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The Ministers Write...



From Rev. Ian Howarth

Dear Friends,

I write this in the gap between the Olympic and the Paralympic games, hoping that the Paralympics will be able to engender the same sense of common purpose, excitement and real community that I, and I believe many others, experienced during the Olympics. The role of the volunteers, who I found on my trip to the Olympic Park to be so friendly and encouraging, has rightly been highlighted. With all the questions that were around beforehand, the games really did seem to bring the best out of our nation.

However, while people have highlighted the difference in attitude between the sense of fair play and respect that, on the whole, was on show at the Olympics, with the culture of Premier league football, when football started again on 18th August, the media was full of it again as if the Olympics hadn't happened! What will be the legacy?

I would love to think it could be on the values of the opening ceremony, which I believe unashamedly touched on the Christian roots of our society, without excluding those from other faiths and none, with the vision of the Kingdom of God, outlined in Blake's "Jerusalem" setting the scene. What I found even more moving was the use of 'Abide with me' not as a football anthem, but in its rightful place as a hymn of reflection and mourning, as both global terrorism, and our involvement in wars like Afghanistan were acknowledged and faced with realism and hope. (It is sad that the American broadcasters, who saw it as a criticism of those wars, did not include that section in their transmission.)

It contrasted with the closing ceremony, whose centrepiece was John Lennon's song 'Imagine', a great song in some ways, but also an atheist anthem. One Christian philosopher has called it 'the My Little Pony of philosophical statements' because unlike the real Christian tradition it does not confront the problems that individuals, communities and the world faces, but simply imagines them away. That may be all right for a closing ceremony where everyone is celebrating a good time, but it does not actually address the issues.

The Christian response to the problems of the world, which the opening ceremony touched on, does not ignore them or imagine them away, but acknowledges them, but insists there is more too. It is as if running through the mess there is an infinite kindness, what Dante called 'a love that moves the sun and stars.'

Facing our lives, our community and the world in this way is realistic, but also allows us to go forward, not just imagining a perfect future, but seeing

God's mercy at the heart of things, we can commit ourselves to working with him for his kingdom, in our imperfect, sometimes messy world.

In the words of Blake, (and remembering that the kingdom's borders stretch universally and are not confined to England!):

'I shall not cease from mental fight,
Not shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have build Jerusalem,
In England's green and pleasant land.'

Yours in Christ,

Ian

From Rev. Kim Plumpton

Dear Friends,

Perhaps this is not the best way to begin a minister's letter but it is one I hope you will make allowances for.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their very kind thoughts and kind wishes in the shape of cards, phone calls and e-mails, after mum's death from Pneumonia on Sunday 15th July. I am glad to say that the whole family were with her and she died peacefully early Sunday morning. I would also like to thank the elders and stewards and members of the congregation for their understanding and support during these last two years and particularly the last two months, especially for everyone's prayers.

When someone leaves us, although we grieve, we are reminded that the essence and character of that person lives on through us and all that we do, we are richer for having known them and blessed (hopefully) by the impact that they have had upon us. This is true of all those we engage with in life; those we encounter everyday will in some way change us. If we think upon our church life, past members and ministers of our church also leave a permanent reminder of their time with us in the shape of our church today. We bring with us those influences and those things which another might have been passionate about may now become our interests. Another's fervent love for Christ may have been infectious enough to rub off

I value the fact that in Methodism, church anniversaries are taken very seriously. This year Cobham United Reformed Church will be celebrating a very modest anniversary in comparison to some of the Methodist Churches in our circuit, but the 50th Anniversary on 22nd-23rd September will be a time of great celebration. A flower festival from 10.00am to 4.00pm on Saturday 22nd will then be followed by a concert by Steadfast from 6:30pm to 8.00pm. Sunday 23rd will also mean that we will worship amongst the flowers with past members and friends of the church followed by lunch. All of course are more than welcome to join us.

We will take the time during this anniversary to acknowledge the passion of individuals to build a church, individuals who gave their time selflessly over this last 50 years - those who have influenced others and propelled the church forwards. But it's not just about looking back, as someone once said: "You can't move forwards unless you know where you have come from and then where you might be going". The future for all our churches lies in the complex nature of relationships, those we have been touched by, those we have yet to encounter. Relationships touched by the presence of Christ and those yet to meet with him. We can rejoice that relationships are at the heart of the gospel.

As we begin the new church year may we greet it with anticipation and joy and whoever may pass our way, may we be gracious enough to allow them to touch us, to challenge and change us.

With every blessing,

Kim

UNITED PASTORATE EVENING SERVICE

The next United Pastorate Service will be held at **5.00pm** on Sunday 30th September at Cobham URC, followed by tea.

"Ride & Stride" and Heritage Open Days - 7th/8th/9th September

Please see the article on page 19 of the July/August "Link" for full details of this. Cyclists and walkers visit local churches in their area to raise money for the repair of buildings for Christian worship. In the Pastorate, the following churches are open, and in some cases are linking it to the Heritage Open Days:

Cobham Methodist Church - open Saturday 8th, 10am to 4pm **(see page 10 regarding Cobham Heritage Open Day).**

Effingham Methodist Church - open Friday 7th and Saturday 8th, 10am to 5pm **(see page 23 for details).**

Leatherhead Methodist Church - open Saturday 8th, 10am to 4pm and Sunday 9th, 1pm to 4pm **(see page 32 for details).**

Christ Church URC - open Saturday 8th, 9.30am to 5.30pm **(see page 35 for details).**

LMC/CHRIST CHURCH

Update on Mission Statement

The LMC Annual Church Meeting and the Christ Church Annual General meeting both agreed a joint mission statement which included this section:

We commit ourselves to deepening that fellowship and doing nothing separately that we can better do together.

In the next year, we will make a decision as to whether we wish to come together as one church.

In preparation for this decision, we will review our governance structures together, and look at URC/ Methodist church constitutions for guidance.

We will also engage professional advice about our sites, and consider whether there is a possibility of a different site, leading to a feasibility study for the future of our buildings, based on our mission priorities and the needs of the community.

This an update on the progress that has been made in forwarding this.

In June, both LMC Church Council and the Church Meeting at Christ Church agreed to engage CPL, an architect practice specialising in church development, to conduct an options survey which will review our buildings and offer us costed options for developing our sites in a way that can help us progress our mission, in reaching out to the community of Leatherhead, and in serving the needs of our members.

To help us in this, a steering group has been appointed by the Elders and Leadership team with four members from each church to brief CPL.

The survey will involve CPL interviewing a proportion of church members to get as wide a perspective as possible, as well as them consulting the wider community, the wider church, and property developers. The survey is due to begin in September/October and take six months to complete and report.

We also need to reflect on the implications of us growing closer together as two churches, and address the question in the first of

the points above, that we will make a decision in the next year as to whether we wish to come together as one church.

To help us in this, the Elders, the Leadership Team and the Steering group are going to have an away day on 20th October, with Graham Hindle, the Methodist District Development Enabler, to help us address the issues. If you have views you wish to share, please talk to me or members of those groups.

In the meantime, we continue to share in worship, activities and mission together.

We are joining together for our harvest on the weekend of the 29th/30th September, with a harvest supper on the Saturday evening and a joint parade service for us all at Christ Church on the Sunday morning, which we pray will be a good time to celebrate together. (For further details of the supper, see page 39).

If you have any questions about any of this please do not hesitate to talk to me or members of the Elders and Leadership team.

Ian Howarth

Live the On-Going Race

This is the title of a week's Bible notes written by Janet Corlett during the first week of the Olympics in the I.B.R.A. series Words for Today. I thought I knew quite a lot about Janet because her parents are members of Onchan Methodist Church in the Isle of Man and Janet is a native of the Island. I knew that she had become a Methodist minister and that she had served several years in Honduras, and then returned to England and taken up an appointment at the South London Mission, but I didn't know that she had won medals in the Commonwealth Games in a number of field events, including hammer throwing, which must come in very useful in Bermondsey if she comes up against some of their tough characters! Her notes were all based on readings from some of Paul's letters, using passages relating to athletics, of which there are many, finishing at the end of the week with an urge to prayer, in order to give us stamina for the on-going race. This is what we all need to pray for at the beginning of a new Methodist year.

Freddie Jenkins



Cobham

Methodist Church

Cobham Methodist Diary - September



Sun 2nd	11.00am	James Cameron
Sat 8th	10.00am	Time 4 You; Cobham Heritage Day and Surrey Churches "Ride & Stride": Church open until 4.00pm (see page 10)
Sun 9th	11.00am	Jon Fisher
Fri 14th	4.30pm	CYC at URC (ends 6.30pm)
Sun 16th	11.00am	Rev. Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion
Wed 19th	7.30pm	House Fellowship at the Manse
Sat 22nd	10.00am 6.30pm	Flower Festival at the URC (to 4.30pm) Concert by Steadfast at the URC
Sun 23rd	11.00am	United Service at Cobham URC celebrating their 50th Anniversary
Wed 26th	7.30pm	Church Council meeting at the church
Sun 30th	11.00am	James Cameron (United Service with Cobham URC
	5.00pm	United Pastorate Service at Cobham URC, followed by tea



"Time 4 You"
Saturday 8th September
10.00am - 12noon



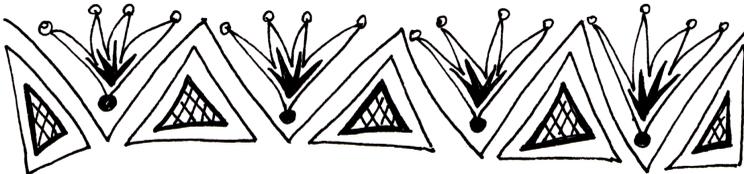
Cobham

United Reformed Church

Cobham URC Worship Diary September



Sun	2nd	9.00am	Early Bird Service
		10.30am	Sydney Shore
Sun	9th	10.30am	Rev. Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion
Sun	16th	10.30am	Thelma Roberts
Sun	23rd	10.30am	Rev. Kim Plumpton - Our 50th Anniversary and Harvest Thanksgiving
Sun	30th	10.30am	Joint Service at Cobham Methodist Church
		5.00pm	Pastorate Service followed by tea
October			
Sun	7th	10.30am	Iain Stewart



Prayers at the Manse
at 9.30am on Wednesdays:
5th, 12th, 19th and 26th September

Cobham URC Events - September

Sun	2nd	3.00pm	Special Needs Group (to 6.00pm)
Tues	4th	9.45am 8.00pm	Church Walk Elders' Meeting
Thurs	6th	12.30pm	Men's Fellowship at the Fairmile, Portsmouth Road, Cobham, KT11 1BW
Sat	8th		Cobham Heritage Day
Fri	14th	4.30pm	CYC meets at the URC (to 6.30pm)
Thurs	20th	7.30pm	Evening House Group
Fri	21st	4.30pm 7.00pm	CYC meets at the URC (to 6.30pm) Flower Festival Preview Night (cheese & wine)
Sat	22nd	10.00am to 4.00pm 6.30pm to 8.00pm	Flower Festival to commemorate our 50th Anniversary (see next page) Concert (Steadfast) (see page 12)
Sun	23rd		Lunch after Service to celebrate our 50th Anniversary and Harvest Thanksgiving
Tues	25th	7.30pm	House Group at Churchfield House
Thurs	27th	10.30am	Morning House Group
Fri	28th	3.00pm	T @ 3 at church

Cobham Heritage Day

On 8th September, Cobham Heritage Day takes place. It's an opportunity for the community to encounter all the various organisations and groups that operate in Cobham.

For the last few years Churches Together have had a stand because we feel it is very important to be a presence at this particular event. Bookmarks will be handed out advertising all the churches in this area and a tombola will be operating so that we might be able to engage with more members of the community. I would ask that if you have any unwanted items or gifts and you would be happy for me to put on the tombola stall, I would gladly welcome them. Anytime up to the night before is not a problem. If you could support this in some way I would be very grateful. Every blessing, Kim.

50th Anniversary Flower Festival

22nd September, 10.00am - 4.00pm



Cobham United Reformed Church are celebrating 50 years serving the community by holding a flower festival.

A wide variety of people use the church and the displays represent all that takes place within its walls but also embraces its connection with the wider community.



Steadfast In Concert



Date: 22nd September

Time: 6:30-8pm

Venue: Cobham

United Reformed Church,
Stoke Road, KT11 3BD

Steadfast is a male five piece vocal gospel group which was formed 21 years ago in Birmingham. The purpose of the group remains firmly committed to spreading the good news of the gospel through a variety of musical genres, including traditional hymns, spirituals, contemporary gospel and reggae. The group has travelled to sing in a number of countries such as Czech Republic and Ghana. Steadfast is currently working on its second recording project which should be completed by December 2012.

**All are welcome.
Any donations given tonight
will go to Cobham URC
Community Fund: Releasing
money back into community
projects.**





Effingham

Methodist Church

**See page 18 for the September diary.
Heritage Open Days details are on page 23.**

Churches Together in Effingham and Little Bookham...

...are holding a fun Sing-a-Long (lyrics provided) to Mama Mia on Saturday 20th October at 7.30pm in the Catholic Church Hall Lower Road. Suggested donation £5.00 plus a plate of finger food to bring and share. There will be a raffle too. Great fun, so come and join us.

To book a place call Gill on 01372 457987



Dates to celebrate this month

Happy Birthday to Dougie Reed on 17th.

Please let us know about birthdays or BIG anniversaries.

Dates for your diaries - Church Council is on **12th September at 7.30pm**. Items for the agenda to the Secretary, **Gill Walker** asap.

The New Prayer handbook for 2012-2013, **Crossing the Chasm**, explores the theme of reconciling discipleship; living the peace of Christ in a broken world and being drawn into God's programme of reconciliation within ourselves, our Church and our world. £3.15 each in the church hall. This booklet is part of *Deepening Discipleship*, a five-year programme focusing on different strands of discipleship.



See website www.methodist.org.uk/deepeningdiscipleship

An Olympic Legacy for Women?



On the plains of Olympus, warring states called a truce and soldiers were forced to put away their weapons before, during, and after the Olympic Games in ancient Greece. The modern Olympic Movement can't quite claim the achievement of universal or even regional peace every four years, with long breaks during two World Wars and the embarrassment of opportunistic boycotts on either side of the ideological divide at the height of the Cold War, and terrorism in 1972 at Munich. Yet, surely, no other activity by modern humans quite captures the ideal of harmony between nations and peoples, regardless of nationality, colour, religion and ideology, as does the modern Olympic Games.

Positive attitudes to disability were encouraged when the first **International Wheelchair Games** were held to coincide with the 1948 London Olympics and the dream of a worldwide sports competition for people with disabilities became the first **Paralympic Games** in 1960 and involved 400 athletes from 23 countries.

Since 2008, **Oscar Pistorius**, the South African known as the "Blade Runner" because of his prosthetic carbon fibre limbs, has won a [long battle](#) with athletics' governing body, the IAAF, to compete against able-bodied athletes. His dream came true this year and the crowd roared approval.

Now sexism is being tackled, with women allowed to compete in boxing and other formerly male only sports, and the first female Muslim athletes allowed to represent their countries. At the 2012 London Olympics two runners in the Women's' 800m, wearing lycra hijabs, long-sleeved tops and leggings, finished almost half a lap behind the winners in their heats but were given a standing ovation. A judo competitor from Saudi Arabia [won a dispute with Olympics officials](#) to be allowed to compete in her hijab, although she was originally banned because of judo's dress-code rules on safety.

These women are vanguards, shattering stereotypes, subverting cultural-religious mores, and creating a legacy that will benefit female Olympians of all creeds for years to come.

Do you remember the so-called "**Black Power**" salute of 1968?

What a powerful image for Human Rights. Two black American athletes, Gold medallist [Tommie Smith](#), and Bronze medallist [John Carlos](#), [raised a gloved fist](#) on the podium after the 200m, and received their medals shoeless, wearing a black scarf for black pride, and a necklace of beads to represent people "that were lynched, or killed and that no-one said a prayer for, that were hanged and tarred... or thrown off the side of boats in [mid passage](#)". All three athletes wore [Olympic Project for Human Rights](#) badges, because [Peter Norman](#), the Silver medallist from Australia, was a critic of the [White Australia Policy](#), and expressed empathy with their ideals. All three athletes on that podium were sent home. The Australian never represented his country at the Olympics again, and when he died in 2006, Smith and Carlos were pallbearers at his funeral.

Meanwhile the Olympic ideal was tarnished. What difference was there between the "Black Power" salute and the Nazi salute of 1936? The Olympic movement survived and gradually the world changed. Now after 44 years, and 11 Games, there is a Black US president.

Racism has been exposed, but the fight to eradicate it still goes on, and this year a Lithuanian basketball fan was arrested and fined. **Now there is hope for a similar enlightenment for Sexism.** Even repressive regimes like North Korea and Syria sent athletes to London this year. **Could 2012's legacy be a Culture change for women worldwide?**

Countless victims of so-called "honour-killings" certainly hope so! International pressure may yet save the life of 18-year old rape victim, **Lal Bibi**, in Afghanistan. Kidnapped, raped, tortured and chained to a wall for five days by a gang of Afghan police officers, she and her family are fighting back, and speaking out about her plight. According to deep cultural mandates, as a raped woman, she has been "dishonoured" and will kill herself – and she publicly says she must, unless her rapists are brought to justice to restore her honour and dignity. Afghanistan's justice system routinely fails to pursue these cases and so far the chief suspects have not been prosecuted, probably in the hope that international attention will die down. But an international outcry may yet shame donor countries into conditioning any aid on real cultural change and justice for ALL.

Angela Putland

What does following Jesus mean in the strange new world of post-Christendom?

I was fortunate this year to have been able to attend three very different sessions in the Diocesan Summer School at the Education Centre at the Cathedral. This is a summary of a thought provoking presentation which I believe has relevance for us all today.

Stuart Murray-Williams presented. He was an urban church planter in East London and now works as a trainer and consultant under the auspices of the Anabaptist network. He is author of "Post Christendom" and editor of the "After Christendom" series. Google him for more information.

Stuart began by giving us a very potted history of Christianity. The "post" word tells us where we've been. In the past in Europe people were overwhelmingly Christian. For 300 years it was dangerous with Christians being "on the edge." However in the 4th century Emperor Constantine became a Christian, paganism was dying and about 6 million became Christian; you would be tolerated if you became one. Some may say Constantine was a political opportunist to hold the empire together. In the dark ages, the church was a light in the darkness. Later still there was a political arrangement between state morality enshrined in the law, and just causes which lasted for centuries.

Stuart explained that Post Christendom is the culture that emerges as Christian faith loses coherence within a society that has been definitely shaped by the Christian story and as the institutions that have been developed to express Christian convictions decline in influence.

There is now transitional movement from the centre to the margins, from majority to minority. The five major denominations have said "we may well close in 2030s and may face extinction." How do we or should we adjust? **Are we now in exile?** There is a distinct difference between the over 40s and the under 40s who know little of the Christian faith.

Questions we might ask?

- Are our buildings a liability or an asset?
- Are we nearer other faiths in post Christendom?
- How can we engage in a multi faith society?
- Secular society wants to talk about "faiths" but we are many and may well confuse the secularists?
- Are Baptists, Methodists and others sheltering under the CoFE establishment?
- Are Christians still privileged in a pluralist society and should this be so? E.g. the House of Lords, with few from other faiths.

Today there is growth in the numbers attending cathedral services. Is this a search for spirituality? Is teaching deeper? Is the setting less demanding?

The former model of evangelism was a model of "telling how." There is now perhaps a loss of confidence and a need to find another way, e.g. Alpha and Emmaus courses providing food and conversation on the way, on a journey.

BUT God is God.

On a world wide perspective Europe is exceptional and is not the rest of the world where Christianity is growing. In Post Christendom we could move into a new challenge.

Stuart referred to Jeremiah 29, a pastoral letter to the exiles, the Jews in Babylonia. "Do not pay attention to false prophets, settle down and learn to live in exile" and "I the Lord have brought you here." So in exile after seven centuries it got shot of idolatry. In exile, synagogues developed as the emerging church.

A question posed was "Is it now a time of exile for the Christian Church here in the UK?" This promoted some discussion, but not a lot of actual disagreement.

Do we need to grieve the end of Christendom?

Should we rejoice in free faith? Today no one goes to church unless they want to, there is no pressure (except on the children of Christian parents!)

- The challenge was made by Stuart. Do we need to rediscover the Jesus story and to look through a new lens?
- How do we learn to live on the margins rather than at the centre?
- Do we trust God for the future?
- Are we in a Twilight zone, a transitional phase, where we need to be bilingual – the language of the past and the future also.

Post Christendom Christians are sifting through the legacy of the past, finding fresh ways of thinking. A question to be asked is, are our "treasures" resources or baggage? Discipleship is on the margins – this was indeed a statement of challenge.

How do we sustain faith and nurture discipleship? In the past our culture sustained it. How do we nurture discipleship and engage in mission from the margins? How do we change from a moral majority to a prophetic minority.

And finally what are the implications for our church?

The evening session posed as many questions as it answered, but these could form the subject of much further debate within our churches.

Gill Walker

Effingham Methodist Diary- September



Sat	1st	10.00am	Café Church at KGV Hall (until 11.00am)
Sun	2nd	10.00am	Rev. Kim Plumpton with Sacrament
Tues	4th	2.30pm	Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall
Wed	5th	8.00pm	Christian Meditation in the church
Fri	7th	10.00am to 5.00pm	Heritage Weekend with lunch and cream teas
Sat	8th	10.00am to 5.00pm	Heritage Weekend with lunch and cream teas
Sun	9th	10.00am	Angie Choat
Wed	12th	7.30pm	Church Council meeting
Thurs	13th	2.00pm	Bible Study Group meet with Kim in the hall
Sun	16th	10.00am	James Cameron
Tues	18th	2.30pm	Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall
Wed	19th	8.00pm	Christian Meditation in the church
Sun	23rd	10.00am 5.00pm	Robert Pitt Pastorate Service at Cobham URC, followed by tea
Thurs	27th	2.0pm	Bible Study Group meet with Kim in the hall
Sun	30th	10.00am	United Service at All Saints Church
<u>October</u>			
Sat	6th	10.00am	Café Church at KGV Hall (until 11.00am)
Sun	7th	10.00am	Rev. Kim Plumpton with Harvest Festival

**Effingham pages continue on page 23 where you'll
find details of the Heritage Open Days weekend**

Dorking and Horsham Circuit

NEWSLETTER

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SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

This morning Sue asked me if I knew which country was in last place in the Olympic games. With only three days to go (as I write), Team GB seems comfortably assured of third place in the medals table. But who would be bottom?

There are many countries who have yet to score a single medal. How do you choose between them? Should last place go to the country who has entered the most games in the past without scoring? Or to the country with the largest population who has not scored a medal? Without knowing how to define 'last place' I wasn't sure which country to guess.

It turns out Sue had been reading in the newspaper of a 'Table of Shame' based on the number of events in which a competitor (or team) came last / second to last / third to last. A kind of mirror image of the gold / silver / bronze tally. And which country headed this table? Great Britain of course! Apparently we are some way ahead of Ukraine and Australia when it comes to counting losers.

There's a good reason for us having so many 'last place' contestants. As host nation we are allowed to enter someone in every Olympic event, even the ones where our best performers aren't likely to come up to scratch compared with the rest of the world. But to me this is part of the success of the games. It's not just that we are winning lots of medals, it's that we have been able to give huge numbers of people the chance to take part.

I was fortunate enough to spend one morning in the Olympic Stadium watching the athletics. What impressed me was the willingness of the crowd to cheer those in last place as much as those in first place. During the women's 5000m heat the lone runner struggling half a lap behind the rest was cheered on her way every time she passed us. And when a runner who had (literally) fallen at the first hurdle and injured himself came hopping along the track determined to reach the finish line, the stadium applauded him all the way.

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The **Methodist** Church 

Church Camp 2012

@ Southwater Community Methodist Church

The journey to the Temple The journey through the Temple The journey from the Temple

Our Church Camp this year, thankfully, did not involve camping. It still involved much prayer, praise, learning and fellowship – not to mention fun and very good food.

Our theme for the weekend was ‘journey & temple’. We looked at journeying to, through and from the temple during three teaching sessions split over the weekend. We also enjoyed learning through fun creative activities and games; and, with a busy kid’s programme, everyone was included.

We finished day one with a family social time - two hours of Olympic madness and mayhem. Darren, our children and family worker, put together an amazing package of team games, with each team representing a different country. We competed to build table top Olympic arenas using wool, straws, marshmallows, paper and a very short amount of time, then one of each team had to describe exactly what had been built – much poetic licence and exaggeration made this all very funny. We competed in a hula hoop challenge, individual and team bottom rowing and trying to learn, again with very limited time, our team’s National Anthem, and then performing it to the other teams with greater and lesser accuracy. The pièce de résistance of our Olympic Games was definitely the ‘synchronised swimming’ event. Each team was tasked with the challenge to put together and perform a synchronised swimming routine! Bear in mind that any water there was, thankfully stayed outside and our team members’ ages spanned across seven decades. As you can imagine, the resulting performances caused much hilarity.

Picture—six or seven people in a team; men, women; boys, girls; mums, dads; husbands, wives; and grandparents. Arms waving, dancing, circling and dipping; some perfect synchronisation, much not. The teams showed their performances – one team’s finale found all of the team’s members on the floor waving their feet in the air, the variety of age meaning that some members found it easier to return to their feet than others. It was a good job that the synchronised swimming was the last event of the day because it took us a very long time to stop laughing.

Sunday found us being treated to breakfast together; purchased, prepared and served by some of our men. A choice of full English, cereal, pastries and fruit gave us a luxurious, leisurely start. We then shared morning worship, communion and more teaching together. As a recap of the previous day we saw photo montages projected onto our big screen. Amazingly, somebody had managed to film the ‘synchronised swimming’ event the previous evening and we relived the hilarity of that too.

The weekend also saw many gentle, moving and emotional moments. We shared hugs and spent precious time in prayer together and alone. We were fortunate to have access to several rooms for our Church Camp and one of the rooms was set up with cream canvas screens, swathes of fabric and cushions. The screens and fabrics partitioned the room into several smaller areas which were furnished for private prayer, prayer writing, looking at beautiful, thought provoking prints, bible reading or just personal quiet time. Gentle music added the finishing touch.

I can’t wait for next year’s camp.

Angela Birch

EFFINGHAM

We'll be involved in **English Heritage's Open Days Weekend** again this year, with displays about village and local Methodist history and an exhibition, entitled '[Wesley and Well-being](#)', which explores Wesley's medicinal manual, *Primitive Physic*, which was so popular in its day that it was republished 23 times, making it an 18th century best-seller. Some of his "cures" were denounced by critics as "possibly deadly", but his thinking was ahead of his time. An exhibition organized by *Methodist Heritage* has been touring the country. It was in Wesley's Chapel during July/August and ends its run in Newcastle at the end of August. You can see what it's all about on www.methodistheritage.org.uk/wesleyandwell-being

Our exhibition will include some of the material available from the *Methodist Heritage* website, and we will be adding local links and a children's quiz. The Chapel will be open from 10am—5pm on **Friday 7 and Saturday 8 September** so why not pop along to see the exhibition and enjoy a lunch or a cream-tea?

On 20 September at 7.30 pm Effingham will host the Circuit Meeting. Refreshments will be available from 7pm.

To help celebrate **Cobham URC's 50th Church Anniversary**, we have been invited to join in with their **Festival of Flowers** on 22 September.

Our **Harvest Festival** is on 7 October, and it's been suggested that we focus on local issues this year, especially getting a fair deal for our hard-pressed dairy farmers. See www.farmersforaction.org for more information.

Churches Together have arranged ecumenical prayer walks and a prayer lunch. Meanwhile our monthly Café Church, **Saturday Morning Live**, continues to inspire discussions about alternative worship in Effingham.

Angela Putland

It has already been a very busy summer. For the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, over 100 people sat down to a wonderful lunch in the Christian Centre, with musical entertainment and games, followed by the river pageant on TV. This was a very good opportunity for outreach into the local community as all our near-neighbours were invited.

At the end of June we had our third Café Church Sunday afternoon service which was both thought-provoking and enjoyable. These informal worship meetings appear to be appreciated by those attending; tea and cakes are available before and after each meeting, giving an opportunity for general chat and discussion. The next one will take place on 30 September.

On 18 July we were delighted to be a part of the induction service for the new vicar, Rev Derek Tighe. The church was full of people from St Martin's, St Barnabas and St Mary's, the Circuit and the local area to welcome Derek, Maggie and the boys to Dorking. The Centre was packed for the reception afterwards. Derek's first service on 22 July was followed by a bring and share lunch.

Almost immediately after Derek's arrival in Dorking, we had hardly time to draw breath before the Olympic cycle races which came through Dorking on 28 and 29 July. This gave the opportunity for further outreach into the community through Churches Together in Dorking which provided drinks of water, bacon butties and tea and cakes over the weekend in the Christian Centre and the town.

It has been decided to keep the Christian Centre open during August (when it has traditionally closed) as a number of users have requested this. Lunches will continue to be served though possibly on occasion with a more limited menu.

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As we rightly celebrate the achievements of those who have excelled in their performance, we should also celebrate those who have a go, give of their best, and spectacularly fail. Jesus once said it was the sick, not the healthy, who needed a doctor. He came to champion the underdog, the outcast, the failure. He mixed with the dregs of society and opened the doors of the Kingdom to welcome them.

Naturally we want our churches to be places of excellence. We look to those with gifts and abilities in particular areas of church life to deliver high quality performances. But if we are to be a reflection of the Kingdom of God, then we need to be open to those who are less gifted but equally willing. We need to give people chance to be involved and contribute in the best way they can, and to realise that sometimes people will fail to come up to scratch.

The 'Table of Shame' I mentioned earlier is badly named. There's no shame in coming last if you have sincerely done as much as you can. And the church of Jesus Christ ought to be a place where failures are forgiven, weakness is welcomed, and effort is encouraged regardless of outcome.

Paul

CIRCUIT DIARY

Tues Sept 4 LPWL at Effingham, 7.30 pm
Thurs Sept 20 Circuit Meeting at Effingham, 7.30 pm
Sat Sep 22 District Synod at Reigate
Tues Nov 27 LPWL at 7.30 pm at Dorking
Thurs Mar 7 Circuit Meeting at London Rd, 7.30 pm
Tues Mar 12 LPWL at London Road, 7.30 pm
Sat April 20 District Synod at Pembury

PARTRIDGE GREEN

We had our first Messy Church on July 31. It was a good positive start to what we hope will become a regular thriving part of our church life. We wish to thank the people from London Road who came to help us and show us how it is done.

We celebrate Harvest Festival and Back to Church Sunday on September 30 with a service led by John Oborn.

We mourn the loss of Eva Inskip, a friend and church member for many years.

Our pre-Christmas Coffee Morning is on **Saturday November 17** at 10.00 am. Do come and join us if you can.

Anne Tomlinson

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Dorking

Finally, on **Saturday 25 August** at 2.30 pm, please come along to hear the Sydenham Singers, who will give a concert in the Church of sacred, secular, show and folk songs. Tickets cost £5 for the concert and a cream tea in the Centre afterwards. This is a fund raising event for the Church and Centre so we would love to see as many people as possible there.

Evelyn Wolvey

The next issue will be published in late November.

Please send contributions by **Tuesday November 6** to: j.oborn671@btinternet.com

Heritage Open Days Weekend



The Chapel will be taking part in **Heritage Open Days** again this year, and will be open on **Friday 7th and Saturday 8th from 10.00am to 5.00pm** with refreshments all day, and an exhibition about

our village, some famous local heroes, our Chapel's history, and **Wesley and Wellbeing.**

SO PLEASE CAN YOU HELP? Talk to visitors or help with refreshments, or bake some cakes? As usual *Surrey Churches Preservation Trust - Bike & Stride* cyclists will also be dropping in for signatures on sponsor forms, refreshments and a "comfort break" on Saturday. **Contact Pat, Janet or Ange.**

An exhibition about *Primitive Physic*, called "**Wesley and Well-being**" has been touring the country this year as The *Methodist Heritage Committee* was keen to grasp the opportunity to link the heritage of John Wesley's holistic approach to ministry and in Methodism's concern for social justice and outreach into the Methodist Church's work with the Olympic Games.

We'll be staging our own exhibition and revealing some of John Wesley's remedies from his medical handbook, *Primitive Physic* published in 1747, which was distributed to all his preachers because he wanted the less well-off to be able to treat themselves, rather than paying for physicians and apothecaries, and took care to provide some remedies that contain herbs and plants that could be grown in any garden. Of course the remedies and cures are not Wesley's (although he does indicate those that he believes to be the most effective). He re-wrote the work of reputable physicians of his time.

One of Wesley's sources would have been two books written by a local lad, **Nicholas Culpeper**, who was born at Ockley in 1616. Sadly his father, the Rev. Nicholas Culpeper, Lord of the Manor, died 13 days before his birth, and he and his mother went to live with his grandparents in Sussex. Culpeper's *The English Physician* and the *Compleat Herbal* have been in print since 1653. He upset doctors by writing both books in English, not Latin: "...so all my fellow countrymen and apothecaries can understand what the Doctors write on their bills."

Leatherhead Pages

Information, news, events and happenings in and around Leatherhead including news of the Leatherhead Youth Project and joint Christ Church/LMC events

Cream Tea in Aid of Africa

My name is Jack Boswell and my family and I are members of the URC Leatherhead.

Please help us to raise money for a trip to Ethiopia next year, by joining us for cream tea in the garden!

In July 2013 I will be travelling, with a group of students from my school, to Ethiopia where we will spend a month working in a local village helping to renovate their school. Before we go, we must each raise over £3,700 to cover the cost of the trip.

On Saturday 1st September (2pm onwards), I will be hosting a cream tea at our house to start raising these funds - I really hope you can come!

There will also be a cake sale, book stall and raffle etc. Entrance (including cream tea) £5.

RSVP: Jack's mob - 07793 321412

Lindsay's Mob - 07545 896903

Jack's email - boz1882@gmail.com

12 Yarm Court Road

Leatherhead, Surrey

KT22 8PA

Next Messy Church:

Thursday 20th September
3.30pm to 5.30pm at



Harvest at Pitstop

Due to the present economic climate, Pitstop has now opened a Food Bank. With our Harvest Festivals coming, it is good to decorate the church with fresh flowers, fruit and vegetables.

You might also consider donating gifts of tins, particularly meat and fish. Also tea, coffee, sugar and men's toiletries, so hopefully we can add these to our display and then pass them on to Pitstop.

With thanks.

Harvest at LMC & Christ Church

The Harvest Supper for LMC, Christ Church and the Parish Church will be at Christ Church on Saturday 29th September at 6.00pm.

Christ Church and LMC will have a joint Harvest Festival & Parade Service on Sunday 30th September at 10.30am at Christ Church.

See page 39 for full details of both events.

TIME FOR TEA

COME for TEA and COMPANY

From 2.30pm to 4.30pm on

Friday 7th September at

LEATHERHEAD METHODIST CHURCH

EVERYONE WELCOME

If you need transport please contact:
Margaret Meynen on 372930 or Gill Harris on 458518

(Suggested donation £1)

West Hill Community Café at Leatherhead Methodist Church



Pupils at West Hill School in Leatherhead are very excited at the prospect of starting a café at Leatherhead Methodist Church. West Hill School is an outstanding special school supporting 100 secondary aged pupils from 11 to 16 with learning difficulties and Autism.

West Hill School values close community links. Our curriculum is creative and innovative to ensure that all our pupils achieve as much as they possibly can to flourish in adult life. The café will provide learners with the opportunity to make a positive contribution to the local Leatherhead community. The café will also provide learners with worthwhile opportunities to develop work related learning skills as well as social and communication skills.

The café will be open on alternate Monday mornings between 10.00am and noon. The café will serve a range of hot drinks, juices and light snacks at very reasonable prices and our opening date is Monday 17th September.

West Hill learners look forward to welcoming all local residents to the West Hill Community café and are extremely grateful to Leatherhead Methodist Church for this exciting social enterprise opportunity.

RAISING FUNDS FOR A JOINT CHRIST CHURCH and LMC PROJECT



Passing the Baton Walk

A sponsored community walk raising funds to support children at risk in the city of Recife in Brazil

WHEN? Saturday 22nd September at 2.00pm

WHERE? Setting off from the car park behind St Mary's, West Horsley, you can choose a 5km or 10km walk which will take you through some of the beautiful Surrey Hills countryside. Refreshments provided for those crossing the finishing line!

WHO? Anyone can join in, all ages are welcome. For children there will be clues to pick up on the way to claim a prize at the end!

WHY? As London bids farewell to the Olympics, we look towards Brazil for the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Olympics. This is great for the Brazilian economy, but not so for those children on the streets whose lives are vulnerable to exploitation.

HOW? We would love you to raise as much money as you can, so please download a sponsorship form from the website www.happychild.org Alternatively, pick one up from Quaitch in East Horsley.

Happy Child International
The Letherhead Institute
67 The High Street,
Leatherhead,
KT22 8AH



Leatherhead

Methodist Church

LMC

Diary - September



Sun	2nd	10.30am	Rev. Ian Howarth - Songs of Praise with Holy Communion
		6.30pm	Rev. Val Ogden
Fri	7th	2.30pm	Time for Tea (until 4.30pm) (see page 25)
Sat	8th	10.00am	Heritage Open Day (church open until 4pm)
Sun	9th	10.30am	John Oborn
		1.00pm	Heritage Open Day (church open until 4pm)
		6.30pm	Rev. Ian Howarth
Sun	16th	10.30am	Rev. Ian Howarth - Joint Service with Christ Church at LMC
		6.30pm	Rev. Ian Howarth with Holy Communion (joint LMC/URC service at Christ Church)
Mon	17th	10.00am to 12noon	West Hill School Community Café at LMC (see page 26 for details)
Thurs	20th	3.30pm	Messy Church
Sat	22nd	8.00am	Men's Breakfast at LMC
Sun	23rd	10.30am	Juliet Fuller
		6.30pm	New Fire
Thurs	27th	7.30pm	Worship Planning meeting
Sat	29th	7.30pm	Harvest Supper at Christ Church - (<i>see page 39</i>)
Sun	30th	10.30am	Rev. Ian Howarth - United Harvest Festival & Parade Service at Christ Church - <i>see page 39 for details.</i>
		5.00pm	United Pastorate Service at Cobham URC, followed by tea

October

Sun	7th	10.30am	tbc
Tues	9th	8.00pm	Church Council

All Things Bright and Beautiful!

At the beginning of July, Denis and I had an eight day coach tour of the far north of Scotland. We travelled over 2,000 miles in that time. Bum-numbing, although we had plenty of stops. There was also an overnight stop near Glasgow on the way up and on the return. When we got back home, everyone commiserated with us as the weather in Leatherhead had been quite dreadful. We had sunshine every day! There was one very misty morning when we went to Durness near Cape Wrath, so missed the wonderful views of the famous sands in that area. A few miles further on and it had dispersed.

We had a full day touring Wester Ross, the knob of Scotland between Dundonell, where our hotel was at the head of Little Loch Broom, and Gairloch. We stopped at the wonderful Inverewe Gardens, where the Gulf Stream creates a haven for exotic flowers, despite being so far north. The whole journey was through unspoilt countryside, right off the beaten track. It was truly dramatic. Wester Ross has stunning lochs and mountain scenery, beautiful white sandy beaches and abundant wildlife, although it stayed hidden that day. There were wide open spaces, peace and tranquillity.

Our nearest town was Ullapool, a linear development over the ages along the shores of Loch Broom. Originally it was a flourishing fishing community, but now relies upon salmon fish farming and the tourist trade. We had a two hour boat trip from there, and saw plump black two-day old grey seal pups. They were so difficult to spot on the rocks. Binoculars were a must. As the boat approached, the adult seals slid into the water and then popped up nearby, watching us curiously. They have such lovely faces, with big black eyes. We saw porpoises frolicking but they disappeared quickly when the boat got too close. There were sea-birds galore, nesting on impossibly small ledges. Binoculars were needed again to see that just a few dry twiggy bits of seaweed stopped the eggs from falling down the sheer rock face.

On our 'free' day, most of our party of twenty walked in twos and threes to the nearest (only!) café for morning coffee. 'A mile and a bit' we were told. Afterwards, while nursing sore feet and aching legs, we learned that 'the bit' was twice as long as the mile! No wonder it seemed such a long way!

The best day was the last day. We had left the hotel at Dundonell and were on our way to Cumbernauld, just north of Glasgow where we would stop overnight. We did not think anything we had seen previously could be bettered. How wrong we were! But that is for next month!"

"All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all."

Jean Plant

Housegroups - All Welcome

Monday House Fellowship meets fortnightly - contact Carol Stoves 377125

Wednesday House Fellowship meets monthly - contact Dreda Kitchen 200129

Friday Daytime Fellowship meets fortnightly - contact Jane Smith 372919

LMC Family News



Congratulations and best wishes to...

...**Edward Warren and his wife Jeanne** on celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 2nd August.

Congratulations and best wishes also to...

...**Andy & Jeni Gill** on the birth of baby Brooke weighing in at over 10lbs.

Congratulations to...

...all **our young people** for their exam results and our best wish for their future plans;

...and to **Carol Stoves**, now a qualified teacher;

...and to **Kian and Summer Nash**, son and daughter of Lisa and Kevin, who were Christened on 15th July.

Best Wishes to...

...**Merry Worsfold** now settled in at The Pantiles.

Our thoughts and prayers are with...

...**Fred Meynen** as he convalesces following surgery.

What Attitude should we Christians have towards Immigrants?

Some say that it's not the illegal immigrants to Britain that are the problem but the legal ones - you can deport an illegal immigrant, but large numbers of legal immigrants from Eastern Europe create a problem for the social housing system. But what does the Bible say in terms of our general attitude towards immigrants?

In Cruden's Concordance two of the four definitions of the word stranger are "one that is in a strange land" and "one that is not a Jew, but of some other nation". Other translations translate this word as "alien", "foreigner" or "sojourner".

Even in the often harsh and violent days of the Old Testament, we often find a surprisingly inclusive attitude towards foreigners. For example, in the Law of Moses, foreigners (if circumcised) were to be treated as natives of the land and were allowed to keep the Passover (Exodus 12:48 and Numbers 9:14). There are many verses in the Law which say "There shall be one law for the native and for the stranger who sojourns among you (Ex. 12:49). Leviticus 24:22, Num. 9:14, Num. 15:15-16, Num. 15:29, Num. 19:10, Num. 35:15, Deuteronomy 1:16 and Joshua 20:9 contain the same principle. Strangers could sacrifice to the Lord in the same way as the Israelis - "he shall do as you do" says Num. 15:14.

Ex. 22:21 says, "You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him..." and similarly Ex. 23:9. Ex. 23:12 says that part of the purpose of the Sabbath was so that the "alien" might be refreshed. Lev. 23:22 commanded the Israelis not to reap their harvest too carefully to leave some not only for the poor but also the stranger. Lev. 25:6 says that the land was to have a Sabbath to provide food for various classes of people including the sojourner. Lev. 19:34 commanded the Jews to "love him (the stranger) as yourself", and similarly in Deut. 10:19.

Deut. 10:18 says that God, as well as executing "justice for the fatherless and the widow" also "loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing". Deut. 23:7 commanded the Israelis not to abhor the Edomites or the Egyptians. Deut. 26:11 says that "you shall rejoice in all the good which the Lord your God has given to you...and the sojourner who is among you". When they entered into a covenant with the Lord in Deut. 10:13, it also included "the sojourner who is in your camp". When there was an assembly of the people so "that they may hear and learn to fear the Lord your God" it also included "the sojourner within your towns".

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This attitude in the Law of Moses was continued in the later history of the Israelis. When Joshua "read all the words of the Law" in Josh. 8:34, it was in the presence of the "sojourner as well as home-born" (8:33). Ruth was amazed that she should be treated so well as a foreigner - "Why have I found favour in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, when I am a foreigner?" (Ruth 2:10). Apparently it just wasn't the done thing in those days. When Solomon dedicated the temple and asked God to hear those who prayed towards it, he also included foreigners - "when he comes and prays towards this house, hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to thee" (1 Kings 8:42-43 and 2 Chronicles 6:32-33).

There are other examples, but I shall end here as I don't want to take up too much space.

Bob Greenfield

Heritage Open Days

The church at LMC will be open on

**Saturday 8th September from 10.00am to 4.00pm
and on Sunday 9th September from 1.00pm to 4.00pm**

There will be an exhibition depicting the origins of Methodism, the history of the church building and details of church activities. "Ride & Stride" walkers and cydists will also be calling in.

**Help needed - please contact Fred Meynen
if you think you can help.**

Monday Evening Fellowship - Psalm Writing

On 11th June our fellowship group looked at the Psalms and Proverbs section of 'Essential 100' and had a go at writing some Psalms together in the manner of 'Consequences', adding a sentence each in turn, around the room. We were quite surprised by the results and three of the "Psalms" were quoted in the July/August magazine. Here are the remaining three:

Lord you are my hope and my joy,
Because you are the most gracious and forgiving Lord, we
worship you
And rejoice in your everlasting love.
Creation is wonderful for the universe has no limits and you
created everyone to be unique.

Dear God, your presence is with me all day long and I know I can trust you.

Jesus I love you because you gave your life for all sinners,
Therefore I will praise you and give you thanks.

We thank you and praise you O God for helping us to help each other

Because you are always with me

And your love endures forever.

Each day I marvel at the dawning of the day as the sun rises and by evening the closing of the day brings peace.

God aids stability to all I do.

You are my inspiration.

Therefore I will pray and worship you all the days of my life.

Loving Father, I praise your holy name

Because you are a loving, caring God

And your love is with me every day.

Creation is beauty at its best and never ceases to wonder.

You guide my steps and you hear my prayers and respond.

Jesus, we love you because of all the good deeds you did whilst on earth

and for dying for our sins.

Therefore I will be strong in my faith and love you forever.

Carol Stoves

SE District Methodist Women in Britain

In an e-mail from the Treasurer, I see that the total for Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF), the District Project, now stands at £9412.35. It is likely more will come in before the end of the Methodist year in August. Well done!

Marjory also reminds Treasurers to make sure Margaret Williams (MWiB Administrator) knows by e-mail or letter, when money for MWiB is paid in directly to the MWiB bank account or the old WN World Mission Fund via 02 paying in books. If this is not done, then the District will not receive back 2% for training purposes. Last year the District received only £9.41 rather than the expected £300 because the guidelines had not been followed.

Margaret's e-mail address is: [**admin@mwib.org.uk**](mailto:admin@mwib.org.uk)

Jean Plant

LMC Leadership Team

The LMC Leadership Team met on 1st August and this is a summary of the principal points made:

Pastoral Course: The date of the second session had changed and is now 30th August.

Lawnmower: Harry had donated a lawnmower because the existing one has only three wheels and needs some attention. However, Harry's mower has proved to be too heavy to use and bulky to store. Approval given to acquire a new mower for around £50.

Water Heater: This had ceased to operate. Joy will arrange for Industraheat to repair.

Mission Document: A review group had been formed: LMC's reps are Tim Hall, Jean Plant, Margaret Meynen and Sue or Jane. Ian will meet the group towards the end of August. Graham Hindle, Methodist District Development Officer will spend a day with us on 20th October. LMC L'ship Team, Christ Church Elders and the Review Group will attend.

LMC/Christ Church Prayers: The date for the next joint gathering to pray for our future has been changed from 27th September to 18th October.

Stationing Profile: The key dates regarding the appointment of the next Minister are - 8th November when the new Minister will be informed of the location of her/his next church; 10th/11th November which is the most likely time of a visit by the new Minister.

Harvest: The three covenanting churches are invited to Christ Church's Harvest Supper on Saturday 29th September. Also agreed to approach Christ Church to see if we can join in with their Harvest Festival & Parade Service on 30th September. Ian will be preaching, and it would avoid the necessity of some families with children in uniformed organisations deciding which service to attend.

Music Planning: In future, the Worship Planning meeting will comprise one hour of worship planning and then one hour of music practice. This would avoid the necessity of rehearsals before Morning Service running later than 10.20am. It was agreed to hold a "Songs of Praise" service on 2nd September when members of the congregation would be invited to choose a hymn or song and if they wish, say a few words about why it is special to them.

Flower Rota: Owing to gaps in the rota, folk will be asked to consider providing flowers twice yearly. New donors would also be sought.

Christ Church

(United Reformed) Leatherhead

Organ Recital

Wednesday 5th September

11.15am

(after coffee and chat)

Anthony Cairns

Karg-Elert - Eight Short Pieces;

Bach - Prelude & Fugue in

A Minor, etc.

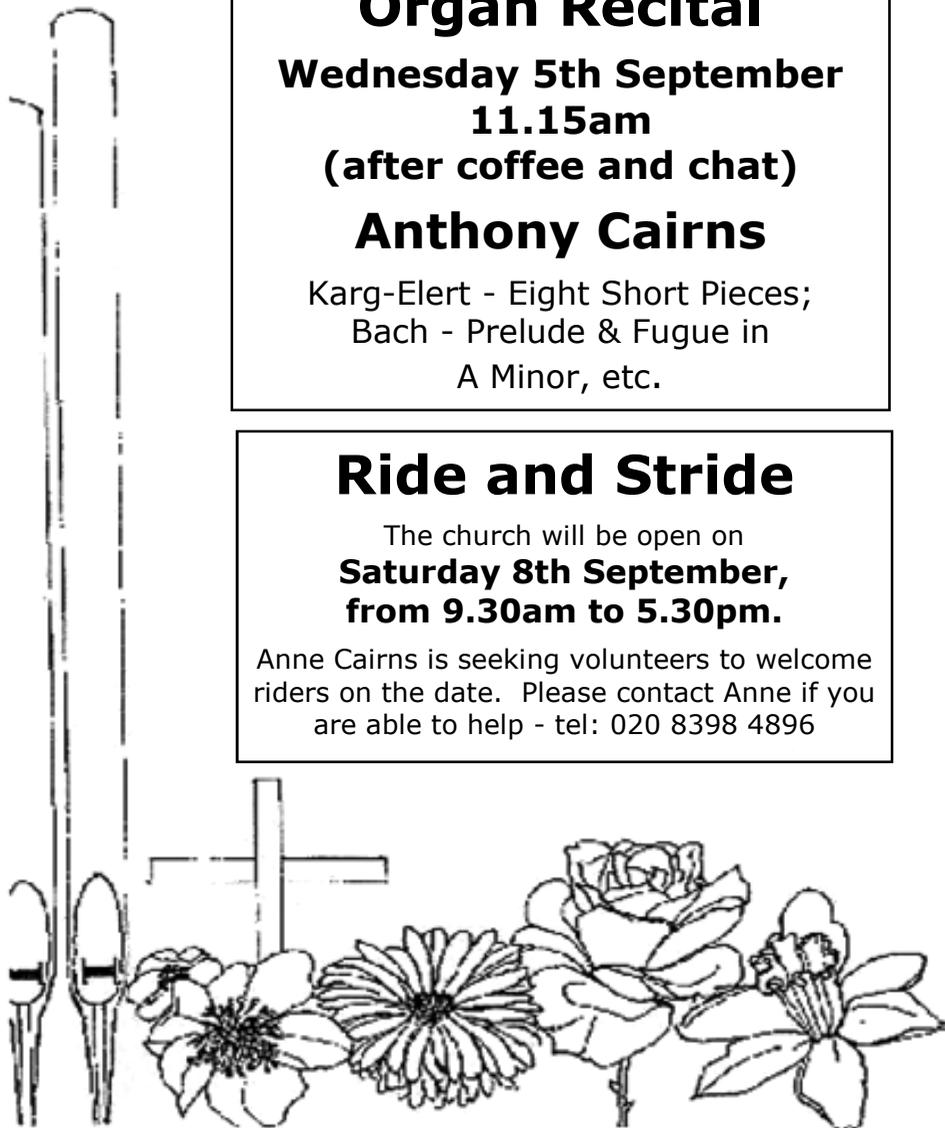
Ride and Stride

The church will be open on

Saturday 8th September,

from 9.30am to 5.30pm.

Anne Cairns is seeking volunteers to welcome riders on the date. Please contact Anne if you are able to help - tel: 020 8398 4896



Christ Church Diary

September



Sun	2nd	10.30am	Rev. Barbara Pearson Organist: Gina Eason Evening Service at LMC: Rev. Val Ogden
		6.30pm	
Wed	5th	10.30am 11.15am	Coffee and Chat Organ Recital (see page 35)
Sat	8th	9.30am	Surrey Churches Ride & Stride; Heritage Weekend
Sun	9th	10.30am 12.00noon	Rev. Ian Howarth - Holy Communion Church Meeting
Sun	16th	10.30am	Rev. Ian Howarth - Joint Morning Service at LMC Hospital Service
		6.30pm	Rev. Ian Howarth - Joint Holy Communion (LMC/URC) at Christ Church
Tues	18th	7.45pm	Elders' Meeting
Thurs	20th	3.30pm	Messy Church at LMC
Sat	22nd	8.00am	Men's Breakfast Fellowship at LMC
Sun	23rd	10.30am 6.30pm 6.30pm	Morning Service: The Elders New Fire - Ecumenical - at LMC Guildford Cathedral Preacher Elizabeth Welch
Wed	26th	7.30pm	Churches Together in Leatherhead
Sat	29th	6.00pm	Joint Harvest Supper at Christ Church
Sun	30th	10.30am 5.00pm	Harvest Festival Parade Service Rev. Ian Howarth (Joint LMC/URC) Joint Pastorate Service at Cobham URC, followed by tea
<u>October</u>			
Tues	2nd	7.30pm	Surrey/Sussex Synod Area Meeting
Wed	3rd	10.30am	Coffee & Chat
Sun	7th	10.30am	Rev. Ernest Yu (Trinity URC Wimbledon) Organist: Gina Eason

Christ Church Family News



Congratulations and very best wishes to **Bob Booker** who celebrates his 90th birthday on 5th September.

Bernard Buckle was unwell recently and was in hospital for a short time. We are very pleased that he is now much better and back at the Beeches.

We are sorry to learn that **Marguerite Kerr** recently had a fall and broke her shoulder but thankfully has now recovered. She is suffering with Alzheimer's, but she would welcome visitors. Please ring her daughter Angela first on: 01306 879754. Angela's sister Julia in Australia is unwell and we ask for prayers for all the family.

Dorothy Poulton wishes to thank everyone for their good wishes and for the church flowers.

There was a wonderful tribute to **Sheena Treharne** by Mike Essex in the June "Link". We continue to remember our dear friend Sheena who died so suddenly on Monday 4th June. The Methodist Church in Cranleigh was absolutely packed for the beautiful Service of Thanksgiving on Friday 15th June, led by the Revd Ian Howarth, with contributions from the Revd Robert Aiton, an old friend of Brian's, and Cranleigh Minister the Revd Marie Greenwood, and moving tributes to their mother from Joanne and Heather. We will keep Brian, Joanne and Heather and the family in our thoughts and prayers in the days ahead.

Richard and Lindsay Trim have now moved to their new home near their daughter Hilary. It was very sad to say goodbye to them and we give thanks for their many and varied contributions to the life of Christ Church and the friendships they forged in the community. They will be greatly missed by us all. We wish them every happiness in their new home. Their address is: 5 Church Leat, Downton, Wilts SP5 2HD, Tel: 01725 512948.

Anthony and Anne Cairns have just visited **Margaret Worsfold** in her lovely flat in Broughty Ferry, very near her daughter Linda and family. She will be in Leatherhead on 15th September for Meredith's 90th birthday celebrations and we hope to see her on the 16th. We send Meredith congratulations and all good wishes for his birthday and are pleased to know that he is happily settled at the Pantiles.

We remember in our prayers all friends who have been bereaved, those who are ill or undergoing hospital treatment, and those unable to attend church."

Anne Cairns

“Commitment for Life” celebrates 20 years of action and being there for the long haul



What were you doing in 1992?

In 1992 DNA Fingerprinting was invented and in France Euro Disney opened. In the US Bill Clinton became President. The Average House Price was £68,634 and a gallon of petrol £2.13. There was no internet or e-mail. The URC opened its National Youth Resource Centre in Yardley Hastings and at the York General Assembly, **Commitment for Life** came into being.

Throughout the last 20 years it has tried to inform and inspire people to have an active and engaging faith listening to the words of Jesus to 'love our neighbour as ourselves'. Today churches choose to become a Commitment for Life church, promising to learn more about their chosen country and give each year so that long term development can happen. The original Provincial Advocates, as they were known, did a great job in getting churches on board and encouraging them. Some of them are still with the scheme today and we celebrate all their hard work in making Commitment for life the success it is.

Early stories told of child mortality rates dropping in Bangladesh because of The Christian Commission for Development in Bangladesh's traditional birthing attendant training scheme. In Zimbabwe new farming methods were being tried out.

In 1992 the idea of giving 1% of your disposable income for development was high on the agenda. Today many still give that way but others do so by regular envelope giving or holding educational events. It is still personal giving.

Our partnerships with Christian Aid and The World Development Movement have developed too. We are indebted to them for their help towards bringing an end to poverty through producing resources, information and organising visits to partner countries.

With the world still in economic crisis, those who suffer the most are those least able to absorb the shortages. Today many are suffering the effects of changes in climate. Our job is not done; we need to walk with those who have no voice or hope.

If you are a Commitment for Life church, then thank you on behalf of those you have never met. If you are not, why not learn more about this life changing scheme at www.cforl.org.uk , email lmeadcforl@gmail.com or ring 01702 315981 for more information.

Harvest Festival at Christ Church

All our friends at LMC and the Parish Church will be welcome at our Harvest Supper at 6.00pm on Saturday 29th September in the hall. Tickets at £7 (no charge for children) are available from Patricia Martin (Christ Church), Carol Stoves (LMC) and Nicky Osborne (Parish Church) and proceeds will go to our two projects, Age Concern Mole Valley North and Happy Child International. Ian Howarth has kindly agreed to be the subject of a Desert Island Discs.

On Sunday morning, 30th September, LMC are joining us for our Harvest Festival service, which is also a parade service for the Scout and Guide groups. At that service we are all invited to bring gifts of food which can be presented during the service and given afterwards to the Pitstop food store (see page 25 for details).

If you would like to provide provisions for decorating the church - fruit, vegetables, tins, packets etc. - please bring them to the church on Saturday morning (10.00am to 10.30am). Some flowers and produce will be delivered to people on the sick list.

Anyone who would like to help decorate the church is welcome, and also volunteers to deliver on Monday morning, 1st October, at 10.00am.

Mike Essex

Pastorate Details

Details of the Services and Activities at each of the Pastorate Churches can be found on the appropriate website, or by telephoning the contact listed here:

Leatherhead Methodist Church:

www.leatherheadmethodist.org

Contact: Senior Steward -
Sue Friend 01372 813464

Christ Church (United Reformed)

Leatherhead:

www.chch.org.uk

Contact: Local Church Leader -
Mike Essex 01372 273472

Effingham Methodist Church:

www.effinghammethodistchurch.co.uk

Contact: Senior Steward -
Dave Putland 01372 454850

Cobham United Reformed Church:

www.cobhamurc.org.uk

Contact: Church Secretary -
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Cobham Methodist Church:

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