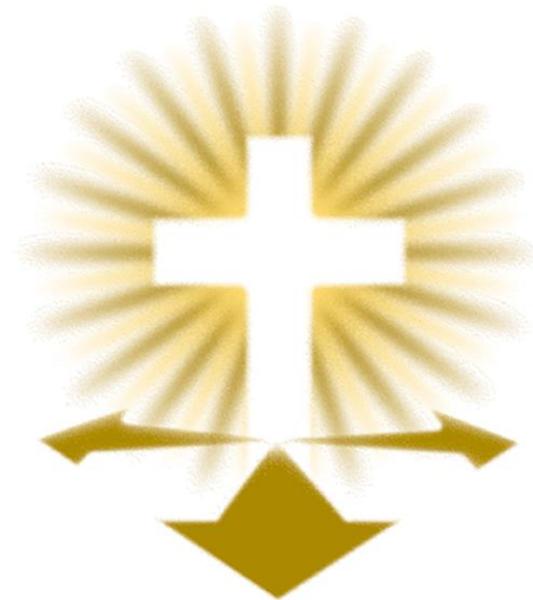


Trinity Update

July 2016



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ALDERSHOT
'Church for Everyone'

20s30s

In June the 20s30s went to Jenny's for our monthly lunch and had a great time as always. We will be meeting this month on 3rd July after the 11:15 service at Jenny's café in Aldershot.

Also, we are finalising the details for the 20s30s weekend on 15th-17th July. The sign up sheet has now closed and we are making final arrangements, which will be published very soon. If you are intending on coming along, but have not signed up on the sheet, please speak to a member of our team as soon as possible, so that we can include you in our arrangements.

Please keep an eye on our Facebook group HTCA20s30s for further info on all events.

From the 20s30s team: Lisa Kernot, Patrick Davies, Belinda Davies and Ben Smith.



LADIES' PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday 16TH July, at 8.30am in Crossover

The Ladies Prayer Breakfast is held every two months and is a great opportunity to get to know new people or catch up with recent news. Why not take time out to breakfast together, exchange news and prayer needs and pray for one another.

If you plan to come, please tell either Barbara or Karen
Barbara Cotterell ((01252 684247 or barbaracotterell@yahoo.com)
Karen Harrison (01252 332351 or 07783477385 or kazza1957@yahoo.com)

Verse for the Year 2016:

'So all of us . . . can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord, who is the Spirit, makes us more like Him as we are changed into His glorious image.'

2 Corinthians 3:18

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this issue, including to Rob Kirkup for most of the drawings and to Natalie Mitchell for proof-reading.

Please note that the August 2016 issue of Update will be in Church on Sunday 31st July.

The LAST date for August articles will be Sunday 24th July.

WOMEN'S HOUR

On May 26th our speaker was David Warren from Basingstoke. He talked of Zacchaeus the Tax Collector and how we can change things in our life, as Zacchaeus did. David also quoted from John 3 verse 26.

The following week we had readings and music and Wendy Sear read a Joyce Grenfell Monologue. Wendy has an amazing gift for this and it was much enjoyed by us all.

On June 9th we had Charades, using sayings from the Bible. Our thanks to Margaret Smith, Pat Clare and Jan Nielsen for making this so entertaining.

On June 16th our speaker was Elizabeth Warren, the wife of David, telling us the story of Jesus turning water into wine, and getting us to imagine ourselves at that wedding and the sights and smells around us, with Elizabeth relating the story to us.

We had a lovely surprise when Jan Nielsen led Nell through the door to our gathering and Nell's first words were "At last I have come home". Nell really enjoyed the afternoon and joined in with us in the hymns - a wonderful answer to our prayers for Nell.

Dawn is also doing well and so once again our prayers are being answered.

Daphne and Jean V

P.S. if anybody would like to knit for shoeboxes at Christmas, we need hats, scarves and knitted toys.



HOLIDAY AT HOME 2016

Holiday at Home, Holy Trinity's summer event for the more mature, returns in 2016 with a rather different format, but with the same mixture of activities, entertainment, fun and food. This year's theme is "In the jungle, the mighty jungle" and many of the activities will be related to the jungle theme.

Instead of three consecutive days in one week, there will be a Holiday at Home session on each of three consecutive Thursdays: 18th and 25th August and 1st September, each beginning with registration at 12.00, including a lunch and finishing at 15.30.

More detail will be available shortly, with a sign-up sheet for those planning to attend one or more of the days.

REASONS WE KNOW JESUS CAME BACK TO LIFE AND CAME OUT OF THE TOMB ALIVE

A summary by Ursula Johnston of the key points in her sermon on 3rd April 2016

1. Before he died, Jesus said he would come alive the third day after he was killed (for example Mark 8:31, 9:31, 10:33). That's why the chief priests put a guard on the tomb. (Matthew 27:63)
2. The gospels of John and Mark tell us he first appeared to Mary Magdalene. In those days women were thought unreliable witnesses. And they were not believed! (Luke 24:11). If the story was made up, it would not have said he appeared first to a woman. (see Luke 24:34)
3. The life of Peter was totally changed after seeing Jesus again. He went from being cowed to one who was killed for his belief that Jesus is alive.
4. The life of Saul (Paul) was totally changed after meeting Jesus on the road. He went from being the main man who hunted people who said Jesus is alive, to himself saying Jesus lives. And he died for that belief.
5. The life of James, Jesus's brother, was totally changed. While Jesus was going around teaching and healing people, James was unhappy with it all. After the resurrection, James called Jesus 'my glorious Lord' and he led the church in Jerusalem.
6. The whole group of disciples believed deeply that Jesus had risen from the grave. It had changed their entire outlook. A group would usually break up after the death of its leader – with Jesus it didn't. Instead, they were filled with joy and strength.
7. It was in Jerusalem that Peter preached that Jesus was alive; very close to Jesus's tomb. To put a stop to Peter and the others, anyone could have opened the tomb and shown the body - had it been there.
8. The disciples were persecuted because they believed Jesus was alive. Had they removed the body, sooner or later someone would have let on.
9. Grave robbers stealing the body (unlikely because of the guards) would not have left anything valuable behind. But the grave clothes were left.
10. If Joseph had removed the body, he could easily have said so.
11. But there was complete failure of anyone to produce the body.
12. The Romans knew how to kill people, and would not have taken his body off the cross if he wasn't dead.
13. John recorded scientific evidence of death (blood and water = clot and serum) (19:34)

14. Had Jesus fainted and come to life in the tomb, he would have been very weak from the loss of blood and being crucified. He could not have pushed away the heavy stone that closed the tomb.

15. Also, he in that extremely weakened condition caused by crucifixion and blood loss, he would not have survived two days wrapped up and with no food or

16. After the resurrection, the disciples called him 'Conqueror of death and the grave,' 'Prince of life.' They wouldn't have said that about someone half dead.

17. The disciples won. They were country people from Galilee, yet they could not be stopped preaching about Jesus by all the very clever people of the capital city, Jerusalem.

18. The Bible in the Old Testament speaks of resurrection. (Psalm 30:3, Isaiah 26:19, Daniel 12:2)

19. The Bible in the New Testament speaks of resurrection. (e.g. John 11:25, 5:28). After Jesus died bodies from the tombs "went into the city and were seen by many". (Matthew 27:53)

20. The witness of angels. (Matthew 28: 2-7, Luke 24: 4-7)

21. The witness of the grave clothes (John 20: 6-8)

22. The accounts in the New Testament are different. If the story had been made up, the details would be the same.

23. Reading the gospel accounts, they come across as having 'the ring of truth.'

24. We believe because of people alive today who tell stories of what Jesus has done in their life. Perhaps we also believe because of what Jesus has done in our own life.

25. Someone told us the story, maybe our parents, or someone in the church. That story has been told from one person to another for 2000 years, but if we look at the historical documents we know that the story has been the same going back to those who actually saw Jesus.

26.

PARISH NURSE DROP IN

Thursdays 12.30-2pm, Crossover, Holy Trinity Church, Aldershot
In confidence (consultations will take place in Parish Nurse Room in church)
Available to discuss medical concerns, for information/advice, blood pressure / weight monitoring and prayer.

Contact: Jan Nielsen, Tel: 07896813560 jniel48683@aol.com



The cost of repairs

Painted monuments

The following story appeared in the parish magazine of St Mary the Virgin, South Elmsall, Yorkshire in May 1949. The original source is unknown.

The artist, having undertaken the work of restoring the mural decorations in a church, sent in his bill for £38.15s.6d and was requested by the Parochial Church Council to render a more detailed account, which he did as follows:

	£	s	d
1 Correcting the Ten Commandments	5	10	0
2 Embellished Pontius Pilate with new ribbon in his bonnet	1	0	0
3 Put new tail on rooster of St Peter and mended his comb	1	5	0
4 Re-plumed and re-gilded the wing of the Guardian Angel	7	15	0
5 Washed the servant of the High Priest and put carmine on his cheeks	0	10	0
6 Renewed Heaven, adjusted the stars and thoroughly cleaned the moon	3	5	0
7 Re-animated the flames of Purgatory and restored souls	1	7	6
8 Revived the flames of Hell, put new tail on the devil, mended his left hoof and did odd jobs for the damned	4	16	6
9 Put new spotted dashes on the son of Tobias and dressing on his sack	5	6	0
10 Cleaned the ears of Balaam's Ass & shod him	0	14	0
11 Put ear-rings in the ears of Sarah	1	6	0
12 Put new stone in David's sling, enlarged the head of Goliath and extended his legs	2	5	0
13 Decorate Noah's Ark	3	0	0
14 Mended the shirt of the Prodigal Son	0	15	6
Total	38	15	6

Thanks to George for passing this on

SOUL SISTERS

Soul Sisters is Holy Trinity's answer to good fun, fellowship and generally a great laugh for all "the ladies" – young (over 14 years) and more mature.



On Saturday 18th June it was the Soul Sisters fashion show, a really enjoyable evening with lots of clothes to look at and try on from different cultures and from previous generations.



Shola showed us a large range of different African outfits, many in bright colours, and demonstrated how to tie a headdress! Kamala helped people try on Saris and had some beautiful outfits and jewellery.

There was also a fascinating display of wedding dresses through the ages, formal dresses, and lots of fun fancy dress clothes! At the end of the evening there was a Soul Sisters fashion show, with anyone who wanted to showing off a new look by walking down the catwalk!

Thanks to everyone who came along, and special thanks to Shola and Kamala, to Pete for running the sound and lighting, and to Jax and Julie for taking photos!

We will be going to Axminster again from 16th to 18th September, so do put that date in your diaries. We are looking forward to another weekend of great fellowship, fun and food.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Rachel Welby
On behalf of Soul Sisters

PS from Natalie Mitchell: I'm sure I speak for everyone who went to the Fashion Show, when I say "thank you for a lovely evening. It was great fun and your hard work was much appreciated".

Some genuine answers given in the quiz show Family Fortunes

Something associated with Liverpool: "The Yellow Brick Road.."

The first place detectives look for fingerprints: "The floor.."

Something that makes you scream "A squirrel.."

Big Mac Bite

Going wild

There's a "Rumble in the Jungle", can you hear it? It's now only a few weeks away from the start of our Summer Kids Club. So get ready for a jam-packed week of games, crafts, stories, teaching, quizzes, challenges, jungle-tucker trials and much more.



Registration is now open and places are already filling up fast, so if you know of any children aged 4 – 11, please feel free to invite them to come along. The club will be running 9th – 12th August and will culminate with the Rumble in the Jungle Family Special on 13th August and our Kids Club All In service.

We are also now seeking volunteers to come and help out to be part of our amazing team throughout the week (or even for the odd day) by helping in the groups, with the games and crafts, in the kitchen, with registration and welcoming the children and parents, or with other vital roles. If you are able to help, please sign up, or for more information come and see me.

Please continue to pray for the preparations for the club, for the leaders and volunteers and of course for the children who will be coming. If you would like any more information or other ideas of how you can be part of the week, please come and see me.

We now have a home

As you may be aware, up until Easter we had been holding a couple of our Sunday kids groups in the St John's Ambulance building next to church. Unfortunately, since they moved out, we have been unable to meet there and had been looking for somewhere new. Thank you to all who were praying and I'm delighted to be able to tell you that we have just started meeting in a couple of the downstairs rooms at Step by Step Praise God for answered prayer.

HT Kids Club Weekend Away

Even after the Summer Kids Club has finished, the madness doesn't stop. Our next HT Kids Weekend Away will be taking place 21st – 23rd October (the first weekend of the October half term) and will be for school years 3 and up. Make sure that you keep the date clear and please continue to pray for us and for the preparations for the weekend.

Simon

NEWS FROM TOM CHITTOCK

(Tom is on the mission ship Logos Hope)

Dear all my HT family,

I want to thank you all for your prayers and support. At the moment we are in what we call 'sabbath week', which is when the ship is not open to the public and we have time for refreshment. We also have a guest speaker, who is doing our teaching. Time has flown by since I left to join the ship and God has been at work; it is a real privilege to be a part of this and we have seen people come to know Christ, which is amazing.

I have the privilege of being part of a theatre production of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, which is amazing, I love it. I play the role of Edmund, the character who leaves his family for Turkish Delight. We have some professional people from the USA who are on board and helping us which is really cool. At the moment we are in South Africa in Port Elizabeth. Since joining the ship I have been to nine different countries - Malaysia, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Seychelles, Mauritius, Madagascar (for Christmas and New Year), Tanzania, Mozambique and South Africa..

Please pray for me as we continue on our journey. Please pray for the next few months, as people who I have made really good friends with will be leaving, which will be tough. Pray also that I will continue to grow in my faith and relationship with God and that I will seek him in all that I do.

Thanks again for everything you have done for me, in supporting me financially and prayerfully. If you want to write to me, then you can. If you want to ring the ship, you can do that as well - details below.

Thanks again and God bless

Tom Chittock

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PRAYER (*Continued from last month*)

*This is the concluding part of John Kellagher's review of Tim Keller's book **Prayer**, held over from the June issue of Update.*

The table summarises the key features of prayer.

What Prayer Is	
Work	Prayer is a duty and a discipline
Word	Prayer is conversing with God
Balance	Prayer is adoration, confession, thanks and supplication
What Prayer Requires	
Grace	Prayer is "in Jesus' name", based on the gospel
Fear	Prayer is the heart engaged in loving awe
Helplessness	Prayer is accepting one's weakness and dependence
What Prayer Gives	
Perspective	Prayer reorients your view toward God
Strength	Prayer is spiritual union with God
Spiritual Reality	Prayer seeks a heart sense of the presence of God
Where Prayer Takes Us	
Self-knowledge	Prayer requires and creates honesty and self-knowledge.
Trust	Prayer requires and creates both restful trust and confident hope
Surrender	Prayer requires and creates surrender of the whole life in love to God

John Kellagher

ASSOCIATED NEWS

The tragedy of the murder of Jo Cox (the MP killed in her constituency last week) is an unwelcome reminder of the havoc that evil causes. It is a stark reminder that death, any death, is an obscene destruction of life itself, and something that we feel instinctively is wrong. But it also recalls that death does come to us all, and thinking about this, I'm struck both by how fragile life can be – in that death can come all too quickly and unexpectedly – and yet on the other hand, how resilient life is as well – so much so, that death is now one of the things that we as a society find it hard to talk about.

And yet – without wishing to be morbid – if we can't talk about death, we're missing out on the one aspect of life which we will all experience, unless Christ returns before we die. One of the features of funerals in recent times has been to focus on the celebration of the person who has died. And while there's nothing wrong with that, if that is all that happens when someone dies, then, as one commentator put it, if we do not focus at all on the pain of, and perhaps anger at death that leaves us feeling numb, if we don't really engage with death, then we lose two things. Firstly, we deny people the chance to grieve properly, to go through the necessary process of lamenting the loss of someone they loved; which is the only way in the long run to deal with the grief. Secondly – and as important - we undermine the importance and power of Jesus' own death on the cross and the enormity of sin and evil.

And that in turn leads to an undermining of the power and the wonder of the resurrection, which is that death - the stinking, evil, loathsome reality of death – is not the end, is not beyond God's love, but that God in His love and His power has brought Jesus Christ through death to a new life, that is for ever (Rev 1:18), and that with and in Christ, God has made us alive (Eph 2:5). We do not generally see the power that raised Lazarus from the dead – although there are stories of this happening – but none of us are beyond the reach of God's love. And it is the knowledge and comfort of that love which will help us all as we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, both when we come to experience it for ourselves, and as we grieve for others.

I wrote the above and then this morning read John 11, where Jesus talks about Lazarus' death in terms of falling asleep – a term picked up by Paul when he talks about how some of the earliest believers had died in 1 Corinthians 15. It's a reminder that there is a perspective in which the Resurrection has made possible a new interpretation of the facts of death and mortality. That is not meant to soften or deny the tragedy (or the repugnance) of death, especially the untimely death of Jo Cox, but a reminder that our human perspective on life, and death needs always to be brought into God's greater perspective.

John Kellagher

GEORGE WRITES

Dear Friends,

I hope you don't mind a slightly different emphasis in my Update letter this month, but I am aware that I am about to start a year that will be totally different from any other year in my life, both for myself and Jane.

As many of you will know, both our daughters are getting married within the next year: Sarah is marrying Gordon on 6th August and you are all welcome to the service at Holy Trinity at 1 pm on the day. Gordon is a lovely Christian man who is himself currently studying to get ordained in a couple of years' time. Kate will be marrying James, also a wonderful Christian young man, in the middle of March next spring. I think back to when we first arrived at Holy Trinity – Sarah was eight and Kate was six!

Also, it is this month (July) that I start my year part time based up in the City of London. I am going to be involved in quite a few things up there leading up to the actual start which is on 21st. Just to reiterate, although I will still be vicar at Holy Trinity, the other staff members (John, Jonathan and Simon) will be covering most of my duties through the week and they are the ones you need to contact first, rather than me, for anything relating to Church business until July next year. We will publish soon precisely who is to be contacted for what. However, I still hope to be around most weekends and some days in the week, so I will be seeing you around quite a lot.

I would very much value your prayers as I venture into something that will be very new to me; new as an experience, but also new in the challenges it will bring. City life is very different in many ways and I will be working with and mixing with people, many of whom are top of their profession and brilliant in many of the ways of the world. So, there will be many times, I'm sure, when I will feel somewhat out of my depth, but I do recognise that I need to trust God for His provision, inspiration and guidance. And that's where I also very much covet your prayer support.

If you are new to the church and are unaware of this, or not sure what I will be doing, please go to the website and bring up the February edition of Update in which I write about where I will be working and something of what that will involve.

As a result of those commitments I may not have the time to be able to do an Update letter every month, but I will endeavour to write one as often as possible. Be assured, I will still be praying for you all.

If any of you would like to come up to see the hall where I will be working, which is absolutely delightful and right in the heart of the City, then I have arranged a **tea, cake and glass of champagne Reception** there for the late afternoon /

early evening of Weds 17th August, roughly 4-6.30pm. The address is Girdlers Hall, Basinghall Avenue, London, EC2V 5DD. It is a five to six minute walk from Bank tube station (one stop from Waterloo) or ten minutes or so in a taxi. I am hoping that this timing would mean that anyone working in London or nearby could come at the end of the day's work (not to worry if after 4) as well as suiting those of retirement age. I will need to know if this is viable in terms of numbers wanting to come, so please sign up at the back of church if you can come.

Here at HT we are in for another summer of many opportunities, for the Kids Holiday Club week and, in somewhat different format, the Holiday at Home for those nearer the other end of the age spectrum. There are lots of opportunities to help out, so please let a staff member know if you are interested in doing so and, above all, please be praying for the preparation for these events.

So may the Lord continue to bless you and keep you and make up his light shine through you to many others.

George



ARE YOU ON THE PRAYER TREE?

The prayer tree is HT's means of mobilising people to pray for a particular need as it arises – for example if someone in the congregation has become ill, had an accident or is anxious about a forthcoming appointment. More than 50 people are on the prayer tree email list, so a request for prayer can get 50 people praying.

Please tell John Kellagher (cjbk99@gmail.com) if you would like to be added to the mailing list of those who pray, or if you would like the prayer tree to pray about a particular issue, either for yourself or (with their permission) for someone else.

If you do not have email, you could ask someone to pass on requests to you by telephone.

John Kellagher

CHIEF'S CONCERNS

Looking Back With Thanksgiving

Joshua begins his farewell address with this ringing statement: "You yourselves have seen everything the Lord your God has done to all these nations for your sake; it was the Lord your God who fought for you" (Joshua 23:3). In other words, look back, fellow Israelites, and think about all He has done.

How about us recalling right now all that God has done for us just in the past twelve months? "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father" (James 1:17). We forget that truth too often. How can we have faith for the future if we don't often look back and thank God for all He's given us in the past?

Christians have become numb to His many benefits. Many of the things we take for granted as an everyday convenience are unknown to much of the planet. A lack of gratitude is, in fact, one of our besetting sins. In many churches, there is no outpouring of vibrant thanksgiving and praise each Sunday, because many are too occupied with themselves or their problems. It is easy to concentrate on what we don't have rather than "entering His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise" (Psalm 100:4)

Give Him praise. Let Him know from the depths of your heart how much you appreciate His goodness.

Open up your heart and yes your mouth too. Whether it is part of your religious tradition or not, the Bible tells us to express the gratitude of our heart toward the Lord. Get past your self-consciousness and formality to praise the Lord. Refuse to be embarrassed or hindered by anyone. God is waiting for His people to praise Him, continually, and to mean it.

How pitiful that millions of churchgoers cheer wildly and unashamedly for their favourite sports teams (or other things) – but are silent as a corpse when it comes to praising God! Read the Bible about the decibel level in heaven. How comfortable will we feel amid the sounds of saints and angels "numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand... in a loud voice they sang, 'Worthy is the Lamb...!' Revelation 5:11-12)?

Do we have that kind of worshipful, thankful heart that will want to join what John heard as "a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: 'Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns'" (19:6)?

May God help us to praise Him more!

(Taken and adapted from Jim Cymbala, Fresh Faith)

Blessings, Jonathan

DO YOU LOOK AFTER SOMEONE?

In a sense we all care for someone – husband, wife, child, parent, neighbour. We often do the caring because we love them, but sometimes, if they become ill we may need some support.

The Princess Royal Trust for carers in Hampshire can offer help and information on;

Benefits
Transport
Getting a break
Housing

Legal problems
Help at home
Residential care

They can also help you set up an emergency plan, if you are concerned what might happen to the person you care for in an emergency. In this event up to 48 hours free care may be available. You can ring 0800 1691577 to talk to a project worker and arrange an appointment to talk about an emergency plan.

Recently the Trust has set up a **Carer's Hub in Aldershot** which meets at **St Joseph's Church hall** (opposite the West End Centre), where you can get all the above information and meet other carers. It's open from 10am-4pm.

The next Hubs are Thursday, June 30th and July 28th.

Jane Newton

THE LARDER – HELP NEEDED

I am looking for someone to take on running the Larder, as I am going to be busy supporting George over the next year, so will not be able to continue doing it. This will entail delivering food parcels 2-3 times a week, making sure there is sufficient food in the cupboard and liaising with the various agencies that use the Larder.



There are a number of church members who have been helping me and others who are willing to help if needed. Let me know if interested.

Jane

UNTIL THE STREETS ARE PAVED WITH GOLD, THERE WILL BE POVERTY IN JERUSALEM.

It was the feast of Pentecost and pilgrims and visitors had come to Jerusalem from all over the known world. In a room in the upper city about 120 people had gathered together to ask God to send his Holy Spirit. Does that sound familiar? Well that was the service at Christ Church, CMJ's Centre in the Old City of Jerusalem, on Pentecost Sunday, 21st May, this year. Some things change, some don't!

One thing which Jesus said doesn't change - "The poor you always have with you" (John 12:8)! And yes, there are many poor people in Jerusalem and that is one of the things CMJ, the Church's Ministry Amongst Jewish People, tries to address – and not just among Jewish people.

CMJ's Mercy Fund at Christ Church is run by Kathleen, an Australian with 35 years' social work experience. She is also a deacon in the Anglican Church in Australia, where she was in an innovative outreach agency to those suffering from disasters – flood/fire events, and chronic poverty. Thus did God prepare her for her present role.

The Mercy Fund seeks to minister to those in need who come into the orbit of Christ Church. Most often these people are locals, in the sense that they live in the Old City, a mix of Jewish Orthodox, Arabs (Christian and Moslem), Armenians, and others – in fact 'the neighbours'. Others come from the new Jewish parts of Jerusalem, some from the West Bank towns, and some are 'stuck' visitors from overseas, often exhibiting the symptoms of the Jerusalem Syndrome. The Jerusalem Syndrome is a recognised condition, where those with a religious, frequently Christian, fervour are overwhelmed by Jerusalem and declare themselves to be Moses or Jesus or an angel or one of the 2 prophets in Revelation chapter 11.

Sometimes assistance entails 'hard work', Kathleen says. "We clean homes, renovate houses, do laundry, shopping for some invalids; help people move house who cannot afford the usual services. We also visit those who are in hospital or housebound; advocate/assist others to Government agencies (both Israeli and foreign embassies), counselling those suffering the effects of various things – long-term illness, emergency and crisis situations for some, or the effects of long-term poverty and all forms of relationship issues, and prayer counselling as is fitting."

"At the moment I have several Arab (Palestinian) Christians who do not have work; they receive NO Government Assistance from the Palestinian Authority living in the West Bank, and because of their particular situation, receive little or no help from family or friends. They are indeed in a bad way when they turn up at Christ Church. In some cases, we are the SOLE provider at this time.

However, once they move beyond the real fear of simple survival, we have introduced them to some of our Arab Christian community, and in each case there has been the opening up of friendships and strong relationships with other Christians (and other churches), which has seen some of them beginning to move into real life-giving opportunities."

"I have been working with an elderly (and ill) apparently Jewish gentleman (who had emigrated formally to Israel), and who was in deep financial trouble, highly stressed, with temporary accommodation and little food etc when he came to me. I walked with him through negotiations with, and help from, several Jewish government and semi-government agencies – this took several weeks, but he is now settled, with Jewish agencies and wonderful 'ordinary' Jewish citizens extending the hand of friendship to him. I also learned of all the helps available, and experienced the amazing care and compassion that Israelis have for their people."

And God provides for the needy. Kathleen says, "In the Mercy Fund there seems to be a pattern of consistent growth in people applying for help, both in numbers and reasons for the assistance. The wonderful thing is that the finance/resources seem to keep pace with this."

Kathleen speaks of the sense of 'life-giving hope' for people that she works with, rather than simply 'serving the poor.' "My motto in my years of work in this field," she says, "has been to work patiently towards the goal of '**life in all its fullness**' in the Lord for every person, believing that God, not we, can deliver."

"I hope this also informs your constant prayer for this work – which I feel so often sustains me and those who help in this work. In a general sense, it would seem that things are becoming more tense and difficult here in Israel, and the work at Christ Church (all ministries here). There is an awareness that there may be difficult times ahead. May Our Lord be with us all, and may we not cease praying for each other."

We are indeed told to "pray for the peace of Jerusalem" (Ps 122:6) until Jesus returns with the New Jerusalem, and there is "no mourning, no crying and no pain anymore" (Rev 21:4).

CMJ Mission Sunday is 3rd July, and there will be more information available in church, or speak to me. If you would like to hear a short talk on Christ Church by the Rector, go to:-
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3V_Is7sObMw#t=501.854166.

Jos Johnston

KNIT AN ANGEL

As last year, we will be holding a Christmas Angels outreach at the end of 2016. The idea is that on one particular midweek night in mid-December, we will take out hundreds of knitted angels, each with a Bible verse or a message of encouragement attached, and place them strategically around the town. In the morning, as people head towards the station or wherever, we hope that under God's guidance, they will be found, read and treasured and help people to look towards Jesus.



Last year many members and friends of HT spent the autumn knitting angels and some hundreds were completed and distributed - on doorsteps, attached to park railings and even on the artillery outside the station. There was some very positive feedback on Facebook and by other means.

If you are able to knit or crochet, then please join in; each angel takes about two hours to complete. There is a very easy pattern available at the back of church.

For more information, speak to Wendy Sear or Val Knight of Women's Hour.

NEWS FROM THE VINE

The Vine Centre, which supports homeless and vulnerable people in Aldershot, has issued the first of a series of E News bulletins, with some impressive statistics on the number of clients who have received help through The Vine Centre during the past year:

- 1395 support sessions were held
- 3401 meals were provided
- 637 clients attended the Job Club
- 436 attended training.

The Vine provides a range of services to help clients into jobs and/or to overcome problems with drink, smoking and gambling.

The E News bulletin is on the noticeboard at the back of church or you can subscribe by contacting info@thevinecentre.org.uk

NEW DIRECTOR NEEDED FOR THE SOURCE

The Source Young People's Charity supports young people in Rushmoor, West Surrey and Hart through detached youth work, a drop-in café, mentoring schemes, anger management training, and counselling..

The Source is seeking an experienced manager to take over and lead its work and future development. The Source is a faith based project, and there is a Genuine Occupational Requirement for this post to be filled by a practising Christian.

The post is part-time, 22.5 hours a week, equivalent to 3 days pw, but the hours are flexible. Salary £30,000 per annum pro rata, ie £1500 a month.

See our website for more information - www.thesourceforyou.co.uk
To discuss the post, please contact our chair of Trustees, Jos Johnston, by email at jos_johnston@hotmail.com to fix a time, or email for an application pack to info@thesourceforyou.co.uk .

Closing date for applications:- 4th July 2016.

Interviews:- 13th or 15th July 2016

Teacher: John, why are you doing your maths multiplication on the floor?
John You told me to do it without using tables.

Teacher: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?
Donald H I J K L M N O.
Teacher: What are you talking about?
Donald Yesterday you said it's H to O.

Teacher: Millie, give me a sentence starting with 'I.'
Millie I is..
Teacher: No, Millie..... Always say, 'I am.'
Millie All right... 'I am the ninth letter of the alphabet.'

Teacher: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?
Harold: A teacher

Thanks to Jos for passing these on

HELP WITH CLEANING OR IRONING

Deirdre Baker, a member of HT, offers a cleaning and/or ironing service, which can be for a short one-off blitz. If interested, contact Deirdre on 317833.

RELIABLE IRONING SERVICE.

Your ironing done in my smoke & pet free home. Very reasonable rates. Please ring Cathy Hawkins on 07792 913553 for details.

NEED DOG-WALKING OR CLEANING?

Please let me know if you would like your dog walked. I can provide references re: my trustworthiness etc. Also, if you know of anyone elderly or incapacitated who needs helps with light chores, please contact me too. Contact Julia (Todd) on 01252 656950

GROWING LEADERS COURSE

There is an introductory session for this great course on 14th July. The main course will start in September and will be held in Camberley. Let George know if you are interested.

THIRST EVENTS AT NORTH CAMP METHODIST CHURCH

North Camp Methodist Church is hosting a series of Sunday evening live events (entitled "Thirst") during the summer and autumn. The next events are:

17 th July,	Mark Palmer, described as "clean, classy & clever". (see poster in church)
18 th Sept,	Ishmael - "Sting in the tale" tour
16 th Oct	Pastor Caleb Adalade.

North Camp Methodist Church, Lynchford Road, Farnborough GU14 6EG
For more information and tickets see www.northcampmethodist.co.uk

WHAT CAN YOU HEAR? –

DIOCESAN COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTATION SURVEY

Make your voice heard at:

www.cofeguildford.org.uk/CommsSurvey

Communications: it's a broad term which encompasses far more than websites, newspapers, social media, press statements and so forth. However, in the Diocese of Guildford we do spend a certain amount of our budget each year on these things, because of a time-evolved understanding of the importance of messages being heard and acted upon. To make sure we get this right, we are undergoing a major review of our communications services in line with the overall diocesan strategy process.

This will include assessment of channels such as the diocesan website, 'The Wey' newspaper, social media, Grapevine and the support parishes receive, as well as other areas. We want to know your views on what we are doing right or wrong. What should we resource more, and what should we resource less?

We want to hear from EVERYONE, so please take five minutes to make your voice heard. We are giving away a £30 book voucher, and some excellent books as an incentive!

Closes Friday 8th July



DIOCESAN SUMMER SCHOOL

This year's Diocesan summer school, entitled **Abundant Life, Exploring a Christian Vision for Living**, takes place from 4th to 16th July at various venues across the diocese and with a wide range of speakers and topics.

For details of all the sessions see

<http://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/life/summer-school>

ALDERSHOT CHURCHES PRAYING TOGETHER

The Aldershot Churches Together (ACT) prayer meetings are held monthly on a Monday (normally the fourth Monday of the month) at the Church of the Ascension, 1 Ayling Hill, at 7.45pm. This month's ACT prayer is on:

Monday 25th July 2016

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

July 4th – 16th Diocesan **Summer School** (see page 21)
 Aug 9th – 12th Summer Kids Club (see page 8)
 Aug 13th Rumble in the Jungle Family Special & Kids Club All In service.
 Aug 18th & 25th & 1st Sept - Holiday at Home (see page 3)
 Sept 16th-18th Soul Sisters weekend away at Axminster (see page 7)
 Oct 21st-23rd HT Kids Weekend Away (See page 8)



There is a **hearing loop** in the main church building and also in Crossover.
 To tune into the loop use the “T” mode setting on your hearing aid.

UPDATE IN LARGER PRINT

A small number of copies of Update and the Prayer Diary in larger print are available at the back of church. Please tell Arthur or Christine Ward (01252 320210) if more copies are needed.



Large print **hymn books** are also available at the back of church – if you need one, please ask a sidesperson.

Whom do I tell...

...when something needs to be done in the HT building or site?

When **something is broken** or needs replacing, tell **Don Payne** (01252 653182).

For **toilet rolls** and **paper towels** – tell **Jean Embelton**. (01252 320926).

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JULY 2016 DIARY

1	9.30-11am	Parent POD	(Fridays in term*)
	6-7pm	HT Kids Club for 5 to 11 year olds	(Fridays in term*)
	7.45pm	TCPT meeting in Crossover	
2	10.30	Prayer Ministry Team meeting in Crossover	
3	CMJ SUNDAY	(the Church's Ministry Amongst Jewish People) (see page 16)	
	9.30am	Morning Praise	
	11.15am	Alternative Service	
	from 1.15pm	20s30s lunch at Jenny's café	(See page 2)
	6.00pm	Worship, Word and Prayer	
4	7.30pm	PRAISE, PRAYER AND PROPHECY	
5	2.00 & 7.30pm	Fellowship Groups	(Tuesdays*)
6	11.15am	Holy Communion with Praise, Prayer & Prophecy	
	2.30 & 8.00pm	Fellowship Groups	(Weds*)
	7.30pm	POD Groups	(Weds*)
	7.30pm	Alpha	(Weds*)
7	8.30am	Prayer for Renewal	(Thursdays)
	10-11.30am	Contact for parents and toddlers	(Thursdays in term *)
	2.30pm	Women's Hour in Crossover	(Also 14 th & 21 st)
	7.30pm	POD Groups	(Thursdays*)
8	10.30am	Fellowship Group at Kingsley Court	(fortnightly)
	7.45pm	Worship Team practice	
10	SUNDAY		
	9.30am	Morning Praise	
	11.15am	Alternative Service	
	6.00pm	Worship, Word and Prayer	
13	11.15am	Holy Communion followed by tea and biscuits	(Weds)
15-17	20s30s Weekend to the Old Palace at Canterbury		(See page 2)
16	Ladies Prayer Breakfast in Crossover		(See page 2)
17	SUNDAY		
	9.30am	Morning Praise	
	11.15am	Alternative Service	
	6.00pm	Worship, Word and Prayer	
18	7.30pm	PCC meeting in Crossover	
24	SUNDAY		
	9.30am	Morning Praise	
	11.15am	Alternative Service	
	6.00pm	Worship, Word and Prayer	
25	7.45pm	ACT Prayer at Church of the Ascension	(see page 21)
29	7.45pm	TCPT meeting in Crossover	

* Check dates with group leaders. Summer Term in Hampshire schools ends on Wednesday 20 July 2016.