

Albox

Aguaviva, Albox Christian Centre, C/ Arrabal 20

Sunday: Family Service 11.00am

with children's activities

Cell Groups: various days and times, please phone

Albox Local Leadership:

Tony & Eila Classon (950 064 402)

Dave & Pam Hamilton (950 618 814)

Almuñécar

Centro Familiar Cristiano, Avda Costa del Sol

Sunday: Morning Worship 11.00am

Thursday: Life Groups

Almuñécar Local Leadership:

Pat Mingorance (958 881 358)

Granada

*Tim & Mary Slegg are in the process of planting
in Huetor Vega. Contact them on 958 303 863*

Mojácar

Living Water Church - Virgen del Mar Hotel

Sunday: Family Service 11.00am

Mojácar Local Leadership:

Dave & Pam Hamilton (950 618 814)

Nerja

Pasaje San Miguel

English-speaking church and

Iglesia de habla hispana

Sunday: English Family Service - 10.30am

Domingo: Reunión de alabanza y predicación 19.00

Wednesday: Prayer meeting at 11.00am

Miercoles: Reunión de oración 19.00 hras

Nerja Local Leadership:

James & Nieves Moorhead (952 525 352) Derek & Vera

Newing (952 521 426) Jean Parker (952 523 895)

Lesley Marsh, Mike & Joan Tomlinson

Liderazgo de la Iglesia Española:

Carlos & Loida Gómez (691 050 832)

Guillermo Blois Neto & Daniel Johnson

Salobreña

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Sunday: Family Service 5.30pm

Tuesday: Prayer meeting 10am

Friday: Youth club 7.00pm

Salobreña Local Leadership:

Jes Allen (958 349 215) Peter & Uschi Hornlein (958 640

974) Julie Pinnegar (677 450 707) Liz Richardson

Christine Stuart (958 645 027)

Leslie & Chris Thomas (958 658 439)

Viñuela Area

Phone for details of location 952 033 021

Sunday: Family Service 11.00am

Wednesday: Fellowship Group

Viñuela Area Local Leadership:

John & Maureen Bamber, Carol Hicks

Colin Lavender (952 115 220),

John & Maureen Laycock (952 033 021)

Barry & Freda Young



FELLOWSHIP OF THE KING

Serving the King of Kings in southern Spain



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Welcome to the Fellowship of The King!

The Fellowship of The King is a charismatic/evangelical community church network seeking, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to be Christ-centred, and endeavouring to faithfully live out Biblical Christianity in the Spanish provinces of Málaga, Granada and Almería. We are a family of eight churches, organised by language or location, with a vision for this number to grow.

First established in 1997 in Salobreña, we are a family bound together in love for Christ and for one another. Indeed our name highlights both the desire to be welcoming, to function in the context of genuine, committed friendship, and, to be a church which works together to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the King of Kings.

The Fellowship is affiliated with FEREDE (Federation of Evangelical Religious Entities, de España), linked with the Evangelical Alliance, whose basis of faith it subscribes to, and part of New Community Network, based at Community Church, Southampton, UK.

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Do you remember the song “Love Is In The Air”, a favourite of Neil Diamond’s? Perhaps only if you belong to my era! But I was reminded of it when thinking about this Newsletter. Not that September is traditionally regarded as the month for love to be on the move, more like the Springtime for that! But in Albox we like to be different.

During the last few months, in our mid-week Bible Study, we have been studying love in Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, where he outlines God’s plan for the Church, the body of Christ. He explains how God desires His children to live, how He wants us to relate to each other with humility, gentleness and patience - with love. He says in Chapter 5, verse 2,

“Live a life filled with love for others, following the example of Christ”. He prays that we “ may have the power to understand, - how wide, how long, how high and how deep his love really is”. Chapter 3, verse 18.

We have also been thinking on this theme in our Communion services, how Jesus commanded us to love each other - John 15: 17. We need to remember that it was a command, with no choice on our part. This instruction included not only our Christian brothers and sisters, but our neighbours, and even our enemies! We have been experiencing a definite growth of love in our Fellowship for some time; we feel that we are becoming more like the united Body that Christ wishes us to be.

Our monthly Fellowship Meals play a large part in this process. We hold the meal in a different home each month, the food being provided by us all. Everyone lends a hand with serving and washing up - a really united effort and enjoyed immensely by the whole Fellowship. We are pleased that people from our sister fellowship, Living Water at Mojácar, often come with David and Pam to join us in the meals, and in other activities as well. Towards the end of September we have a united coach trip planned, to Cabo de Gata, with a Menu del Dia meal included. This is an excellent opportunity to increase our “togetherness”.



As if to confirm all our thoughts about love, we recently celebrated a very joyful occasion. This was the Marriage Blessing of Viv and Fortress. Viv has been a tremendous help to us a Church, in sorting music equipment and in leading worship. The Marriage Blessing itself was beautiful, happy and relaxed, attended by several of Viv’s family from the U.K. The whole Fellowship was invited, and we enjoyed the meal afterwards at the home of Lou and Martin, Fortress’ parents and active

members of our Church. What a wonderful, joyous occasion! We pray that the Lord will richly bless them both in their future life together. **Love is certainly alive and active in Albox !!**

Barbara Pears, Albox

Salobreña cont’d

ours is to plant a Spanish-speaking church in Salobreña; there have been a number of encouragements in that direction recently with newly arrived Spanish Christians and new Spanish believers coming along to our English-language meetings. Carlos asks prayer that the Lord release finance for a van so that he can bring more folk over from Nerja to assist at the youth club and to help plant the new church.

Vñuela

A reminder that in the last newsletter we told of a word brought to us by Donna in which the Lord was reassuring us that He saw the struggles we would face but He was with us and declared that *Each one of you will shine for me; will shine for my Son*. Those struggles have begun with the news that the landlady of the premises we jointly rent will not renew the contract (which expired on the 4th Sept) as she wants the premises for herself, but has given us until the end of the month to leave. Then a couple of Sundays ago Sue Banner brought us yet another assurance from the Lord, the picture she received was that of a volcano;

“The Volcano has erupted and all the heat gushing down into the valley and at the same time I saw the waters coming up. And the waters meeting with the Volcano’s lava and at the end they came up together and Jesus Christ was standing there with his arms out stretched and they just hit him, both of them just hit him. We were standing behind – believing, trusting the LORD, but none of it could get to or thorough And there was this amazing Grace and cleansing and the fire and the volcano’s or what ever was in the water was being purified so that None of it could hold you. But it is OUR part to Glorify Him in the knowledge that he has done that He has taken ALL that force the fires and the waters and everything”

We are in a time of heightened spiritual awareness (we are always in the battle) although the Lord is reassuring us of His protection we still need to do our part and continually encourage each other. *“It is our part to Glorify Him” It is our part to show Him in our lives as living witnesses in all we do and say.” Acts 1:8 “you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses.”*

Mo Bamber is expressing her calling to witness through the setting up of a Book Stall at the Chiringuito Antonio Friday Market (Puente don Manuel). It was her first week last week and there were not too many people visiting, however she and John did manage to chat with other stall holders and a few people who stopped at our stall. We should point out that despite the donations of books we have received we will need more and so it would be much appreciated if there were more donations.

Colin Lavender

Each church in the Fellowship of The King network is in covenant relationship with the others, is substantially autonomous and led by a Local Leadership Team invested with the authority to direct and oversee that church, whilst remaining accountable to the senior leaders.

Christian Concern for our Nation says,

“We believe that Member States should veto the Directive. It requires unanimity amongst all Member States. One country could say “No”. Please pray that it will not be passed and encourage a Christian campaign across Europe to “Say a Loud No to the EU Equal Treatment Directive” before it’s too late. It undermines Christian values, traditional family values and has the potential to be used as a tool to sue and persecute Christians for simply professing their faith in the course of everyday life. It will cover healthcare, education, housing, and the supply of goods and services to the public in both the public and private sectors.

The Christian Legal Centre has made an action pack available; we would urge you to go to this URL and download the pack: THEN TAKE ACTION!!

www.ccfon.org/docs/CCFON_&_CLC_Information_&_Action_Pack_on_the_EU_Equal_Treatment_Directive_FINAL.pdf

Nerja

Autumn has clearly arrived with the services reverting to 10.30 a.m. Our small groups will be re-commencing shortly as people begin to return. However, to start these off there will be a joint meeting of all the groups in the church on 13th October at 7 p.m. with a supper and short film. Please come with a plate of food that can be shared.

Do you drive? Diana could use help getting to and from hospital to visit Helmut who is seriously ill. Contact her direct to offer help, thank you. Please also pray for them both at this time. Pray also for Kathy’s husband Joe who has a detached retina and for Nora’s husband Bert who has fallen off a ladder.

Salobreña

We rejoice to hear that Peter has recovered from his operation and that all is well. Indeed, by the time you read this, they should be safely back with us. We also rejoice and give congratulations to Peter and Uschi who are now proud grandparents. Their daughter gave birth to a lovely baby boy called David. Despite a long birth Mum is also doing well.



Services are now back to 5.30pm. Well done to John and Marion who were the only people to notice that the dates that went out were Friday instead of Sunday!!! Does anyone else read this I wonder? On Sunday 11th October there will be a “family meeting” for Salobreña straight after a shortened evening service. We will be exploring together our vision and calling for the coming season.

As the new term and season starts please continue to pray for Carlos and Loida as they continue to serve us running the Youth Club. Pray for finances and especially God’s protection with all the travelling involved. They have great servant hearts and are a lovely young family. Part of their vision and

Almuñécar

Greetings to all in Fellowship of The King as we move in to a new season here in the south of Spain. For us as a community that means saying ‘goodbye for now’ to Vicki and Lucy as they move in to their new season in England at the end of this month. On the 17th we will be celebrating Vicki’s marriage to Nick Blackman from Herts International Church and praying for them as they and Lucy begin a new life together and seek God for His plans for them as a family. Please join us in praying that their ‘big day’ will be all they hope for and that their future will be all God wants for them.

Always when God closes one door, He opens another, so with that in mind we are waiting on Him for revelation for the next few months. Our prayer meetings on Thursday evenings continue to be Holy Spirit filled and led as we enter God’s presence with eager anticipation. I believe God wants all of us, across all the congregations, to enter into a more intimate relationship with Him and it is our responsibility to do all we can to that end. His desire is that we should dig deeper with Him and desire to go higher with Him. Hopefully, in the near future, we will have opportunities to do this together. Let us make ourselves available when those opportunities appear. In the meantime, let us do all we can to know His Word, apply His Word and be doers of His Word, not just hearers. To Father, Son and Holy Spirit be all glory and honour.

Blessings from

Patricia Mingorance.

Granada

The evangelistic outreach in Huétor Vega went well. Thank you for praying into this time which was blessed by the Lord.

We had to move plaza the same day as the event due to problems between the owner of the cafe and the local council. We were given informal permission to use our second choice location, which is very central, the council got the lighting and power going and the weather was fine. Gavin & Judy’s children recovered from virus infections sufficiently to take part.

We did sense the presence of the Lord during the whole time. Loida & Carlos came down the main street dressed as clowns and soon children were gathering to receive balloon models, have their faces painted or do some colouring with Bible verses, to the background of lively Christian music. Being young, they all came with at least one parent and there were up to 50 folks in the plaza at any one time – with coming and going perhaps about 70 attended. From about 9 o’clock, we phased in the musical presentation of the (continuing) life of Jesus, and although most folks had left before the end at 10 o’clock, some had been listening attentively (including a row of children sitting on the ground with Mary) and others passively. We were encouraged that we knew about 40% of those who came and the relatively high proportion of Latin folk was noticeable.

Granada cont'd

We think that the results of the time were most clearly twofold: Contact making/reinforcing contacts with young children and their parents. Most of our previous events have involved teens and upwards. Children are so open. As the declaration of Jesus' resurrection carried clearly up the high street and was also wafted across three other local towns visible from the square (which has splendid views) the truth of the gospel (in the week following the processions of the town's fair) was released. Both Judy & Tim separately had pictures during the previous week of a tornado of God's blessing being positioned over the town – instead of destroying, funnelling down His presence from heaven. Also, there were two impressions of light destroying darkness. We look to see an increasing openness in people in the weeks and months ahead.

Mojácar

Tim & Mary

Last time I wrote we had awakened to the effects of the massive fires that have devastated the surrounding hills which still remain black and scorched around Mojácar. Some of our fellowship are still suffering from intermittent water shortages due to damaged pipes.

They tell me that when the rains come new life will burst forth from the ground. Amazing how life can survive even through intense heat. I am reminded of the story of Meshach, Shadrach and Abednego in Daniel 3.

"Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace."

As they were thrown into the furnace people saw a fourth person in the furnace with them, verse 25.

Oh how wonderful that through the trials and crisis of life our lord has promised that he will never leave you or forsake you. And equally wonderful how our lives when scorched with the destructive effects of a fallen world we can find restoration and new life through Christ Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.

As we move into a new season for this year we have much work to do. In Mojácar we will be launching Alpha on 7th October. Our local FGBMFI chapter restarts on 10th October and many of our fellowship return from their breaks in UK. The season of rest has ended its now time to reach out for the harvest.

By the time you read this I shall have had an interview with a local radio station providing a great opportunity to share the good news.

We now have a website for the church

www.livingwaterchurchmojucar.com another great facility to communicate the good news and if you would like to read about the wonderful miracle of healing for our daughter, log on to <http://davidpam.blogspot.com> for Emmas Story.

We praise God for His goodness and faithfulness.

Keep looking up

Pam & Dave Hamilton

A Matter of Urgent Concern

We have recently been made aware of an EU Equal Treatment Directive, which, if adopted in its present form, will lead to oppression and censorship. The Directive, if approved, would have the potential to be used as an instrument of



cultural genocide. Its provisions are likely to restrict Christian freedoms to the extent that, in certain cases, we would be silenced and/or prevented from providing goods or services to the public.

The Christian Legal Centre draws our attention to the fact that this

measure ignores the necessity of providing protection in connection with conflicts inevitably arising out of differences between those expressing religious tenets of one religion and the doctrines of another religion; or, for example, differences between those expressing religious tenets on sexual conduct and those professing a homosexual orientation.

The Directive **purports** to eliminate discrimination on the grounds of (amongst other things) "religion or belief" and "sexual orientation" from the provision of goods and services in every European Union country. *That means that when providing a service (such as a hotel room) or selling goods (such as books) in the EU, businesses and their employees will have to provide them or risk being sued, irrespective of whether they find themselves facilitating sexual ethics contrary to their religious beliefs, or helping to promote another religion.*

If a Christian says or does something whilst providing the goods or the service that someone finds offensive, they can be sued for an unlimited amount of compensation for "harassment". This will cast a chilling shadow over free speech and freedom of expression for Christians, as it will for those with any views that challenge the prevailing 'politically correct' ideology. "Harassment," as vaguely defined in the Directive, allows an individual to accuse someone of discrimination merely for expressing something the individual allegedly perceives as creating an "offensive environment". For example, once someone decides to perceive an offer of prayers or words of comfort by a hospital chaplain (a Christian Minister who is employed in a UK hospital) based on his faith as offensive, that person can bring legal action against the chaplain and the hospital, even if the chaplain at the hospital intended no offence. The burden of proof then shifts to the chaplain to disprove the allegation.

The Christian Legal Centre has already seen numerous cases in the UK where similar equality laws and policies in the employment field have been used to silence Christians and to suspend or dismiss them from their public sector jobs, such as the homelessness officer who was dismissed for suggesting to a terminally ill client that she might consider putting her faith in God.