

❖ **Men's Breakfast**

A group of us continue to meet for a chat over a bacon and egg sandwich from 8:30 to 9:30am downstairs in the Church Hall. Please join us for our next meeting on *Saturday 11th August*. If you have any queries, speak to Jim or Steve.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Congratulations to Silas!**

Congratulations to Silas and Laureen on the birth last Tuesday morning of their son Wesley, weighing 8lb and 15oz.

❖ **The Sowerbys Are Moving**

Barbara, Steve & Alex Sowerby will be moving to Norfolk on *Friday 17th August*. Their new address will be:



❖ **Home Insurance That Gives A Gift To Your Church**

Is your home insurance up for renewal? If so, consider getting a quote from Methodist Insurance. If you go on to choose Methodist Insurance they will donate 20% of your first year's premium to the church or charity of your choice. For a free quotation, call 0845 60 61 331 and quote reference MCD12.

❖ **Methodist Website**

The Methodist Church website (www.methodist.org.uk) has been updated. The site now has a cleaner look, an improved search facility and a structure that makes it easier to find the things you are looking for.

It also has a map for finding your nearest Methodist church and an advanced version that displays Methodist church locations and a range of information about our churches alongside data from other sources. This will improve people's understanding of local and national demographics, and churches reach out to their local communities more effectively.

PRAY FOR SYRIA...

Fresh fighting has erupted in Damascus, Syria's capital, as hundreds flee reprisal attacks following last Wednesday's bomb attack on the headquarters of the National Security Council. Many believe the bombing, which killed four of President Assad's closest lieutenants, could mark the beginning of the end for the Assad regime.

Before the recent escalation of violence, many Christians from Homs and other conflict areas had fled to Damascus, where they found temporary housing and comfort in attending church services. To encourage these refugees, and to give them the opportunity to meet one another and share experiences, local churches have been organising special services. An Open Doors team involved in relief work in the area recently visited one of these services, and heard the Syrian pastor exhorting the congregation:

"Living with Jesus is living on another level. Uniting you with God, surrendering to Him, means that you are stronger than the pain you are going through. When no one understands you, go to God. He will come and you will feel the glory of His presence. Seeing the smiling faces, hearing the laughter and talking, it was clear that this service had met a need of the refugees," reported one Open Doors worker. "How great that the church could offer them this special night!"

Please pray:

- That Christians in Syria will continue to put their faith in the Lord
- For a peaceful solution to the 16-month uprising which has resulted in so much violence

The editor next week is Matt. Please place items for the newsletter in the pigeon hole, send an e-mail to newsletter@wesleyhall.org.uk or call Matt on 267 9040 by Wednesday afternoon.