

PRAYER DIARY: 6th August - 2nd September 2007

*'Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.'* Matthew 11 : 28

MONDAYS Pray especially for families during the school holidays. Give thanks for a very successful Holiday Club on Jul 26th, and pray that God will continue to speak to the children's hearts and help them to remember what they learnt during the coming weeks. Pray for all the Christian houseparties, camps, holidays and festivals that will be taking place this summer, that they will build up people's faith and bring others to a saving knowledge of Jesus.

TUESDAYS Continue to pray for all the victims of the recent flooding as they come to terms with their losses, start the clean-up operation and make decisions about their futures. Pray that Christians within those communities may be able to demonstrate God's love and compassion in practical ways, and pray for farmers whose crops have been destroyed and livestock threatened.

WEDNESDAYS Commit to the Lord the Church Hall Project, and pray that each one of us in St John's may listen with open and humble hearts to what the Lord is saying to us about the way forward. Ask for wisdom and discernment for Stephen, the PCC and the Planning Team, and for a spirit of unity as we face the challenges ahead.

THURSDAYS Remember all our Mission Partners during the summer, that they too may have opportunities for rest and refreshment. Pray for a good time with Natasha on 12th, and uphold Allan and Anne Lacey as they prepare to leave for Uganda on 17th, and then settle into the new life to which God has called them. Ask for God's blessing on the Leake family in Argentina, and pray for Jill, the staff and first disabled teens at the Firm Foundations Centre in China.

FRIDAYS Commit to the Lord those members of our church family who have recently moved, or are preparing to do so - Jenny Barker in Trowbridge, the Malcolms near Cambridge, and the Herring family as they go through the process of selling and buying. Give thanks for all they have contributed to St John's over the years, and pray that they may soon find a new church family to join.

SATURDAYS Pray for God's blessing on all those who will be going away on holiday during this month; for safe travelling, and happy times of relaxation, refreshment and renewal. Pray also for those who are unable to go away or who cannot afford a holiday, that they too may be refreshed in body, mind and spirit.

SUNDAYS Give thanks for all those who will be taking part in our services in these coming weeks - preaching, leading, reading lessons or leading the prayers, or helping with the children's groups, that each service may be an act of worship centred on Jesus, and a time when we can come together in fellowship and mutual support, and go out into our

community as witnesses to all that God has done for us.



ST JOHN'S, FELBRIDGE
August 2007

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES

*Please join us for coffee in the church
hall, after the 10am service*

*"I know that everything God does will endure for ever;
nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it.
God does it so that men will revere him." Eccl 3:14*

1. There will be a joint **children's group** in the hall today from the start of the service. All are welcome! There is also a crèche which people are welcome to use, please ask a sidesman for directions. Normal children's groups restart on 9th September.
2. Any notices, changes to rota etc. should be sent to Mandy please until someone else takes over the notice sheet production.
3. The **First Tuesday** Group will be visiting Burrswood at Groombridge on August 7th. Members are asked to make their own way there in time for a guided tour at 2pm or join later for a 3pm cream tea. Contact Carole Miller on 327608 to make a reservation or for further details.
4. **5th August** is the last date for magazine notes and articles to Lindsey please, for publication on 30th August.
5. **Home groups** will restart in the week beginning 3rd September. Lists will be available from mid-August for you to sign up for the groups.
6. **NEW Food for Thought programmes** are available. Do think about coming next term or inviting a friend or someone who works in East Grinstead. We will restart after the summer on 11th September.
7. There will be no JAM or Sticky Fingers during the holidays, but they will meet for a picnic tea - all welcome, at East Court below the Terrace from 2.30 - 5pm, on Wednesdays, weather permitting, contact Lindsey 325662. From September Kris Defriend will be the contact person for JAM.
8. **Natasha Kasprowicz**, who we support through our Mission Giving, will be talking to both the adults and the children during the 10am service on Sunday 12th August. There will be a Church Family Picnic afterwards. Meet at the Wilkinsons' home (Rivendell, The Limes) at 12 noon for an opportunity to talk to Natasha in a more relaxed setting. Activities for all ages - quizzes and treasure hunts with a Russian flavour, a stroll across the fields and/or an opportunity to relax and chat. For details, ring 01342 311516. **TAKE A LOOK at the Notice Board for details of IFES**, the charity for which Natasha works in Russia. PICK UP a copy of

IFES' *Praise and Prayer* for May/June or the leaflet "How to pray for students".

Preacher: Stephen Bowen "A cunning trick"

9. The next **prayer breakfast** is on 1st September.
10. **Forward dates:**
9th December - Confirmation service.
Mission gift weekend - 29/30th September
11. **CYCLE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE** - Join us at Trinity Methodist Church for lunch on Friday 17th August (12:00) to meet Tearfund's Richard Avery and, if you wish, ride with us to Edenbridge. For details, see www.cycle-challenge.org or talk to Gordon or Brenda Wilkinson on 01342 311516.
12. The PCC has decided that Malcolm Francis and Anne Butler should be added to the list of those who help administer Communion.
13. Weds 29th August: **CMS Cream Tea**, 3pm in the Whittington Room. Please come and support CMS (even if you can't come to the regular monthly meetings). Everyone welcome. NB. No CMS Support Group meeting on the 17th. Next meeting September 21st. Coffee morning - September 28th. (Details next month).
14. **Cream Tea at Blackland Farm**, Tuesday 25th Sept, 2-5pm. Tea served from 3pm, cost £5. Why not come along to Blackland Farm, National Girlguiding site. Take a walk in the woods & fields, follow the nature trail, attempt the fun quizzes or just sit & enjoy the sunshine. After, enjoy a lovely cream tea indoors, or if sunny on the verandah. Contact Rona Bingham on 312285.
15. Many thanks indeed to Judith Herring for producing this, her last of a great many notice sheets. We do appreciate the work involved and the good spirit in which she has coped with it all over many years. We will miss her!

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**12<sup>th</sup> August – Trinity 10**

**8am Holy Communion (Gold)**

Heb 11:1-3, 8-16 p1209 Jim Farrant  
Luke 12:32-40 p1045 Jack Baker  
Prayers: Stephen Bowen  
Preacher: Jack Baker

**10am Morning Prayer (Lt Grn)**

Col 4:7-18 p1185 Carol Bagshawe  
Philemon 1-7 p1200 Joan Brown  
Prayers: Anne Butler  
Preacher: Andy Brown "Philemon's faith"  
Creche: Veronica/Lindsey Coffee: Andy & Joan

**6.30pm Evening Service (Orange)**

Josh 10:1-15 p224 Alistair Matson  
Matt 21:18-22 p989 Anne Butler  
Prayers: John Grainger  
Preacher: Stephen Bowen "The sun stands still"

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19th August – Trinity 11

10am Holy Communion (Lilac)

Philemon 8-16 p1200 Daphne Ayerst
Matt 23:1-12 p991 Sharon Hoskins
Prayers: David Tuck
Preacher: Stephen Bowen "Philemon's love"
Creche: Rachel/Olga Coffee: Penny & Co

6.30pm Evening Service (Green)

Joshua 20 p236 Barbara Cottier
Heb 2:10-18 p1202 John Grainger
Prayers: Peter Bateman
Preacher: Stephen Bowen "Sanctuary"

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**26<sup>th</sup> August – Trinity 12**

**8am Holy Communion (Salmon)**

Heb 12:18-end p1211 Penny Jeffers  
Luke 13:10-17 p1046 Stephen Bowen  
Prayers: Jack Baker  
Preacher: Stephen Bowen

**10 am Morning Prayer & Baptism (Salmon)**

*We welcome Grace Mewse, parents Jo & Justin, and sister Lauren, as she comes for baptism*  
Col 1:1-14 p1182 Sally Hobbs  
Philemon 17-25 p1200 Jane Griffiths  
Prayers: Rona Bingham  
Preacher: Stephen Bowen "Philemon's hope"  
Creche: Kris/Amanda Coffee: Carole & Co

**6.30pm Evening Service (Orange)**

Josh 23 p239 Peter Burton  
Acts 20:13-38 p1117 Amy Nicholls  
Prayers: Joan Bateman  
Preacher: Stephen Bowen "Facing death"

**Holiday Food.**

**Give yourself some spiritual food this holiday period by catching up with some sermons you missed or would like to hear again.**

*Copies of all our sermons are available in the CD Library box on the sideboard at back of church, on*

**5<sup>th</sup> August – Trinity 9**

**10am Family Service**

Matt.14:22-33 read by Lindsey Saunders from International Children's Bible.

Speaker: Stephen Bowen  
No Creche Coffee: ?

**6.30pm Holy Communion (Lilac)**

Joshua 9 p223 Jenny Young  
Matt 23:16-22 p991 David Tuck  
Prayers: Marion Baker

**HALL CALENDAR**

|                    |          |                                  |
|--------------------|----------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Wednesdays:</b> | 7.30-8pm | Keep Fit                         |
| <b>15 August</b>   | 8pm      | Prayer on Wednesdays             |
| <b>20 August</b>   | 10am     | Prayer for China at the Batemans |
| <b>1 Sept</b>      | 8am      | Prayer Breakfast in the hall     |

## **SUMMER COLLECTS**

### **5<sup>th</sup> August – Trinity 9**

Gracious Father,  
 revive your Church in our day,  
 and make her holy, strong and faithful,  
 for your glory's sake  
 in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **12<sup>th</sup> August – Trinity 10**

Lord of heaven and earth,  
 as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in  
 prayer,  
 give us patience and courage never to lose hope,  
 but always to bring our prayers before you;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **19<sup>th</sup> August – Trinity 11**

God of glory,  
 the end of our searching,  
 help us to lay aside  
 all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,  
 and to give all that we have  
 to gain the pearl that has no price,  
 our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **26<sup>th</sup> August – Trinity 12**

Almighty God,  
 in whose service lies perfect freedom:  
 teach us to obey you  
 with loving hearts and steadfast wills;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.