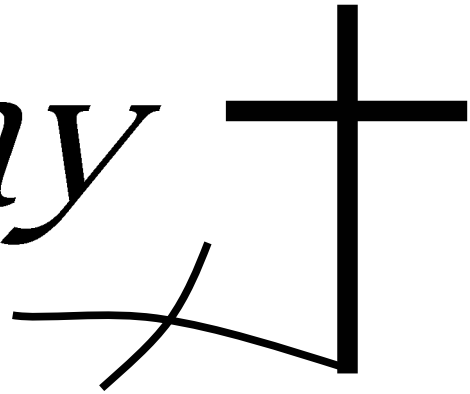


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Welcome to

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Reflections

Ordinary people can do extraordinary things.

Although they did not think of themselves as heroic – just doing a job in which they knew these dangers were occupational hazards - the British servicemen who have died in Afghanistan, as well as the many more who are seriously wounded physically or mentally, remind us of the enormous cost they have paid to help the people in that country. The example they have given of everyday courage, and of service, may be some consolation to the families who are left to carry on.

Dying to save others is of course the ultimate sacrifice – something we are especially reminded of at Easter - but there are innumerable unreported cases of ordinary people doing extraordinary things to improve the lives of those around them.

In our parish there are many people who manage with great difficulty to cope with the illness or death of their loved ones, often despite their own illness or incapacity, or with the stress of keeping jobs, raising children, making ends meet. And this can be a particularly hard burden to bear alone.

It is very easy to ignore those who we do not come into close contact with, lazily pigeon-holing them in one way or another. However, when we take the time and trouble to see people as individuals, we can make a connection, because of the common humanity that we share. And making that connection can spark something in our own spirit, too.

The members of our own Ministry Team regularly make a connection with people who would otherwise miss that human contact, that touch of the spirit. Ordinary people doing extraordinary things – especially Mandy, who has shouldered the bulk of the responsibilities of the parish since Andrew left last summer. And there are others working behind the scenes who have not only kept things going, but overseen major refurbishment work in both churches; we are hugely grateful to them as well as to all those whose contributions make this possible.

We now look forward to welcoming Hugh Grear, our new Rector, and his family to Worplesdon at the beginning of June, and the enthusiasm with which I am sure he will energise the parish. I trust he will encourage and inspire all of us – not just the “usual suspects” - to look outside ourselves and the often narrow focus of our lives, to bring our ordinary skills to bear in a way that can make an extraordinary difference.

And to spark that touch of the spirit in us.

Chris Sturdee



Mothering Sunday

Sunday 14th March

10.45am at St Alban's

We will be welcoming our Uniformed to join us for this informal all age service to celebrate Mothering Sunday.

On this Sunday there will be no Sunday Club at either church as our children join us for the whole service but a crèche will be available.

Our next GFW service at St Mary's will be on 11th April at 10.45am.

10.45am at St Mary's

There will be a quieter more reflective service at St Mary's for those who find Mothering Sunday a difficult day, providing an opportunity to offer thanksgiving to the God who is to us as both Heavenly Father and Divine Mother.

Posies of flowers will be distributed at both services

Palm Sunday

28th March



10.45am Palm Procession led by a donkey beginning on the Village Green opposite St Mary's church and **United Parish Eucharist** at St Mary's Church (please note there will be **no 9.15am** service at St Alban's).

Holy Week

Monday 29th March: 8pm

Holy Communion at St Alban's

Tuesday 30th March: 8pm

Holy Communion at St Mary's

Wednesday 31st March 8pm

Holy Communion at St Alban's

Maundy Thursday 1st April

8pm Sung Eucharist with foot washing at St Mary's followed by the Vigil until 10.15pm

Good Friday 2nd April

11.00am St Alban's

At the Foot of the Cross

1.45pm Act of Witness on the Village Green at Worplesdon

followed by

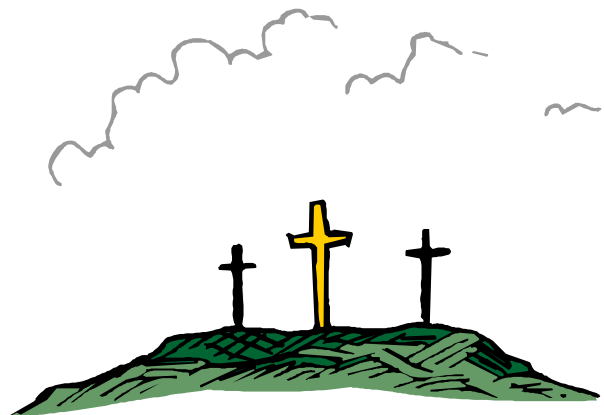
2pm The Last Hour at St Mary's

Easter Eve 3rd April

9pm: St Mary's

The Liturgy of Easter Eve with kindling of the Easter fire,
Renewal of Baptism Promises
and sharing of Easter Candles

Full details of all our Easter services will be in a leaflet available from both churches from Passion Sunday and in April's Magazine





Holy Days in March

On 17th March the church commemorates Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland. Patrick was born in Celtic Cornwall around the year 390 and was captured by Irish raiders when he was 16 years old and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped after six years and eventually found his way back to his family, where his Christian faith grew and matured. He went to Gaul and trained as a priest. He was strongly influenced by the form of monasticism evolving under Martin of Tours. In his early forties he returned to Ireland as bishop of Armagh. He walked all over Ireland gently bringing all he met to a knowledge of Christ. He faced fierce opposition and possible persecution but he nevertheless continued his missionary journeys. His monastic foundations provided a solid infrastructure and ensured the maintenance of the Christian faith after his death which occurred in this day in the year 460.

Prayer for the month

By the prayers of Jesus,
Lord, teach us how to pray.
By the gifts of Jesus,
Lord, teach us how to give.
By the toils of Jesus,
Lord, teach us how to work.
By the love of Jesus,
Lord, teach us how to love.
By the cross of Jesus,
Lord, teach us how to live.

Quotes to ponder

These two quote comes from the writing of Frederick Buechner.

"In many cultures there is an ancient custom of giving a tenth of each year's income to some holy use. For Christians, to observe the forty days of Lent is to do the same thing with roughly a tenth of each year's days. After being baptized by John in the River Jordan, Jesus went off alone into the wilderness where he spent forty days asking himself the question of what it meant to be Jesus. During Lent, Christians are supposed to ask one way or another what it means to be themselves...to answer questions like this is to begin to hear something not only of who you are but of both what you are becoming and what you are failing to become. It can be pretty depressing business all in all, but if sackcloth and ashes are at the start of it, something like Easter may be at the end."

"Compassion is sometimes the fatal capacity for feeling what it is like to live inside somebody else's skin. It is the knowledge that there can never really be any peace and joy for me until there is peace and joy finally for you too."

HeartPraise

**Passion Sunday: 21st March
6pm at St Alban's**

An informal service with the music led by our parish band; an opportunity to offer God our praise and thanksgiving through music and shared prayer. As part of the service, The Parish Youth Group will be sharing a drama based upon antiphons for Spring with us.



Healing Service

Sunday 7th March

St Mary's 6pm

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.

During the remainder of the vacancy, there will only be an Evening service at St Mary's on the first Sunday in the month. But on Passion Sunday, 21st March, **Heart Praise** will be held at St Alban's at 6pm.

Book Review

Gill, Robin (2010) A Bit Like Jesus SPCK London. £6.99

Although this book is written for Lent it need not only be read during lent.

The blurb on the back reads,

"Not even the most dedicated follower of Jesus is really like him. So what is it to be a follower of Jesus?"

The Kingdom of God is central to Jesus' message and, from the stories about Jesus and the stories he told, we can discover the values that rule in the kingdom, and whether those values are ours. *A Bit Like Jesus* is written for busy people on this journey of discovery.

While focusing particularly on the healing stories and parables of Jesus, Robin Gill offers a short meditative piece for every day (except Sunday) during the six weeks of Lent. At the end of each meditation, there are readings from the Psalms and Qur'an for reflection.

Robin Gill is Michael Ramsey Professor of Modern Theology at the University of Kent and an honorary Provincial Canon of Canterbury Cathedral. He leads a clergy team serving five rural congregations in Kent."

Worship at St Alban's Church

There is not a service of iWorship at St. Alban's Church in March as it will be Palm Sunday. The next iWorship will be on Sunday 25th April at 9.15 am.

House Group

There will be a house group meeting at 44 Fairlands Ave at 10am on the following dates:

*25 February
4 March
11 March
18 March
25 March*

Parish Registers

Baptisms

31st January Teagan Gillett
 Harry Churchill

Funerals

16th February: Gerald Pursglove

Tidy Up Day

The next tidy-up day will be at **St Mary's** on **Saturday 20th March** from **10am to 1.00pm**. Please come along to help with important maintenance tasks both indoors and out. We hope to be able to give the inside a good spring clean after the departure of the electricians! Come along anytime – the more who come the more we can achieve!



Other important dates for November

Monday 1st	<i>8pm</i>	Pastoral group meeting at St Mary's
Tuesday 2nd	<i>8pm</i>	GFW planning
Wednesday 3rd	<i>1.30pm</i>	Edward Bear Club
	<i>8pm</i>	Lent Group at St Mary's
Thursday 4th	<i>10am</i>	Lent Group at 44 Fairlands Avenue
Friday 6th	<i>10.30am</i>	Woman's World Day of Prayer at St Alban's
Sunday 7th	<i>6pm</i>	Healing Service at St Mary's
Monday 8th	<i>8pm</i>	Growing Ministering Congregations
Tuesday 9th	<i>8pm</i>	Fundraising Group
Wednesday 10th	<i>1pm</i>	Mothers' Union
	<i>8pm</i>	Lent Group at St Mary's
Thursday 11th	<i>10am</i>	Lent Group at 44 Fairlands Avenue
	<i>8pm</i>	Fairlands Evening Home Group
Sunday 14th	<i>2.30pm</i>	Deaf Church at St Alban's
	<i>6pm</i>	Parish Youth Group at St Alban's
Monday 15th	<i>7.30pm</i>	Pain Group at Wyke
	<i>8pm</i>	Holiday Club Planning
Wednesday 17th	<i>8pm</i>	Lent Group at St Mary's
Thursday 18th	<i>10am</i>	Lent Group at 44 Fairlands Avenue
	<i>1.30pm</i>	iWorship planning
Saturday 20th	<i>10am</i>	Tidy-up Day at St Mary's
Sunday 21st	<i>6pm</i>	Heart Praise at St Alban's
Wednesday 24th	<i>8pm</i>	Lent Group at St Mary's
Thursday 25th	<i>10am</i>	Lent Group at 44 Fairlands Avenue
	<i>8pm</i>	Fairlands Evening Home Group
Saturday 27th	<i>10am</i>	Marriage Enrichment Day at St Mary's
Monday 29th	<i>11am</i>	Primrose House Communion
	<i>8pm</i>	Holy Communion at St Alban's
Tuesday 30th	<i>8pm</i>	Holy Communion at St Mary's
Wednesday 31st	<i>8pm</i>	Holy Communion at St Alban's



*You are warmly
invited to*

Café Fairlands

On 5th & 19th March

*At The Fairlands
Community Centre*

2.30pm - 4.30pm

Come along and discover Café Fairlands for yourself. If you need help with transport to come along to the Café please contact Fairwood Helpers on 01483 237619

The Village Lunch

At St Alban's Church

Wood Street Village

on

Wednesday 24th March

at 12.30pm

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 26th October. If you need help with transport to get there please contact Fairwood Helpers on 01483 237619

Pain-the Hidden Disability

The next meeting of the support group for those suffering from chronic pain (physical, mental, emotional or spiritual) will take place on

Monday 15th March

**at St Mark's Church Hall, Wyke
7.30pm for 8.00pm.**

This month's we shall be exploring how good communications help to handle pain. The meeting will finish with a simple service of Christian healing at 9.15 pm.

Grass Cutting

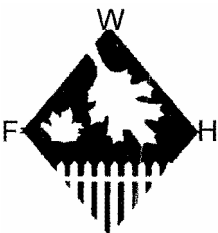
at St Mary's Churchyard 2010

Our grateful thanks to all the volunteers who gave of their time last year through the spring and summer to keep the grass and surrounds to our churchyard in such nice condition, by grass cutting and strimming, it was very much appreciated by all.

If anyone would like to join the rota they are most welcome.

Please phone me if you would like to help at most once a month if all continue on the rota. Thank You.

Brian Smith 01483 234407



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



The Society of Mary and Martha

Sheldon is home to the Sheldon Community.

The Sheldon Community is the heartbeat at the centre of the life of Sheldon. The life and ministry of the Community has been evolving slowly and steadily for many years.

The Community came into its present form when the Society of Mary and Martha bought Sheldon in 1991, although many of us have lived and worked at Sheldon for much longer.

Our embryonic Rule of Life centres around 3 major themes:

stability

servanthood

stewardship

Members of the Community all live at Sheldon, making it our home.

We share a simple pattern of life together that forms a thread of stability for ourselves and for all those who stay here:

prayers said in chapel twice a day

a Community meal on Saturday evenings

Much of our working life centres around care for guests at Sheldon. We try to live the charism of servanthood in all our dealings, an approach that includes ~ but also goes beyond ~ "being of service". For many of us, the roles we fulfil at Sheldon are very different from those we had in previous employment.

We have been entrusted with the care of a beautiful place, and it is thanks to the generosity of many people that we are enabled to support ourselves and run Sheldon. We endeavour to live good stewardship of the skills, time, money, and other resources for which we are responsible.

Our style is quiet and fairly low-key. We're very serious about God but don't shout about it all the time. We attract people right at the heart of the church and its ministry, as well as plenty of people on the fringes and beyond. Sheldon has a reputation for

gentleness, efficiency, small miracles and enjoying a good party. If you want to get involved with making Sheldon happen, do get in touch.

The Community is assisted by local staff who help primarily with administration, cleaning, housekeeping and gardening. Volunteers from many walks of life contribute over 4,000 hours of work each year, helping with hospitality, reception and work parties. Over 550 Friends form the backbone of prayerful, practical and financial support for the charity. About a quarter of Friends live in Devon, and the rest all across the UK and some overseas. Trustees serve the legal organisational framework, and Patrons lend their names in support of the work that goes on at Sheldon.

Address

The Sheldon Centre, Dunsford, Exeter. EX6 7LE callers welcome by appointment only

Telephone

01647-252752

Website

www.sheldon.uk.com

This article is collated from information on the Sheldon Website.

The Sheldon Community has a good reputation for caring for ministers of any denomination as well as welcoming groups and individuals to their site. I have personally found their approach helpful and have always come away restored and refreshed in body, mind and spirit. You can find out more information about them and their latest appeal to raise almost 1 million pounds for the Long Barn Appeal on their website.

Susan Bloomfield



We Shall Remember Them

On Sunday 7th March at our 10.45am service at St Mary's we shall welcome members of the Guildford Branch of the Royal Artillery Association and also Army representatives as we receive and lay up the Association's Standard. It will now be hung in St Mary's for safe keeping and as a permanent memorial for those who "gave their today" so that we can enjoy "our tomorrows" – to use the words of the Remembrance Service.

For those of us lucky enough never to have fought in battle, the idea of commemorating armed conflict in any way in a Christian Church may seem strange. After all we worship the God of Love and His Dear Son, the Prince of Peace. The Christian Church has a long and distinguished history of principled opposition to war as a means of resolving human conflicts. So in welcoming past and present members of the armed services into our Church what exactly are we doing?

First we remember those who through no choice of their own were called into battle to defend ideas and principles that along with so many other people of all faiths and of none, we Christians hold so very dear. Some of those called fell in battle while others were horrifically injured and bear the scars both physical and mental to this day. They left bereaved and traumatised families and that continues today as the grim toll from Afghanistan so poignantly reminds us. I find it deeply humbling to think that some of my forbears were prepared to make that sacrifice and give thanks from the depths of my heart that they did. I find it just as humbling that so many young men and women today continue to be prepared to make that ultimate sacrifice. Standards and other symbols of past conflicts remind us of so many who made that ultimate sacrifice. They also remind us that when human conflicts occur today then as Christians we must strive all the harder to prevent them from erupting into full-scale war. How we each act when faced with other people with whom we may profoundly disagree or who we may not like, will reveal whether the love of God truly exists in our own hearts.

Second, so many of today's soldiers bring me up short when I'm tempted to complain. Recently I was talking to one young soldier who serves in the REME. Speaking of his work he agreed it was sometimes dirty, dangerous and even fatal. But, as he told me, someone has to do it. For example, IEDs left buried in roads in Helmand Province kill and maim Afghans as indiscriminately as they kill and maim British, US and other soldiers. That risk will continue for as long as they remain buried and undetected. Defusing those devices or stopping suicide-bombers from targetting schools, hospitals or crowded market places are truly life-saving as is trying to establish security in war-torn parts of the

world. Suddenly the petty office-politics of my own employment and even the quarrels in the Church can be seen for the pathetic squabbles that they really are. I don't know whether this soldier has any religious faith: what he does have in abundance is the courage and humility that is hard won in the face of death and appalling danger. Already in his young life he has lost too many of his friends.

Third, over 20 centuries of the Christian era, believers have genuinely disagreed over whether armed conflict can ever be justified. Christian pacifists have a long and distinguished history and many such individuals have paid a very heavy price for their principled stand. Other believers, while genuinely feeling that they cannot physically take up arms against other human beings, have nonetheless served courageously in bomb-disposal, medical care for the injured, repairing infrastructure destroyed in conflict, caring for refugees and trying to bring about reconciliation. Yet others have concluded that military action while always a last resort can sometimes be justified. Theologians have debated long and hard whether all this and have profoundly disagreed with each other. There are no easy or straightforward answers: had there been then by now we would either have annihilated ourselves or war would be but a dim memory.

Yet as Christians we must always take our lead from our Master, the Lord Jesus. Nowhere in the Gospels do we read that Jesus ever turned away soldiers. Instead, St Luke records that they heard Our Lord gladly and asked Him what they must do to be saved. St Matthew tells of the Centurion whose servant was desperately ill. As a soldier who handled authority himself, he saw in Jesus that true authority over all. So he simply asked Jesus to command his servant to be healed. Scripture tells that Our Lord marvelled at his simple yet profound faith. This reveals my own faith for the shallow thing that it is. Perhaps in this Lenten season as we reflect on Christ's ultimate sacrifice for us all, we should remember that in those agonising final hours on the cross when most of his disciples had fled it was Roman soldiers who were with him to His last breath. Some were cynical as they gambled for his clothes but others were totally awestruck, "Truly, this man was the Son of God!" said one of their commanders and thus uttered a profound Prayer of Faith that should be on all our lips.

So if it was good enough for Our Lord to receive soldiers in His day – challenging them, yes but rejecting them no, then it is also good enough for us his 21st Century followers here in Worplesdon. It is on that strength that we welcome members of the Royal Artillery Association and the British Army and offer a home to the Association's Standard in the House of God.

Thomas Weil

(Both of Tom's parents served in the British Army)



WI February 2010

The Worplesdon WI meeting on Wednesday 3 February was attended by most members with two apologies given. Due to the inclement weather in January this was the first meeting of the year. The president, Mrs Betty Leach, welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially the new member who had just joined and a very welcome visitor. Two members were given birthday cards this month. After thanking everyone for their help in making a success of the various events held in December, the president went on to lead the members in a discussion about forthcoming events, in particular, planning for the Jumble Sale on 17 March. Votes were collected for the preferred Resolution from a list of six to be put forward to the National Annual WI Meeting.

The members will be attending a performance by The Chinese State Circus in Woking in February and also visiting Painshill Park. There will be a coffee morning and bring and buy sale at the home of Mrs Beryl Davies on 22 February.

A very interesting talk on "How women got the vote" was given by Mrs McCloughin. Mrs Barbara Chasemore gave the vote of thanks and recalled her aunty Dorothy who held a banner at the time of the suffragettes and felt her hard won vote was important even into her nineties. The tea hostess this month was Mrs Dorothy Baxell. The competition for the best Cornish Pasty was won by Mrs Beryl Davies who also won the raffle.

Betty Leach

Fairlands W.I. met on a chilly evening in February but the community centre was warm and welcoming. The speaker Mel Rees gave a very humorous talk entitled "And another thing I meant to say" speaking about his parents and family life just every day happenings which he made most amusing. Janet Ray, president, gave the vote of thanks.

The ploughmans lunch will be at the community centre on 22nd Feb 1.15—3.00pm and a raffle will be held for CHASE, details from Jean Winmill 233015. The New Year

Dinner will be at Parkway on 24th March. The next meeting will be at Worplesdon School on March 10th when Ann Foster will demonstrate an aromatherapy facial. The competition will be fragrant memories.

All visitors very welcome.

Secretarial Help

Your VILLAGE needs YOU!

Do read this as it could be just what you are looking for!

The Memorial Hall Trustees are looking for a secretary!

Stella Harris is retiring after years of loyal and hardworking service and we need a new secretary urgently.

His/Her responsibilities include

1. Collecting and checking Hall booking fees
2. Banking monies
3. working alongside Treasurer to prepare accurate accounts etc
4. Bookkeeping
5. Taking Minutes at quarterly meetings
6. Organising salary and PAYE for one employee
7. Liaising with Chairman and Trustees (7 in total)

Simple computer/typing skills helpful!
All expenses paid!!

Do get in touch if you can spare a bit of time!

We are a hardworking group of Trustees committed to running the Worplesdon Memorial Hall for YOU to enjoy its facilities so come on, think about it, pick up the phone and give Terry Cater or one of the Trustees a call on

**01483 232919 (or email
terry.cater@btinternet.com)!**



Christ for all in Andhra Pradesh

Obituary

We are saddened by the passing away of our beloved friend and prayer partner Mrs. Joyce Winifred Rose (12 Feb 1917—3rd Sep 2009) at the age of 92 years. She was associated with the Christian Service Unit for 29 years. The family members requested that instead of flowers donations be made to Christ for All in Andhra Pradesh. We are indeed touched by their kind and thoughtful decision, and are extremely thankful to them.

We are sorry to let you know that the Chief Minister of our State died in a helicopter accident on September 2nd 2009. The people of our State are deeply mourning the sudden and tragic end to the life of a dynamic leader who initiated so many welfare and developmental projects, the greatest the state has ever witnessed. He came from a Christian family. This year after being re-elected as the Chief Minister for another term he visited Israel with his family and took baptism in the River Jordan.

Floods

Exactly one month after the sudden loss of a great leader of the people of the State Andhra Pradesh, and as people were grieving, another tragedy struck on the 2nd October 2009. Unprecedented floods, because of very heavy rains in the upstream catchment area of the River Krishna caused it and its tributaries to overflow. As a result, cities, towns and villages in five districts of our state were heavily flooded resulting in severe damage to the life and property. The flood water that came unto certain cities was 10-15 feet high. Crops were lost, power generator units were made defunct, people lost everything. The damage runs to thousands of millions of rupees. Two to three hundred people died and thousands of people are rendered homeless.

The government and non-government agencies, groups and individuals have been responding to the tragedy by generously ex-

tending their helping hand. The children of the Shanthi School collected some money and clothes. The same were distributed to the flood victims along with 50 kits of kitchen utensils and 70 packets of clothes (with a pair of trousers and shirts for men and boys and sarees for women) from our organization in 2 places—Mahanadu (near Vijayawada) and Repalle.

The Economic Crisis

The price index is going up for all essential commodities, including rice, pulses, oil and fuel prices have also gone up. Inflation is going higher resulting in several hardships to the poor and low income families, whose income is very small. However the Government of India is hopeful that the crisis might soon be over and that things would slowly improve.

Pastoral Ministry

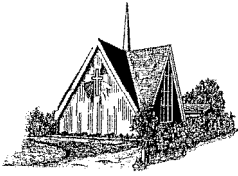
The numbers of pastors and churches of the Christian Service Unit are as follows: We have 24 pastors ministering to people in 96 villages reaching out to 1,440 families. A new aspect of the ministry is giving a small support to 12 pastors from a hill tribal group, who are trying to reach out to people of their own tribe in their villages and surrounding areas. We praise God for them. All those pastors underwent the 40 day short term intensive training at our school of Evangelism.

Children's Homes

In the two children's homes at Gollapudi there are 125 boys and 60 girls (total 185), a marginal increase over last year's final number.

They regularly attend morning and evening prayers and are encouraged to study well and to attend school.

This year 12 students are appearing for the 10th class Public Board Examination.



The Parish of Worplesdon

with the churches of
St Alban's, Wood Street Village & St Mary's, Worplesdon
in the Worplesdon and Wyke Group of Parishes



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Church Hall Bookings
St Alban's Church Hall in Wood Street Village
may be booked by groups and individuals
for meetings, children's parties & other events -
contact The Church Office 01483 233091

Opportunities for Worship

Sundays:
8.00am Holy Communion
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays at St Mary's
2nd & 4th Sundays at St Alban's

9.15am Parish Communion St Alban's
10.45am Parish Communion St Mary's

6.00pm The Sunday Half Hour St Mary's
1st - The Healing Service
2nd & 4th - Celtic Evening Worship
3rd & 5th The Evening Office

Edward's Sunday Club
Creche (0-5yrs) during the main Sunday Service.
At St Alban's contact Carol Caven 01483 839157
At St Mary's contact Michaela Kelly 01483 870939

The Sunday Club
Stories & craft activities (5-11yrs)
during main Sunday Service.
At St Alban's contact Nicky Parsons 01483 826774
At St Mary's contact Rosalind Davison 01483 826422

God's Family at Worship
Usually 2nd Sunday in month, an informal all-age
service replacing one Parish Communion
For more information contact:
Mandy Welch 01483 233525

Week Day Services:
The Daily Office is said Monday to Friday
8.30am Morning Prayer St Mary's
5.00pm Evening Prayer St Alban's

Holy Communion
Wednesday 11.00am St Alban's

Major Saints Days see Crossway for details

Home Communions
By prior arrangement with the Clergy.

The Edward Bear Club
Informal worship for pre-school children
and their parents
on 1st Wednesday of month at 1.30pm St Mary's
for more information contact:
Michaela Kelly 01483 870939

StoryZone
After School Club for Junior School age children
Tuesday 4.00pm at St Alban's in term time
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Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals
In either Church by prior arrangement with the Clergy

for more information please see
Parish Website:
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Parish Information

Other Opportunities for Sunday Worship

St Mark's Church, Wyke:

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Communion with Starters & Markers
<i>except 1st Sunday in month</i>	
8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Family Service
6.30pm	Evening Service on 2nd & 3rd Sunday

United Reformed Church, Perry Hill:

10.00am	Family Service
Holy Communion	1st Sunday in each month

St Mary's Catholic Church, Rydes Hill:

7.00pm	Saturday Mass
10.30am	Sunday Mass

St Edward's Catholic Church, Sutton Park:

9.30am	Sunday Mass
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Methodist Church, Stoughton:

10.30am	Morning Worship with Junior Church
6.30pm	Evening Worship

Stoughton Baptist Church:

at Northmead School, Stoughton	
10.00am	Morning Service

Society of Friends, Ward Street, Guildford:

11.00am	Morning Meeting
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Guildford Cathedral:

8.00am	Holy Communion
9.45am	Sung Eucharist
11.30am	Mattins with sermon
6.30pm	Evensong with sermon

The Clergy are always willing to bring Holy Communion to the housebound and to hear of those who would welcome a visit at home or in hospital. please contact the Church Office 01483 233091

Opportunities for Fellowship

Bell Ringers	John Collier	01252 621267
Choir	Sue Smith	01483 233671
Good News Book Van	Eileen Peacock	01483 826532
Men's Group	Kevin Davison	01483 826422
Mothers' Union	Gill Cross	01483 234942
Parent & Toddlers	Becky Kirby	01483 236876
Wednesday Fellowship	Brian Williams	01483 825954
Parish Youth Group	Carol Caven	01483 839157

House Groups

17 Lyons Drive	Janet Weil	01483 234535
44 Fairlands Avenue	Betsy Herdman	01483 232900

Other Contacts

St Alban's Church

Deputy Wardens	Roger Welch	01483 233525
Flower Rota	Janet Sutton	01483 825709
Planned Giving	Chris Sturdee	01483 235143
Property Steward	John Darbey	01483 577369

St Mary's Church

Deputy Warden	Mike Gillett	01483 823906
	Kevin Davison	01483 826422
Flower Rota	Diana Forder	01483 233984
Wedding Flowers	Tricia Williams	01483 825954
Planned Giving	Brian Smith	01483 234407
Property Steward	Mike Baker	01483 821097
Verger	Steve Reeds	01483 560047
Assistant Verger	John Collier	01252 621267

Child Protection	Michaela Kelly	01483 870939
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Director of Music

Nigel Evans-Thompson	01483 854095
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