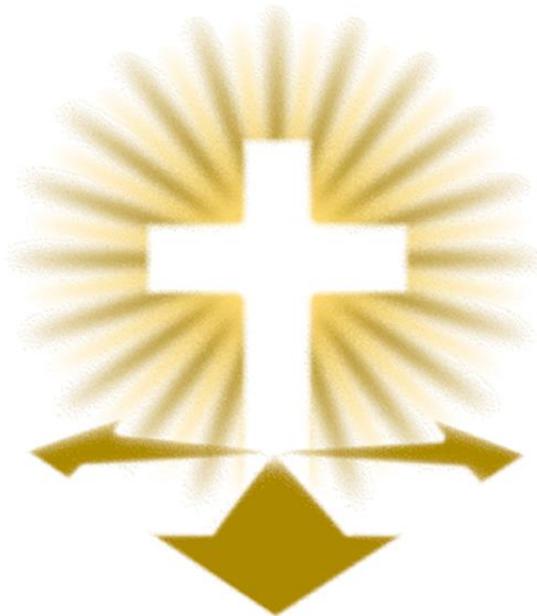


Trinity

Update

October 2017



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ALDERSHOT
'Church for Everyone'

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

A series of short articles drawn from the 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.

The Rev. James Song, who ministered to the HT congregation during September [ie during the final illness of the Reverend Galpin]], was inducted as Vicar of Matlock Bath on 6th October 1966. He was the first Chinese to become an incumbent in England. We learned that his first knowledge of Christ came to him while he was reading the biography of a Christian doctor, he straight-way turned from his faith as a Buddhist.

LADIES PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday 18th November at 8.30am in Crossover with Jackie Maw

The ladies Prayer Breakfast is held every two months and is a great opportunity to get to know other women , share breakfast and pray together.

At the next breakfast in November Jackie Maw, minister of Wellspring in the new and growing Wellesley community, will be with us. Come and enjoy breakfast and hear what Jackie has to share with us.

If you plan to come please contact Trisha Haley, 01252 332541 or

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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

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this issue, including to Natalie Mitchell for proof-reading and to Wendy Sear and Heather Baig for final assembly of the magazine. Special thanks to Tat for technical help.

Please note that the November 2017 issue of Update will be in Church on Sunday 29th October. The LAST date for November articles will be Sunday 22nd November.

WOMEN'S HOUR

We started our new 'term' on 7th September with an open afternoon. We had readings from three of our ladies, Janet, Wendy and Carol, most of which were funny. So we had an afternoon filled with laughter and fellowship, all finished off with a cup of tea and cake – courtesy of Daphne.

On the afternoon of the 14th, we enjoyed a lovely afternoon on the Basingstoke canal. A packed tea of sandwiches and cake was provided and there was tea and other drinks available on our barge. The steady run in still water with beautiful scenery all around was very relaxing and the crew of four very nice men (all volunteers) made it a pleasurable 2 ½ hours. This was all made possible by the generosity of Betty Wolfe, who loved her years as a member of Women's Hour, but who sadly passed away earlier this year and left us a bequest, so that we could enjoy doing something special in her memory. In her honour we sang our Vesper, so that if Betty was with us in some way, she would know that she is not forgotten. Thanks also to her daughter Chris who kindly informed us of the bequest. We mustn't forget our own volunteers either, Jonathan, Simon, Gerald, Barry, Mark, Dave and Trisha Haley and Jacquie Kellagher. Apologies if I've forgotten anyone! A very special day indeed!

The 21st saw us all welcoming back Glen, who was a curate here not long ago. He now lives and is part of the clergy in Rhyl, North Wales, where he covers three churches. As usual he had us all laughing as he told us about the differences between people here in the south and how they are in North Wales. He also told us about the fact that it is the five hundredth anniversary of the Reformation, when Martin Luther changed the way that Christianity was viewed and practised. He also did a graphic demonstration of how God sees us; to Him we are all pure and dressed in a robe of white. All our sins forgiven... A wonderful afternoon.

Women's Hour continues to flourish as we have welcomed yet more ladies from Kingsley Court. Onward and upwards...

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 23rd October 2017

DEBS REFLECTS

Practising the Sabbath

I wonder how often, when you ask someone how they are, or they ask you how you are, the answer is, 'busy?' To be busy is to be productive, valued and needed isn't it? It is good to have full lives, to have work, to have calendars and diaries reminding us of upcoming events and commitments. But, can we be too busy? Is it possible that instead of living as those loved by God for who we *are*, that we actually live as those whose identity and self-worth is in what we *do*?

I wonder if you have a rhythm of work and rest, the pattern that God initiated at Creation. I wonder if you take time each week to practise Sabbath, a day that is different from every other day in the week. It's a challenge isn't it? Dependent on your age and stage of life, there might be the 24/7 demands of young children, older children, elderly or ill relatives and friends, work, health issues, financial worries, any or all of the above. How can I possibly make time for Sabbath?

Practising Sabbath is a spiritual discipline, like fasting, praying, reading the Bible, all of which help us to look up rather than down, to gain God's perspective on our daily situation and on those around the world. Keeping a Sabbath day, ceasing from work, is the fourth of the ten Commandments that God gave to his chosen people the Israelites, after he had rescued them from slavery. Sabbath rest was a gift to a people who had never known anything other than work for generations.

Today keeping Sabbath reminds us of the freedom we enjoy as those who are in relationship with God the Father, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit. As we set aside a day to cease our work, we embrace our limits, and acknowledge that God is on the throne of our lives and we are not. We are children of God, loved for who we are and when the day comes that we are no longer able to work; God will not love us any less.

So how do I keep Sabbath? I have found it helpful to think in terms of four themes as described by author and Church Leader Peter Scazzero in his book, *'Emotionally Healthy Spirituality.'*

1. **STOP** work. Work is much broader than paid work. Work is all those tasks that need to be done including, cleaning, shopping, gardening, paying bills as well as paid work. If it feels like work, it is work! When we stop from our work, we embrace our limits and relinquish control. We are reminded in this act of stopping that God is on the throne and we are not.
2. Enjoy **REST**. Be replenished. Resting may be different for each of us. Some of us may actually need to catch up on sleep. Others will find rest through exercise. When our sons were little, Danny and I would give each other an hour's kid-free time to rest.

Practise **DELIGHT**. I wonder what or who gives you delight? Can I suggest you write a list of all the people, places, ways of spending your time that give you joy and delight? As you look at this list, (and you may, or may not, be surprised to know how many people I have asked, find it difficult to do), ask yourself how often you practise delight in these ways with these people.

Intentionally plan for Sabbath, arranging to see those friends and family that bring you joy. Invest time in hobbies and go to places that are life-giving. Be *playful* and if you have a young family, include them in the planning too, building good habits in their young lives.

3. **CONTEMPLATE** God. Jesus at the centre. As we make time each Sabbath to become more aware of God's Presence, then this attitude will begin to flow into the rest of our week as well. Wonder at creation, allow the Holy Spirit to enlarge your vision of who God is. It is often in the stepping back and looking at what we have achieved that we really grasp more fully the lessons to learn and the satisfaction of a job well done.

Pray this month for opportunities to develop this Holy Habit of Sabbath-keeping. I look forward to hearing about your challenges and delights.

Debs

MENTAL HEALTH DROP IN

At our meeting on September 2nd, we were a small group due to holidays, but we still enjoyed some chat, some music, tea and cake. Jonathan joined us after he had finished laying the turf by the West Door - thank you Jonathan, it looks great - and stayed with us for more chat, a general knowledge quiz and our time of prayer for one another.

Our next meeting is on October 14th.

Pat and Daphne

MURDER FOR THE ASKING

A play by Dereck Benfield

7.45pm in Elstead, Thurs 26th to Sat 28th October

Tickets from <http://www.elsteadtheatrical.co.uk/>, 08442 329460, or speak to Terry, Jos or Trisha

See poster at the back of church

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 the more mature...



On Saturday November 25th we will be holding an upcycling event. This is an opportunity to transform something old into something new! Maybe change an old pair of trousers into a skirt, or transform an ordinary bag into something more glamorous. More details will follow next month so keep the date free. It's going to be fun.

After the success of the fitness evening a few months ago we are planning to repeat the event in the New Year. For those of you who missed it, there will be 10 exercises to have a go at (1 minute on each) and you can make it as hard or as easy as you like! There will also be the option of 10 seated exercises, so this event is suitable for EVERYONE!!! As a reward for all your hard work we will end the evening with cake! And maybe some healthy snacks too! Date to be confirmed, so watch this space.

If you are on Facebook, have you found our page? It's Holy Trinity Soul Sisters. We try and keep it updated with information about all our events, so it's a good place to look if you have questions!

Jacquie Kellagher, On behalf of Soul Sisters

FACING DEPRESSION TOGETHER

AWARENESS DAY

An opportunity to learn about depression and how to support those living with depression. The day will include a clinical, a personal and a pastoral perspective of depression, a dramatic perspective to challenge stigma and an introduction to the work of PeerTalk, a charity underpinned by the Methodist Church. This free event takes place on Saturday 14th October, 10am – 3.30pm, at The Holiday Inn, Egerton Road, Guildford. Lunch is provided. Booking essential.

More details at www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/events or contact admin@peertalk.org.uk

PRISONS WEEK

Holy Trinity member Ken Saunders is a regular helper at HMP Send, where the prison chaplain is Lesley Mason. Ken goes in every Wednesday evening to lead a Bible Study and once a month on a Sunday to preach at their service in the Chapel. Here Ken writes about Prisons Week.

This year Prisons Week runs from Sunday October 8th to Saturday October 14th. Prisons Week aims to encourage prayer and awareness of the needs of prisoners and their families, victims of offenders, prisons staff and all those who care for prisoners, their families and victims



Our two nearest prisons are HMP Coldingley for men, and HMP Send for women (which is where I work). At Send Chaplaincy we are committed to enlisting vital help from the community in the form of funding and volunteer time and energy. Did you know that this means that as well as supporting prisoners who have or want to explore faith, we can do the following?

- Help build families through the Angel Tree programme that provides Christmas gifts for children, and our new Think, Learn, Care (TLC) parenting skills course to help break the cycle of poor parenting
- Work to change prisoners' thinking and approach to life by delivering courses such as Sycamore Tree (restorative justice), Making Sense of Forgiveness, and through our pre-release mentoring programme **Making Connections**, proven to reduce reoffending
- Provide healing and care through individual pastoral support, bereavement support and courses such as Living with Loss
- Encourage prisoners who have no family support, through small grants, prisoner penfriends, and prison visiting schemes
- Celebrate Easter and Christmas, especially with carol events, mince pies, small gifts for every prisoner and extra phone credits for special Christmas phone calls.

The more resources we have the more we can do to make prison – and ultimately families and communities – a better place. We are currently exploring the possibility of introducing Making Connections to other Surrey prisons. If you are interested in volunteering contact Lesley.mason@hmps.gsi.gov.uk, or to donate, please go to thenazarethway.org.uk. Above all, please remember us in your prayers this Prisons Week.

JOHN KELLAGHER WRITES

As many of you may have heard, I did complete the half marathon at Ealing on Sunday 24th. It was a lovely day, and great weather for running – and watching. Jackie came up to cheer us (my two sons and me) on, although I didn't actually see her while I was running round.

However, I was able to complete the 13.1 miles in 1 hour and 53 minutes – I'd hoped to run under 2 hours, so that was achieved. More to the point, people from church, colleagues from Reed Exhibitions (where I used to work) and family have donated an amazing £2,022 to help Tear Fund in its work of educating and training people in poor countries to farm, even when weather conditions are not good.

So thank you – thank you for your support, whether or not you have promised to sponsor me, or whether you have just prayed, especially for my calf muscle, when it complained in August. In the end there were no muscle problems – apart obviously from those of tiredness!

One of the joys of the mid week Wednesday Communion service at 11.15, is that there is the opportunity to go through a book, or a longer passage of Scripture, and look at it in a more leisurely way than is sometimes possible on a Sunday morning.

Over the past couple of months we've been looking at the Song of Songs, which is a short series of love poems in the Old Testament – in our Bibles it comes just before Isaiah, the first of the major prophets.

As a series of love poems, it celebrates the love of a man and a woman in all its parts – so there are parts which are erotic, so much so that some people through the centuries have said that it shouldn't be in the Bible at all.

Many other people, however, have seen that this book is a wonderful picture of the intimacy of the love that can exist between God and his people, between Christ and the church, and ultimately between Jesus Christ and the individual - you and me. Indeed during the first thousand years after the time of Jesus, there were as many commentaries on the Song of Songs as there were on other books of the Bible.

As you would expect with a love poem, the theme is the mutual love that exists between a man and a woman. One of the reasons for including this book in the Bible is that it portrays the man and the woman as equals. Given the male dominated society in which it was written, that's really counter-cultural. And what it is saying, is that as a man and a woman submit to each other in love, the conditions that existed in the Garden of Eden are recreated. Because, if you remember, it was only after the fall that God says that the man will have power over the woman. (see Genesis 3)

But for me the real wonder of this book, which takes the breath away, has been in the way that it shows how God, our Father, desires and is enraptured with us, his creatures.

Consider the start of chapter 4, where the man (or God) is speaking:

1. How beautiful you are, my darling
Oh, how beautiful!
2. Your eyes behind your veil are like doves...
7. You are altogether beautiful, my darling
There is no flaw in you
9. You have stolen my heart, my sister, my bride;
You have stolen my heart with one glance of your eyes...

We could understand that as love poetry – perhaps some of you have written poetry like that to the love of your life. But this is what God says to us – we are beautiful, there is no flaw in us – we have stolen his heart with one glance of our eyes... And there are a couple of similar passages (see ch 6 v4,5; ch 7 v5,6).

That is just breath-taking – and the only way to take this in, to build our lives on this, is to sit with it, to allow the truth of this to soak into our minds, and know that God, our God, delights in us.

I hope that in the business of this coming month, you will be able to take time to focus on this amazing truth.

John Kellagher

NO FIRST FRIDAY IN OCTOBER

The **First Friday Club** for men meets usually on the first Friday of each month and provides an opportunity for men to get together and to share their experiences. This month (October) there will no First Friday Club. Instead, there is a Harvest Supper, for men, women and children on Saturday 7th October at 6.00pm.

The next First Friday for men will be on November 3rd.

GEORGE WRITES

Dear Friends,

Once again, I do want to say that it is good to be back with you at Holy Trinity after a year partially out. We now have a somewhat new-look staff team and we had a productive few days away in early September to consider vision for the church, amongst other things. We will be sharing more of that over the coming weeks and months.

One passage that I frequently find myself going back to, as I consider the challenging situation of our town of Aldershot, is the first 4-5 verses of Isaiah 61:

*1 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,
because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.*

He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives

and release from darkness for the prisoners,

*2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour
and the day of vengeance of our God,*

to comfort all who mourn,

*3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion —
to bestow on them a crown of beauty*

instead of ashes,

the oil of joy

instead of mourning,

and a garment of praise

instead of a spirit of despair.

They will be called oaks of righteousness,

a planting of the LORD

for the display of his splendour.

4 They will rebuild the ancient ruins

and restore the places long devastated;

they will renew the ruined cities

that have been devastated for generations.

We know it as the passage that Jesus quoted early in his ministry, that gave some definition of what He had to come to do and who He was. It is a verse that translates to the whole church since the day of Pentecost, as it is the same Spirit who comes to us and fills us.

The first part of what He does in terms of anointing is to help us reach out with the good news to the poor (of which there are many around us). Then, from the second half of verse 1 and all the way through to most of verse 3, we find a wonderful divine exchange going on, as God's Spirit works on, in and through people in ministry. So, the broken-hearted are bound up, the captives are free,

those who mourn are comforted, there is beauty instead of ashes, gladness instead of mourning and praise instead of despair. Good news indeed!

We have recently had the results back from the Who Cares? outreach and questionnaire. That shows that there is so much hurt out there in similar terms to these verses, such as grief, mourning, broken-heartedness, despair and people bound up in addictive and destructive behaviours. How we need this divine exchange to be going on in individuals and families throughout our community! That is why we so often call with urgency for the church to plead before the throne of God in prayer together and then reach out to our town with the anointing of the Spirit.

Continuing in the passage, after that, in verse four, is the picture of rebuilding. Again, the image of ruins and the place devastated somehow resonates as how our town is in some aspects. One thing it is important to say is this: it is imperative that we, as Christians, don't speak negatively about it, like so many around us, but instead look to be agents of blessing and this divine exchange so that we are not simply adding to the destructive forces and making more 'ruins'.

One thing that I hadn't noticed before in the passage and which struck me with some force a few weeks ago was this: Who are those who will be doing the rebuilding and restoration of the ruins of our town on a spiritual and emotional level? I had always simply assumed that it was us who were anointed by the Spirit and this was a continuation of the ministry of bringing blessing and God's divine exchange to the hurting. But, if you look carefully, the rebuilding actually happens through those who have been restored through that ministry. What a picture that could give for the future of our town and community. The people who are currently hurting the most and who are the most dysfunctional, once healed, being the agents of that restoration! That should motivate us with excitement for our prayer and witness.

Thanks to all those who helped at the community food festival and event in Municipal Gardens in mid-September; it was a great occasion, with lots of people prayed for and blessed and one making a decision to let Jesus into her heart. A particular thanks to Sue Chadwick for doing much of the organising.

We now have our own **International Food Festival coming up at Holy Trinity as our Harvest Supper** on Saturday 7th October at 6pm. This will be a bring-and-share supper; please bring any food you are passionate about and, if that is relating to a particular style of food from another part of the world to the UK, even better! The main aim of the evening will be fellowship in the church family, but there will be a spiritual dimension to it, with grace in as many languages as we can find between us, a time of thanksgiving and praise for God's goodness and provision and a time where anyone is invited to share one thing to celebrate and one prayer need about their country of origin (or one that is close to their heart) so we can pray for the nations and recognise what God is doing further afield in His world.

The next day we will have our **Harvest Services** to continue the theme of thanksgiving and prayer. Please do bring as offerings to God; items of non-perishable food and drink that can be given to the Food Bank and/or put into the silent auction for TEAR Fund. We will support TEAR Fund that day and the 11.15 service will be All-Age with involvement from the children.

We do wish Jonathan and Susan all the best for their **sabbatical** which is for three months as from October 1st. Do be praying for them, that it will be a refreshing time in the Lord and one where He speaks and directs.

Don't forget some of the courses starting around now from Alpha to SHAPE and the Mission-shaped Church run by Jackie Maw (see the September edition of Update for more details).

Get filled, get out there with God's blessing for the poor and hurting and let's get rebuilding!

George

CHIEF'S CONCERNS

The Holy Spirit's charisma gifts are available to you.

Are you hungry for more....? Are you asking and seeking to understand your ministry within the body of Christ?

Are you curious about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and would you like to learn more, or perhaps you have been used in a gift at some point and want to see that increase or gain a fresh passion for Jesus. Well, if you haven't had a chance to join in on a Thursday evening as yet, the door is wide open. It is OK even if you can only make a few sessions.

In the coming weeks we are privileged to be hosting some well-seasoned speakers, who will be teaching from their experience on particular gifts – do check out the details on the Church Facebook page, in Update and in the weekly notice sheet.

I came across this testimony by Baptist Minister Charles Carrin, which powerfully teaches us about the gifts of the Holy Spirit in use. Be inspired!

One time when I was conducting a midweek prayer service, I received a very simple word of knowledge: "Pray for Mildred." It was as if I heard the words without my outer ear being involved. Even though the message was so clear, for a moment I was puzzled; but I proceeded to simply announce to those praying; "Pray for Mildred." The people continued praying. Moments later, I received a second instruction: "Mildred is Jewish." So I shared that information. As a result,

members of the congregation sincerely prayed for this unknown Jewish lady named Mildred.

At the close of the service, a distinguished looking matron hurried down the aisle. In a breathy voice she said to me, "May I speak to the congregation?" I handed her the microphone. "I have never addressed a church audience before," she explained, "but tonight I must. As a visitor I came because of a telephone call I received from a friend in Pennsylvania. She and I were sorority sisters in college fifty years ago and have remained close friends ever since. Tonight she is seriously ill in hospital, and she asked if I could find a church that would pray for her."

The woman paused, trying to maintain her composure, "This was the church I felt impressed to ask for prayer. I arrived too late to make the proper request in advance. But apparently that wasn't necessary, because the Lord told you for me. You see, my friend's name is Mildred, and she is Jewish."

Later I learned the visitor went home, called her Jewish friend and told her what had happened. As a result Mildred was healed. Moreover, she was so impressed at how the Holy Spirit miraculously spoke her name and Jewish identity to our congregation more than a thousand miles away that she went to a Baptist church in her community, believed the Gospel, and accepted Jesus Christ as her Saviour. Plainly, the Holy Spirit's gift of that evening revealed itself in a three-step progression: First, as a word of knowledge; second, as healing and finally, as salvation. Salvation is always the destination of grace.

Many Blessings
Jonathan

RELEASING SPIRITUAL GIFTS TODAY

The dates and titles of the course are as follows:

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| Oct 5th | Interpretation of tongues - (Jon & Susan) |
| Oct 12th | Prophecy - (Pastors Chris & Rachel Bird) |
| Oct 19 th | Faith - (Pastor Mike Pusey) |
| Nov 9th | Healing - (Tim Grant, Evangelist) |
| Nov 16th | Miracles - (Jon & Susan) |
| Nov 23rd | Discerning spirits (Rev Chris Oldroyd) |
| Nov 30th | Wisdom – (tba) |
| Dec 7th | Knowledge (Rev Chris Oldroyd) |

Nigel Harris, Tearfund CEO, analyses, in the latest edition of Tear Times, Tearfund's quarterly magazine, the results of Tearfund's ten-year vision (2006-2016). This vision was 'to see 50 million people released from material and spiritual poverty through a worldwide network of 100,000 local churches.'

'Over the last ten years:

- More than **154,000 churches** have been envisioned, empowered and equipped to play their part in the transformation of the poorest communities and in changing society.
- More than **32 million people** have been reached through community development projects – some of the poorest communities are now resilient to shocks and stresses, and are working for peace and unity, contributing to better futures for themselves and others.
- More than **300 policies** have been changed – ensuring that social, political, economic and environmental systems and policies now work for the poorest communities, ensuring access to basic needs, reducing inequality and sustaining growth.
- More than **13 million people** have been supported following disasters – having their immediate needs met after crises and natural disasters damaged community structures and mechanisms.'

It is evident from this that the work of Tearfund is transforming lives, both spiritually and physically, across the world, thus fulfilling their commitment to '...following Jesus where the need is greatest, whether in response to disasters or working through local churches, where appropriate, to unlock people's potential and see them transformed and flourishing.'

Currently, there is a huge humanitarian crisis in East Africa, where 23 million people are facing desperate food shortages. More than 800,000 children under five are severely malnourished.

A young girl called Josephine, was 16 years old when fighting forced her, her seven siblings and her grandmother to flee barefoot, with only the clothes they stood up in, to Juba, the capital of South Sudan, nearly 600km away. They live now in Konyo Konyo camp for displaced people. Josephine is responsible for her grandmother and siblings, and they are reliant on food distributions from Tearfund partner, Africa Inland Church. Josephine says, "My hope is in God. I trust that

He will do a miracle and bring peace to South Sudan. Because life is very hard here.”

Therefore it is imperative that we continue to support this vital ministry, both through prayer and giving. Tear Times cites the example of a six-year old girl, who undertook the Wimbledon Common park run, with the aim of raising £720 for the East Africa Crisis Appeal, set up to help 23 million people facing a food crisis in Kenya, Somalia, Ethiopia and South Sudan. So far she has raised more than double that - £1,590. If you would like to donate regularly to Tearfund or make a one-off donation, information on how to do so can be found on their website www.tearfund.org, or you can email them at info@tearfund.org.

(Quotes taken from Tear Times, Autumn '17)

Trisha Haley

ARE YOU REAL?

The food Festival September 16th

This was a unique community event, run by Rushmoor Borough Council and the Army, featuring Army catering with sample food dishes in a large khaki tent and stalls in the Municipal Gardens. It was also in the West End Centre, which is a lively place for the Arts, where a colliery band performed.

Holy Trinity and Wellesley, with Jackie Maw, had stalls at the top edge of a sunny bank. Our stall offered “prayer ribbons”, on which to write our “messages to God” and our requests. Whilst I was there, one message struck me movingly. A ten year old boy hesitated for a while before he silently wrote “Are you real?” and gave me the ribbon to put on the prayer rope with all the others. I pray he gets his answer.

It set me thinking! How did I become sure that God is real? How did you?

I was fortunate to have been taught from infancy to pray childish prayers, like “God bless my mummy and daddy” at bedtime. I did not hesitate to pray to him to stop the rain. I remember when at the seaside, I knew that Elijah prayed for rain and God answered, so I knew that He could make it stop. We had good Sunday Schools when I was little. I believed that the boy Samuel was called by name at night and had to ask Eli who had called him. Others have said “Who are you, God?” Children know that God has no body as we have, yet he is like us. He made us like himself and yet separate, so we are not complete until we find him – we have a God shaped hole inside us that only He can fill – He really is REAL!

On TV in those programmes about long lost families and “Who do you think you are?” we have re-united folk who were separated at birth, yet felt an instant connection. So it is with us and God; we recognise Him in His Son, Jesus Christ, who is the “express image of God” (Colossians 1 v15)

I pray that the boy finds that God is real!

Carol Edgoose

FAITH IN THE WORKPLACE

Revd Matthew Prior, Adult Discipleship Development Adviser in the Diocese of Guildford asks:

Do people in your parish networks have a vision of what it means to join up their faith and their work in the realities of day to day life?

The Transforming Work 2017 programme ends with a short day conference on **14th October at St Paul's Camberley** which aims to help foster such a vision. It's an opportunity to hear from Paul Williams, CEO of the Bible Society on this important theme and to choose two from six interactive seminars with local contributors on topics such as 'Managing People Pastorally', 'Shaping Corporate Ethics' and 'Working in Frontline Care'. There'll be the chance also to network with others sharing the same concerns, to hear stories of God at work in our workplaces and to get fresh insight and resources to take back to local parishes. The shape of the day and booking details are listed online [here](#). A light lunch will be provided. **Individual tickets cost £20 but a parish group rate of 3 for £20 is available.**

If you are interested, do speak to one of the staff team.

Big Mac Bite

A new academic year, the schools have restarted, the groups are up and running again, the weather is getting colder (and wetter) and there's only 85 days till Christmas – that's right, it's October.

HT Kid Club "Sleepover" 2017

It's also time for me to tell you about HT Kids Club Sleepover 2017. This will be taking place 4.00 pm, 21st – 22nd October (the first weekend of the October half term) for children aged 7 – 11 years old. With games, activities, film, food and more, and finishing with an All Age Service (11.15 am) on the Sunday morning.

There will be a charge of £5 per child, which includes all food and activities. If you need any more information please see me.

We really need and would value your support in prayer for the sleepover, especially for the preparations and for the children and the leaders who will be coming (especially for a good night's sleep).

Remember, remember

We are also looking to have our Family Fireworks Special on 10th November starting from 6.00pm. With refreshments, games, quizzes, activities, and of course fireworks, we should be in for a 'banging' good time. Please pray for good weather and other preparations, and especially that this will be good outreach to the families.



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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OCTOBER 2017 DIARY

- 1 SUNDAY**
9.30am Morning Praise
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)
- 2 7.30pm PRAISE, PRAYER AND PROPHECY**
3 2.00 & Fellowship Groups (Tuesdays)
7.30pm
- 4 11.15am Holy Communion with Praise, Prayer & Prophecy**
7.15 & Fellowship Groups (Weds*)
8.00pm
7.30pm Mission Shaped Introduction (fortnightly, see page 12)
- 5 2.30pm Women's Hour (Thursdays)**
7.30-9.30pm Releasing spiritual gifts today (Thurs, see page 13)
- 6 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 6.00pm Harvest Supper, Bring and Share (See page 11)**
- 8 SUNDAY – Harvest Services and Tear Fund support (See page x)**
9.30am Holy Communion
11.15am All Age Harvest Celebration
- 11 11.15am Holy Communion (Wednesdays)**
14 10.00am to 12 noon Mental Health Drop In (See page 5)
- 15 SUNDAY**
9.30am Morning Praise
11.15am Holy Communion
- 20 7.45pm Worship Team practice**
21st – 22nd October HT Kids Club Sleepover 2017. (See page 16)
- 22 SUNDAY**
9.30am Holy Communion
11.15am Alternative Service
- 23 7.45pm ACT Prayer at Church of the Ascension (see page 3)**
- 29 SUNDAY**
9.30am Holy Communion
11.15am Alternative Service