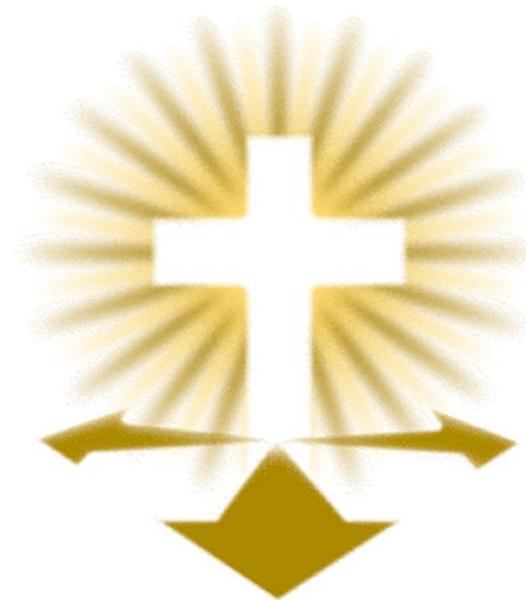


Trinity Update

September 2016



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ALDERSHOT
'Church for Everyone'

WOMEN'S HOUR

We had a great Holiday at Home on August 18th, with most of our members attending, and it was an opportunity to meet new people and tell them about our meetings.

Dave Haley, Jonathan and Simon put so much effort into the afternoon and the lunch served by ladies in our church. It was so enjoyable, so a huge "thank you" to you all and to all the other members of our church for looking after us.

We now look forward to collecting for our Shoe Box Appeal for Christmas, if anyone would like to give. We need small toys, school supplies, toothpaste, flannels, soap, hair accessories or anything which children from 2 to 14 years of age would like.

Several of our members from Women's Hour go to a Bible Study group and once a month we go to Remyck House, a home for older people who would struggle to cope in their own home. We sing and pray and entertain and while we have a cup of tea we go round and talk to the residents, whom we are getting to know by name. Nine of the residents came to Holiday at Home, plus their carers and their Manager Cherry Barney and they really loved their day out.

Women's Hour starts back on 8th September in Crossover at 2.30pm; we would love to see you there.

Daphne and Jean V

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 October 2016 issue of Update will be in Church on Sunday 25th September.

The LAST date for October articles will be Sunday 18th September.

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.



Our annual trip to Axminster is approaching fast. It will be from 16th to 18th September, so put it in your diaries now. For those of you who have not been before, it's a great opportunity to get to know other ladies in the church, while relaxing in the beautiful setting of Weycroft Hall. There are times for teaching and fellowship, great food and lots of laughs!

The cost of the weekend has been kept the same as last year, but if cost is a problem do come and speak to one of the team. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you would like to come. There is a meeting for those who are coming on Saturday 10th at 10.30 in Crossover to go over details and arrange lifts, so do try to come to that if you can.

If you are on Facebook, have you found our page? It is Holy Trinity Soul Sisters. There are great photos from the Fashion Show in June and previous Axminster trips. We try and keep it updated with information about our events, so it's a good place to look if you have questions!

Thanks

Jacquie Kellagher
On behalf of Soul Sisters

20s30s:

In August, the 20s30s met for their monthly lunch at Jenny's, a tasty treat as always!

In September, the first Sunday will fall on the Sunday of 'Praise in the Park', when there will be a service followed by a picnic in Manor Park. Instead of meeting at Jenny's after church, the 20s30s will bring picnic items to the service in the park to join in with the picnic with the rest of our church family afterwards.

We will meet at Jenny's again on the 1st Sunday in October.

Thanks,
Lisa

CHURCH TIDINESS

The church looked very tidy for Sarah's wedding, but it is already starting to look messy again! I'm thinking particularly of the kitchen area. The fridge is left with all sort of things in it, especially half open fruit juices and milk, which only lasts a few days after opening. I often have to throw some of these away.

People drop things (especially crumbs) on the floor and leave them there for someone else to sweep up. Not only is this unhygienic, but it is unfair on those of us left to do the work.

If you are hosting an event at HT and will be providing refreshments PLEASE look on the shelves by the sink before buying any cutlery - there is a box full under there! If you have any disposable plates, etc left over and wish to donate them to the church, please put them tidily with the others. If you use any church plates, cups, etc, please wash them up and put them away where you got them from.

Our thanks go to Natalie Mitchell for regularly washing the dish cloths and tea towels.

Please also make sure that the blue bin is NOT up against the heater in the office.

Pat Clare

LADIES' BREAKFAST AND TALK

Saturday 10th September from 8.30am

Holy Trinity Church Hall
Talk by Dr Liz Walker on The Menopause
Cost £3.50

This is being organised by the Parish Nursing Team. Continental breakfast. Dr Liz Walker is a local GP. She will give a talk on all aspects of the menopause.

Please invite friends. This is a subject which we don't often talk about, so here is an opportunity to have some more understanding and helpful advice.

Please contact Jan Nielsen 07896813560 or Jane Newton 07580175624/01252320618 for tickets and any other information.

HOLIDAY AT HOME 2016

The "Holiday at Home" this year was again inspired! Loving, stimulating, energising and healing too, as so much love and thought, preparation and sheer hard work was spent on us, the "older folk" this year, also including about ten residents of a local nursing home. Those folk included one who was a member of Holy Trinity over 15 years ago.

The programme was varied – the theme of the "Jungle" was the same as for the very successful Kids Holiday Club, offered at the start of the holiday. August can be a "dead" month for churches – not at Holy Trinity – rather it is a time of opportunity and giving to others for Christ's sake.

The three "Thoughts for the Day" were on our "roots" – like trees of vegetation planted in Christ and salvation, as in Psalm 1, verse 3. This tree will grow, be nurtured and the fruit will show how well planted it was.

The second talk was on "Trees and Choices", illustrated by the tree of life in Genesis and ending with the same tree in the last book of the Bible, Revelation, which is given for the nations, for those who have chosen Christ.

The challenge to us all is in the third talk, found in Psalm 92: "They will still bear fruit in old age"! This is our challenge.

Choosing Christ as Saviour, making that choice, influences all the other choices of our lives. Jesus expects fruit! He says, "Go and bear fruit, fruit that shall last."

The jungle yields gorgeous fruits – papaya, mango, pineapple, coconut, bananas and so on. We tasted them, we enjoyed them... and so much more! What fruits do our lives bear?

Carol Edgoose

ANOTHER THANK YOU for "HOLIDAY AT HOME"

We "young at heart" ladies of the Weybourne Road fellowship group would like to express our thanks and appreciation to all who are helping to make Holiday @ Home such an enjoyable experience - especially to Dave and Jonathan for the wonderful scenery. We feel privileged to know people with such marvellous imaginations and ability. We know the hours of work that have gone into it all and trust that when it is all over you will be able to have some very well deserved rest!! God bless you

DON'T FORGET that the third day of "Holiday at Home" takes place on Thursday 1st September from 12.00 to 15.30. Please book in advance if you plan to attend.

ASSOCIATED NEWS

I've been watching some of the Olympics. (One of the benefits of life that is not tied to an office routine is being able to flex routine.) Some of the sport has been amazing – as have the emotions on display, from joy and elation to heartbreak. It's been very gratifying to see how well Team GB have done, and there have been one or two articles to suggest that the foundation of the success of Team GB is due to the decision taken by John Major to launch the national lottery, since a significant part of the funding for UK sport comes from the lottery. There is certainly a close correlation between the rise in the success of Team GB at the Olympic games from 1996 (1 gold) to now (26 golds and counting) and the impact of funding by the lottery.

And it struck me that this is a great illustration of the biblical principle of 'you reap what you sow' – in fact it's a particular example of the wider truth that life in the natural, physical world can teach us a lot about life in the spiritual world. (That's partly why Jesus used parables so much.)

But the more I thought about this, the more it seems that this is a good picture of how our life as a follower of Jesus works. The fact that the lottery has put a lot of money into certain sports does not of itself guarantee success. Success is dependent primarily on the effort of the athletes through the four year Olympic cycle to train for their event. What that means will obviously depend on the individual sport, but for most of them, it means a hard training routine, sacrificing things that most people regard as pleasures. Most athletes don't drink, they watch what they eat, they go to bed early – it impacts on the way they live their lives, their lifestyle. In their training, they continually seek to find improvements in what they do; they will look back on previous performances to see where they made mistakes, and work to cut those mistakes out. The lottery funding in and of itself doesn't impact on the performance of the athletes. What it does is to provide security for them, so that they don't need to worry about where money is coming from to live, to provide the equipment that they need to compete at the top, so that they can concentrate on being the best that they can be.

Which is more important – the work of the athletes or the funding? Well they're both important; without the work of the athletes there wouldn't be any success, irrespective of how much funding they received; but without the funding, the athletes wouldn't be able to devote themselves to their training, as they would be worrying about where the money was coming from.

And the same is true of our life as a follower of Jesus. We need the empowering of the Spirit, in the same way that the athletes need the lottery funding. But we also need to train ourselves to walk in the way of Jesus, to live as a son or daughter of our heavenly Father, in the same way that the athletes need to train and discipline themselves to achieve things that they otherwise wouldn't be able to achieve. We need to take up and grow into habits of praise and thanksgiving,

of reading the Bible, of prayer, of worship together. That will impact on our lifestyle – there may be things we will need to change in the way we live our lives, if those things get in the way of living as a son or daughter of our Father. Like the athletes, this is something that doesn't happen overnight, we need to stick at these things, day by day over the long term.

That sounds as if it's all down to us – that's like asking whether it's the funding or the effort of the athletes which is more important. It's all down to us, but we can only do it through the empowering of the Spirit, so it's also all down to the Spirit. If we don't put the effort in, then we will never know the empowering of the Spirit. (Incidentally, the lottery funding of the athletes is conditional upon the achievement of agreed targets. Sports which don't deliver have their funding cut.) But when we work with the Spirit, when He sees that we are serious about wanting to live, to be like our heavenly Father, when we are serious about being like Jesus, then He comes to help us and empower us. And whereas you have to be a good athlete already to qualify for funding from the lottery, the Spirit is available to all who seek to follow Jesus. Happy training!

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John Kellagher



LADIES' PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday 1st October, 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)

Please note that the October Ladies Prayer Breakfast is one week later than would be expected, because there is a leaders' meeting on 24th September.

A talk by Dr Martin Brunet, GP

PREPARING FOR THE END OF LIFE

Saturday 8th October 2016, 10.30am

Holy Trinity Church, Aldershot

Few of us are comfortable talking about death, whether our own or a loved one's. It is a scary, even taboo, subject for many, even for Christians. The end of a life, no matter how long and well lived, can bring with it a sense of loss and sadness. It can also be a reminder of our own mortality, so we may avoid even thinking about death.

This is normal -- but death is normal, too. All of us will face it at some point. Because the end of life is hard to predict, it is best to plan ahead. You might want to start by asking yourself or a loved one, "What is the best way to plan for the end of life?"

The answer will differ from person to person. Some people want to spend their final days at home, surrounded by family and friends. Others may prefer to be alone, or to be in a hospital receiving treatments for an illness until the very end.

The answer may also change over time -- the person who wanted everything possible done to prolong life may decide to change focus to comfort. Someone else who originally declined treatment may agree to an experimental therapy that may benefit future patients with the same condition.

No matter how a person chooses to approach the end of their life, there are some common hopes -- nearly everyone says they do not want to die in pain or to lose their dignity.

Questions we may want to ask. Do I want to be resuscitated? How do I talk to someone when they don't want to talk about dying? Will doctors respect what I want? Can I have a Living will? What about coping with dementia?

The talk will last about an hour and there will be plenty of time to ask questions. Do invite friends.

Parish Nursing Team
Jan Nielsen and Jane Newton



NEWS FROM TOM CHITTOCK IN WALVIS BAY, NAMIBIA.

Dear Church Family

I want to thank you for all your prayers this past year. I can't believe it has been a year since I left to go to the Netherlands to start my adventure. Looking back on this past year, I have seen God move, heard stories from others of how God has been blessing and changing people's lives. I have been to countries I thought I would never visit and experienced different cultures. I have crossed the equator twice, made good friends with people around the world and given out lots of Gospel tracts and Bibles to people who came on board.

One of my highlights was taking part in the play *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. We are currently doing it half in French and half in English, so the four children are the only people who speak in English. Everything else is in French, which is very interesting and by God's grace it is working well, as I don't speak French.

One of the lessons I have learned from this past year is not to expect that everyone speaks English and it is quite challenging when people don't speak a word of English.

God has surprised me in different ways and I have learnt a lot about myself, but the challenge is doing something to change my old habits. My view of the world has been opened so much. I have seen people who have nothing and need Jesus.

Prayer points - please pray for me, as I have one more year left, which I think will go quickly.

- please pray for *The Lion, the Witch and The Wardrobe*, that it will be effective and that people will understand the Gospel
- pray for September as we have a change-over, which will be tough, as a few of my good friends are leaving
- pray also that I feel I have gone into my comfort zone again and I will be staying in the book fair for one more year; pray that I will be challenged to grow more in my relationship with God.

• Thanks for everything you as a church are doing for me. I hope that the year ahead will be fruitful.

God bless,

Tom

Big Mac Bite

It may not seem like it, but it's now two years ago that I arrived in Aldershot, ready to take on the new challenge of Children's Minister at HT. Although the time seems to have flown by, there has been so much that has happened and that God has done with the children and young people at Holy Trinity and in Aldershot. A couple of the major highlights for me have been the HT Kids Weekend Away, the Communion and Baptism Course which led to 11 children being baptised on Easter Day this year and the Summer Kids Clubs (The Quest 2015 and Rumble in the Jungle 2016).

A huge thank you to all who have supported and been part of the children's work over the last year and I'm looking forward to what God's got in store over the next 12 months.

Rumble in the Jungle

Another massive thank you to all of you who took part in the Summer Kids Club this year, for all the hard work that you put in and for making the club a great success. A few special big thank yous to Jonathan and Dave for the amazing set and props, you absolutely outdid yourselves this year, it looks amazing and added so much to the week and club. Thank you also to Lisa, Alan, Mark, Karen, Pat, John and Jacquie, as well as all of our other amazing leaders and junior leaders.



Judging by the feedback given by the children and parents, I think that we had a very successful week and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, especially with the Rumble in the Jungle Zoo Family Special and the All Age Kids Club Special on the Sunday. Please continue to pray for all of the children who came to the club, that God will continue to work, that they may start and continue to know Him and follow Him throughout the rest of their lives.

Now that the summer holidays have finished, all of our clubs and groups will be restarting. Look out in the weekly notices and on the website for the relaunch of each of the groups.

Death at Dalesdown Manor – The HT Kids Club Weekend Away

However I'm delighted to be able to confirm that 'Death and Dalesdown Manor' the HT Kids Weekend Away will be taking place 21st – 23rd October. This will be for school years 3 to 7 (8 – 11 year olds, 7 year olds are invited, please see me for more details). The cost of the weekend will soon be confirmed (likely to be the same as last year) and will include food, accommodation, activities and travel.

Please pray for the preparations for the weekend and especially for the children and the leaders who will be going. If you would like further details on the weekend please come and see me.

Simon

JENNY NEEDS A CHALLENGE

From now until May '17, as part of a school challenge, Jenny Hawkins (age 10) needs to complete 15 hours of community service. (Giving back to the community, not as a punishment!)

If you need or know of anyone who needs help with something, dog walking, charity work, gardening etc, please contact Cathy (Mum) on 07792 913553 or Pete (Dad) on 07768 361485.

Thank you.



GEORGE WRITES

Dear Friends,

The key thing I would like to mention this month is the very important licensing of the **Pioneer Minister to Wellesley**, Jackie Maw, as the planned community event is going to be moved from Saturday 17th September to a date in the spring of next year. There are a number of reasons behind this, including the short time to organise such an event as well as there being more people in Wellesley in eight months' time. In fact she will have a small formal licensing at the bishop's chapel so she can get on with her role, which will include making good contacts with all the Wellesley stake holders, gathering the seed team and working towards the planting of the church, but the key celebration and launch will be next year.

We still would like as many from Holy Trinity to be as involved as possible, particularly in prayer and we will look forward to her joining us on a few occasions at Holy Trinity to preach and on other prayer occasions.

There are a number of other things happening this month including the **Soul Sisters** weekend away (16th – 18th) which has been such a blessing to many in years gone by and we hope and pray it will be again this year. We are going to be launching a new outreach in the locality called **Waterways Chaplaincy** and we will highlight this in the services on Sunday 25th. In the meantime, please do Google it and we would love lots of folk to get involved. The diocese is launching its new strategy entitled '**Transforming Church. Transforming Lives**' and we will share more about this in the coming month or two. This follows about a year of consultation bishop Andrew has done and will help shape the missional direction the church takes in the diocese.

On another note, it has been wonderful again to see so many people help out at the strategic outreach opportunities of the last month, both the Rumble in the Jungle kids holiday week, zoo and special service as well as the Holiday at Home days. Thank you for all who took part and prayed for that.

Once again, if you happen to have a spare room, upstairs or downstairs, that could be used for our new curate, Debs, when she arrives next summer, that would be wonderful and please do let me know.

For those of you who came up to Girdlers Hall in August, I hope you enjoyed the occasion and I would still very much value your prayers over the coming year, especially as things will start to get a bit busier for me up in London before too long.

May you all know God's richest of blessings.

George

PRAISE AND PICNIC IN THE PARK

**Sunday 4th September 11.30am – *weather permitting*
(instead of the 11.15 Service)**

Manor Park, Aldershot.

Please bring a picnic, a chair or rug if you have one and, for those who have more, bring spares.

MENTAL HEALTH DROP IN

At our meeting on 30th July, Jane spoke to us about "square breathing" and "five ways to wellbeing". We also enjoyed tea, cake (thanks to Daphne and Jan) and a chat, together with a time for prayer for those who requested it. Our next meeting will be on September 3rd (10 am - noon) and anyone who has a mental problem or who cares for someone with one will be welcome.

Pat and Daphne

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

CHIEF'S CONCERNS

I have been reading a great book the last few months, entitled 'Face to Face with God'. It is a good feast, some excerpts below.

When Moses asked to see God's glory, God revealed His goodness. The goodness of God is revolutionary in nature.

His goodness is not a token act of kindness, but is instead a picture of God's overwhelming pursuit of humanity, that He might show us His extreme love and mercy.

People get stuck on God's ability to judge and forget that He is the One who looks for the opportunity to show mercy.

Many of His own children live in ignorance regarding His goodness and therefore continually misrepresent Him.

In fact, no matter how horrible a person's sin or life was, from the woman caught in adultery to the tormented man of the Gaderenes, Jesus revealed the face of God by showing mercy.

These actions were never meant to be momentary displays of kindness, so that in the twenty-first century God could finally punish people. His heart to forgive and show mercy is clear in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the clearest manifestation of the face of God that mankind has ever seen.

Many will remind us that while God is good, He is still the judge of all. And that is true. But in Jesus' time that judgement was only directed at the people who claimed to know God, but didn't know Him at all: the religious leaders. Jesus was a continual threat to their empire of selfishness, built on religious service.

They were good at rejection, punishment, and restriction, but they were clueless about the heart of God – the very one they claimed to know. They knew little about the boundless love of God and His passion for the freedom of all humanity.

At one time Jesus said to the Pharisees, "It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick: I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners" (Mark 2:17). The most spiritually diseased people on the planet were the religious leaders. Yet His statement did not make an impact on them because they lacked awareness of their personal need. They were lacking in the genuine righteousness that comes from a relationship with God.

Harlots and tax collectors had a step up on the Pharisees, simply because they were aware of their need. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3). But the Pharisees' lack of awareness of spiritual need disqualified them for the call of God to salvation.

Ironically, the greatest sinners were the ones who recognised who Jesus was when He came. The prostitutes, stargazers, tax collectors, and harlots all recognised Jesus as the Messiah. The ones most trained in Scripture were the ones who didn't recognise Him for who He was. It is this single factor of being aware of personal need that enables someone to recognise that which God is doing in the earth.

The awareness of deep personal need is also the setting where extraordinary faith grows. When there is no awareness of need, the opportunity to respond to God remains out of reach. For this reason, the Pharisees had no access to the realm that pleases God the most – faith. And faith moves God unlike any other thing.

Hunger for God is one of the greatest signs of life a person can have. It reveals an inner awareness of the existence of greater destiny and personal fulfilment. Some people have a theological concept about God's presence being with them, but they are stuck with no true interaction or experience. We must press past intellectual awareness to hunger for heartfelt encounters that change and transform.

Blessings,
Jonathan

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 26th September 2016

Teacher: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?
Simon No sir, I don't have to, my Mom is a good cook
Teacher: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?
Clyde No, sir. It's the same dog.

Thanks to Jos for passing these on

NEWS OF MOHAMMAD EGHTEARIAN

Mohammad Eghtedarian, a former member of Holy Trinity and a convert from Islam, was interviewed recently by the Liverpool Echo, following news of the murder of French priest Fr Jacques Hamel by Islamic extremists. The following article is reproduced by kind permission of the Echo.

The article can be accessed on <http://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/liverpool-priest-who-converted-islam-11715436>

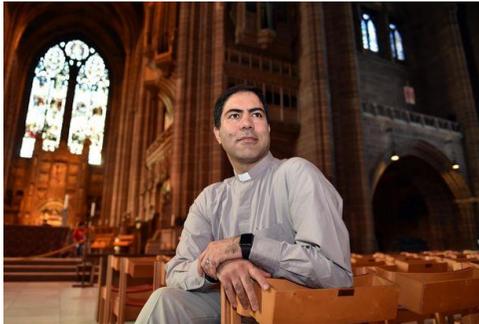
Liverpool priest who converted from Islam admits extremist fears

But Iranian refugee Mohammed Eghtedarian vows to continue his work

Mohammad Eghtedarian, a former Iranian refugee who converted to Christianity and is now a curate at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral admitted: "The extremists can touch me. I know that."

Mohammad Eghtedarian, who fled Iran as a refugee, was ordained as a curate at the Anglican cathedral having converted to Christianity upon his arrival in the UK.

Rev Eghtedarian spoke to the ECHO after the murder of French priest Fr Jacques Hamel, who was knifed to death at his church altar last month in an Islamist attack.



He maintained that the killing would not deter him from his mission - but admits there is a risk.

Rev Eghtedarian said: "We don't have to be naive. We can't go out and pretend to be heroes. "The extremists can touch me. I know that. "What happened in Normandy was awful and evil."

"I don't know what I would have done if I were him. Would I let them kill me? Would I resist? What would I be praying at that time? But I do know that God would be there with me.

"At the end of the day I believe that life and death are in our Lord's hands. "So I could die in an accident or in an act of terrorism.

"We must continue our work. "If our Lord went through affliction and difficulties along the way then this is also our mission too."

Born into a strict Muslim family in Iran, becoming a Christian, let alone a priest, was an unlikely turn of events. After losing his father in a car accident at only 13 years old, Rev Eghtedarian said: "I was looking for a father. And I finally found one in God".

The Iranian government blacklisted him early on in his life for speaking out against the Basij militia, and it was no longer safe for him to remain in Iran. Travelling by truck, train and on foot through numerous European countries, he was helped by Christians along the way. A Christian who helped him in Paris asked him a crucial question: "Do you have any peace in Islam?". "I said yes I had at the time, but deep down I knew I didn't," said the Reverend.

Finally before being granted asylum, he spent four months in a detention centre near Gatwick airport. He said: "Everything was against me. They had the ticket to Iran, they were ready to deport me. But I submitted my life to the Lord saying if you release me I will serve you. And he did."

After being granted asylum in the UK, Rev Eghtedarian became friends with many Iranian Christians and a pastor who had converted from Islam.

Sixteen years after converting to Christianity, he now dedicates himself to helping other refugees. He holds a Persian service for 150 Iranian refugees every Sunday. Rev Eghtedarian said: "Most of them are fleeing religious or political persecution. Many have been beaten, raped, tortured. "They want a new life. A new future. Who am I to say no?" Having been a refugee himself, Rev Eghtedarian said he can relate to the struggles.

The cathedral helps newcomers begin their applications for asylum with the Home Office. To discern the credibility of their faith, they undergo five sessions of teachings before baptism, 12 sessions of confirmation and then post-confirmation.

Rev Eghtedarian refers to many of the newcomers as "baby Christians" who may have come to church with ulterior motives of aiding their asylum application. But he said: "Of course, many start for the wrong reasons because they are desperate. Wouldn't you? "But they often find true peace in church that nobody else can offer.

"We are a voice of the voiceless. We accept strangers, those that others won't. We do it for Christ."

LOCAL HOUSES OF PRAYER

Local Houses of Prayer (LHOP's) are an initiative resulting from the move of God at Ffald-y-Brenin as described in the book "The Grace Outpouring". Typically commencing with 2-3 people they adopt a small local area for Jesus, worship and pray for the breaking in of the Kingdom of God and play their part in its release through their life and witness. LHOPs are prayer-based and thoroughly missional.

The vision of a Local House of Prayer is to: 'See the kingdom come and God's will be done on this particular area of earth, as in heaven.'

**Local House of Prayer Training,
Saturday 3rd September 2016 10am-3.30pm
Fernhill Primary School, Field Road, Farnborough, GU14 9FX**

There is more detailed information on the noticeboard in church. If interested, email Brenda@thewelloflife.net



SOME USEFUL THINGS AROUND THE CHURCH BUILDING

'As mentioned in Update'

The noticeboards on the side of the Tech Desk (on your right as you come into church from Crossover) include a section headed '**As mentioned in Update**'. This is where to find any posters and/or additional information related to items which appear in the current issue of Update.

Pigeon holes: These are on a table at the back left (looking from the back) of the church ('blue corner'). These are alphabetical on surnames. Do check these periodically as rotas, cards, agendas, notes etc are often put there for people. On that table are also various bits of free literature, fliers, gospels etc.

Prayer Corner: members of the prayer ministry team are available to pray with people after each of the Sunday services; come down to "prayer corner" in the South East (front right) corner of the church.

The table at the back: this table, right by where we come in from Crossover, has notice sheets, the latest Update magazine along with the prayer calendar for the month as well as sign-up sheets, The Wey diocesan newspaper, petitions, large print hymn and song books etc.

THE GOLD PROJECT

The GOLD Project is a new local initiative for discipleship, based in Stockton House in Fleet. It offers courses in Bible and Theology, combining personal study with group interaction to help you discover the treasure, encounter God and be shaped by the message. Dr David Ball, former lecturer at Trinity College, Bristol and the project leader writes:

'We are running a Taster Session for the GOLD Project here at Stockton House on 10th September for anyone who may be interested in studying the Bible at a level that is deeper than is normally possible in the local church. The idea is that people can come and see what it is all about and decide whether they are interested in joining a course'. For more information visit: www.goldproject.org or contact David at davidball@goldproject.org

Resources for Discipleship and Spiritual Growth - Autumn 2016

KNIT AN ANGEL

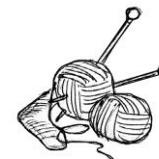
As last year, we will be holding a Christmas Angels outreach at the end of the year. The idea is that on one particular midweek night in mid-December, we will take out hundreds of knitted angels, each with a Bible verse or a message of encouragement attached, and place them strategically around the town. 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.



VINEFEST

3rd September 2016, a day in two halves

This fabulous event is being held at Hazeley House in Hartley Wintney in aid of The Vine Centre.

The afternoon (2-4pm) is a family event, full of fun for the children. There will be live music, children's entertainment, traditional fair stalls, face painting, bouncy castle, Millers Ark Mobile Farm, refreshments and more.....

Tickets Adults £8, Children £2 (3-16yrs), Under 3's Free. All activities included in the entry price

Then in the evening 7-9pm there will be a Jazz Concert featuring Miss Amy Baker and her band. Bring a picnic, rug or chairs and relax with your friends and family whilst listening to some fantastic Jazz music.

Refreshments available

Tickets: Adults £18; Young People £10 (11-18yrs); Under 11's free

For more details visit www.thevinefest.co.uk or contact Mary on 07502543375

Mary Webb*, *Corporate and Community Fundraiser*

The Vine Centre - Aldershot

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CARERS' TEA AT THE CATHEDRAL

As in previous years, the diocese is holding a carers' tea:

Afternoon Tea & Evensong

We would like to invite you to Guildford Cathedral, for Afternoon Tea & a dedicated Evensong, to give thanks for all Carers in Surrey & North East Hampshire.

Thursday 13th October 2016

Are you a carer or were you formerly a carer?

Do you offer support to carers? Do you attend a carers' support group?

Everyone is welcome, including those who are currently being cared for.

For catering purposes, please return the Ticket Request Form below so that we know how many cakes to bake



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 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).

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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

October 1st Ladies Prayer Breakfast in Crossover (see page xx)
October 8th Dr Martin Brunet, GP; Preparing For The End of Life,
10.30am (see page 8)
Oct 21st HT Kids Weekend Away will be taking place 21st – 23rd October
(See page 11)

WHOM TO CONTACT AT HT, JULY 2016 - AUGUST 2017

George will be based partly in London during this period and other staff members should be contacted about most church issues (see below). George will be around on most Sundays, but very seldom at mid-week events. He will be the key link to the Wellesley church plant and Jackie Maw (the Pioneer Minister), as well as continuing to project manage the Town Centre Pastoral Team. For all other areas, please contact the following:

Jonathan:

Worship Team
Discipleship (including POD and Fellowship Groups)
Prayer (including PPPs and Prayer Ministry Teams)
Alpha and other enquirers' courses

John

General enquiries (bookings, Christenings, funerals, weddings etc)
Sunday service planning
Prayer tree, Pastoral teams and issues

Simon

Children's Ministry (Contact, Kids Club etc)
Schools Ministry, Families and parenting

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Women's Hour: Daphne Inglis Tel: 328205

Contact (Parents' & Toddlers' Group): Joan Davies & Carol Cole
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Fellowship Groups: please see separate leaflet

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SEPTEMBER 2016 DIARY

1	8.30am	Prayer for Renewal	(Thursdays)
	12 noon to 3.30pm	Holiday at Home (senior citizens)	(see page 5)
	7.30pm	POD Groups	(Thursdays*)
2	7.45pm	TCPT meeting in Crossover	
3	10am - noon	Mental Health Drop in	(see page 13)
4	SUNDAY		
	9.30am	Morning Praise	
	11.30am	Praise in the Park service in Manor Park, followed by a church picnic together (Includes 20s30s group)	(see pages 3 & 13)
5	7.30pm	PRAISE, PRAYER AND PROPHECY	
6	2.00 & 7.30pm	Fellowship Groups	(Tuesdays*)
7	11.15am	Holy Communion with Praise, Prayer & Prophecy	
	2.30 & 8.00pm	Fellowship Groups	
	7.30pm	POD Groups	
8	10-11.30am	Contact for parents and toddlers	Thursdays in term *
	2.30pm	Women's Hour in Crossover	(also 15 th , 22 nd and 29 th)
9	9.30-11am	Parent POD	(Fridays in term*)
	10.30am	Fellowship Group at Kingsley Court	(alternate Fridays*)
	7.45pm	Worship Team practice	
10	8.30am	Ladies Breakfast, speaker Dr Liz Walker	(see page 8)
11	SUNDAY		
	9.30am	Morning Praise	
	11.15am	Alternative Service	
14	11.15am	Holy Communion	(Weds)
16	6-7pm	HT Kids Club for ages 5 – 11. (Fridays in term, re-starts 16th)	
16-18		Soul Sisters weekend away at Axminster	(See page 3)
18	SUNDAY		
	9.30am	Morning Praise	
	11.15am	Alternative Service	
19	7.30pm	PCC Meeting in Crossover	
25	SUNDAY		
	9.30am	Morning Praise	
	11.15am	Alternative Service	
26	7.45pm	ACT Prayer at Church of the Ascension	(see page 15)
30	7.45pm	TCPT meeting in Crossover	

* Check start dates with group leaders. Some groups may re-start later in the month.

Autumn term in Hampshire schools begins on Monday 5th September 2016.