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An update on Crockenhill Baptist Church's news and events

Welcome to the 40th edition of *InsideOut*, the newsletter from Crockenhill Baptist Church.

This issue marks a double landmark in the history of *InsideOut*. Not only is it our 40th edition, but it is now 15 years since we first went to print.

That amounts to some 70,000 individual copies printed and distributed since 1998!

Our original intention was to produce *InsideOut* as a quarterly publication, but we just couldn't keep that up. So, after a break in publication for a couple of years, we settled on a target of three issues per year, coinciding with our three big events of the year: Christmas, Easter and Harvest.

Since December 2007, *InsideOut* has been produced in colour, at least on the outside. This was a massive improvement on the earlier black-and-

white publications, which were notorious for leaving black smudges on everyone who handled them.

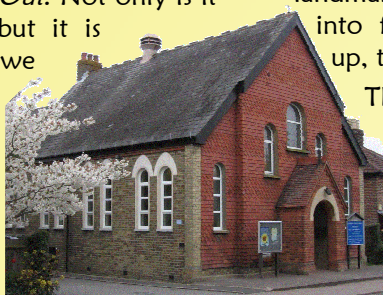
But now, to celebrate this double landmark, we are at last venturing into full colour. Go on, open up, take a look...!

Throughout its 15 years, the primary purpose of *InsideOut* is to take away some of the mystery about what goes on inside our church building. We hope that this will lead to

you paying us a visit sometime, but even if you don't, we hope you enjoy reading *InsideOut*. Please contact us if you have questions or comments about anything you read here.

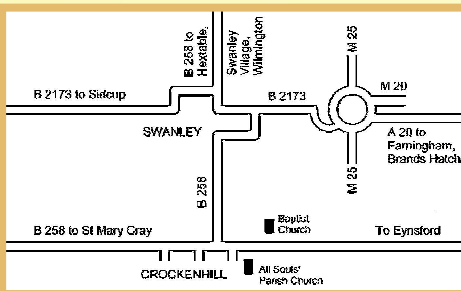
In this issue...

- details of our next *Christianity Explored* course
- a Harvest thought from pastor Mark
- an invitation to our Harvest thanksgiving



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- ✉ email cbc@crockenhill.org
- 💻 visit our website www.crockenhill.org
- or come to one of our Sunday services





Have you looked up into the sky recently?

Sir Isaac Newton had a mechanical replica of the solar system in miniature. At its centre was a large golden ball representing the sun, and revolving round it were smaller spheres, representing the planets, attached to rods of varying lengths. These were all geared together by cogs and belts to make them move around the sun in perfect harmony.

One day, as Newton was studying the model, a friend stopped by for a visit, and he marvelled at the device. “My, Newton, what an exquisite thing! Who made it for you?”

Without looking up, Sir Isaac Newton replied, “Nobody?”

“Nobody?” his friend asked.

“That’s right! I said nobody? All these balls and cogs and belts and gears just happened to come together, and wonder of all wonders, by chance they began revolving in their set orbits and with perfect timing.”

His friend got the point. The existence of Newton’s machine presupposed a maker, and even more so the earth and its perfectly ordered solar system.

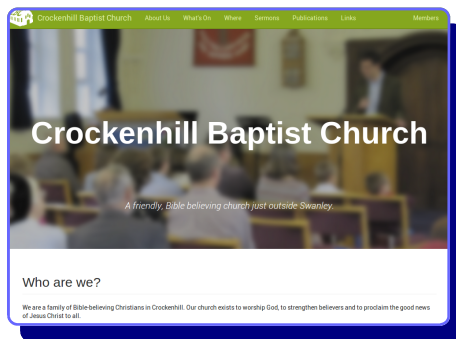


New website for CBC

As this edition of *InsideOut* goes to print, a major redesign of our website is also underway, and you can have an exclusive sneak preview of our new homepage. Although, by the time you read this, it should be published and ready to view for real.

We still have the same website address, **www.crockenhill.org**, or you can just type *crockenhill* into Google and you’ll find us fairly near the top of the list.

We hope you will take the time to have a look around and find out a bit more about who we, what we believe, and what we have going on. You can also

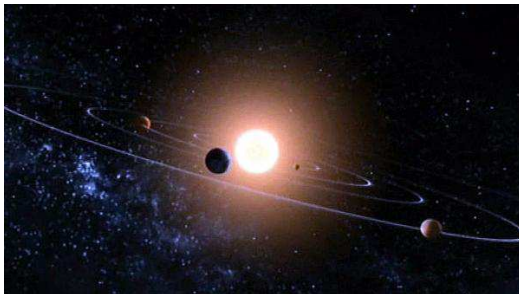


listen to recordings of recent sermons, and even read *InsideOut* online!

We hope too that you will be kind enough to suggest any further improvements, and to let us know if any thing does not work as it should.

The Bible tells us that *'the heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.'* (Psalm 19:1)

I'm told that the earth is tilted at 23 degrees and this gives us our seasons. Apparently, if it were not tilted exactly at 23 degrees we would not only lose our seasons but life itself – as the vapours from the oceans would move north and south, piling up continents of ice.



I'm also informed that if our moon were closer, our tides would daily inundate whole continents. Moreover, experts tell us that the sun is 93 million miles away from the earth. Can you imagine how hot it would be if it were to move a million miles closer? Or how cold it would be if it were to move a million miles further away?

The Bible tells us that *'..he (God) upholds the universe by the word of his power'* (Hebrews 1:3)

As a church, we believe that God created all things, and that he causes the sun to shine, the rain to fall and the crops to grow. Because of this we want to thank and praise him for his goodness at this harvest time.

Why not join us and learn more about this amazing God?

You would be most welcome.

Mark
Drury



A big question. And one to which Christianity offers a unique and exciting answer.

This really is far too good to keep to ourselves, so on 17th September we will be starting a new *Christianity Explored* course. The course will run on seven

consecutive Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00pm, and is open to anyone who wants to explore and understand the basics of the Christian faith.

You don't need to know anything about the Bible, or even to own one! You will not be asked to read aloud, pray or sing, but you will be able to ask any questions you like.

If you would like to attend, or just to find out more, please contact Mark Drury (663995).

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Crockenhill Baptist Church
Harvest Thanksgiving
Sunday 22 September
10:30 a.m.

