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WELCOME to the new millennium.

In this souvenir January 1 edition we mark this historic milestone by looking back at the major local events of the past 1,000 years, and looking forward to what's in store in the year 2000 -

the Daily Echo's own centenary year. And we publish hundreds of millennium messages which readers have sent in.

Happy New Year and New Millennium to all our readers.

By Rachael Garnett

THOUSANDS of Christian worshippers came together in a mass millennium service in Bournemouth.

More than 5,000 people of different denominations bought tickets for the special service at Bournemouth International Centre on Sunday - making it the largest Christian worship of its kind in the area's history.

The service, which was led by town and church leaders from across the borough and neighbouring areas, included a special youth celebration of Jesus Christ by the area's young Christians.

After the service, much of the congregation flocked through



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the Lower Gardens to join hundreds more in the Square to see the lighting of the millennium Flame of Hope.

The ceremony was led by Canon Jim Richardson and the Right Rev Jonathan Gledhill, Bishop of Southampton.

The special event was organised by the Churches Millennium Celebration Committee with the support of Bournemouth Borough Council.

The aim was to send home the message that the millennium was all about celebrating Christianity.

The service was part of a wider series of events organised to mark the big occasion.

They included a fireworks display at Pier Approach on the stroke of midnight and a fun fair on the sea front over the bank holiday weekend.





INSPIRING LIGHT: The eternal flame in Bournemouth

25th September 2010

Faith 'refreshed' by Pope's historic visit

By Ruth Oliver

AMONG the privileged 2,000 to join the Pope inside Westminster Abbey for a historic ecumenical service was Father Denis Blackledge from Corpus Christi, [Boscombe](#).

"I felt more proud than ever to be a Catholic as I saw Pope Benedict and Archbishop Rowan Williams embrace so warmly in a sign of deepfelt peace and reconciliation," he said.

"What strikes me about Pope Benedict are his simplicity, serenity and smile. "He's a deeply humble man and came across as a man of great learning, but tinged with a warm humanity. He showed his ability to touch and move people of all ages."

"If it's done all this for me, a priest, to help refresh my own faith, I wonder how much Pope Benedict has done quietly for so many others, whatever their faith or background.

"I'm especially pleased that he spoke the very strong way he did about the awful impact of clerical child abuse on the Catholic Church, but I'm even more impressed that he spent time quietly behind the scenes with five adults who had suffered such abuse. "And goodness knows the blessings that will flow from that quiet time at Lambeth Palace with the Archbishop of Canterbury."

The Rev Alison Overton from Rosebery Park Baptist Church, who represented the Southern Counties Baptist Association in the Abbey, told me of initial doubts about going. She said: "I had heard of the disparaging remarks the Pope had recently made about the ordination of women, and am saddened by that and the impression given that unity in the world-wide church is all about other denominations returning to Rome – presumably renouncing all our convictions about doctrine and practice with our tails between our legs!

"If only the Pope could experience the love and acceptance we share as we work together in Churches Together in Boscombe!"

She added: "Nevertheless, I'm sure it will be seen as a worthwhile step on the ecumenical road, even if only to echo the practice of unity which really takes place at the grass roots of local church partnerships of many different kinds all over the country."

<https://www.bournemouthcho.co.uk/news/8413788.faith-refreshed-by-popes-historic-visit/>

THE BAPTIST TIMES

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Big Hearts in the Southern Counties - Latest leg of Chris Duffett's Presidential tour

A new resolve for evangelism - that was the response from the Southern Counties Baptist Association following the visit of Union president Chris Duffett at the weekend

Chris, on the third leg of his Big Hearted presidential tour, was involved in nine different events across the vast Association, from Bicester in Oxfordshire to the Isle of Wight. It took in an Olympic Torch, the giving away of free fruit, flowers and sweets, speaking at a café church and other training and youth events.

'It's not just about having a nice time with Chris,' said regional minister team leader the Revd Grenville Overton. 'It's the sense that God is on the move and commissioning us to take seriously again evangelism as a duty and a joy. I think through Chris' presidency we are re-discovering our heart for evangelism. It's come at exactly the right time.'

Grenville said members of Rosebery Park Baptist Church were particularly buoyant when the church found itself directly on the Olympic Torch route as it crossed from Bournemouth to Boscombe.

It opened its doors to the community, serving teas and coffees. Chris, who was dressed in a clown's wig and making balloons for people, was able to have a number of significant conversations with those on the fringes of church life, yet or just about to make a commitment to Christ.

'It really was a fantastic opportunity for evangelism, and it was marvellous the way the Lord led people there, who showed an interest in the wider community of the church,' said Grenville. 'It seemed to show if we reach out, God is already there, doing things to fulfil his promises. If we are doing the right thing, God keeps his side of the bargain.'

Chris said he realised one of his roles was to affirm what churches are already doing. Writing in his blog he said, 'The Southern Counties Tour revealed to me what an amazing good work Baptists Christians are doing to engage with people in their communities: my role over these past four days has been to affirm much of what is already happening and to add to that.'

He added, 'You see, people need Jesus and no-one other than the Church will bring that hope to those who aren't in the know- what an encouragement to say "Keep going!"'



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Bournemouth church looks to set up 'street pastor' service

By Ruth Oliver

A BAPTIST church in Boscombe hopes to set up a “street pastors” scheme in the area.

There are over 100 teams of street pastors around the UK. Street pastors work a minimum of one night a month, getting to know people in the community, listening and caring for those on the streets at night.

Anyone interested can attend a meeting at Rosebery Park Baptist on March 22 at 7pm chaired by Guy Nicholas of **Dorset Police**. Tony Stephens from Weymouth will tell how the scheme works there.

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New minister at Baptist Church in Bournemouth

ROSEBERY Park Baptist Church in Bournemouth has ordained a new associate minister.

The Reverend Seidel Abel Boanerges was appointed to the post this month at the church on Christchurch Road in Pokesdown.

The 25-year-old minister is originally from Hyderabad in south eastern India.

He moved to the UK in 2008 and completed a degree in Applied Theology at Moorlands College in [Sopley](#), Hampshire.

He told the Daily Echo: "I want to reach both the church and the community. My interest is in Apologetics, which is a theological discipline where one explains and defends their faith.

"I conduct apologetics courses at Rosebery Park Baptist where people can come and strengthen their knowledge about Christianity, and the skills required in explaining their faith to others meaningfully and coherently.

"Here they come and ask several questions about the Bible and theology, or any other questions related to their faith."

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