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GOD IS RAISING HIS VOICE!

JOB 26.7 to end of chapter. "Hangs the earth out in empty space", 1000yrs before Christ 3000 before space industry. What if He REALLY raised His voice?! "Whatever would we do if He *really* raised His voice?"

GOD HAS BEEN RAISING HIS VOICE FOR LEATHERHEAD AND THE AREA!

Jan 3rd Carl Wills Pioneer Church Salisbury. Moved - almost in tears, sensed "something significant... New beginnings - Faces of Jesus - Music/ worship - then prophetic - then entrepreneurial - then something else! We will not be easily defined because of so many new beginnings.

He added "What was going on was key to the area!" I am Reminded of the 12 disciples that quickly grew to 3000. They went back home. We must be defined not by seating capacity but **SENDING** capacity!

Isaac and wells Gen 26 - dug, contention/squabbles - then room, ease, blessing and favour - not contested. This is where we are now.

Leatherhead almost a complete change of leadership. Minister and non Ministers - cooperation, working together. SUNDAYS Gary, Paul Weston, Carl Wills, Graham Osborne (Leatherhead rector), Pete Moore, David Landrum, Ian McFarlene.

Sung worship, Simon, Vince, Rex, Jamie Boswell, Dave Erasmus, Kat Moore and others.

Children's ministry - room to grow, parents sending kids. Use literature with parents for Engage on Sundays for children.

Co-operation, especially Leatherhead Life, representatives from most churches on planning team. July 3 and 4 (combined church meeting in tent). Bensons complete fun fair, North Leatherhead. And many other attractions led by Dave Banko.

Help with Equipping and reaching out. Feb 22nd Dave Bilbrough at Costa Coffee 7pm food and drinks, 8pm DB. "Stories and songs". Ideal for FRIENDS.

Later, 22nd/23rd May, weekend on Challenging Theology – exciting because it's about God, character, purpose.

Later, June 4th, 5th, 6th Jeanine Rodriguz w/e on Dream Interpretation and prophetic evangelism. Teaching and practice.

Andrew White, bishop of Baghdad has asked whether he can return to speak one Sunday morning to church and friends and has promised to return to do another another carol service at The Leatherhead Theatre.

Treasure hunting – 1hr once a month or more – cards invite, impressions, prayers. Spring/Summer. People coming out to get prayed for. Cannot be intentional without commitment – 1hr month or twice a month or just to do it with a friend anytime!

Prayer: Steve Franks will be shaping our 3.30pm prayer time Sundays, talked about 24/7 prayer maybe on this site (URC Building). Music, issues, waiting on God. COME, this is for everyone.

DREAM CAFÉ: John Noble - 30 together to dream for the area.

WIDER; Pioneer Leaders Conference. 3 streams - Leadership, Youth, Worship/Arts. Come? Flyers here. We pay conference fee you pay accommodation. See me. 15 are booked in from Engage.

Wider still, beyond the congregation. FACEBOOK: Graham Reading, friend photographer - OK! Magazine, snow model, stunning images, went into press. Questionable content - I wrote 'this the real you?' She apologised and 'decontaminated' site. Now can I help her with modelling, Storm agency!!!

EASTER 2010 massive play Crucifixion, Trafalgar Square, tens of thousands will be there.

Sundays morning TV. The Big Question – all 3 main focus on Christian issues – last night History of Christianity fascinating, Role of Royal Navy religious issues, Legacy of Lawrence of Arabia, faith issues at front including Muslims. Kneeling in mosques borrowed from Christianity. Classic FM has almost become christian Radio Station especially in run-up to Christmas.

Our response? Are we here for the Gospel into every household, school, business (10,000 people come into Leatherhead every weekday).

My prayer is that we are not simply famous among the saved but famous among the lost.

God has raised his voice through many and the new. I believe he wants us to Accelerate, Expand, (that's why we are here in URC Building!) Multiply.

Faith is not a leap into the dark – but into the LIGHT!

I hope these insights and observations have created some helpful light.