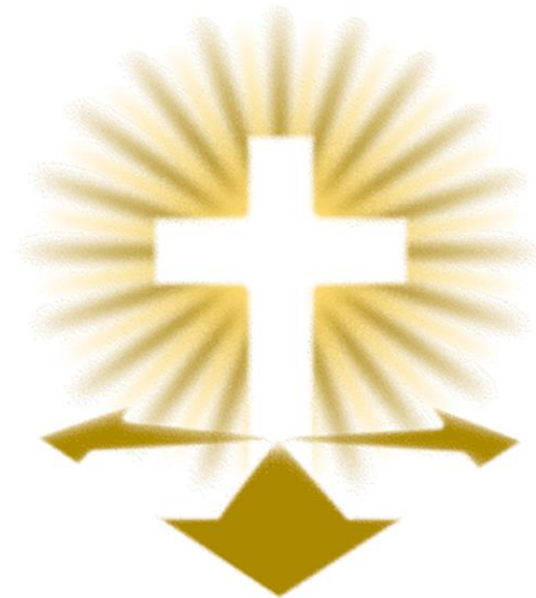


Trinity Update

July 2017



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ALDERSHOT
'Church for Everyone'

HOSPITALITY MONTH

As was indicated in last month's Update, July will be Hospitality Month. One of the marks of the early church – cf Acts 2 v42-46 – was hospitality, sharing meals with each other. Both Peter and Paul encourage the churches they are writing to to show hospitality to each other (Romans 12 v13, 1 Peter 4 v9).

So hospitality is important, as it shows an acceptance, a welcome to others, and it provides a setting in which to share fellowship; after all the Gospels tell us that a significant amount of Jesus' ministry happened while he was eating!

There are many ways in which we can show hospitality. There will be a few events that are organized at a church level, but we would also encourage everyone to take the opportunity to invite someone – whether someone you know already, or someone you don't really know - just as a means of getting to know them better, to build relationship.



So it could be as simple as inviting someone to have a coffee (or a tea), either at home or in a café. Or you could invite someone to share strawberries and watch Wimbledon. Or you could invite them round for a meal, either on a Sunday or some other day. Or your POD / fellowship group could arrange something – I'm sure that many of you can be very creative in what you do.

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Verse for the Year 2017:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12 v 1,2

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Please note that the August 2017 issue of Update will be in Church on Sunday 30th July. The LAST date for August articles will be Sunday 23rd July.

(Hospitality month continued from previous page)

In terms of organised events, there are three things which will be happening in July.

1. On Friday July 14th at 6pm there is a Family barbecue. This is for the whole church family. It will be at Holy Trinity. If you would like to invite neighbours or friends to it, all are welcome. It will be helpful to have an idea of numbers so there will be a sheet at the back of church. There will be a small charge, but HT will provide the food.
2. Sunday July 16th is 'Share Lunch' Sunday. The idea is to share lunch with someone that you perhaps don't know. This will work as follows: There will be a sign up sheet at the back of church, and you sign up EITHER to say you would be happy to invite people to lunch (and how many people), OR to say if you would like to be invited out to lunch (and again how many of you). We will then match people up, and put you in touch beforehand so that you can arrange timing and cover any food allergies / dislikes. We've done this before and people have been blessed.
3. On Sunday 30th July, the 11.15 service will not be in church but will be an Open Air Picnic in the Park service, similar to what we did at the beginning of September last year. Everyone is welcome, whichever service you normally attend. Bring a picnic to share.

Obviously the BBQ and the picnic are weather dependent. We'll deal with that if necessary!



For the first time – Twice!

by Jos Johnston

22.30 Monday 22nd May – Salman Abedi explodes bomb at Manchester concert killing 22 and injuring 116.

03.38 Tuesday 23rd – E-mail to all Billy Graham Rapid Response Team (RRT) Volunteer Chaplains – “Send us your availability” – I reply.

10.03 Wednesday 24th – The deployment has already started – “Are you OK to come over the long weekend?”

Several e-mails then go astray, until finally

20.00 Thursday 25th – Phone call – “Can you come tomorrow?”

16.05 Friday 26th – I walk into St Anne’s Square, Manchester.

So why all this sudden activity?

Back in 2012 I volunteered as a Games Pastor for the London Olympics – out on the streets in London helping people. As a result I did the Billy Graham one-day course on Sharing Hope in Crisis and registered as willing to be called on by the RRT to go and support people in times of crisis.

The thinking at that time was that it would be for floods, fires, accidents or other disasters – and for 4 years until now, I was not needed. The idea of support after terrorism was not on the radar when this started – which shows just how things have changed. The RRT has now been mobilised for terrorist attacks in Europe 8 times in 18 months, including Paris, Westminster, Manchester and now London Bridge.

So why were we there?

The RRT team leader speaks of a “ministry of presence” – we are to just be there and available for those suffering. This may mean a smile, offering a hug, a tissue, listening, encouraging or, if they wish, offering to pray for them. In Manchester I did all of these. And people really appreciated that we had come from all over the country just to be with them in their time of grief.



St Ann’s Square was a special place – a spiritual place. With the area round the Arena closed by the police, traffic-free St Ann’s was set aside for people to come with flowers, where they could leave tributes and pay their respects – a place of pilgrimage! There were books of condolence in St Ann’s Church at the end of the square.

Walking into the square was quite emotional – there was a quietness, a stillness, everywhere a sense of both grief and respect. There was also a sense of solidarity. Manchester may be a city, but everyone felt affected in some way. They had been there, they knew someone who was, or at least had a friend who did. One lady had been driving near the Arena and had stopped to let excited children across to the concert. She brought flowers because she couldn’t know if any of them might have been hurt.



A lady from the local church which had invited the RRT team, brought some chalks and people started writing tributes on the paving. Many were encouragements to Manchester to be strong, not to look back in anger. Many were “RIP”, and some were specifically Christian – “Perfect love drives out fear” – although there was some strange theology – “Heaven gained 22 angels.” One quoted from Harry Potter, “You can always find happiness in the darkest places if you remember to turn on the light.” There were messages of support from London, Belfast, Paris, etc.

Some wrote personally. The picture above is probably too small, but I watched someone write “Georgina our angel.” I asked him if she was a personal friend and he said they worked closely together and began to talk about her. He had not been at the concert and he said it had not really hit him yet. He talked to one of the others, and I found myself with his friend who did not know Georgina, but was there and now can’t stop crying. He wakes at night hearing bursting balloons and screams. He had been estranged from his father, but after the concert his father really hugged him for the first time in years. He declined to be prayed for,

then, but said he was due to go back to work the next day for the first time and was dreading it. I said I would remember and pray for him then.

A lady and her daughter accepted a tissue. They were from Yorkshire and the daughter and a friend were at the concert. The mother had come to collect them, but waited in the car. "It could so easily have been us in the foyer."

A young man threw himself down on the seat behind me and cried out that he couldn't cope. He had been at the concert and seen his friend killed. He himself had received shrapnel injuries. He blamed himself, he should have been the one to die, he was failure because he ran away after the explosion rather than going back, etc. He was in a real state and we prayed for him. No immediate change, but during the day he spoke with several of the chaplains and his whole being changed. He particularly related to an American lady on the team and next day he had gone into a church to pray, now had hope for the future, and wanted to go and help his flatmate, who was the partner of the dead friend and in an even worse state.

Perhaps the most poignant message on the pavement was simply, "Jesus wept." It summed up why we were there.

There is a 4-minute video of the team on U-tube, which features the young man above who was injured. Do look at it:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AQCPcyg1Ls>

If you feel you might like to become a chaplain, do speak to me or look on the Billy Graham website.

21.58 Saturday 3rd June – 3 men drive van into pedestrians on London Bridge and stab people in Borough Market, killing 8 and injuring 48.

22.34 Saturday 3rd – E-mail to all RRT Volunteer Chaplains – "Send us your availability"

23.35 Sunday 4th – "Aim to arrive City Hall around 10.00."

10.55 Monday 5th – I walk up to City Hall.

A very different deployment. Again pain and confusion, but fewer people, less emotion, less spirituality, no focal place like St Ann's.

But that's all another story.

WOMEN'S HOUR

On 25th May we had a lovely man called Dick Elsley, who brought along some early radio programme clips. Most were comedy shows from the late 30's and 40's and a lot of our ladies were really delighted and laughed heartily. Tommy Handley and pieces from ITMA brought happy memories from their younger days.

The following week we had one of our in-house afternoons, but before we began we had a short time of prayer in church as part of the 10 days of prayer in the lead up to Pentecost. Cara led his for us and it was beautifully done. Following this we had our usual reading, poetry and jokes. We always have ladies who are willing to take part in this to entertain their friends.

On the 8th June we had a very special guest, Marion Squires. This dear lady has entertained at Women's Hour for many years with her singing, piano playing with some poetry - all the more amazing as unfortunately her sight is now deteriorating. She is always cheerful though, a great lesson to us all. That day her offerings were tunes by George Gershwin, amongst others and then a bit of culture with some tales from Aesop's fables.

The 15th June saw us enjoying pictures of Rome brought to us by Cara, who went on a pilgrimage there a short time ago. The churches she visited were amazing, with gold on every conceivable surface. One thing that surprised us was the many miles they walked from venue to venue. The most memorable event was to see the Pope in St Peter's Basilica at the Vatican where a special Eucharist service was held. As a coincidence, Carol Edgoose's granddaughter was singing in a choir at the same service.

We have quite a full programme coming up for the summer, so see Daphne or myself if you would like to be one our happy band.

Daphne and Jean V

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 24th July 2017

THE WELLSPRING ALDERSHOT

June has seen us move up a gear with the leadership team. We've established a pattern of meeting to take us through the summer which will be reviewed in September. Our Sunday meetings include worship, word and breaking

bread together as well as focusing on hospitality and serving the community. We're also meeting midweek studying Paul Bradbury's book, Stepping into Grace to help us reflect on who we are, as well as what it means to undertake pioneering mission.

Some of us were able to attend a seminar hosted by the Diocese of Guildford with Dave Male, the Church of England's National Adviser for Pioneer Development as the key note speaker. I was invited to share something of the work we're doing here on Wellesley at the seminar, and it was interesting to hear about the other mission initiatives happening across the diocese.

Over the past few weeks I've spoken at several of the local churches and am thankful that one or two people have joined the leadership team to worship on Sunday. We also celebrated the arrival of one of the families on Wellesley at our first Sunday communion. It was a very special moment.



Wellspring Toddlers was launched with 7 children and several adults enjoying play, singing, bible storytelling and crafts on the first day.

The weekly Wellesley Coffee mornings are bringing more of our neighbours together with relationships being formed across the community, including our Nepalese neighbours. It's encouraging to see a small but active group come together to arrange social events for this growing community. The next event is a Picnic in the Park early in July.



Over the past few weeks God has been leading us to people who want to explore what it means to be a friend and follower of Jesus. I'm looking forward to spending time with them and praying this might be the beginning of our first discipleship group.

For those who may be following my Race for Life events, I've completed three with the fourth in Oxford early in July which will take me half way through my 8for8 which is raising funds for Cancer Research. I do have a JustGiving page if you'd like to support this work.

So we're celebrating small steps forward and continuing to pray for and bless the Wellesley Community with all the love that God has for them.

Rev Jackie Maw, Pioneer Minister
The Wellspring, Aldershot

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FIRST FRIDAY

The **First Friday Club** for men meets on the first Friday of each month and provides an opportunity for men to get together, to get to know one another and to share their experience as sons of the King. For more information speak to John Kellagher.

This month the First Friday event is on 7th July.

MENTAL HEALTH DROP IN

At our drop in on June 10th we had some notes Jane had given me to copy, including "The Parable of an Anxious Dog". We also had a general knowledge quiz, music, chat, tea and cake and prayer time. Our next meeting will be on 29th July.

Pat and Daphne

St JOHNS HALL

Please continue to pray for the purchase of the St John's Hall, that everything will go smoothly and that there will be no unexpected extra costs or delays.

JOHN KELLAGHER WRITES

There were a couple of things which came up in the last month which I've been thinking about briefly – they're not connected content wise, but they made me pause and think.

First, I saw the news last night and there were a couple of really poignant interviews with people who had lost relatives in the Grenfell Tower fire disaster. In both cases, people had been on mobile phones to their trapped relatives until their relatives stopped speaking. It must have been awful.

What caught my attention, however, was that in both cases, part of the conversation that they told the interviewer was how their relatives wanted to ensure that the slate was clean before they died. Both of them recounted how the trapped person had asked if there was anything against them – they didn't use the word forgiveness, but in essence, they wanted to know that the person they were speaking to had nothing against them when they died.

One of the features of our culture is that we don't really talk about death, about the fact that we will all die at some stage – unless Christ returns. Given the rise of terrorism you could say that this is slightly strange. But what the two recent terrorist attacks, and now this disaster at the tower block in London have shown is that death can come at any time.

Although in theory we know this, we don't necessarily live like this – in practice we quite often live as if we will live for ever, and so there's always another chance. And the question is – are we ready? Not particularly in terms of having made wills or thought about and discussed a funeral with those who will be left (although both of these things are important), but much more in relation to our relationships with others –and with our heavenly Father.

So that, like the people so tragically caught in the fire, we know that we go forgiven by those around us. In one sense, to be able to know that reconciliation was a blessing – I have done funerals for families where there hasn't been the chance for that reconciliation and that is a greater cause for sorrow.

This doesn't mean that we go around with hang-dog faces – but it does mean that we need to keep short accounts. After all, we never know when it will be our time to face our maker and judge; while we may say that it's not fair, life doesn't always play out as we would like it to – which is often what we mean when we say it isn't fair. It's all too easy to just stop speaking to someone, rather than looking to resolve where a relationship has been hurt. Eventually that means forgiveness. Forgiveness is the key to peace, peace with God, peace with others and peace with ourselves.

The second item of interest came up in the hustings on June 5th, where the Green Party candidate talked about how, if the world carries on living as it is, there will be no fish left in the sea by 2050 – partly because we humans are

catching too many fish, and partly because of all the plastic waste that is building up in the seas.

That is a frightening prospect – and it would too easy to say that it can't be true – except that we know that fish stocks in the North Sea have been hit for some time. So I'm ready to believe that whether it's 2050 or some other date, this is another example of how we are not taking proper care of the earth. And related to that is the fact, according to Tear Fund, that one third – 33% - of food grown in the world doesn't get eaten. Either it's because it's never harvested, as in the UK because it doesn't match up to the supermarkets' strict cosmetic standards (ie it needs to look good in order to sell) or because it goes rotten once it's been picked due to poor distribution systems, or because it doesn't get bought in time, so gets thrown away.

Such a waste has all sorts of impacts; it means that because significantly more is produced than is needed, there is an added impact on the climate; it means that the cost of what is sold is higher than the real cost of production, because we are paying for such a large amount of wastage. And it makes the fact that there are still people who go hungry even more of an outrage and injustice, since they are going hungry, not because there isn't enough food, but because there isn't the will to spread the food we have round better.

It's hard to feel that on an individual level that there's much we can do. Yes we can watch our own food usage. How much food do we throw away because we've prepared more than we actually eat? Or because it's gone past it's sell-by date? But it's often hard to think that that will make much difference.

That's where organisations like Tear Fund come in, as hunger relief and respect for the environment are a couple of the things that Tear Fund is working towards. Last month, I had just seen a couple of programmes on the BBC entitled Mind over Marathon, about how a group of people with poor mental health (of different kinds) were helped through being together and being coached to run the London marathon. And just after I'd seen the second programme, an email from Tear Fund arrived asking if I would like to help raise money for hunger relief by running in the Ealing half marathon in September. And something inside prodded me - so I thought I would!

I've just started doing some running and will be looking for sponsorship to raise money to help Tear Fund. Tear Fund have encouraged me to set up a Just Giving web-site, which is as follows:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/john-s-ealing-half-marathon>.

I appreciate that we are as a church also looking to raise money for the St John Hall, but this is also important. If you're able to sponsor me, that would be great – and thank you.

John

INTRODUCING DEBS

Hi I'm Debs Wignall and following my ordination at Guildford Cathedral on July 2nd I shall be coming to Holy Trinity as your curate.

I am really looking forward to being part of the community and to getting to know you all. I am married to Danny and we have two adult sons, Jacob and Joel. Jacob has just returned from Sheffield where he has studied and worked for the last five years and so all four of us are adjusting to living together again! Our family home is half an hour away in Shottermill, where Danny is the vicar of St Stephen's Church and so I will be travelling into the parish.

For the last three years I have studied for my degree in Theology, Ministry and Mission at St Mellitus College in London, where Cara is also studying. It has been an amazing time, where I have learned a lot, not just from the lecturers and my own personal study, but also from the students who have come from a variety of churches and locations across the country.

Prior to training for ordination I had a career in education, which included five years teaching in adult education in Coventry and Abingdon and then ten years as a primary school teacher. I loved my role as a school teacher and so was surprised four years ago when I realised that God might be calling me into a different role. It has been so encouraging to see the ways in which the different skills I honed as a teacher have already been used by God in my new vocation.

I grew up in a mining town in Leicestershire where my Dad worked at one of the local pits and Mum was an optician's receptionist. I have two younger sisters. At eighteen I was the first member of my family to go to university and I gained my first degree in Human Biology from Oxford Brookes University. Although not a Christian at university (preferring the drama group to the Christian Union!), I did have some Christian friends and the year after graduation an impromptu conversation one afternoon led me to discover Jesus Christ for myself and my life literally changed overnight. Within a month my job had transferred to London, so that I could attend a church in Brixton where I had friends and where I would meet Danny just a few months later. My story, like so many others, demonstrates the importance of talking about our Christian faith with our friends. My childhood experiences of church, although I didn't realise it at the time, have also been foundational to my faith.



For relaxation and recreation I enjoy making things. What form this takes partly depends on the season, for example, gardening or knitting/sewing. Whatever the weather Danny and I enjoy walking, ideally with a view, (although I sometimes moan about the climb to get there!) and a good coffee at the end. In the last few years I have twice completed the "Moonwalk" which is a fundraising marathon walked overnight through London. I am looking forward to exploring Aldershot on foot and maybe joining a local dance class and/or community choir, if possible.

Danny and I are excited about this new phase in our ministry, as I come to serve Holy Trinity as curate. We have served the church in one way or another all our married lives, but usually in the same church – we are continuing to serve the church of Jesus Christ, just in different locations.

As I write this I am reminded of these verses from Ephesians 3.20-21 - *Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

To be a disciple, is to be a life-long learner and it is a life-long journey being a follower, a disciple of Jesus Christ. I look forward to being part of your journey as a church and to seeing all that God has prepared for us, even *immeasurably more than we ask or imagine!*

Debs

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.



We have just had our annual weekend away. This year we went to the Greenhouse Christian Centre, which was a lovely venue, and it even had a swimming pool! Our theme for the weekend was 'Women Free and Powerful'. We had a great time of fellowship, fun and food, and we were privileged to have Kim Grant as our guest speaker, together with her friend, Tina Lewis.

Details of future events will be available in due course.

Trisha Haley
On behalf of Soul Sisters

CHIEF'S CONCERNS

The presence of the Lord upon us positions us for miracles.

Bill Johnson writes, many times throughout the Bible, the Lord spoke to His servants saying He would be with them. Sometimes He even described it this way: "The Spirit of the Lord came upon them." I once made a list of every such encounter recorded in scripture. I found an interesting truth: Whenever the Lord said He would be with someone, it meant he had just been given an impossible assignment.

God gave such a promise to Moses. It was connected to his assignment to lead Israel out of Egypt and out of the cruel control of Pharaoh into the Promised Land. A similar promise was given to Joshua, the one who took over when Moses was not allowed into the Promised Land. Joshua was assigned to lead them into their inheritance, in spite of giants and other fearful enemies. The same promise was given to Gideon, who was then to deliver a weak and humiliated Israel from the powerfully oppressive hand of the Midianites. And again the same was given to the eleven remaining disciples in the Great Commission in Matthew 28. It was tied to the assignment to *disciple nations*. The implications of the promised presence are staggering. God's presence requires something from us – the invasion into the impossible.

Something is always expected *from us* when God is revealed to be *with us*. It is a grave mistake to think the Holy Spirit is among us simply to comfort or encourage. That is a given. He is also present to make possible the impossible task in front of us! Perhaps this is part of what the Apostle Paul wanted us to see when he asked God to show us the hope of our calling (Ephesians 1:18-19).

One of my favourite verses, one that has had the most impact on me, has to do with Jesus, the eternal Son of God:

"You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him." (Acts 10:38)

This verse gives us a synopsis of what is already revealed throughout the gospels: Jesus healed and delivered all who came to Him. It also reveals that sickness is from the devil. But the Holy Spirit wanted to make sure we know what made healing and deliverance possible: "For God was with Him." Although Jesus is eternally God, and never stopped being God, the Holy Spirit inspired Luke to pen this phrase, *for God was with Him*. This statement shows us that it was the same for Jesus as it was for our heroes in the Old Testament. When God is with someone, he is expected and enabled to invade the

impossible. This helps us to connect with our God-given assignment by realising and discovering His presence upon us, which makes the impossible possible.

Often when I see 10.38 on a clock, I stop and direct my heart to God and give Him thanks for the revelation of the nature and promise of God found in the life of Jesus. Jesus started His ministry with a bold confession:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He anointed Me to ..." (Luke 4:18).

The confession that started His ministry also revealed the nature of His ministry. It was to bring freedom to people, and it was because of the presence of the Spirit of God upon Him.

Father, help me to see my assignment as being impossible, so that I do not become confident in my abilities instead of yours. Help me to become more aware of Your presence upon me, as the hope of my calling into the impossible, Amen.

Be Inspired
Jonathan

P.S If you are looking for a good read over the summer, something to inspire and build yourself up, then do ask – I have loads of excellent Christian books for browsing and borrowing.

LADIES' PRAYER BREAKFAST Saturday 15th 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 Susan Wiggam (314418 / sue@wiggam.myzen.co.uk) or Jacquie Kellagher (337841 / 07709 956268 / jacquie.kellagher@ntlworld.com)



TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON.

Jan Nielsen explains the changes to the former 'parish nursing'.

It is with a heavy heart that I have decided not to revalidate at the end of June and as a result will not be registered as a Parish Nurse. I have considered the work involved in revalidation and have come to the decision that now is the time to bow out graciously.

The upside is that Jane and I will continue much of what we used to do on an informal basis. There would be no annual fees payable to Parish Nursing Ministries UK or to the Nursing Midwifery Council or any need to comply with their guidelines.

There won't be the usual drop in on Thursdays. Things will be more on an ad hoc basis.

In July, Jane and I are meeting up with Dr Deborah Lycett RD PhD, Reader in Nutrition, Dietetics and Spiritual Health, to discuss running a "Taste and See", program on 'emotional eating' in the Autumn, for which no nursing qualifications are required.

As members of Holy Trinity, we are happy to carry on walking alongside those that are struggling, offering a listening ear or a prayer and doing much of what we did before. The only difference is that it will be as Jan and Jane and not as Parish Nurses. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement and may you all be richly blessed.

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Big Mc Bite

With some beautiful (and hot) weather over the last couple of weeks you can hardly have failed to notice that summer is now upon us. A time to brush off the sun lotion, hats, summer clothes, and of course BBQ's.

This year, as part of hospitality month and to coincide with the end of the HT Kids Club summer term, we will be having our Church Family BBQ on 14th July starting from 6.00pm. This is for everyone, of all ages, from both congregations and will also include families from Kids Club as well. So come for a great evening of food, drinks and even a few games in the hall (for the young at heart). More details coming over the next couple of weeks.

A Sinking Feeling?

Hardly! Rather it's good news, the booking for 'Under the Sea' HT Summer Kids Club 2017. Taking place 1st – 4th August, 10.00 am – 2.30 pm each afternoon, and with Under the Sea family specials during the weekend (5th and 6th August), we are looking forward to an exciting and fun week of games, crafts, stories, challenges, quizzes, drama and much more. The cost of the week is £5 per day per child and for the first time payment can be made online using Paypal.

Planning for the weekend is under way, another incredible set is being put together and the excitement level is building. We therefore would really appreciate your support in making this week another great success; please pray for us all as we get ready, for the kids who are booking in and for the volunteers who will be taking part. If you would like to be involved, please come and see me.

Go to www.htkidsclub.co.uk/under-the-sea to book onto 'Under the Sea HT' Summer Kids Club.

Simon



INF SUNDAY – INTERNATIONAL NEPAL FELLOWSHIP

This month our Mission Sunday is for the International Nepal Fellowship (INF). As a Church we support INF's Abraham Shrestha, whom by now many of you will know, and he will be speaking at the services on 9th July.

For those of you who do not know him, he lives in Northern Ireland with his family, but has a ministry travelling round and supporting the various Nepali Christian Fellowships in the UK, and now increasingly in Europe as well. He has sent us some notes on what he has been doing.

Notes from Abraham Shrestha

First of all, he would like to thank everyone for all your prayer and support. He continues to help and encourage Nepali Churches around the UK and across Europe, visiting every month for a week or ten days. His role is to encourage Nepali pastors and leaders in their ministry and to provide pastoral care to leaders and their families. If there is a need, he goes to see individuals and Abraham is also involved in preaching, teaching and organising various leadership training and seminars as necessary, working with different people, churches and mission organisations. He has found most to be very positive and keen to come together to build each other up. He believes that these things have happened partly because of our prayers and he would like to see more such things taking place across Europe in the coming days.



Abraham baptising a new believer in the sea in Lisbon

For the last year or two, he has travelled increasingly to European countries. At the moment the focus is on four main countries: Portugal, Spain, Finland and Denmark. Abraham hopes to see Churches firmly established in those places and that they would reach out to Nepalis and others with the Gospel.

Abraham recently visited Portugal and Spain. In Portugal he baptised two people (see picture) and led a lady to Christ. A new Nepali fellowship has started in Barcelona from May. Abraham says he has been encouraged seeing the Lord's work among Nepali people in Europe, as well as the UK.

He asks us particularly to pray for:

- 1 The leaders, that they catch the vision to reach out to others with the good news in their areas.
- 2 Nepali young people to hear God's call to step into full time ministry.
- 3 Family.
- 4 The wisdom to invest time wisely in the right places.
- 5 The stamina to continue the ministry.
- 6 A good relationship with all the leaders.



NEWS FROM TOM CHITTOCK IN JAMAICA

Greetings, Church family, from Montego bay Jamaica. We have just had a very busy port stop in Kingston, in which we had over 115,000 people visit the ship.

My time on board is coming to an end, as my flights have been booked to fly home on the 24th August (the day after my 26th birthday) and I will be leaving the ship in Haiti. My plan for now is that I will be home for two weeks, then I will meet up with the team from OM UK to travel around the UK and talk about OM and the ship ministry, to try and encourage people to be a part of this ministry. This will be until December, then I will be back for the Christmas season, then I can figure out where or what I will do next.

I want to thank everyone who has supported me in prayer and financially. Without you all I would not be able to do what I do. I am very much looking forward to seeing everyone again and sharing my stories and how the Lord is working around the world.

Please continue to pray for me as these last two months will be exciting and sad to say goodbye to friends. Pray also for me to stay focused in these 2 months and not take my eye off the Lord and to stay motivated as I see the finish line ahead.

Once again I want to say thank you for everything and I am looking forward to seeing you all at the end of August.

God bless and Yours in Him
Tom Chittock

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

A series of short articles drawn from parish magazines of yester-year. Our thanks to Wendy Sear, Heather Symonds-Baig and Natalie Mitchell for suggesting this and helping to identify interesting items.

In the beginning – the Church Magazine for 1887:

When first formed, the parish of Holy Trinity extended well into Aldershot's "West End", which was felt to be rather distant from the church. In response to an announcement 24 parishioners and workers assembled in the schoolroom in January to consider what steps should be taken for extending the Mission at the West End of the parish.

After prayer for guidance ... Mr Hadow reviewed the position of the church and its work, pointing out that a large number of parishioners were prevented from attending church owing to the distances which separated them, but still it was ... incumbent upon us to meet the wants of these people. ...

For the last three years we had rented a house at £30 per annum in Lime Street, the two ground rooms of which had been knocked into one and used for services, Sunday schools, Mothers' Meetings and other parochial purposes. This was no longer adequate for the growing population ...

Some genuine answers given in the quiz show Family Fortunes

Something that Father Christmas does when he comes to your house: "*Feeds your pets..*"

A place you would keep a pen: "A zoo."

Another TV gameshow with the word 'family' in the title: "*The Generation Game..*"

Something with a red light on it: "*A Dalek..*"

Thanks to former curate Glen for supplying these



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 helps with light chores, please contact me too.

Contact Julia Todd on 01252 656950
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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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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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

1st – 4th August Summer Kids Club 'Under the Sea', with a family special on
5th August and All Age Special on 6th
10th & 17th August Holiday at Home (afternoons)
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JULY 2017 DIARY July is Hospitality Month

1	9.00-10.00	Men's breakfast at Squires (follow on from Men's weekend)	
2	SUNDAY		
	9.30am	Morning Praise	
	10.30am	Debs' ordination at the Cathedral	(see page 12)
	11.15am	Alternative Service	
	1.30-3.30pm	20s30s lunch at Jenny's café	
	6.30-8.00pm	Re:Form, HT Youth, ages 11-16	(Sundays in term*)
3	7.30pm	PRAISE, PRAYER AND PROPHECY	
4	2.00 & 7.30pm	Fellowship Groups	(Tuesdays*)
5	11.15am	Holy Communion with Praise, Prayer & Prophecy	
	1.30-3.00pm	Bible Course	
	7.15 & 8.00pm	Fellowship Groups	(Weds)
	7.30pm	POD Groups	(Weds)
6	8.45am	Prayer for renewal	
	2.30pm	Women's Hour	(Thursdays)
	7.30pm	POD Groups	(Thursdays)
7	9.30-11am	Parent POD	(Fridays in term)
	10.30am	Fellowship Group at Kingsley Court	(alternate Fridays)
	6.00-7.00pm	HT Kids Club	(Fridays in term)
	7.00pm	First Friday (men's eat & meet time)	(see page 9)
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9	SUNDAY	Speaker: Abraham Shrestha, International Nepal Fellowship	
	9.30am	Holy Communion	
	11.15 am	Alternative Service	
12	11.15am	Holy Communion	(Wednesdays)
14	6.00 pm	Family BBQ at HT	(see page 3)
15	8.30am	Ladies prayer breakfast in Crossover	(see p 15)
16	"SHARE LUNCH SUNDAY"		(see page 3)
	9.30am	Morning Praise	
	11.15am	Holy Communion	
21	7.45pm	Worship Team practice	
23	SUNDAY CHURCH PASTORAL AID SOCIETY SUPPORT		
	9.30am	Holy Communion	
	11.15am	Alternative Service	
24	7.45pm	ACT Prayer at Church of the Ascension	(see page 7)
28	8.00pm	TCPT meeting in Crossover	
29	10.00am to 12 noon	Mental Health Drop in	
30	SUNDAY		
	9.30am	Holy Communion	
	11.15am	Open Air Picnic in the Park service	(see page 3)

*There is no Contact during July and August
Summer Term in Hampshire schools ends on Tuesday 25th July.*