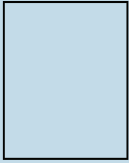


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Military and civilian church communities working together to bring good news and bless the people of the Blackwater Valley

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9th-12th September 2010

Churches and Chaplaincy bringing together civilian and military communities

Serving People through Prayer and Proclamation

So What's It All About?

Last year's 'Big Tent Event' was a great success. 3000 people came together over 2 days from the civilian and military communities to celebrate their faith, give the people of the Blackwater Valley region a window in on the Christian faith in a non threatening environment, to pray for soldiers on operations and their families and to take part in a variety of activities for all ages.

From the event some 2000 cards with personal messages and prayers were sent out to Chaplains in Afghanistan to be distributed to soldiers. A number of people had real life changing experiences while others had their interest stirred to look further into what Christians believe.

This year's event is going to be even bigger! Afghanistan still goes on but now all of us back home are also acutely aware of how the country is facing the biggest economic challenge of our lifetime. So we all need to dig deep and look at what really makes us as people and a society tick. Here is what is on offer on the fields by Queen's Avenue in September to help us do that.

Thursday 9th September
 10.00 - 12.00 hrs "The Spiritual Dimension of Soldiering" A session for soldiers looking at what makes us all tick under pressure. Power lifters "Tough Talk", Ex Para James Tedham and Ex PTI Paul Cowley will be keeping it real. All welcome.

Friday 10th September
 10.00 - 12.00 hrs "The Spiritual Dimension of Soldiering and Society" A Civic Service and "Question Time" style forum for military personnel and guests from the civilian community. Panelists include the Commander of the AFRG, Lt Gen Sir Richard Shirreff, and the Commandant of RMA Sandhurst, Maj Gen Patrick Marriott.

19.00 - 22.00 hrs "Chrissy Paladino and Friends" Widely acclaimed Gospel Singers with an international reputation. Top class free entertainment to raise some money for Army Widows, Combat Stress and Help for Heroes.

Saturday 11th September
 11.00 - 12.00 hrs "Breakfast and Talk" - Bacon Rolls and discussion. Two Royal Marine Commandos tell their amazing stories.

14.00 - 18.00 hrs "Youth Event" Fun for all the family. Family activities for younger children with a secure play area. Plus a variety of workshops for young adults including music from the street, rappers and street/break dancing.

16.00 hrs "Taise Service" A relaxed informal service with special atmosphere and contemporary music.

19.00 - 22.00hrs "Youth Rock, Rap and Praise Music Party" - Da-Vison, I=Change, The Delores Dancers and various London/UK Urban Street Rappers Perform in concert

Sunday 12th September
 11.00 - 12.30 hrs "Celebration of life and faith" - People from all over civilian and military communities coming together to celebrate their faith and to pray for soldiers on operations and their families. Many local churches are stopping their normal services to come to this instead.

19.00 - 21.00 hrs "Healing Service - mind, body and spirit." Had a hard time / tour? Heart-sore or just plain sore? Come and see and experience God's power to heal. With guest speaker Tim Grant.

Registration to Help Form

Please fill in and return to the address overleaf

Name Tel: No:

Address

Email: Church

Areas you would like to help in at the Big Tent Event, please tick boxes.

Stewarding Traffic Management First Aid P.A. Tent Erecting

Housekeeping Healing Team Children's Work Security Other (Please specify)

