

# MISSION MINDED

Encouraging all  
the church to  
share the Gospel



Mission Minded is for... all church members, including Church Council members, leaders of Youth Groups, Home Groups, Worship leaders, Regular Church Members, Vicars, Pastors etc!

## Mission Possible?

with John Stevens, from City Evangelical Church, Birmingham



4.30-7.30pm Sunday 15th March 2009, with food,  
Wootton Village Hall (Between Bedford and the M1)

Our theme for this evening is set by the parting words of our Lord Jesus to his closest followers, as recorded in Matthew's gospel: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28.18-19)

Joining together with churches across Beds & Herts, we unashamedly go back to basics to recover for our day the 'great commission' in its profound simplicity and power. In two addresses, John Stevens aims to revive our passion and sharpen our vision for imaginative evangelism today. *(continued overleaf...)*

more information and booking at

[www.missionminded.info](http://www.missionminded.info)

Or contact: Wootton Parish Office 01234 765375

Contributions towards the cost are welcome, we suggest £5 per person.

Either side of a light supper, John Stevens will aim to answer two pressing questions:

### 1. Why should we bother?

The mission of the church is the mission of God. The command of Jesus flows from the heart of the Father. Our confidence in evangelism comes not from ourselves but from God himself. We focus on the task before us, clarifying our priorities and hearing afresh God's call.

### 2. How should we bother?

The mission of the church is the mission God enables. We focus on the God who goes before us and is with us whenever we reach out in love with the gospel. And we consider some of the practical steps we can take, week by week as well as in dedicated mission ventures, in loving obedience to the stirring command and promise of Jesus.

### Extras

We will also make time, as usual, to hear from one another of mission enterprise in our churches. And during the evening John Stevens will introduce A Passion for Life, a nationwide initiative encouraging local churches to take up the challenge, in partnership wherever possible, to reach out to their communities in new ways in the run up to Easter 2010. (See [www.apassionforlife.org.uk](http://www.apassionforlife.org.uk) for more detail).

### Our Speaker

John Stevens is a pastor at City Evangelical Church, Birmingham, and runs the Midlands Ministry Training Course. He is national co-chairman of A Passion for Life, and lives in Birmingham with his family – his wife Ursula, and children Harriet, Oliver, Madeleine and Rosie.

### Getting There

#### Wootton Village Hall, Church Road Wootton, Bedford, MK43 9EU

##### 1. From North / Bedford area.

From Bedford (and bypass) take A421 heading southwest towards J13 of M1. About ¾ mile after the A5134 roundabout, turn right to Wootton where signposted. At the T-junction in the village bear left then immediately right.

The village hall is on your right after about 50yds.

##### 2. From M1 – Junction 13

Follow the A421, and about 1½ miles after Marston Moretaine turn left for Wootton. At the T-junction in the village bear left then immediately right.

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### Organisers

Mission Minded is the title for a series of evening conferences to encourage the whole church in mission. It is organised by a group of Anglican evangelical ministers in the St. Albans Diocese including Peter Ackroyd, Martin Bailey, David Heath-Whyte, David Phillips, Stephen Rees and Hugh Symes-Thompson. We welcome Christians from any denomination.

