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November 09 Newsletter

Welcome to Purley Chase Centre Newsletter in which we will be keeping you up to date with what is happening here at the centre.



Hi Everyone

Well the months are rolling by, last week-end the house was full with the chatter of all ages at the "Family week-end" and there was great fun sharing an early bonfire and firework display. On Tuesday there were folks helping out around the grounds and the house at a working party. These working parties help greatly with the running of the centre thanks to all who come along. If you would like to join the next working party on the 24th November please let me know as lunch is provided. Just a reminder for December we are holding our Carol Service on Friday the 4th December at 7p.m. afterwards there will be sherry, wine, mince-pies and other seasonal treats around the log fire. If you would like to stay over for B&B please give me a call.

Love Anne



The Bed

Greetings! An intriguing title don't you think? Beds: we rest on them, do our dreaming in them, feel safe in them, our babies are conceived on them and we launch ourselves from them into the rigors of daily life. They are undoubtedly important for our bodies to feel refreshed and recharged in this world. But they have a spiritual side too. They can represent the basic beliefs upon which our life's values rest, those deep bedrock beliefs which consciously or unconsciously are at the foundation of all our concepts. Another term for these beliefs is that dreaded word 'doctrine'. A passage from scripture can be interpreted in so many ways. Some interpret scripture in ways that will allow them to do what they want, so that they won't need to change. Jesus said to the paralytic man, "Take up

your bed and walk."¹ At the same time as healing the man from his physical paralysis, he was telling him how to free up his *spiritual* paralysis, so that he could become a better person. This man had a poor view of God from what he had been sold by the Pharisees, but the God standing before him seemed to be very different, full of love, wisdom, empathy and compassion. This new view of God changed his entire belief system. His beliefs were raised to a higher level; his bed had been taken up. If you are searching scripture for answers to your problems, remember that God smiles on you in the hope that you will in turn smile upon the world. It is not so much a matter of what we have done badly, but more that with the love of God in mind we can do better.

1. Mark 2:9.

I wish you productive thoughts on the subject: Rev. David Gaffney.

Events coming up over the next few months:

Castles in the Air – 13th to 15th November

<http://www.purleychasecentre.org.uk/centre-events/events/castles-in-the-air.html>

Carol Service & Christmas Shopping - 4th to 6th December

<http://www.purleychasecentre.org.uk/centre-events/events/carol-service-christmas-shopping.html>

Young Adults – 22nd to 24th January 2010

<http://www.purleychasecentre.org.uk/centre-events/events/young-adults-weekend1.html>

Where is God in innocent suffering? – 19th to 21st February 2010

<http://www.purleychasecentre.org.uk/centre-events/events/where-is-god-in-innocent-suffering.html>

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