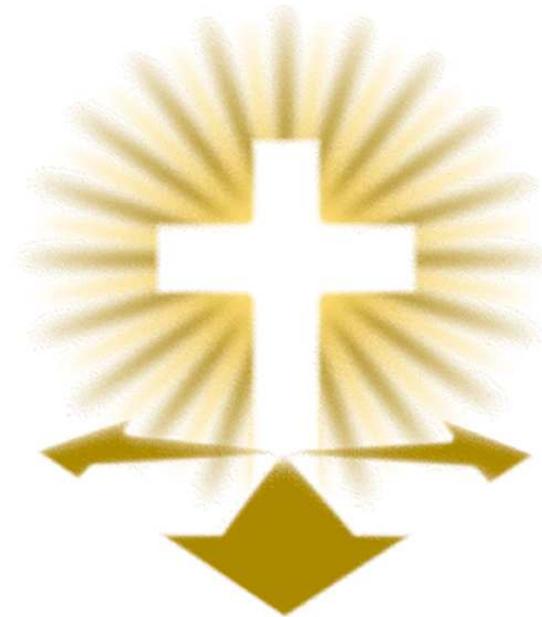


Trinity

Update

March 2018



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ALDERSHOT
'Church for Everyone'

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

A series of short articles drawn from the parish magazines of yesteryear.

The author of this item looks back to 1927.

This month we give some facts and figures about the church magazine in 1927, the year Guildford was made a separate diocese.

The magazine cost 2d, which was the equivalent of just less than 1p in decimal money. In March it sported a new photograph on the cover, one of the whole church replacing a view through the west door.

Thirty six local traders advertised in the magazine – there were four spaces still “to let”. There were five pages of local news (with, as today, one page being taken up with the diary and one with helpers).



Verse for the year 2018:

‘We will, in all things, grow up into...Christ.

From Him the whole body...grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.’

Ephesians 4:15-16

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this issue, including to Natalie Mitchell for proof-reading and to Tat for technical help.

Please note that the April 2018 issue of Update will be in Church on Sunday 1st April.

The LAST date for April articles will be Sunday 25th March.

WOMEN’S HOUR

On 25th January our new curate, Debs, gave us an interesting talk on how she came to dedicate her life to the Lord. She was a teacher for several years, but when her husband, whom she met at a church in S E London, decided to train for the clergy, it wasn’t long before she realised that this was for her as well. It is always interesting to hear how God calls people to serve Him.

A very different subject was covered by our speaker on 1st February; David Clifford, a councillor on Rushmoor Borough Council. He spoke about the regeneration of Aldershot; something of interest to us all, and outlined plans for the Galleries, privately owned, and Union Street, for which we have been given a generous grant by government. How long this will all take is still not known.

February 8th saw me (Jean) telling how God commissioned me to write a book (details in August edition of Update). A very daunting, but thrilling task, also a very humbling one. I am pleased to say that this talk was well received.

We were pleased to welcome Jackie Maw, Pioneer Minister for the Wellesley development on 15th. We thought it was very brave of Jackie to go ahead with her talk as she has very recently lost her mother. In a very interesting and informative talk she told us how the Votes for Women were brought about from its first airing in 1835 until the vote was granted to some women in 1917 and then for all in 1928. Momentum grew throughout these years, as many women fought for equality; some even dying in the attempt. I think most women wonder if we are perhaps still in a battle for total equality today!

Daphne and Jean V

(On behalf of Women’s Hour)

LADIES PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday 10th March at 8.30 in Crossover

A great opportunity to enjoy a leisurely breakfast, chat, exchange news, have fellowship and pray for one another.

Our next bi-monthly Ladies Prayer Breakfast is taking place on Saturday 10th March, 8.30-10.00am, in Crossover.

If you plan to come, please let Joan Davies know in advance on 01252 328984 or joancdavies@hotmail.com, as this will help with catering.



TRANSFORMATION AND RECONCILIATION.

These words were the focus of the trip to Rwanda that I have just had the privilege of returning from, a trip in partnership with Tear Fund and my college. With a temperature of 30 degrees it was a welcome change from cold and windy Aldershot, although on my return I have found myself layering up to the amusement of the staff team.

Rwanda is known as the land of 1000 hills, it is a beautiful green landscape, but holds a dark and horrific history; in 1994 Rwanda suffered a genocide, that arose out of power, greed and jealousy.

Our journey began with two days visiting memorial sites, sites which we needed to visit, to understand the history of the country, but it was very hard to see and hear of the widespread massacres that had taken place. Attending church following these difficult days was a welcome and uplifting experience; being able to sit and worship in the presence of God, allowing him to minister over me was just what was needed.

The following days were spent visiting remote villages where there is very little income, very little of anything, yet they have spent the years trying to rebuild their communities and homes that were completely desecrated. Wherever we went, we were welcomed with open arms literally and with wonderful smiles, always being told that they had been praying for weeks for our safe journey to them, meeting these people full of hope, love and forgiveness.

The focus was to see and hear about ecumenical practice; the churches are working together within these communities by community mobilisation and peacebuilding work, whilst also to bring stability.

Hearing testimonies from survivors that had lost so much through the genocide, including loved ones, meeting perpetrators, but hearing how Jesus has worked through them both, to the point that they are now living within the same village alongside one another.

When the genocide was over, almost immediately the Gospel of Jesus Christ was proclaimed on every radio station, as well as in the streets. Rwanda is the most Christian country within Africa, a country that has reached the depths of despair, yet has so much faith, Jesus shines out from them. There is a real hunger for discipleship and ecumenically the churches are doing great things, whilst being supported by charities like Tearfund and their partners.

What was really great to see and hear is how Tearfund and their partners are not freely giving money to the people, but actually empowering and equipping them to come together in prayer, worship and to learn how to be responsible equipped people, empowering them to put things into place as a community, to plant, grow, sell, save and invest, whilst learning along the way that there can be difficulties of drought, diseases and death of livestock.

The majority of the people in Rwanda have only ever been educated to primary level - unless you were one of the lucky ones where your family are rich and therefore you

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are educated in a private school. The churches are trying to rectify this by teaching their pastors in English along with theological studies; this was demonstrated by a group of them reciting the Lord's Prayer to us in English, something they had learnt especially for our visit, a real achievement for them, but when they have finished their studies they will be much better equipped, which will help them to return to their communities to help others.

Signs of growth, hope and development are seen everywhere, and the church plays a key role as continuously promoting forgiveness and reconciliation towards a complete restoration of all things in Christ.

Visiting Rwanda has been a real privilege meeting amazing people seeing people faced with the trauma of the genocide, who have, faced fear, shame, anger and yet they have found a way not to simply exist alongside one another but to live in unity.

Thank you to all who have supported me with gifts and times of prayer, without all of whom I could not have made this journey, I have returned with a heart for Rwanda and its people, seeing and hearing stories of forgiveness, reconciliation and transformation has been life changing. Seeing Tear Fund at work has been a real insight into where our money goes. I will be sharing more of my journey hopefully in a hosting slot within a service, but also at Women's Hour.

Thank you again and Please continue to pray for Rwanda and the amazing work of Tear Fund.

Love and blessings to you all.

Cara.



DEBS REFLECTS...

Vision Carriers

One of the most enjoyable parts of my role, here at Holy Trinity, and previously in other churches, has been to encourage others on their own discipleship journey. This has been as varied as the people I have had the privilege of being alongside. It's so good when someone discovers their God given gifts and begins to see how they have been equipped to serve God and others.

This is my prayer for the **SHAPE** courses that we are continuing to run this month. By creating space to come together and to intentionally ask God to reveal more of how He sees us, our **Spiritual Gifts**, **Heart's desires**, **Abilities**, **Personality** and **life Experience**, we can continue to grow deeper in relationship with God and with each other, so that we can go out and serve our beautiful and broken communities.

For me discovering our SHAPE, blesses our church, part of the Body of Christ, because we are encouraged and equipped to be **vision carriers** rather than **rota fillers**. In my experience rota fillers are those who put their name down on a particular rota because there is a gap and a job to be done. Now, there have been many times in the life of churches I've been involved in when some things simply wouldn't have happened or got done without these dutiful folk. I have often been one of them, and not always served from a gracious place! The problem is that when we are simply filling a gap on a rota and our heart isn't in it, that has an impact on the rest of the team, on the ministry or task and on us, mostly not a positive impact. Now I know that God can use whatever we offer, and sometimes even in spite of our motives, but this doesn't reflect the image of the church we find in the New Testament of each part of the body, playing its part. It just doesn't normally work to walk on your hands or see through your ears!

When we are inspired by the Holy Spirit to get involved, to serve, to join or even lead a team, we are vision carriers. It may still be hard work, require our commitment, our prayers as well as our practical service, but there is love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control in the work, fruits that we recognise as fruits of the Spirit, (Galatians 5. 22-23). Isn't this the sort of team you would like to be part of? Equipped by the Holy Spirit, for the works he has prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2.10)

Yesterday George, Cara and I met with the leaders of our Children, and Youth work. It was such a privilege, because it was a meeting of vision carriers. Here during this time of vacancy, as we wait for our children and families minister which we trust God will provide, there was a group of people who are literally carrying the vision for this work. But more than that, in our discussions it was so apparent that they were passionate about our children, families and young people. They are so excited for all that God is and will do here. There is confidence to grow this work, an openness to try some different ideas as we build on all that has gone before. There is commitment and enthusiasm. What an encouragement and blessing for our church.

There is room for this team to grow, we are very thankful for those who have already joined in. We would welcome more vision carriers, those with a passion to see families, children and young people grow in Faith. Our Friday night Kids Club, would especially welcome you. We would also like to explore having three rather than two groups on a Sunday morning, to enable more age/stage of Faith differentiated input. Please pray about whether this is an area God has equipped and inspired you for.

I know you will continue to pray for the leaders, helpers, children and young people. Thank you

Debs

MENTAL HEALTH DROP IN

Our meeting on February 17th coincided with a youth praise day held by the Nepalese church. It was wonderful to see so many young people in the church and to hear the enthusiastic way in which they worshipped - we didn't need our own music!!

We started with tea and cake and a general chat and then we talked about the different ways in which we cope with our problems - from seeking the company of others to needing "duvet days". We had a chance to speak to some of the young people - they travel some way for these meetings. Then we had a quiz which Pat had prepared and, as usual, finished with a time of prayer, thanking God for each one of us and for bringing us together to encourage and build us up, as we cope with what can be a very distressing situation.



Our next meeting will be on March 24th - 10.00a.m. - noon in Crossover. If you need someone to talk to, do join us.

Pat and Daphne

FIRST FRIDAY CLUB

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 the First Friday Club will be at 7.00pm on Friday 2nd March.

Meet at church.

CHIEF'S CONCERNS

So this is my penultimate page and over the last thirteen and half years it has been a joy to populate its lines.

I'm sure if you went back into the archives, probably held by Arthur and Christine we could chart some changes in content and style. I of course cannot claim much, as I have often filled the page with someone else's words, but only because I absolutely love to encourage and inspire the people of God.

So why change the habit of a life time, I hope you enjoy this latest instalment. Though I must just add that even if 'Chief's Concerns' comes to an end, keep your eyes and ears open' as it is just possible that some alternative blog may appear in the future. "My heart overflows with a good theme; I address my verses to the King; My tongue is the pen of a ready writer."

A Word from God

"Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone. But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves; for the wind was contrary" (Matthew 14:22-24)

If you don't exhibit faith while the storm is still raging, you won't see your deliverance. Many people go through the motions, praising God and saying some of the right things, but they're just wishing and hoping, that it's going to work. Yet, they are not believing. When you truly start believing, you'll find yourself abounding in thanksgiving.

"As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk you in him; rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving" (Colossians 2:6-7).

The way faith abounds is through thanksgiving. If you don't have a thankful heart, if you are not being of good cheer in the midst of your storm, then you may have faith, but your faith is not abounding – overcoming – greater than your fears. When you really get into a God-kind of faith, you'll find that you can persist to the point of excitement and joy. I'm not talking about something you manufacture yourself. It comes from God. It's a calm assurance, a peace, and a joy that comes from knowing that God is faithful. He's never forsaken you, and He never will.

Before the Lord performed the miracle these disciples needed, He told them, "Trust Me. Be of good cheer. It's Me. Don't be afraid. Don't you remember who I am? I'm the one who just fed the multitude. I miraculously multiplied a tiny bit of food. I'm the one who has already seen the dead raised, blind eyes and deaf ears opened, and demons cast out. It's Me! Don't you realise Who you are serving? Don't you recognise Who is with you? It's Me!"

You need to recognise who Jesus is on the inside of you. Once you do this, you will not be afraid. You will experience His joy and peace, and you will be of good cheer!

But remember, Jesus is walking on top of the water – the very thing that's overwhelming us. Whatever your situation is, it's no problem for the Lord. Really!

(Andrew Wommack, How to become a Water Walker)

Blessings
Jonathan

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.



A great time was had by all at our Games and Puddings evening at the end of January. There was a selection of board games to choose from, with the added excitement of 5 knock-out tournaments, two of which were won by Di Spencer. Well done Di! Play was interrupted for a short time while we enjoyed some delicious puddings.

Encounter and Refreshment – Saturday 17th March, 1pm. This will be an opportunity for reflection, refreshment and encounter with Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The afternoon will be led by Rachel Bird, from Fleet Baptist, and she will be accompanied by Sue Rinaldi, who is known internationally for her worship leading. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church.

22nd-24th June. I hope you've got these dates in your diaries. They are for our annual weekend away and, as last year, we are going to the Greenhouse Christian Centre in Poole. We are looking forward to another great time of fellowship, fun and food. The cost will be £140 for full board from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. If you have any questions or would like to start a savings account, please see Jacquie Kellagher or Trisha Haley. There will be a sign-up sheet in Church in March. We do hope that you will be able to join us for a blessed time.

Trisha Haley
On behalf of Soul Sisters

GEORGE WRITES

Dear Friends,

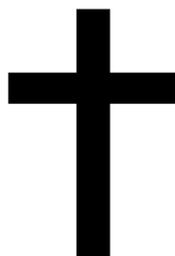
It has been exciting to see a number of completely new courses start at Holy Trinity in the last few weeks. The SHAPE courses are getting under way (and there is still time to join the daytime one if you haven't yet joined one!) I trust and pray that these will be really useful times in helping people find their purpose in life more clearly, as well as how we all fit together in the family of God. The other new course, running most Mondays, is the "Taste and See" course, relating our Christian faith to food and eating habits and, again, I trust this will be really positive for all who are doing it.

As you may have heard, I am now back on General Synod and I went to the three days of sessions in February. As always, it was fascinating and interesting, as well as a great time to fellowship and meet some very talented Christian people. When I was last on, I would often run a short session afterwards for anyone interested, entitled *What happened at Synod?* If anyone would like me to do that a couple of times a year (possibly before PPPs) do let me know.

If you haven't taken up a Lent discipline, it is not too late (despite Lent having started a few weeks back). A helpful place to go is the 40 Acts website, which offers a simple thing to do each day, which is delivered via email. There are also plenty of resources from the diocese and the Church of England websites.

If you want to be on the church trip to Nepal next autumn (2019) you need to let me know ASAP and come to the meeting on 17th March (10am Crossover), as that is the cut-off date.

The last week of this month of March is the important week that leads up towards Easter. If you are buying Easter eggs for people, do consider buying from the Real Easter Egg Company, as they will have clear pointers to the real meaning of the season. This year, on Maundy Thursday (29th), we will have a Passover meal in church for the whole church family. We will do it early evening and it will be a bring-and-share meal, but with a Passover liturgy that gives us a real feel of that biblical tradition and, towards the end, we will help you to see how it all relates and points forward to Jesus and His death and Resurrection and how He fulfils it totally.



On Good Friday we plan to take the large cross out and do a prayerful walk into the town at 10 AM followed by refreshments and hot cross buns and then approximately an hour of meditations on the cross in church (about midday).

Easter day (April 1) is the day of extra celebration which we trust will be reflected in our services at the usual times.

You will all be aware that Jonathan is moving on in early April and we do wish him and Susan every blessing and we are so thankful for their time with us. Their last Sunday with us will be April 8th and we are considering a special joint service where Jonathan can preach and where others can share their appreciation of their time with us and where we can pray for them and commission them out. We are considering making this an early joint service with a church family meal. We will, of course, be collecting for a farewell gift nearer the time.

Hopefully we will be interviewing for the post of Children and Families Minister in the second half of the month, so please keep praying for the right person to apply and be discerned and appointed.

May each one of you continue to grow up into Jesus and grow together as the family of Christ as you each use your gifts and talents in love.

George

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year the featured country is Suriname, a small country on the north east coast of South America, with a population of around half a million people. The area was discovered early in the 16th century by European explorers. A century later sugar plantations were established. Nowadays the country's most important industry is the mining and processing of bauxite, which is a source of aluminium. Other exports are sugar, oil and gold. About half of the working population is employed in agriculture.

The service has been prepared by the Christian women of Suriname and the subject is **caring for God's very good creation** – an extremely relevant topic now, as sea levels are rising, and fish are being poisoned, either by chemicals such as mercury in the rivers or microbeads and plastics in the sea. Mining for Bauxite has led to deforestation.

Caring for God's very good creation is a hugely important topic, which is highly relevant to people of all ages and beliefs. It gives us a wonderful opportunity, not only to publicise WWDP more widely, but also to encourage more people to think seriously about how we preserve God's world for our children and grandchildren.

The Aldershot Service this year is **on Friday March 2nd** at the **Roman Catholic Garrison Church Queens Avenue** (at the junction of Queens Avenue and Alison's Road). **It starts at 10.30 and lasts an hour.** All around the World different churches will be holding the service at the same time.

For those who cannot attend the morning service there is an evening service at St Peters Church, Ash Vale.

It would be wonderful if you could join us.

Jan Nielsen

JOHN KELLAGHER WRITES

What's the most important thing that you do? Those of you who know the Westminster Shorter Catechism (written in 1648 to help people learn about faith) will know that the first question is "What is the chief end of man?" (meaning "what is a person's highest purpose, what's the most important thing you do?"), with the answer being "Man's chief end is to enjoy God and glorify Him for ever."

I've been helping with one of the Alpha courses we are running, and we've just covered the session entitled "Why and how do I pray?" And right at the start of the DVD, Nicky Gumbel (for those of you who don't know, the person who presents the Alpha DVDs) says that prayer is the most important thing that he does. As I was watching the video, it seemed to me that that's the link to enjoying God and glorifying God for ever. Prayer is how we learn and continue to enjoy God.

Which raises the question of how do you pray? I've just been reading a book that is the Archbishop's Lent book for 2018, and it's entitled "Say it to God", with the sub-title of "In search of Prayer", and it's written by a Benedictine monk called Luigi Gioia. I started reading it one night when I couldn't sleep, and really enjoyed it – but what really excited me was that in the Alpha session on Prayer, there's a clip of this person Luigi Gioia talking about how to pray, and he gives three tips, which are as follows...

Keep it real

Keep it simple

Keep it going

There's more detail in the book about what he means by those three keys – for instance on "keep it real", he writes – "Nothing of what you do, think, hate, suffer, enjoy, hope, fear, dread, desire – nothing is unworthy of God – there is nothing you cannot convert into prayer. There is one rule, one method, one secret, one simple and infallible way to achieve this: just **"say it to God"** (On the video he includes anger and lust in the list of what you can bring to God – the key word is "nothing".)

On the video he says that he starts his prayer with how he is feeling – so if he's feeling frustrated or tired, he starts by saying "Lord, I'm feeling frustrated because..." Just say it to God. Nike's strap line is "Just do it" – his strap line is "Just say it to God".

One of the things that has helped me, is to distinguish between Prayer and prayers, between working on and deepening my relationship with God, and asking God for specific things, bringing specific issues to God. So Prayer is to do with developing (and maintaining) my relationship with God, with growing an attitude of heart and mind, which enables me to be aware of His presence with me all the time, and to enjoy being in that presence. On the other hand, prayers are for the issues we face during the day – for example, what gets sent round the prayer tree, for an operation, or exams, or finding a parking space, or any of the issues we face through the day.

Obviously the two are linked, so that as I see individual prayers being answered, these will help to deepen my trust in God's faithfulness. It's like any relationship, especially a marriage or a friendship – there will be times when the focus is on enjoying each other's company, and then there will be times when there are specifics to do because life has to be lived – there are rubbish bins to put out. But we know that if in the relationship, the focus is always only on the functional – who's going to put the rubbish out – and there's no sharing of self, the relationship is going to struggle.

There's much more in the book than I have had time and space to go into here, and much of the book looks at the Lord's Prayer and how Jesus teaches us this prayer, because this is how he prays, and we are invited to join Jesus in prayer. I would encourage you to read it through Lent – I think it's no accident that this is a Lent book, because it's a book you can read in short chunks and think about / pray about.

The other thing about reading this over the next few weeks, is that it's a positive thing to do. Lent is traditionally all about the negative – but actually the whole of the New Testament is about putting a positive in place of a negative, rather than just focusing on the negative. It's much more of a pull than a push – and as we focus on the positive, so the negative will be forced out. It's very easy to focus on how sinful we are – and indeed some of the older prayers give that impression. But the whole point of the cross is that God still loves us, and He wants us to focus on Him and His love for us, not on ourselves.

John Kellagher

THE CHURCH'S ELECTORAL ROLL

We are now at the time of year when we review the Electoral Roll for Holy Trinity Church. This is on display on the notice board in Crossover. If you would like to add your name to the roll for Holy Trinity, or to make any changes to your details or have any other questions, please speak to Jill Gooding (I will be in Crossover with the electoral roll forms between both services for the next few weeks).

Jill Gooding

Please note that under Church of England rules you should:

- be aged at least 16
- be baptised (not necessarily in the Church of England)
- **either** live within the Holy Trinity parish **or** have worshipped here for at least 6 months.

CHURCH MISSION, MINISTRY AND PASTORAL SUPPORT

What do these terms mean for 3 “Church” organisations which we support? CMS, CMJ & CPAS will be celebrated on Sunday 4th March.

1. Church Mission Society - Mission Is

If someone asked you “What is mission?” – what would you reply?

I was asked this question by the Church Mission Society (CMS) while at New Wine last summer. I realised that it was something I hadn't given much thought to for a while and also how easy it is to immediately think of certain stereotypes, such as mission being something which is done overseas by a select few. However, as CMS found in their survey of over 2000 people last year, beneath these stereotypes, people have a much broader and more holistic idea of what mission is.

The survey found that 9 out of 10 Christians said that they believe mission is for everyone and shouldn't be left to full time Christian workers. When asked for the first thing which came to mind when they heard the word “mission”, 44% of participants readily associated it with the work of an “evangelist”. However “church” (18.5%) and “local estate” (13%) were the next top responses, followed by “workplace” and “environment”. One of the biggest challenges identified was that only 50% of those questioned said they were putting their call to mission into action and 46% said they either didn't know what their calling was or were having trouble exercising it. I wonder which group you would put yourself in?

CMS wants to see all God's people engaged in God's mission in order to bring challenge, change, hope and freedom to the world. They currently support mission in 40 different countries, in work committed to living by their values of being pioneering, evangelistic, relational and faithful. The projects they support are varied and just a few include:

- working with churches in the UK who are focusing on mission in their local community,
- training Christian leaders for the fast growing church in Nepal,
- working to eradicate FGM (female genital mutilation) in Africa,
- working alongside the refugee community in Malta, and
- building relationships with bikers in the UK.

In order to equip churches and individuals, CMS have developed a resource hub on their website as part of their “Mission Is” campaign. It has a range of resources including Bible study materials which aim to bust some myths and misconceptions around about what mission is – or isn't, prayer topics, personal testimonies of how others have discovered their call, as well as tools to help you explore your own calling. All the resources can be found at <https://churchmissionsociety.org/resources> and are well worth a look.

Janet Bento

2. Church's Ministry Among Jewish People (CMJ) – Various Ministries

Having now written 6 Update articles for CMJ Sundays, I have reported on various aspects of this Ministry.

In 2012 I pointed out the number of Stars of David, the symbol of the Jewish people, that we have in our church. There are 4 large ones and an area with a lot of them in a pattern – do ask me if you want to know where they all are! These indicate that, ever since the founding of HT in the 1870s, we have recognised the importance of the Jewish people in God's plan.



The next year I reported from Christ Church in the Old City of Jerusalem – the oldest protestant church in the Middle East – built by CMJ in 1849. I then wrote about how CMJ built the first modern hospital in Jerusalem in the 1860s, and when this was handed over to create a government hospital, the old building became the home for the Anglican International School. CMJ has been involved in training for over 180 years and this school still provides education for children from all communities. And CMJ historian, Kelvin Crombie, came and spoke in Crossover that year about “Gallipoli – the road to Jerusalem.”

Two years ago I described Christ Church's Mercy Fund and how it provides support to the poor from all the communities in and around Jerusalem. In the case of Palestinian Christian Arabs in the West Bank, this Fund is often the only organisation which will help, as they are not recognised by the Palestine Authority's welfare programmes. Christ Church has Arabic, Hebrew, and English speaking congregations meeting on Friday, Saturday and Sunday respectively, but sometimes coming together. The fund helps everyone from all backgrounds and beliefs.

Last November was the 100th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration. Britain was given the Mandate by the League of Nations to manage lands captured from the Ottoman Empire in 1917-8, and which were to become a homeland for the Jewish people. Soon afterwards Britain set up an Arab homeland in the part of Palestine to the East of the River Jordan, which became the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. In 1948 Britain withdrew from the rest, the State of Israel was declared, and the Kingdom of Jordan attacked and absorbed the West Bank and East Jerusalem into its territory. There were CMJ institutions of both sides of the border. So over the years we've considered a lot of CMJ involvement in the Middle East, but what about in Britain?

In this country its ministry is to teach the churches about the place of Israel in God's plans, and to support Jewish people. The website (<https://www.cmj.org.uk/>) lists a programme of conferences and visits to organisations, schools and churches to run events and provide teaching. This Easter, for example, they will be holding Passover Services in different places. They also have “The Bible Comes To Life” exhibition

which tours the country showing what life was like in ancient Israel and at the time of Christ. CMJ encourages messianic Jewish groups – those who accept Yeshua (Jesus) as God's messiah, and they have a printing programme. The latest book by the CEO, Rev Alex Jacob, is reading notes on Luke's Gospel for new believers, and particularly new messianic believers.

I will have copies and some pictures, and can try to answer questions after the services on 4th March. See you then.

Jos Johnston

3. CPAS - Church Pastoral Aid Society

The definition of **Pastoral** is: Concerning the giving of spiritual guidance. So the aim of this charity is clearly expressed in their mission statement.

Our mission is to enable churches to help every person hear and discover the good news of Jesus Christ".

CPAS (the Church Pastoral Aid Society) was founded in 1836 by prominent Christians, including the pioneering social reformer Lord Shaftesbury. It was established as a Christian response to the massive social change brought about by the Industrial Revolution. What were once small village churches found themselves with the new urban poor on their doorsteps.

Lord Shaftesbury and his friends stepped in to set up a new charity that would resource these churches to cope with this change, through giving them grants to enable them to employ extra members of staff. Their aim was simple: the Gospel should be taken 'to every person's door, with a single eye to the glory of God'.

What was controversial – though hardly a surprise to us today – was that CPAS gave grants for the employment of lay staff, as well as those who were ordained. One of the chief critics of this was William Gladstone, later to become Prime Minister. One of the first recipients of a grant was the Rev Patrick Bronte, Rector of Haworth, and father of the famous novelists, who was able to employ the Rev Arthur Nicholls as curate.

CPAS carry out this vision through many means, but particularly with the creation of resources for churches and by running courses. The Growing Leaders course done in church recently was written by them. They also have a more "hands on" work in 500+ churches in appointing evangelical clergy (known as patronage churches). Holy Trinity is one of these.

Tim Welby



LENT APPEAL

FROM HOST UK

Lent is traditionally a time of foregoing something, though there is also now a trend to mark the season by **doing** something, something extra thoughtful and special.

As we approach a time of joyful celebration in the Church calendar, we ask if you might consider doing something for international relations...making a small but significant contribution towards greater understanding worldwide.

Here at HOST our mission is to give a welcome to international students in British homes for friendship and cultural exchange. Our volunteer hosts open their homes and offer the opportunity to their student guests to have a break from studies and the chance to discover a new part of the UK. They share meals and conversation and in so doing learn about each other's cultures. We know from the feedback we receive that being a host can give every bit as much pleasure as being a guest.

Hospitality can be offered for one day (daytime only) or three days and two nights at the weekend. We operate all year round and would very much welcome more volunteer hosts to join us.

More information can be found on our website: www.hostuk.org

Or email us on: info@hostuk.org

Or telephone us on: 020 7739 6292

ALDERSHOT CHURCHES PRAYING TOGETHER

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

Monday 5th March 2018

ALL FAITHS OR NONE GROUP AT THE VINE

Mary Webb reports:

Our new All Faiths or None Group met for the first time today, it was well attended and was the chance to ask questions, as well as to explore and look at life situations. We are hoping this will continue to grow and be a group open to all members of the community

Please do feel free to signpost anyone to this group who you think maybe interested. Anyone is welcome to just turn up on the day, no need to "pre-book"

If you have any questions or would like more details then do please just let me know. You are also more than welcome to pop along at any point.

Kind Regards

Mary

Mary Webb

Head of Corporate & Community Liaison, The Vine Centre - Aldershot

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FIRE WALK FOR THE VINE

Mary Webb writes:

I am organising a fundraising event for The Vine Centre; it is a Firewalk on 17th March. I am looking for people who would like to join me in taking part, as well as people who would like to sponsor me. I have a Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mary-webb2> for online donations

When: Saturday 17th March 2018 at 4:30pm

Where: Alderwood Senior School, Aldershot

How much: Sign up fee £25. Please raise £125 in sponsorship.

For more information contact Mary Webb on 07502 543375

Or mary.webb@thevinecentre.org.uk

Or See poster at the back of church

ALSO AT THE VINE

A community group for all ages to enjoy coffee and conversation in a warm and friendly environment.

Tuesdays 10.00am to 12 noon.

Further info: tracey.ashton@thevinecentre.org.uk

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EXHIBITION OF ARTWORK

at The Royal Garrison Church of All Saints

Monday 19th February to Monday 19th March

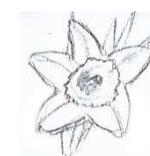
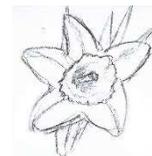
All the art has been produced by clients of the Vine Centre during their creative art and Art Therapy sessions

For more details contact 01252 314533

THE SOURCE YOUNG PARENTS MENTORING PROGRAMME

The Source Young People's Charity provides help for vulnerable young people with a range of needs. Young parents are a particular cause for concern.

To find out more, visit the charity's website on www.thesourceforyou.co.uk or contact Ellie Jones, Director, at The Source Young People's Charity at 01252 333330



" PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM" - PSALM 122:6

Would you like to join us to pray for the peace of Jerusalem?

A small group of us meet every 2nd Tuesday of each month, from 10am to 12 noon at my house and all are welcome. Our next meeting is 13th March 2018. If you are interested, or would like to know more, please contact Aehee Payne (Tel 01252 653182) or just come to 91 Badshot Park, Badshot Lea GU9 9NE."

GOLD PROJECT STUDY DAY

The GOLD Project will be running a study day on

God Creation and Chaos - Learning From the Book of Job

on Saturday 24th March at Stockton House, Fleet

Places are £15 each to include lunch and can be booked via Eventbrite.

Or contact Jane MacCaig at Stockton House for more details.

Address: Stockton House, Stockton Avenue, Fleet, Hampshire GU51 4NS

Tel . 01252 614323

Website: www.goldproject.org

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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.

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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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

April 8th Farewell service for Jonathan (provisional)

Men's weekend away, April 27-29th

Vision Trip to Nepal next autumn (2019). If you are interested, please register that by March. We have a meeting for all interested at 10am on 17th March in Crossover. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church.

HT Men's Weekend at the end of April in Poole; it is a great venue (The Greenhouse Centre) and we need a minimum of 20 to have the whole site to ourselves. The cost, full board for two nights, will be in the region of £140. See Jonathan, if you have any questions.

Soul Sisters Weekend Away - 22nd - 24th June 2018

At the Greenhouse Christian Centre in Poole [see page 9]

Hopefully we will be interviewing for the post of Children and Families Minister in the second half of the month, so please keep praying for the right person to apply and be discerned and appointed.

MARCH 2018 DIARY

1	10-11.30am	Contact for parents and toddlers	(Thursdays in term*)
	2.30pm	Women's Hour	(Thursdays)
	7.30pm	Alpha Course at the Vicarage	(Thursdays)
	7.30pm	POD Groups	
2	9.30-11am	Parent POD	(Fridays in term*)
	10.30am	Fellowship Group at Kingsley Court	(alternate Fridays)
	10.30am	Women's World Day of Prayer, RC Garrison Church (see p 10)	
	6-7pm	Kids Club	(Fridays in term*)
	7.00pm	First Friday Club for men – meet at church	(See page 7)
4	MISSION SUPPORT SUNDAY - CMJ, CMS & CPAS (See page 14)		
	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)	
5	1.30pm	SHAPE Course in Crossover	Also 19 th & 26 th
	7.30pm	PRAISE, PRAYER AND PROPHECY	
6	2.00 & 7.30pm	Fellowship Groups	(Tuesdays*)
7	11.15am	Holy Communion with Praise, Prayer & Prophecy	
	2.30, 7.15 & 8.00pm	Fellowship Groups	(Weds*)
	7.30pm	POD Groups	(Weds*)
	7.30 for 7.45pm	SHAPE course in Crossover	(last session)
8	7.30 for 7.45pm	SHAPE course in Crossover	(also 15 th)
9	8.00pm	TCPT team meeting (in Crossover)	
10	8.30am	Ladies Prayer Breakfast in Crossover	(See page 3)
11	SUNDAY		
	9.30am	Holy Communion	
	11.15am	Alternative Service	
14	11.15am	Holy Communion	(Weds)
15	7.30 for 7.45pm	SHAPE course in Crossover	(last session)
16	7.45pm	Worship Team practice	
17	10.00am	Meeting for those interested in trip to Nepal	(see page 10)
	1.00pm	Soul Sisters Encounter and Refreshment	(see page 9)
18	SUNDAY		
	9.30am	Morning Praise	
	11.15am	Holy Communion	
19	1.30pm	SHAPE Course in Crossover	(also 26 th)
	7.45pm	ACT Prayer at Church of the Ascension	(see page 17)
24	10am-12noon	Prayer ministry team gathering	
	10.00am to noon	Mental Health Drop In	(page 7)
25	PALM SUNDAY –		
	9.30am	Holy Communion	
	10.00am	Children's Service in Galpin Hall	
	11.15am	Alternative Service	
26	1.30pm	SHAPE Course in Crossover	
29	6.00pm	Maundy Thursday, Passover meal in church	(see p 10)
30	10.00am	Walk with the cross, followed by refreshments & hot cross buns, then an hour of meditations on the cross	