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Your invitation to all our
Centenary Celebrations

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In the early 1900s, Mr. Margetts Dexter was concerned that the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ was not being proclaimed as it should have been. In 1903 his godly concerns led him to build a place of worship in his own garden. As this work grew a new building was needed and so 'Iping and Milland Marsh Mission Hall' was opened on the Iping Road in October 1909. One hundred years later, our name may have changed to Milland Evangelical Church but Mr. Dexter's vision is still being realised - a Church proclaiming the unchanging Word of God in a Biblical way.

It is now 100 years since this work began in Milland and so we want to use 2009 as a year in which to give thanks to God for all His faithfulness to MEC over the past century. A number of events have been planned which we want to share with you through this leaflet.



'BEYOND OUR WALLS' WEEK:

Sunday 22nd February - Saturday 28th February

During this year we will be spending time thinking about what God has done in Milland. However, we also want to consider some of the things that have happened outside of Milland too and this is the focus of our 'Beyond our Walls' Week and this will include:

- ◆ A visit from **Leslie and Kitty Pride** - Sunday 22nd February, 10:30 am. Leslie and Kitty were missionaries with Wycliffe Translators and were supported by us for many years. They will be recalling their work.
- ◆ **John Stevens**, who left Milland to go to All Nations Bible College and then served as a pastor will be preaching on the evening of Sunday 22nd.
- ◆ At our Mid-week meeting on Tuesday 24th February we shall be considering the history of **London City Mission** which is another work that MEC has supported over many years
- ◆ Our week will conclude at 7:00 pm on Saturday 28th February when **Rev. Andrew Davies** will speak about the history of missionary work across the world during the past 100 years. Refreshments will be served and there will also be a time for questions.

VISIT FROM JONATHAN CARTER and family: Sunday 8th March

Jonathan's father, Tom Carter, was Pastor at MEC from 1960 to 1966. Jonathan, together with his brother and sister, grew up in Milland. Jonathan is leader at 3 Counties Church, Haslemere - a work started by Tom Carter after leaving Milland. Jonathan, and family members, will be leading our Services on this Sunday and we will also be having a fellowship lunch.



VISIT FROM STANLEY DAVIES

Sunday 26th April, 10:30 am

Stanley Davies grew up in The Manse whilst his father, Frank Davies, was MEC's Pastor from 1950-1960. Stanley later went out on the Mission Field and will be preaching at Milland as part of our Centenary celebrations.

VISIT TO THE LADIES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

by Joan Davies on Tuesday 9th May

Joan Davies, daughter of Frank and Lily Davies, will be visiting us and joining the Ladies Christian Fellowship for their Centenary Afternoon. Invitations will be sent to previous members of this group. The meeting will finish with tea.

CENTENARY WEEKEND with Dr. Alistair Begg

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th June

For the middle of the year, we have planned a weekend of thanksgiving. We are pleased that Dr. Alistair Begg, who is Senior Pastor at Parkside Church, Cleveland, Ohio, has agreed to be our guest preacher for this very special occasion. On Saturday at 7:00 pm, we shall be having our Thanksgiving Service at Milland Memorial Hall (so we can accommodate more people). Then Alistair will also be speaking at our Services on Sunday.

VISIT FROM PAUL STANDLEY and family

Sunday 26th July

Paul was Pastor at MEC from 1986 to 1994 and is now the Minister at Barnoldswick Gospel Mission Hall, Lancashire. Paul and some of his family have agreed to join us on Sunday 26th July. He will be conducting both of our Services and once again we shall be having a fellowship lunch.



CENTENARY MEAL, Saturday 24th October, 12:00 pm

Each year MEC celebrates its Church Anniversary in October, and for 2009 we want to use this as an opportunity to gather together members, both past and present, for a Centenary meal in Milland Memorial Hall. Invitations will be sent out in Spring 2009 to members, deacons and Pastors, past and present, and we are hoping that we will be able to gather 100 people in the hall for a Centenary meal, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving.

100th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY, Sunday 25th October

Our Centenary Celebrations will conclude on Sunday 25th as our present Pastor, Rev. Gareth Jones, leads us not only in thanksgiving but will encourage us to look forward to the years still to come before Our Lord returns.

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- Centenary Story

For the past eight years one of our members, Gail Eiloart, has been researching the history of Milland Evangelical Church and has spoken to many people about their time at MEC. Gail has compiled this into a book which will be published early in 2009. Copies will be available at all the events but also available from the Church Office.

Centenary Logo



We have put together a centenary logo to help us focus on what we are celebrating. Mr. Dexter's original vision was a place where God's Word is clearly proclaimed. Our logo shows God's people united (as they are holding hands), gathered around His Word. The people are making the sign of a letter 'C' which is the Roman numeral for 100. It therefore reminds us that here in Milland, for 100 years, God's people have been united together around His Word.

Further plans

Other events are still being planned for 2009 and all our events until October (Easter, Harvest, etc.) will have a Centenary flavour. Further details will be available on our website (www.millandec.org.uk) or from the Church Office. Although the Centenary meal will be by invitation only (as there is limited seating in Milland Memorial Hall), a warm welcome is given to everybody for all of our events. Please do join us as we give thanks to God for all His goodness to us over the past 100 years.

*"How good is the God we adore,
Our faithful, unchangeable friend;
His love is as great as His power,
And knows neither measure nor end.*

*'Tis Jesus, the first and the last,
Whose Spirit shall guide us safe home;
We'll praise Him for all that is past,
And trust Him for all that's to come."*
Joseph Hart (1712-1768)