired; scientists, engineers, artists and child-minders; people who have attended church for many years, and those who have started recently; people who have believed in Jesus for a long time, and others who are still seeking.

Our worship together is varied and lively, with different styles of music ranging from traditional organ through Celtic melodies to

reggae and upbeat rhythms using drums and guitars.

We use multi-media technology to project song words, images and film clips to help people connect their Christian faith to the modern world. We hold social events (such as the recent Burns Night supper and quiz night) which enable people to get to know each other in the church family.

With all this diversity, you might think there can be no agreement. But we have one thing in common – we believe that Jesus is the One who came to bring all people, of every race, status and gender to be his family. On fringe issues, we can disagree, but on the person of Jesus we are united. We warmly invite you to join this family of God.