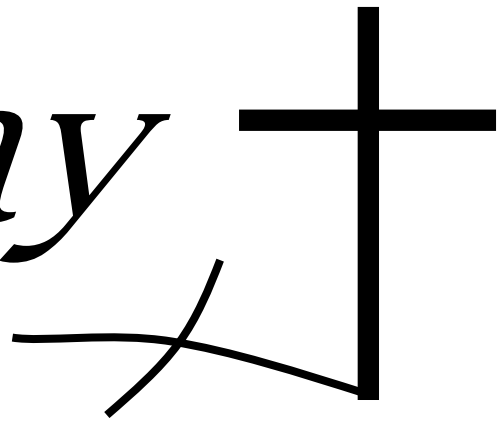


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Worplesdon Parish Magazine



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Welcome to

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Reflections

September for me has always been a month I associate with change; with new beginnings and fresh starts. The evenings start to draw in, the leaves start to fall and the days begin to fill up with meetings and the life begins to return to a more regular routine as things pick up after the summer break.

For some the routine will not be the same as it was before the summer break.

Children maybe starting school for the first time, some are changing school from nursery to primary or primary to secondary. Others maybe leaving home for the start of university or returning home after having finished university - no longer a child but an adult.

Couples who have got married over the summer will find their lives together will have changed even if they have been living together before their wedding. Marriage makes their commitment to each other different, the needs of another have to be taken into consideration alongside their own.

Change is around us all the time. Some changes are temporary but some are permanent, some are for the better, some for the worst, some we like and welcome, other we hate and wish they had not happened.

Building works have changed how St Mary's looks for the moment but when the scaffolding is removed before

Christmas, the church will once again be restored to its former beauty.

The swine flu pandemic has changed how we make our communion with God at the Eucharist on a temporary basis.

The arrival of a new rector will bring changes as he or she come with fresh ideas and new ways of doing things and together we discern a new vision for this parish to take us into the next decade.

Birth of a baby brings changes for parents as they become responsible for a helpless totally dependent human being and for a while the needs of this small fragile individual have to be put before their own.

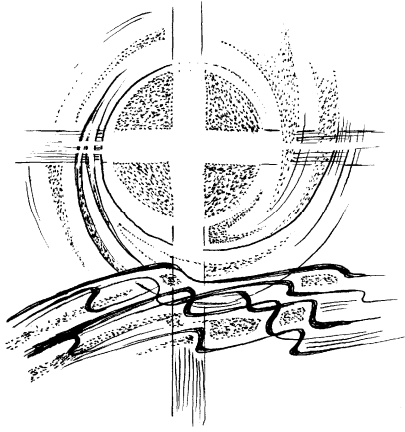
Death of a loved one brings about the biggest change in our lives as we try to come to terms with life without that person in it and rebuild our lives to take into account the great gaping hole that their death has left. A hole that does get smaller as time passes but the change to our lives that death brings is permanent.

Some of us find change easier than others but through out it all there is one constant and that constant is God who loves and cares for us all unconditionally and unchangingly despite all that is going on around us and in our lives.

May you know God's love surrounding you as you journey through the changes that lie ahead for you in the coming month.

Mandy

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Holy Days in

September

On the 25th September the church remembers Lancelot Andrewes

Bishop of Winchester and Spiritual Writer.

Born in 1555 in Barking, Lancelot Andrewes studied at Merchant Taylors' School and Pembroke Hall (now Pembroke College), Cambridge. After ordination, he held several posts before accepting appointments as Bishop, first of Chichester, then of Ely and finally of Winchester in 1619. Andrewes was present at the Hampton Court Conference in 1604, which furthered the reform of the Church of England, and he was also a translator of much of the Old Testament of what is known as the 'Authorized Version of the Bible'. His preaching and his writings proved highly influential and his holiness of life and gentle nature endeared him to all who met him. He died on this day in the year 1626 and his remains lie in a church which was then in his diocese of Winchester but now is the cathedral for the diocese of Southwark.

Prayer for the Month

This is a prayer I have sitting next to my computer and which I regularly pray when I am not sure how to reply to a tricky email!

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change.

Courage to change the things I can and wisdom to know the difference.

Amen

Reinhold Niebuhr

Quotes to Ponder

The change in the world that you're longing for starts with you.

Mahatma Gandhi

One way to prove you have a mind is to change it.

If you want things to stay as they are, things will have to change.

G. di Lampedusa

Parish Registers

Baptisms

- 19th July Sophie Kennedy
William Thomson
- 26th July Sophia Rendell
- 2nd August Olivia Stamp
Joseph Alexander
Ella-Louise Alexander
- 9th August Molly Gower
Ben Firman

Weddings

- 18th July Simon Lambert and Clare Lowes
- 25th July Andrew Robinson and Charlotte Fielding
Henry Toulson and Mary Elliott
- 4th August Richard Watson and Nicola Christie
- 8th August Stuart Ferris and Clare Stringfellow
Jamie Tobin and Teresa Rose

Funerals

- 21st July Ron Ireland
- 29th July Eloise Howlett- Osborn
- 30th July Joan Gardner
- 31st July Phyllis Bailey
- 13th August Les (John) Gunner

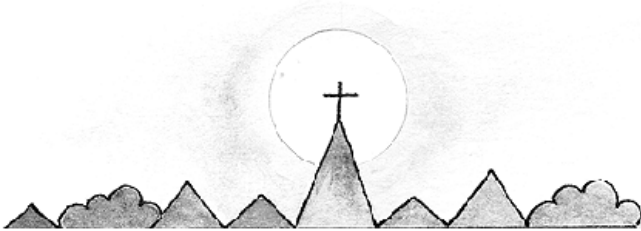
God's Family at Worship

Sunday 13th September

10.45am at St Mary's

Our next informal all age service will take place on Sunday 13th September at 10.45am at St Mary's. There will be no Sunday Club at this day as our children join us for the whole service but a crèche will be available.

Our next parade service at St Alban's will be on Remembrance Sunday 8th November at 10.45 and we will be joined by our uniformed organizations.



Sunday Evenings in September at St Mary's at 6pm

6th Healing service – an opportunity to bring before God the dis-ease in our lives and to pray for all in any kind of need as well as to receive the Ministry of Laying on of Hands.

13th Celtic Evening Prayers – a time of Worship inspired by the Iona community

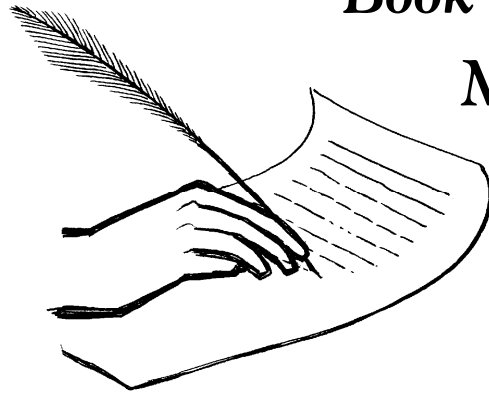
20th Evening Prayer – Common Worship service

27th Celtic Evening Prayers – a time of Worship inspired by the Iona community

If you would like transport to the Evening Worship at St Mary's please speak to Revd Mandy Welch (G.233525) who will endeavour to arrange for a lift.



Book of the Month



Conversation Matters by Peter Shaw

Continuum Press

ISBN 0 8264 8147 7

This book shows how to engage effectively with one another in today's modern e-mail and soundbite culture which is threatening the art of conversation. Without real encounters people lose contact, stop understanding one another and can become isolated.

The author finds inspiration in the example of Jesus whose encounters with people were always decisive. It was as people talked with him that they either embraced his message or moved some distance from it. Jesus engaged through listening, building trust, talking with people directly, and showing discernment through listening to what they said.

The Next Wednesday Fellowship

Is 16th September

8:00 in St. Mary's Church Room

Mary Broughton will tell her story about her work in the Royal Surrey County Hospital. As usual we shall be praying for the parish.

All are very welcome

Churchyard Extension

The Bishop of Guildford will be coming to consecrate the Churchyard extension on Tuesday **20th October at 4pm**. All are welcome to attend this short service.



Perry Hill Youth Club

The next meeting of Perry Hill Youth Club is on **Thursday 3rd September** at Worplesdon Memorial Hall from 6.45pm to 8.45pm and is open to young people aged between 8 and 15 years of age. For more information telephone Mandy on 01483 233525.

The club normally meets on the first Thursday of each month. Come along and join us and try your hand at a variety of games, be tempted by the Tuck Shop and meet new friends. **New volunteers are always welcome to help run the club.**

Pain Support Group

The next meeting will be at St. Mark's Hall, Guildford Road, Normandy GU3 2DA on **21st September at 7.30 for 8.00 pm**. We shall be exploring the themes of relaxation and meditation. Two 'expert patient' members of the group will be sharing how these have helped them to cope with their pain. The meeting will finish with a short service of Christian healing at 9.15 pm. If you cannot make this month's meeting then future ones will be held on Oct 19th, Nov 16th and Dec 21st 2009: topics to be announced nearer the time.

All are welcome and especially anyone who cares for someone else with acute or chronic pain.

Further information can be found at the Diocese of Guildford's web site:

<http://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/index.cfm?fuseaction=departments.content&cmid=429>

You are warmly invited to

Café Fairlands

On 4th & 18th September

At the Fairlands Community Centre

2.30pm - 4.30 pm.

Harvest Festival

Our **Harvest Supper** will be on Friday **9th October** at Worplesdon Memorial Hall.

Our **Gift Day** will be on Saturday **10th October** – see next month's magazine for more details.

On Sunday 11th October there will be a United Harvest Parish Eucharist At St Mary's at 10.45am and there will be no 9.15am service at St Alban's.

The Village Lunch

At

St Alban's Church Wood Street Village

on

Wednesday 23rd September at 12.30 pm.

Come along to enjoy good food and good company and a chance to meet up with friends old and new.

All who wish to attend are welcome – just book your place by phoning 01483 233091 by noon on 21st September. If you need help with transport to get there please contact Fairwood Helpers on 01483 23761

StoryZone

StoryZone is our after school club held at St Alban's Church Hall in Wood Street Village from 4pm to 5.30pm on Tuesday afternoons. It is open to all junior school ages children (school years 3-6) and the first session of the new term is on **Tuesday 22nd September.**

Come and join us in the fun as we discover the world of stories and bring them alive through craft, cooking, drama and games.

For further information contact Nicky on 01483 826774 or email childrenswork@worplesdonparish.com



iWorship

The next iWorship will be on **Sunday 27th September at 9.15 am** at St Alban's. The theme will be 'Keeping our Saltiness'

iWorship offers a time of informal worship for all ages where we can share together, explore prayer, bible study and music creatively and share in fellowship.

Inclusive – interactive – inquiring

Come along and join us

Vacancy Update

There were insufficient candidates to hold interviews following the advertisement in July; so the post of Rector will be re-advertised in mid- September and interviews are scheduled for the beginning of November.

We ask that you hold those bearing extra responsibility during the vacancy and those who will be involved in the selection process in your prayers.

The Vacancy Prayer

God, our loving parent,

You have welcomed each one of us in Jesus and called us to be His Body in this place; Send us your Holy Spirit,

at this time of change,

to fill us with vision, energy, and faithfulness in prayer,

that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community.

Guide with your heavenly wisdom those who are to choose a new Rector for this parish,

that the one whom we receive may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people: ready to serve us with joy,

to build us up in faith,

and to lead us by example in loving obedience to your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen

Fairlands WI members brave adversity to attend meetings

One member wore a brace to support a dislocated hip replacement. Another had left her husband at her daughter's home, and in her care, whilst she attended the meeting. He had recently had a serious heart operation.

On an evening following sewage flooding around the Community Centre, and an afternoon of sweeping to keep the flooding out of some garages, a good number of members and some male visitors came along to hear about Greenfriars Vineyard. The talk, given by Mr. Underwood, inspired members to make a visit there next year and taste the finished product.

Future meetings will start at the slightly later time of 7.55pm in order to allow the Guides to finish their meetings in the adjacent hall. Fairlands Community Centre hosts a variety of activities and consideration towards each other is essential.

A member reported that, at the Keep Fit Class held in the centre, the police had called in to warn about the increase in thefts of purses from handbags in Guildford. Shoppers are sometimes distracted and a purse can be quietly lifted out of an unattended handbag. To guard against this, the police have small bells and lanyards which can be attached to the purses and to the handbags. The ringing of the bell might deter a thief and attract the attention of the shopper. These items are available upon request from the Police Station.

There will be no meeting during August but a Bring and Share lunch is to take place.

On Wednesday, September 9th, there will be an interactive meeting when Mrs. P Reeves will be making Greetings cards using a variety of materials. Visitors are always welcome to come along and join in.

For further information, call Dawn Murrell, President, on 01483 823557 or Angela Linington, Secretary, on 01483 233967.



Be a Chorister for a Day!

**Can your Son or Daughter sing?
Saturday 26th September 2009 2-6pm**

This annual event, run by the music department of Guildford Cathedral under the direction of Katherine Dienes, Organist and Master of the Choristers, is an opportunity for boys and girls to experience the thrills of singing and being part of the Cathedral Choir.

- Learn some new music
- Sing a service with Guildford Cathedral Choir
- Games
- A tour of the Cathedral
- Tea
- Certificate signed by the Dean
- £5 per child
- for boys in years 1 to 3
- for girls in years 4 to 6

Contact:

Mrs Penny Peters
Music Department Secretary
Guildford Cathedral, Stag Hill
Guildford. GU2 7UP
T: 01483 547868
penny@guildford-cathedral.org

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Saint Columba's House

**News of retreats to be held in September
at St Columba's Retreat House, Maybury
Hill, Woking, Surrey GU22 8AB**

20th – 25th September

A week of individually Guided Prayer in the Ignation Tradition. Led by Linda Scrivenor and Pam Thorogood.

Suggested donation £50.00

23rd to 27th September

God, Silence and Meister Eckhart – What does Meister Eckhart tell us about knowing God? Led by Reverend Owen Murphy, Director of St Columba's House.

Price £144 for residents or £84 non residents (to include lunch and dinner)

These are group retreats, but anyone may just come and visit us for a quiet day on their own – at no charge but a small donation is always welcome.

To book contact Clare Davies, Retreat Secretary 01483 713500 or retreats@stcolumbashouse.org.uk

Fairwood Helpers

Our yearly coach outing in July went well when two Sureline Coaches took ninety one passengers to Worthing. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day despite the windy conditions and the many expressions of thanks we received on their return were gratefully appreciated.

Plans have already been made to hold our evening End-of-Year Social on Saturday 28 November at the Memorial Hall, Perry Hill. We hope that many of our volunteers and supporters, accompanied by their partners, will be able to attend.

Meanwhile we continue to respond where we can to requests for help from local residents, mainly in providing transport to and from their medical appointments. If anyone feels they would like to join our team of volunteers we would be pleased to hear from you. Just telephone our help line on 01483 237619 between 10.00am and 12.00pm weekdays and our Duty Officer will be happy to provide details of how we operate.

John Barton



Other important dates for September

Wed 2nd	1.30pm	Edward Bear's Club at St Alban's
Sat 5 th	1.00pm	Wedding at St Mary's
	3.00pm	Wedding at St Mary's
Mon 7 th	8.00pm	Ministry Team meeting
Tues 8 th	8.00pm	WSV Association at St Alban's
Wed 9 th	1.00pm	Mothers' Union at St Alban's
Sun 13 th	2.30pm	Deaf Church at St Alban's
Tues 15 th	8.00pm	Pastoral Group
Wed 16 th	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship at St Mary's
Fri 18 th	7.00pm	Youth PCC at Brook House
Sun 20 th	6.00pm	Parish Youth Group at St Alban's
Mon 21 st	7.30pm	Pain group at Wyke Church Hall
Tues 22 nd	4.00pm	First Chapter of StoryZone
Sat 26 th	10.00am	Tidy up day at St Mary's
	3.00pm	Wedding at St Mary's
Mon 28 th	11.00am	Primrose House Communion
	8.00pm	Holiday Club meeting
Tues 29 th	8.00pm	PCC at St Mary's



September	St Mary's
5/6	Miriam Hodgkins
12/13	Jan Foster
19/20	Jan Foster
26/27	Marian Gillett



The Bishop of Guildford's Foundation Newsletter - Autumn 2009

Reception at Willow Grange

Thanks to Bishop Christopher and Hilary, the Foundation hosted a reception in the grounds of their home, Willow Grange. It was a great opportunity for us to thank some of our recent supporters. 150 people enjoyed the wonderful music of Choro Bandido, (www.chorobandido.co.uk), drinks and canapés, in the beautiful surroundings.

The guests also heard from three projects that have benefited from our grants scheme

Guildford Street Angels, Watts Gallery, Riverview School

The Bishop of Guildford's Foundation is coming to you!

We are holding a series of meetings across the Diocese during late Autumn and hope that there will be a venue to suit you. Here you will be able to hear about how we work, what we do, hear from a project we have supported near you, meet trustees and staff, and ask any questions that you may have. If you have any specific queries that might need researching it would be helpful to have them in advance via email: info@bgf.org.uk

Thursday 8 October	Guildford Cathedral Education Centre	7.30pm
Wednesday 14 October	St Mary's Church Hall, Leatherhead	7.30pm
Thursday 15 October	St Anne, Bagshot	7.30pm
Wednesday 21 October	St Johns, Farncombe	7.30pm
Wednesday 28 October	St Mark's, Bordon	7.30pm
Wednesday 4 November	St Nicholas, Cranleigh	7.30pm
Wednesday 11 November	Holy Trinity, Claygate	10.30am
Wednesday 18 November	St John's, North Holmwood	7.30pm

All are welcome, booking is not necessary

Recent Grants

At the last Trustees meeting we are pleased to announce that grants were awarded to:
Bugs Club, Leatherhead, Normandy Community Minibus, Hart Community Outreach,
Dyscover, Walton on the Hill



Fundraising The Lent Call 2009

This has now topped a fantastic £30,000. Thank you all so much for your generosity, especially when times are so hard for so many. Watch this space for details of next years appeal.

Abseil

At last! The venue, the Army cadets and the Bishop are all set for the May 1st 2010. Save the date, more details will be forthcoming.

Mega Mufti Day

Back by popular demand, the Mega Mufti in aid of Homelessness will be happening in January 2010. We will be asking all schools in the Diocese to take part in a non uniform day, and monies raised will help projects working with the many homeless in the diocese.

It is a great opportunity to raise awareness of those who find themselves without homes for whatever reason.

If you can you promote this fundraising initiative for us in any school that you may be connected with please do get in touch.

News-letters directly to you!

We produce our newsletter every quarter, if you would like to register to receive a copy automatically by email or post, please do contact us.

Please watch out for more news about these projects and our work

email: info@bgf.org.uk tel: 01483 790 324

Or by post: Diocesan House, Quarry Street, Guildford, Surrey GU1 3XQ

Thank you very much for your continued interest and support



Fairwood Helpers - Serving Fairlands, FLG area, Wood Street Village and Worplesdon - Perry Hill

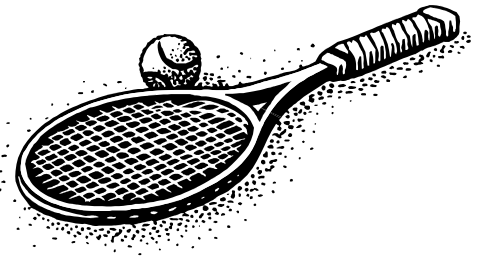
Available for help with transport to the doctors or hospital, filling in forms, collecting prescriptions, shopping, odd jobs, visiting etc.

Telephone 01483 237619

Mon - Fri 10.00am - 12 noon

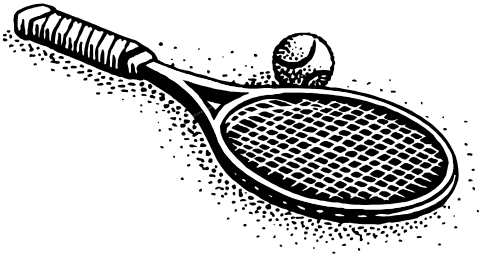


Worplesdon Tennis Club



Teddy Bears! We were of course delighted to win a first for our entry at the Teddy Bear Festival this year and our thanks to those who dressed the teddies and to Diana Forder in particular who created 'the scene' from the film 'Wimbledon'!

Finals Day



This was the culmination of matches played throughout the summer for ladies singles and doubles, men's singles and doubles, mixed and veterans. More people than ever competed and the finals saw a hotly fought contest once again between Lynn Moore and Sarah Hamilton in the ladies singles with victory once again for Sarah - a worthy champion - whose forehand is a lethal weapon but playing on her backhand was not the solution! Lynn and Sarah

reached all 3 of their class finals with Sarah winning her mixed doubles with partner Alastair Kemp in 3 long sets against Lynn and Ollie Guerreri. Lynn Moore had a well deserved win with partner Tracey Manasseh against Sarah Hamilton and Maggie Walsh but it was tough going. Alastair won the men's singles comfortably in 2 sets against Jonathon Ripper and he and Ollie G beat Jonathon R and Chris Lee in the men's doubles. In the veterans, John Brand and John Corbett made it through but were defeated in 2 sets by Ray Partridge, our club Chairman and Peter Jezeph who put up strong opposition. The Paula Foote cup for the most improved player was presented to Maggie Walsh who has worked so hard to fight back after cancer treatment and play at match standard once more.

Despite the occasional drizzle, it was a good day and some excellent tennis. An American Tournament was held alongside for club members who did not make the finals this year!

Future Event

GUTS Charity Tournament.

After last year's record £4000 raised, we are holding another event on a slightly smaller scale on Sunday September 20th 2009. Non members are most welcome to attend the lunch at 1-2pm. For details of the event please contact Mary Broughton 233869 or email cimbroughton@aol.com

Sime Gallery

As part of the Guildford Heritage weekend, the Sime Gallery will be open at Worplesdon Memorial Hall on Saturday and Sunday 12-13th September 10am -4pm. Come and take a look!