

# Trinity Update

November 2016



**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ALDERSHOT**  
**'Church for Everyone'**

## WOMEN'S HOUR

On September 8<sup>th</sup> we had a Communion Service led by John Kellagher. There were 38 of us - a great way to start our new term.

September 15<sup>th</sup> was a more relaxed afternoon, when Jane Newton gave a short update on how our members could access various services, if needed. Examples included Carers, Dementia and many other health issues. Jane had lots of leaflets to give us more information about them, a really useful talk.

The next week we had our usual hymns, prayers and readings, but our main aim was to raise money for the church flower fund with a Bring and Buy sale and a raffle. As a result we made £102 and we thanked our members with a cream tea and of course Jan Nielsen supplying her wonderful scones.

We are now collecting for our shoe boxes for Christmas. One of our members gave us 30 tennis balls, others have knitted great hats and we even had 27 packs of playing cards. Thank you to all who support what we do, it makes it all worthwhile and we do it in our Lord's name.

Please do not forget our knitted Angels for our Christmas Outreach; patterns for them are on the table in church.

Daphne and Jean V.

## COULD YOU HELP WITH FOLDING AND STAPLING UPDATE?

Several ladies have kindly volunteered to help with the folding and stapling of the monthly Update magazines. It would be good to have one or two more volunteers, so as to spread the load and allow for holidays etc. If interested, please speak to me.

Christine Ward

### 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.**

**The December 2016 issue of Update will be in Church on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November. The LAST date for December articles will be Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November.**

## 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.



As a follow-on to our 'Daughters of the King' day, a craft afternoon was held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, and we are very grateful to Jax Bishop for facilitating this. A good time was had by all!

We are in the process of planning our next event, and we will let you have the details as soon as possible.

Trisha Haley on behalf of Soul Sisters

## 20s30s:

In October the 20s30s met for our monthly lunch at Jenny's. It was a fantastic turnout as usual!! Our next monthly lunch is on November 6<sup>th</sup> at Jenny's cafe in Aldershot after the 11:15 service (1-2:30pm-ish).

Look out for info about our Christmas event in the December issue and on our Facebook group: HTCA20s30s

Speak to Lisa, Belinda, Patrick or Ben for further info on events.

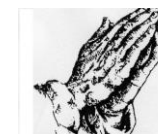
Thanks, Lisa Kernot

## LADIES' PRAYER BREAKFAST

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 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 Joan Davies on 01252 328984 or joancdavies@hotmail.com



## A BELATED THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone at Holy Trinity for their support and prayers following Mum's death in May. I would especially like to thank George for a lovely service, on behalf of my sister Alison, brother-in-law David, nephew Joshua and myself.

Julia Cave

## A WEEK IN CALAIS

Back in August, I spent five days volunteering with L'Auberge / Help Refugees, an organisation which provides aid to the refugee camp known informally as the Calais Jungle. Given the magnitude of the refugee crisis over the past couple of years and the frequency with which I travel to France, I felt that this was a cause I was being called towards.

I was staying at a local hostel where a lot of the other volunteers stayed, which meant that when you came down to breakfast each morning you were guaranteed to find someone who could offer you a lift to and from the vast warehouse, situated about two miles from the camp, where most of the volunteer activities took place. A typical day would begin shortly after 9 o' clock with the entire group congregating for the morning briefing.

After engaging us in a short exercise routine to get us warmed up for the day ahead, one of the supervisors would give the usual welcome talk for the benefit of those who had just joined. Firstly they asked us not to divulge the warehouse's location as they'd had several unwanted visits from "fascists" who didn't agree with their objectives. They would also emphasise that most of us wouldn't get the chance to go inside the camp due to the amount of behind-the-scenes input required in order for those on the front line to do their bit and that those who did, should only do so for legitimate purposes and adhere to a strict code of conduct. As they put it, it isn't a tourist attraction, but rather the site of a humanitarian crisis and the reason we were there was "to clean up the mess that our governments should be cleaning up". When it came to allocating the daily responsibilities, they would always start by asking if there were any carpenters or mechanics present - which was always followed by deathly silence. It seemed as though they'd been in need of these particular skills for some time and to this day I wonder whether this request was ever answered! They would then proceed to list all the other different jobs that needed doing that day.

Admittedly the warehouse didn't offer much in terms of creature comforts but given that this was a grassroots cause, this was something we were all prepared to accept. There would usually be around one hundred or so volunteers on site during a typical day, carrying out a multitude of different tasks. One day I could be sorting piles of donated clothing or bedding, whilst on another I could be on a production line, packing up bags of foodstuffs to be distributed in the camp, or in the kitchen doing vegetable prep or even washing up the vast skillets that were used to prepare hot meals for around 2,000 residents of the camp. You'd find people in the yard chopping firewood or out the front loading one of the transit vans with supplies to be taken to the camp by one of the distribution teams. Every so often a vehicle would drive through the gates of the warehouse in order to drop off donations and several people would emerge to help unload them. The whole place was a beehive of activity!

During my time in Calais, I met people of different generations and from different cultural backgrounds and occupations, all of whom were united in a common cause and it was encouraging to witness so many people committed to helping those in need and carrying out the work that Jesus asked of us.

As I write this article, the camp is just a couple of days away from its planned closure by the French authorities, which will see many of its 9,000 residents sent to reception centres across France. It remains to be seen what will become of L'Auberge / Help Refugees in the aftermath of these events, although given their additional involvement with the camp at Dunkerque, I have no doubt that they will still continue to serve a valuable function for the foreseeable future.

Charles Savin

## NEWS OF MILAN RAI

Milan Rai was a political refugee from Bhutan (next to Nepal), escaping to England after his father disappeared. He was with us at Holy Trinity for about two years, leaving Aldershot about four years ago, after an attempt to set up a restaurant in Camberley failed, and on top of that Rama was robbed and lost all her savings.

Milan and Rama worked in an Indian restaurant in Barnstaple in Devon. After a year they set up their own restaurant and takeaway, the Everest Gurkha Chef, (3 Maiden St, Barnstaple EX31 1HA 01271 376863), which has become well established and popular with the locals. They have a hard working day, preparing food through the day, and opening in the evening, but love the independence of being their own bosses, or, as Milan says, Rama enjoys bossing him about and telling him when he does things wrong. They still worship at Holy Trinity in spirit.

As two of maybe 12 or so local people from Asia, they are well received. Milan sends greetings to all who know them, and remembers fondly his time with HTA.



If ever anyone who knows them was in, or passing through, Barnstaple, they would be very welcome, and you would not regret it. The food is as near to perfect as it is possible to get. We visited them on the way back from a holiday in Cornwall, and were treated like royalty.

Andrew Tatarek (Tat)

## ASSOCIATED NEWS

I don't know what you think of the news at the moment, but most of it is unrelentingly depressing. There is the presidential election in the USA, where the behaviour of both candidates, but especially Donald Trump, is enough to make one shake one's head in disbelief that people can even entertain for a minute the thought that someone like him has the character to be the leader of a country of the importance to the world of the USA. There is the confusion and uncertainty around Brexit and the impact that this will have on the composition of the United Kingdom, as well as the distraction to the government of running the country while trying to negotiate the exit from the EU. There is the continued fighting in the Middle East, in Syria and in Iraq, with the push to retake Mosul from IS.

All of this raises the question of where is our security – democracy, the economy, the NHS? In a sense we perhaps all know that the answer is that our security should be in God, rather than in anything else, but does that really play out, and how does it play if things 'go wrong' or not as we planned?

As some of you will remember, I committed to reading the Bible in a year, and am currently reading Acts (I didn't start at the beginning and just work my way through... and I'm on target to finish by the end of the year). And it is fascinating to see the interplay between the Spirit, the Holy Spirit and the disciples, especially Paul. Sometimes the Spirit tells them what to do, sometimes Paul (or the other disciples) just decide to do something and things happen as a result.

So for example in Acts 19 v21 when Paul is in Ephesus, it says that Paul decided to leave Ephesus, and return to Jerusalem, via Greece (a slightly circuitous route, but one that would take in the churches he had planted earlier). And then, Luke says, he decided that he wanted to go on to Rome. When it says Paul decided, the Greek is ambiguous, as it says, he purposed in his spirit, and because the original Greek had no capitals, it is not clear whether this means the Holy Spirit, or Paul's 'spirit'. Perhaps it's not so important, as it is clear that Paul had a clear determination that this was what he was going to do, that this was his calling from the Father.

And through the account in Acts of Paul's journey to Jerusalem there are a number of references to the Spirit (definitely the Holy Spirit) making it clear that trouble awaits Paul in Jerusalem. So in Acts 20, v23, when Paul is saying a final and definitive goodbye to the church in Ephesus, he talks about the Spirit witnessing to him that troubles and imprisonment await him. In Acts 21, in v4 and then in v11, there are two instances of people speaking as a result of insight from the Holy Spirit saying in v4 – Don't go to Jerusalem, and in v11 a prophecy that he would be tied and imprisoned if he went to Jerusalem. So naturally Paul's companions plead with him not to go. And Paul ignores them and goes onto Jerusalem. What is happening? Is Paul being disobedient?

Pauls' response – in the Message – shows his different perspective. He says (v13) 'Why all the hysteria? ... You're looking at this backwards. The issue in Jerusalem is not what they do to me, whether arrest or murder, but what the Master Jesus does through my obedience. Can't you see that?'

And there is a parallel of Jesus setting his face to Jerusalem, knowing that going there will lead to arrest and death. Two cases of individuals where, in their perspective, the most secure place to be is in the centre of the Father's will for them, even if that will leads to a loss of what we would normally deem to be security and safety.

Perhaps that puts the potential lack of security caused by the US Presidential election, Brexit and wars in the Middle East into perspective. But it's quite a challenge, especially when we remember that a disciple is not above his master, that Jesus talked about how his Father prunes those branches that are fruitful.

We say that no-one wishes suffering, hardship, lack on to himself (or herself). We all want comfort and security – and indeed both Paul and Jesus promise that that is what the Father provides. It's perhaps just that his definition of comfort and security may not always overlap with ours. What's important is our obedience, and remaining in his will. Because the issue is not what happens to us in any given situation, it's what the Lord is able to do through our obedience.

John Kellagher

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## 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.



## FIRST FRIDAY CLUB

### Calling all men...

If you're a man and over 18, then you might be interested in the First Friday club that we are starting in November. The First Friday club, as its name implies meets on the First Friday of the month – so it's easy to remember.

The First Friday club has a number of aims. The first aim is to eat food – we will meet in a cheap(ish) local curry house, restaurant or some other style of 'eatery' to share a meal. (Where we meet depends on where you would like to eat...)

And sharing a meal will allow us to achieve the other aims of the club, which are to share conversation, to get to know each other better, to share our experience of life as sons of the King, to be a place where we can invite friends who aren't yet sons of the King.

There's no subscription to join the First Friday club, but you do have to pay for what you eat and drink. The rough timetable will be to gather from 7.30pm on the First Friday of the month at the chosen eating house, and aim to sit down to eat from about 7.45, finishing whenever... In order to help the restaurant, it would be good to have an idea of numbers beforehand, so there will be a sign up sheet at the back of church towards the end of the month, but it's fine to turn up on the night.

John Kellagher



### “Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings”

A little boy was in church next to his father and at his father's request said a small prayer, "Dear God please bless mummy and daddy and all the family to be happy and healthy."

Suddenly he looked up and said out loud, "And please don't forget to ask granddad to give me a bicycle for my birthday!"

"There is no need to shout like that," said his father. "God isn't hard of hearing."

"No" said the little boy, "but granddad is."

*Thanks to Pat Clare for supplying this.*

## Big Mac Bite

### Death at Dalesdown Manor – The HT Kids Club Weekend Away

So, just you in case you haven't heard (I may have mentioned it once or twice), 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> October saw us take 33 children to Dalesdown (near Horsham) on our HT Kids Club Weekend Away 2016.

So bring on a jam packed weekend of fun, activities, incredible food, swimming, human 10 pin bowling and much more.

The theme of the weekend was Murder Mystery (based around a giant game of Cluedo – it was Professor Plum in the Bedroom with the Water Pistol in case you were wondering – we even had some of the parents playing along at home).



The teaching for the weekend was based on the murder of Jesus; looking at the character of the victim, who murdered Him and the disappearance of the body (the life, death and resurrection of Jesus). This led to what was for me the most special moment of the weekend; following the Sunday morning teaching, a time of ministry and prayer was offered and about 10 or so children stayed behind to talk and to pray, some taking the next step on their journey towards faith and others talking about what Jesus is doing in their lives. A very powerful time, in which the Holy Spirit was clearly moving. Please pray that God continues to work in the lives of all of the children who came.

A huge thank you to Alan, Pat, Ben, Amie, Jules & Chris Todd, and Mark & Karen Harrison for all of the amazing hard work that you put into the weekend, to Sophie, Dara, JD and Sam our amazing junior leaders and to Phil & Jan, Lisa and Jos for helping us with the travelling. I am incredibly grateful for everything that you did and gave to make this an enjoyable and unforgettable weekend for the children.

Simon

### 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, Ayling Hill, at 7.45pm. This month's ACT prayer is on:

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

## GEORGE WRITES

Dear Friends,

Thinking back to our wonderful Harvest Supper/International Community Food Fair - what a taste of heaven that was at so many levels. I'm not just talking about the wonderfully prepared food from four different continents and 14 different nations (France, England, Serbia, Bulgaria, Poland, USA, Caribbean, Nepal, India, Korea, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, and Swaziland). But praying for those nations and worshipping together, along with all the children joining in, was such a special time. Even having grace said in almost 10 different languages was somehow special. Thank you to Sue Chadwick, Jonathan and others who did much of the preparation and thank you to all those who came to be part of it and, especially, those who brought the delicious food! There were about 100 of us and I reckon it was the best Harvest Supper ever.

As part of the evening a number of people filled in some bits of paper with prayers for their own nations. These are now on the board at the back of church so do pray for the different nations and concerns.

On a different note, if anyone would like to be part of a small group of people willing to get a few prayer request e-mails from me relating to my role in London, please do let me know. I do value your prayers in this whole area.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November will be our Remembrance Sunday so, as usual, we will have a short **Act of Remembrance** between the two services from 10.55-11.05. Do remember to come early or stay a bit later!



Now I want to share something that I find quite significant. Soon after I arrived at Holy Trinity I called a PCC and leaders' day away, which happened in September 1999 (a long time ago!) It was to seek some vision for the way ahead. I asked people how they viewed the church as it was then – in fact I asked them to draw that pictorially – and then I asked them to share and write down their dreams and visions for what the church would be like five years from then (after a good time of prayer). At the end of the day I put all those things into an envelope and sealed it and said that I would open it again five years later to see how those dreams might have been being fulfilled. Five years later I did remember, but I could not find that envelope anywhere!

A couple of weeks ago, when I was clearing out clutter in our garage, guess what I discovered! It was very significant. People's drawings of how they saw the church over 17 years ago were quite telling: there seemed to be a lot of 'keep out' signs, there was coldness, there were pictures of adults shushing children, there was a sense of it being dark and uncomfortable, as well as very unwelcoming and almost invisible to the community as well as completely off their radar. So, let me ask you, is that how are you find Holy Trinity now?

The dreams are even more telling. There was a lot about growth, about young adults joining the church, about the building becoming more comfortable, flexible, warm, welcoming and friendly, there was the desire to see newer forms of worship and more members of staff. A lot was also centred on making a real difference to the town by reaching out in lots of different ways. There was clearly a desire to see a church of all ages and all types of people. As I looked out at our harvest supper and over some of our services I saw something of the fulfilment of that longing and of those dreams.

I quote my piece of paper, which I pulled out of the envelope (recognised by its being the worst hand writing):

'My dream for Holy Trinity:

- of a place, vibrant with love and compassion, where the hurting and confused can find acceptance, love, forgiveness and purpose
- of a place motivated by God's love for the lost
- of sharing the good news with 5000 people in Aldershot and beyond.
- of a growing church family, learning, loving, laughing and living in unity.
- of developing each member to spiritual maturity through many means.
- of equipping every believer to be a unique minister serving God with the gifts He gives
- of a place of quality worship, where fear is dispelled and where the presence of God is felt powerfully, even by unbelievers.
- of seeing Aldershot changed because of the power of Jesus.'

Well, I think some of that dream, along with much of what others said, is at least partly reality. There is some way to go, but I do feel encouraged that I found that envelope and, if you want to see all the contents (maybe you were on that day away), please do ask me.

Be thoroughly blessed. Work towards being part of fulfilling those dreams. Be a blessing.

*George*

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## AN OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME A COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Would you like to become a Communion Assistant, helping to take the Communion bread and wine to worshippers? A training day for new Communion Assistants is being held at St Peter's Ash on **5<sup>th</sup> November**, led by Revd Keith Bristow and Celia Cope.

If you are interested, please speak first to John Kellagher and then contact Celia Cope at [celia\\_cope@ntlworld.com](mailto:celia_cope@ntlworld.com) or telephone 01252 517035.

Note that the course will run only if there are at least six participants (Not necessarily all from HT).

## CHIEF'S CONCERNS

Something I stumbled on recently, written by a very well known Church of England minister, who had been in ministry for some years when this happened - I wonder if it will capture your attention like it did mine.

“That’s it! That’s it! I’m a son of God!”

It was like a great flash of light. Something I had been searching for had suddenly been discovered. “I am a son of God!” That truth transformed my life and my ministry; I had discovered the **normal** Christian life.

God is wanting to do so much for His people; but I had never dared to believe that He wanted to do very much for me. I had been taught to be highly suspicious of “experience” and “subjective Christianity”. God was often portrayed to be great, but remote; to be believed in, to be worshipped, but definitely not to be experienced in a personal way. What mattered above everything else was objective truth; that we believed in God’s existence and His love.

Now something was happening to me; something that could only be described as “experience”. I felt different. I **was** different. I was bubbling over with joy. It seemed as if the whole room, the whole house, everyone and everything around me had changed. I wanted to go dancing and skipping around the house shouting, I’m a son of God! I’m a son of God! I AM A SON OF GOD!”

Now I was set free to enjoy Jesus. My old life was dead; I need not live in subjection to the sin, the fears and doubts of the past. I was a new person, free to share a new, risen life with Jesus. I was a son of God, filled with the Holy Spirit. I knew it not only in my head; my whole being witnessed to the fact.

I was filled with praise for God, in a way I had never known before. Words could not express the love I felt for Jesus.

Jesus was real in a more intimate way than ever before. Prayer was a sheer delight, for I was in communion with God in a deeper way. The Bible, which had become more precious to me over the years, leapt to life, the Lord was speaking to me from every page. I was feeling happy and free and full of love for those who were around me. A new kind of love - it is so difficult to put into words how liberated I felt. I was free to love God’s people and I was free to love Him as never before. “

**Do you want to experience this Jesus? Be encouraged and read on and see what He has to say to you today!**

Turn to me and you will be filled with joy and your healing will be assured, for I am the Lord who cares for you and you are my people whom I shall always love.

So come to me and share in the inheritance that is yours – healing and wholeness. This is my gift for those who repent, that they will know that they can turn to me in their sickness and they will be healed.

But those who have not turned to me with their whole heart, they do not know; they do not claim the assurance I offer them. There is only one way to receive my gifts – come to me in sorrow for what you have become and I will make you glad in what you shall be. I will pour my gifts into your heart and make you mine forever.

Rejoice my people, for the day of your deliverance has come. Turn and be healed, for I would fill you with myself. My people, I love you. Will you spurn my love? Will you turn away from I who am your health, turn to me and be restored. Be made whole and you will live to my glory and be happy.

**If you want to respond, but are not sure how, please touch base, I’m more than happy to talk**

Blessings in Jesus  
Jonathan

## NEWS FROM TOM CHITTOCK IN TAKORADI IN GHANA

Firstly I would like to thank the people who sent me gifts of sweets. It was very much appreciated and I have enjoyed them very much.

I mentioned in last month’s Update that I would be going and staying in a village for two nights. It was an interesting experience and God taught me a lot. We went into the schools and did some outreach, which was nice. Do be praying for Ghana, especially as the prosperity Gospel is very much what people believe here, which shows in their teaching and in their actions, but we are not to judge.

We have had so many young people come on board at this port and opportunities to teach them about Jesus. .

Pray that as the ship goes to the Canary Islands, we will be a blessing in these ports and not get distracted by the tourist side of these islands.

Continue to pray for me and the ship, that we will continue to focus on the Lord and not get distracted by the things around us. Continue to pray for the new group who arrived a month ago that they will continue to settle in.

Thanks for your all your support and prayers. If you want to hear more, then speak to Jonathan who has the contact number; he will pass it on, so that you can call the ship. It’s a UK satellite number, so it should be free I think.

God bless you all. Miss you all.  
Tom

## IRAN: PASTOR BEHNAMEH IRANI RELEASED AFTER SIX YEARS IN PRISON

*Earlier this year at Holy Trinity we prayed during the morning services and at the Monday night Prayer Praise and Prophecy for a number of Christians by name held in prison, suffering persecution because of their faith. Well, give thanks for some good news about one of the people we prayed for!*

18 October 2016

Friends of Pastor Behnameh Irani are pleased to announce that he has finally been released after six years in prison in Iran.

Behnameh Irani was given a five-year suspended sentence in 2008, after he was charged with 'action against national security' (he had become a Christian in 1992, before becoming a pastor of the self-styled 'Church of Iran' in 2002).

But in 2010, Behnameh was re-arrested during a house church service. In May 2011, he was summoned to serve a one-year prison sentence for new charges of action against national security - to which a suspended five-year sentence was later added.

### Poor health and additional sentences

Whilst Behnameh was detained in Ghezel Hesar Prison in Karaj, he suffered serious health issues - many related to physical abuse he received at the hands of fellow prisoners. On 22 February 2014, he was taken to hospital for an operation to staunch bleeding from the stomach and colon.

Later that year, in September 2014, he was charged with 'Mofsed-e-filarz' [http://www.opendoorsuk.org/news/stories/iran\\_140910.php](http://www.opendoorsuk.org/news/stories/iran_140910.php) - a capital crime translated as 'spreading corruption on Earth'. The Mofsed-e-filarz charge was dropped later that month and replaced by charges of 'action against national security' and 'creating a network to overthrow the system', and he was put in solitary confinement.

### Additional charges dropped

On 19 October 2014, Behnameh was sentenced to a further six years in prison and exile to Zabol on the Afghanistan border. But less than two months later, the additional charges and sentence were dropped following an appeal.

Finally, in August 2016 Behnameh was informed that he was due for release in October. Middle East Concern report that he was released from prison yesterday evening (17 October).

## Thank you for your prayers

Thank you to all of our supporters who have been praying for Behnameh and have written to encourage him over the past few years. Your prayers and actions have been making a real difference!

In November 2014, Behnameh wrote a message to his friends to encourage them <[http://www.opendoorsuk.org/news/stories/iran\\_141125.php](http://www.opendoorsuk.org/news/stories/iran_141125.php)>, saying:

"Many of my cellmates in prison ask me why I am paying such a huge price for my belief in Jesus Christ. They ask me why I don't just deny my belief and go back to my wife and children? I then ask myself: what cost did the Lord pay to save me, and to transfer me from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light? The death of Jesus Christ on the cross, the blood of the Lamb of God! Yes this is a huge price. Therefore I am also able to prefer prison over being set free. I have decided to keep my faith in our Lord and stay in prison.

I encourage you to understand the value of your faith. We have received salvation for free, but remember it was not free. God paid for it. He sacrificed his beloved Son Jesus Christ. Remember that there is only one way to God and Jesus told us about it:

'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.' John 14:6

Friends of Behnameh are thankful for his release, but request further prayer for him and his family.

*Source: Middle East Concern*

### Please pray:

- That Behnameh will soon be joyfully reunited with his wife, Kristina, and their children, Rebecca and Adriel
- That God will help Behnameh to adjust to life outside prison, and to recover physically and emotionally from his difficult time in detention
- For those still detained in Iran, those awaiting verdicts, and those expecting to be summoned to face charges related to their Christian faith and activities - that they will know God's peace and protection
- That all Iranian officials involved will love mercy, act justly, learn about Jesus and choose to follow Him.

Julie Edwards



## COULD YOU HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT?

Offer your hand for international friendship! Welcome an adult international student into your home for a day, weekend, or 4 days at Christmas, and do your bit to make the world a little friendlier. Many adult international students from across the world would love to spend a few days with you, learning about British culture, experiencing UK home-life, and telling you about their own country. A Christmas invitation is particularly valuable to students facing a holiday on an empty university campus.

Japanese student, Mamiko Moda, wrote "Thanks to my hosts and their kindness, I could spend a nice Christmas here instead of staying at home alone. I am grateful to you all."

Hosting is a voluntary position suitable for all ages and is also available throughout the year with HOST, a charity set up in 1987. To find out more or be put in touch with your local organiser, please visit [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org) or call 020 7739 6292.

*HOST is a charity, founded 29 years ago by the British Council, Foreign & Commonwealth Office and Victoria League, which encourages international friendship and understanding by arranging for adult international students at universities in the UK to spend 1-4 days in a British home. Hosting is a wonderful opportunity to meet people from around the world and introduce them to our customs. HOST's work is even more important at the moment with the recent increase of racist and xenophobic abuse across the UK.*

*Former HT member Marian Maskell hosted two Chinese students at Christmas a few years ago and enjoyed the experience.*

## MAKE A WILL AND SUPPORT CHARITY WITH WILL AID

If you have not made a Will (or it needs updating), Will Aid is your chance to protect your loved ones and to help charity at the same time.

Every November, a number of local participating solicitors waive their fee for writing a basic Will and instead invite their clients to make a donation to one of nine leading UK charities supported by Will Aid. The suggested donation is £95 for a single Will or £150 for a pair of mirror Wills. Once you've taken care of loved ones in your Will, you may wish to do what many other Will writers do and remember a charity in your Will.

To find a nearby solicitor visit <http://www.willaid.org.uk/will-makers> or call: 0300 0309 558

## 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](mailto:jniel48683@aol.com)



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.



## 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 help with light chores, please contact me too.

Contact Julia Todd on 01252 656950

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

January 21st 2017 Ladies Prayer Breakfast in Crossover

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## 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

### 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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**Fellowship Groups:** please see separate leaflet

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## NOVEMBER 2016 DIARY

1	2.00 & 7.30pm	Fellowship Groups	(Tuesdays)
2	11.15am	<b>Holy Communion with Praise, Prayer &amp; Prophecy</b>	
	2.30 & 8.00pm	Fellowship Groups	(Wednesdays)
	7.30pm	Bible Course in Crossover	(Wednesdays)
	8.00pm	POD Group	(Wednesdays)
3	8.30am	Prayer for Renewal	(Thursdays )
	10-11.30am	Contact for parents and toddlers	(Thursdays in term )
	2.30pm	Women's Hour in Crossover	(Thursdays )
	7.30pm	POD Groups	(Thursdays)
4	9.30-11am	Parent POD	(Fridays in term)
	10.30am	Fellowship Group at Kingsley Court	(alternate Fridays*)
	6-7pm	HT Kids Club for ages 5 – 11	(Fridays in term)
	7.30pm	First Friday Club at Johney Gurkha, Victoria Rd	(See page 8)
	7.45pm	TCPT meeting in Crossover	
<b>6</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>		
	9.30am	Morning Praise	
	11.15am	Alternative Service	
	from 1.00pm	20s30s lunch at Jenny's Café	(see page 3)
7	7.30pm	<b>PRAISE, PRAYER AND PROPHECY</b>	
9	11.15am	Holy Communion	(Wednesdays)
<b>13</b>	<b>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</b>		
	9.30am	Holy Communion	
	10.55 – 11.05	Act of Remembrance	
	11.15am	Alternative Service	
19	8.30am	Ladies Prayer Breakfast in Crossover	(See page 3)
<b>20</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>		
	9.30am	Morning Praise	
	11.15am	Alternative Service with Holy Communion	
21	7.30pm	PCC meeting in Crossover	
25	7.45pm	Worship Team practice	
26	8.30am	Men's breakfast at Squires, speaker Tim Cross	
<b>27</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>		
	9.30am	Holy Communion	
	11.15am	Alternative Service	
28	7.45pm	ACT Prayer at Church of the Ascension	(see page 9)