

## Volunteers Needed

### Office Volunteer

Welcoming and assisting our daytime hire customers plus helping with general office administration as required.

### Out of Hours Hire Support

Helping with evening or weekend hires including: welcoming community hire customers, opening/closing the building, preparing/clearing rooms.

Contact Abbie in the Church Office if you can help or more information.



## Pete West from Lesotho Preaching 10am Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July

### followed by BBQ at Baxter's Field

Bring your own drinks and food and we'll provide BBQ facilities. Everyone welcome. Please feel free to bring family and friends. (Baxter's Field entrance is where Bradford Rd meets Paddock Rd: Lewes BN7 1QX)

## Diary Dates

Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> July	7.30pm <b>Monthly Prayer Evening</b> (drinks from 7.15pm)
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> July	6pm <b>Stoolball Match at the Paddock</b>
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Men's Cycling Group</b>
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> July	10am <b>Pete West &amp; BBQ</b> (see above)
August	<b>No Monthly Prayer Evening or Small Groups</b>
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	1pm <b>BBQ at Jamie &amp; Charlotte's, Hadlow Down</b> (details to follow)
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7.30pm <b>Monthly Prayer Evening</b> (drinks from 7.15pm)
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10am <b>Guest Service with Glen Scrivener</b>
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7pm <b>Alpha Course Introduction Meal</b>

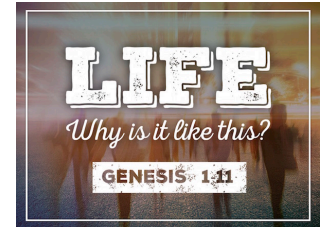
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## CONNECT WITH THE MESSAGE

### We're not Abel

Genesis 4:1-26

1) What's the worst present you've ever received?



Read Genesis 4:1-16 (or to v26 if time)

2) What did Jeff's message teach you about:

- a) People
- b) God
- c) Yourself

Was there anything you found particularly helpful?

Read Proverbs 28:13 and Genesis 4:7

3) What do you think are the hidden "crouching" sins currently in your life?

Ask someone who you are close to where they think you could be vulnerable to hidden sin in your life?

### Read Hebrews 10:1-18

4) In light of Abel's offering to God, what does this passage teach us about sacrifices and offerings to God for us today?

5) What impact does Jesus' sacrifice have on our lives today and how we approach God, particularly looking at verses 10 to 14?

### Read 1 John 1:9

6) Take some time to confess your sins to each other in small groups (perhaps pair up) trusting that he will forgive your sins because of Jesus' sacrifice.

### Read Isaiah 53:7-11

7) What does this passage teach us about Jesus?

8) How should impact how we deal with conflict in our lives?

### Read Matthew 18:21-22

9) How many times does Jesus tell the disciples we should forgive someone?

10) Do you hold a grudge in your heart towards anyone in church, your family or elsewhere in your life? Spend some time in prayer to bring this to God.

## DIGGING DEEPER

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### Read Deuteronomy 19:1-13

- a) What was the purpose of the cities of refuge?
- b) In what ways are God's mercy shown in this passage?
- c) How would Cain have been dealt with under these guidelines?
- d) How does this compare to God's judgement of Cain in Genesis 4?
- e) Why do you think that innocent blood shed was such an issue for Israel?

### Read Numbers 35:33-34

- f) How does this help your answer to (e) above?
- g) Why don't we have cities of refuge today in the new covenant?
- h) How has Jesus' sacrifice of innocent blood changed how we think about this passage?
- i) What are the implications for you personally for Jesus being your "city of refuge" when you sin?

## CONNECT IN PRAYER

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### Tunisia

- Pray for Tunisia at this time of grief and crisis.
- Pray for those who have lost loved ones in the shooting, that they will find comfort.
- Pray for Christians in Tunisia to reach out at this time with courage and compassion - that their witness will be a stark contrast to the violence of ISIL.
- Pray for the young men of Tunisia, especially those in disadvantaged neighbourhoods where ISIL target their recruitment. Pray that they will come to know Christ, the true source of life.

(Prayer points taken from: [pray.interserve.org](http://pray.interserve.org))

### Church Babies

- Give thanks for the three recent additions to our church family: Alicia, Maya and Hudson; praying for health, strength and God's blessing.
- Pray for Simon & Revai, Jamie & Charlotte and Mike & Sally for wisdom as parents as well as patience, joy and deepening love.
- Pray they may have greater appreciation of God's fatherly love and care through this new relationship with their children.