

# HOPE

## News

May '09

Welcome to this quarter's Hope news.

This month we bring you news from a number of projects taking place around the Bedford area.

Please do take a look inside to find out more about the many opportunities for you and your church to get involved as we continue to share God's hope with the people of Bedfordshire.



**HOPE** in Bedfordshire

**DO MORE,  
DO IT TOGETHER,  
DO IT IN WORD & ACTION**

Local Coordinator:  
[becky@hopebeds.org](mailto:becky@hopebeds.org)  
[www.hopebeds.org](http://www.hopebeds.org)  
[www.hope08.com](http://www.hope08.com)



## **Hope continued: Making it Happen**

As members of the Hope planning group, we are excited by, and delighted to support the number of new projects which are growing in the Bedford area. **On the Move** is now only a matter of weeks away, and this special week promises to be a fantastic opportunity to serve the people of Bedford. **Bedford Street Angels** have now been out on a weekly basis since February and their presence is very well received in the town centre on a Saturday night.

We encourage you and your church to take the opportunities offered to support these projects. We also ask you to **consider your support of Hope in Bedfordshire**. Please see page 6 for more details of the support needed at this stage.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

---

## **Hope for the Workplace: Spring Conference**

Following the successful Autumn conference, the Christian fellowship at (the then) County Hall, organised and hosted a second successful conference.

This time, the key theme was **integrity in the workplace**, and speakers included Councillor Madeline Russell, Canon Peter Stephens, County Council Chaplain and Rev Richard Pool, Minister at Cotton End Baptist Church.

A **third conference** is in the planning stage for **Friday 26th June 2009** at the newly renamed Borough Hall for Christians in the local area. More information is available from Adrian Holloway, email: [Holloways@tesco.net](mailto:Holloways@tesco.net) or telephone 01234 851162.

# COME & MEET WITH GOD!!

**Pastor Colin Urquhart**  
International speaker & best selling author

“An exciting conference  
for all the churches in  
Bedford to experience  
God in a new way”



Fri 17th July at 7.30pm

Sat 18th July at 10.00am & 7.30pm

Sun 19th July at 7.30pm

The Salvation Army  
Bedford Congress Hall  
Commercial Road  
Bedford, MK40 1QS



*in Bedfordshire*

For Further Details:

Email - [s.elphick1@sky.com](mailto:s.elphick1@sky.com) | Tel: 01234 314026 / 07951 810081



## **Pastor Colin Urquhart**

**International speaker & best selling author**

**Colin laid the foundations of what has become Kingdom Faith in the late 1970's when he moved from being an Anglican vicar in Luton to a speaker travelling the world. He is now recognised as an apostle and Kingdom Faith provides vision and direction for a growing number of churches nationally and internationally.**

**Ordained for over 40 years, Colin Urquhart's apostolic ministry is widely recognised and valued throughout the world. He has both experienced and led others in revival and has also written over 30 books. He brings his apostolic vision and anointing to the Revival College in Horsham, as well as reaching thousands of people daily through his radio show, Faith for Today, on UCB inspiration.**

**God has commissioned him to train men and women to carry the presence of Jesus Christ, His Spirit, His Power and Glory wherever they are led to serve him.**

**HOPE** in Bedfordshire



## **Dreaming of a Holy Night**

GRAHAM KENDRICK'S songs are known around the world, and have become part of Christian worship in many nations – songs such as The Servant King, Knowing You and of course his most famous; Shine Jesus Shine. But now, in a return to his poetic song writing roots and a departure from his usual congregation-centred approach, Graham has produced a set of songs that resonates with his excitement and passion for the events surrounding Christ's birth. The result is **Dreaming Of A Holy Night** launched as an album in 2007, and touring for the first time in November and December 2008, with thirteen dates in the UK and five dates in Holland. **Dreaming of a Holy Night** will tour again in 2009, including a local performance, in the **Bedford Corn Exchange**, on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2009.

There are 3 ways you can be involved:

1. **Pray for :**

- those planning the event, and liaising with the various people involved in the evening;
- blessings for all who attend the concert.

2. **Consider being involved :**

- by joining the small group involved in organising the event
- volunteering for the choir of local singers required to sing about 6 pieces
- help on the day (including)
  - unloading van in morning, and reloading after concert
  - be involved in stewarding the event
  - experienced help needed to sell CDs

3. **Buy a ticket**, (on sale from 1st July) come along, and pray for many blessings on the evening!

For more information, please contact Brian Addington, email [b.addington@btinternet.com](mailto:b.addington@btinternet.com) or telephone 01234 216080



## **HOPE IN BEDFORDSHIRE: Your support needed!**

We thank all those churches who have supported Hope in Bedfordshire in the past. You and your church can support Hope in Bedfordshire in any or all of the ways listed below. **For more information, email [becky@hopebeds.org](mailto:becky@hopebeds.org)**

### **Financial**

Thanks to your generosity, approx. £6,000 was given away to the people of Bedfordshire, through the events we organised last year. As plans develop for the year ahead, we ask you to prayerfully consider how your church can contribute to the costs involved. We are now able to receive donations by cheque, made out to Hope Bedfordshire and sent to: Becky Coster, 28 Wood Lane, Cotton End, Bedford, MK45 3AN. If you would like your donation to go towards the costs of any particular event, please make this clear. Alternatively, your donation will go where most needed.

### **Prayer**

The foundation of all we do. Please continue to pray for Hope in Bedfordshire, using the monthly prayer diary (see back page). Can we again invite you to join with others to pray, at the prayer breakfast on the first Saturday of every month, and at the weekly prayer walk every Saturday through Bedford town centre.

### **Planning**

You are most welcome to attend any of our planning meetings, (see dates for your diary).

### **Practical**

The more churches on board, the more we can do. We welcome support for the running of each of the Hope events.



## Dates for your diary:

17-20 June	On the Move
26 June	Hope for the Workplace Conference
17-19 July	Colin Urquhart Visit
September	Social Action Weekend (dates TBC)
21 December	Dreaming of a Holy Night

### Hope Beds Open Meetings:

9 June  
14 July

All planning meetings at Russell Park Baptist Church, 7:30pm

## Keep in Touch

Don't forget you can keep up to date on our website [www.hopebeds.org](http://www.hopebeds.org) and Hope in Bedfordshire is also on Facebook.

Prayer enquiries can be emailed to [prayer@hopebeds.org](mailto:prayer@hopebeds.org)  
Alpha course detailed can be shared via [alpha@hopebeds.org](mailto:alpha@hopebeds.org)

To receive regular updates from the Hope in Bedfordshire team, or for all other enquiries, please email [becky@hopebeds.org](mailto:becky@hopebeds.org)

Hope in Bedfordshire have adopted, and operate in accordance with the Evangelical Alliance basis of faith ([www.eauk.org/about/basis-of-faith.cfm](http://www.eauk.org/about/basis-of-faith.cfm))



## **PRAYER DIARY – May**

**This week, please pray for:**

- Sunday:** The national legacy of Hope 2008. Thank God for the huge impact that this had in our nation and for the many doors that this has opened for us in the future.
- Monday:** Preparations for ‘Dreaming of a Holy Night,’ that all would go smoothly at this stage.
- Tuesday:** Thank God for the growing interest in Hope in Bedfordshire. Pray that this will enable us to continue to grow and have a greater impact in our community.
- Wednesday:** On the Move. Pray for all the last minute preparations, that they will run smoothly and that this project will be a great outreach to the people of Bedford.
- Thursday:** All those churches planning social action projects this September, that we would be able to bless many people over the course of the weekend.
- Friday:** The special events being planned for the summer months, including holiday clubs and fun days.
- Saturday:** Bedford Street Angels. Thank God for the positive impact that the team are having in the town centre each week. Pray that more volunteers will come forward to serve in this way.