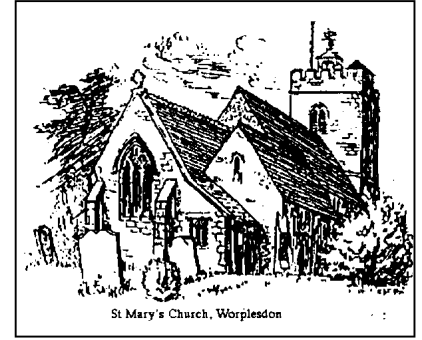


St. Alban's Church, Wood Street

Welcome to
Crossway
 Worplesdon Parish Magazine



St. Mary's Church, Worplesdon

Reflections

I write this with the memory of our two very different festivals fresh in my mind. At St Alban's the beautiful flower arrangements added so much to the prayer stations, and the unfolding story of the Old Testament came to life as it was read aloud. There was such a peaceful, prayerful atmosphere.

Songs of Praise on Sunday morning was indeed just that. The music was superb and St Alban's hymn was a fitting and rousing finale. The Confirmation service in the evening, at St Mary's, was another inspiring occasion. It was so good to have our own candidates confirmed in their own church. What a contrast the following week as everyone rushed round in the rain setting up scarecrows and putting plan "B" into action. But what a success it all was! The rain didn't seem to dampen spirits at all and everything went ahead as planned. Even the Barbeque cooks loyally persevered under umbrellas. At the Festival Eucharist on Sunday morning we re-dedicated ourselves to God's service and gave thanks for the generations of worship that has taken place on this site. The sermon about the work of Jubilee Action in Rwanda made us aware of the courage of those who have endured unimaginable horrors in their lives.

So many things to remember, so many special moments, but the lasting memory for me will be the Biblethon. Unless we base our lives on the Scriptures then none of the above events will have any meaning. We hear isolated passages from the Bible every Sunday but it is not till they are put in context that we can begin to appreciate the vast sweep of God's design for his people.

Throughout the Old Testament there is a constant pattern of the people coming to God, falling into sin, being punished and ultimately forgiven and given another chance. From the story of the Garden of Eden and Adam and Eve's disobedience, right up to the last verses of the Prophet Malachi the message is the same. If the people love and serve God he will bless them, but when they turn to their own selfish ways then he is angry and they will be punished. Many times God threatens to destroy the whole world that He has created, but each time there is at least one faithful prophet who pleads for the people to be given another chance. It is only when we look at the history of Israel as a whole that we come to appreciate the incredible love and infinite patience of God.

If we do not study the Old Testament then we will find it much harder to understand the significance of the coming of Jesus Christ and the new covenant that God made with his people. Jesus frequently quotes from the Jewish scriptures, reinterpreting them in the light of his Incarnation and God's ultimate sacrifice for us. Our faith needs to be firmly rooted in the Scriptures or else it will have no depth. Our souls need feeding and the best spiritual food is to be found in the pages of the Bible. We all know some passages really well, but it is in the understanding of the story of God's people from the beginning that our spirituality will grow.

"The Bible is the place where the mind of God engages the hearts and minds of those who seek him and will listen to him"

Douglas Dales

Betsy

Book of the Month

Glory Descending. Michael Ramsey and his writings.

Douglas Dales, John Habgood, Geoffrey Rowell and Rowan Williams.

**Canterbury Press. £18.99
ISBN 1-85311-630-0**

This book falls into two parts. This first part consists of short passages from Michael Ramsey's writings arranged to follow the liturgical year. Michael Ramsey believed that only by following the way of the Cross could a Christian come to understand the full extent of God's love and share in the Glory revealed through Christ's suffering. The Bible lay at the heart of his study and teaching and of his prayer life. His writings are full of references showing the importance of the Scriptures to the first Christians, and how the centrality of Scripture is still essential to our spiritual growth today. Parts two and three contain a series of lectures given to mark Michael Ramsey's centenary and to celebrate the depth of his theology and spiritual thinking.

Sunday Evenings in August

6pm at St Mary's Church

- 5th **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.*
- 12th **Celtic Evening Prayers-** *a time of worship inspired by the Iona Community.*
- 19th **The Evening Office** – *the traditional form of Evening Prayer from Common Worship.*
- 26th **Celtic Evening Prayers-** *a time of worship inspired by the Iona Community.*

If you live in Wood Street Village and would like transport to the Evening Worship at St Mary's please speak to Revd Mary Kirby (G.237131) or Revd Mandy Welch (G.233525) who will try to arrange a lift.

God's Family at worship *The Holiday Club Service* **Sunday 5th August** **9.15am at St Alban's**

We invite you to join us for this all age, informal act of worship which will be led by the children from this year's Holiday Club who will be telling us about Stories of the Sea as we discover how to trust in times of storms.

The next God's Family at Worship at St Mary's will be at 10.45am on 9th September. The next Parade Service will be at St Alban's on Remembrance Sunday, 11th November at 10.45am

Christians in Fairlands

You are warmly invited
to join us for
An Informal Songs of Praise

On Sunday 12th August
4.00pm at
Fairlands Community Centre

*For further information please contact
Christopher Peacock on 826532*

Quotations to ponder

If you go into the desert because you don't like people, you will only lock yourself up with a crowd of devils!

Thomas Merton

*The desperate need today is not for a greater number of intelligent people, or gifted people, but for **deep** people.*

Richard Foster.



A Prayer for the Month

Lord, thou hast given us thy Word for a light to shine on our path; grant us so to meditate on that Word, and to follow its teaching, that we may find in it the light that shines more and more until the perfect day; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jerome, c. 342-420

Church Office

Please note the Church Office will be closed during the month of August. Telephone messages and e-mails will not be monitored during this period. For all urgent matters please contact a member of the Clergy Team. The office will re-open on 5th September.

Holy Days in August.

This month we will celebrate the festival of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the 11am Eucharist on 15 August. Among other saints commemorated this month are Monica Mother of Augustine of Hippo on 27 August and Augustine himself on 28 August.

Monica was born in North Africa of Christian parents in 332 and Augustine was her eldest son. Augustine always ascribed his conversion to the example and devotion of his mother. He had been a passionate and sensual young man and had rejected Christianity. Gradually, first under the influence of his mother and then Ambrose Bishop of Milan he began to look at the scriptures afresh. He was baptised by Ambrose at the Easter Vigil in 387. Shortly afterwards he was ordained priest and later created Bishop of Hippo. His influence on European thought and its development was profound, the theme of his writings being the sovereignty of the grace of God. He died in the year 430.

The Good News Trust



For several years now the PCC have very generously given a donation to the Guildford team of the Good News Trust. Many

of you may not have heard of us before or be aware of the work done by the Trust.

The Good News Trust is an interdenominational venture. Those who operate the service and those who use it belong to a variety of churches. A number of small vans carry a library of Christian books, tapes, videos and CDs, delivering a free lending service to towns and villages nationwide. The teams visit homes, halls, churches, sheltered housing and prisons. After the initial visit, the team returns to exchange the books once a month. People are encouraged to invite their friends and neighbours to come for coffee, tea and fellowship and the opportunity to choose something from the van.

Each van team operates independently and is funded entirely by donation. The Guildford team are particularly grateful to the PCC for their donation, which helps us to pay the insurance, tax, petrol and maintenance of our van.

In this parish there is a visit to 61 St. Michael's Avenue, Fairlands on the first Wednesday of each month at 10.30 am. Everyone is welcome. If you thing you would like to host a meeting (morning, afternoon or evening) we would be only too pleased to discuss this with you.

Eileen and Christopher Peacock
01483 826532

The Sunday Club

If you enjoy games, stories, drama or craft activities, and are aged between 5 and 11, then come and have fun and learn about Jesus in The Sunday Club. We meet each Sunday during term time during the Parish Communion, which is a 9.15 at St. Alban's, or 10.45 at St. Mary's. For more information contact:

St. Alban's: Nicky Parsons 826774
St. Mary's: Rosalind Davison 826422

Perry Hill Youth Club

The next meeting of the **Perry Hill Youth Club** is on 2nd August at Worplesdon Memorial Hall. The session begins at 6.45pm and ends at 8.45pm. The Club is open to young people from age 8-15 and they are welcome to stay as long as they want during each session. Club members are reminded that they need to sign in on arrival and to sign out before they leave.

For more information visit
www.PerryHillYouthClub.co.uk
 Or telephone Andrew on 234616

Come along and join us.....Try your hand at a variety of games, be tempted by the Tuck Shop and meet new friends!

After August, the next meeting is on 6th September and thereafter the first Thursday of each month.

New volunteers are always welcome to help run the club; please speak to Andrew.

Edward's Sunday Club

Edward Bear invites all his friends (0-5 years) who come to church on Sunday to join him for a time of fun, play, stories and activities.

To find out more, contact:

St. Alban's: Carol Caven 839157
St. Mary's: Michaela Kelly 870939

Worplesdon Lunch Club

The Club organises a variety of meetings from lunches in people's homes to coffee mornings and gatherings for afternoon tea, as well as opportunities to eat out. Meetings are informal and friendly, and enable friends old and new to meet up.

On 15th August, we meet at Shirley Brown's house for tea at 3 pm. If you would like to join us, or know more about the club, please contact:

Barbara Chasemore 233118
Vicki Bateman 232217

Worplesdon Garden Club

Our Summer Show was held on Tuesday 12th June with 13 classes to enter. Sadly, due to illness and holiday arrangements, the competition was not overly supported but the exhibits were of a very high standard mainly due to our early spring. Cups were awarded by the Vicar of Emmanuel Church, to Ann Goddard, Cathy Wilcox and Jenny Bower. Bill Read won "best in show" for his magnificent display of red amaryllis.

Whilst the judging was taking place we were once more entertained by Chris Howkins, who warned us of the dangers of poisonous plants. Although this was a very serious subject, Chris' sense of humour kept us all amused whilst reminding us that the toxins in green potatoes can be harmful and that red beans should be boiled for at least 15 minutes to remove the poison. Some of the most toxic plants found in the garden are foxgloves, laburnum, delphiniums, lupin, ranunculus, ragwort, yew berries (Google to find a full list). Even elderberry, certain cherries and rhubarb have some toxic elements, though harmless if eaten in moderation. The good news about a lot of these plants, or their synthetic equivalents, is of course, that they are used in medicine. One of the ingredients which comes from deadly nightshade is used in eye drops to dilate the pupil; and digitalis, which comes from the foxglove, is used as a heart stimulant.

We ended the evening with a cup of coffee, (which should be taken in moderation) with a lively discussion.

We have now finished for the summer, but there is a visit to Green Lane Farm on 18th August.

Our next session begins on Tuesday 11th September and new members are always welcome. Please contact Olga Everingham on 01483 233322 for details.

Jenny Bower

The Village Lunch

at
St Alban's Church Hall, Wood
Street Village
On
on Wednesday 22nd August
at 12.30pm

*Meet up with friends old and new.
Enjoy good food and good com-
pany.*

Open to all, wherever you live.
Please book 5 days before
On 01483 233091

If you need help with transport
Please contact Fairwood Helpers
01483 237619

You are warmly invited to
Café Fairlands

on
3rd & 17th August
at

The Fairlands Community
Centre

2—4 pm

In conjunction with the visit of
The Surrey Mobile Library Bus

*Come and meet friends old
and new over a cup of tea
and home-made cake

*Browse at the Library

*Be tempted by the Fairtrade
Stall

*Drop in on your way to or
from school

If you need help with
transport, please contact
Fairwood Helpers 237619

Fairlands WI

“Smiling is infectious. You catch it like the ‘flu.” This was the opening line of a poem read by President, Dawn Murrell, at the close of the open, July meeting of Fairlands WI. A hearty, male sneeze interrupted her reading at this point.

Members and many visitors had been entertained by Terry Harrison who had demonstrated water colour techniques in his inimitable, jocular fashion. It looked deceptively easy to achieve an effect with a few brush strokes.

The recent Strawberry tea had been successful in spite of a poor weather forecast, and a donation of £50 had been sent to the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.

Before our next meeting in September, there is to be a Ploughman’s Supper in August and, in September, an outing to a hop field in Kent. This VIP trip was won by our President, so we have only to pay for the coach to get us there!

Two members had attended a “taster” day at Denman College. It sounded like an enjoyable outing and they had been able to sample the food produced during the afternoon cookery session.

At our meeting on September 12th, Ann Chance’s talk will be entitled “The Mafia and I conquered Mount Etna”. We are invited to bring along a photograph of a mountain for the competition. We meet at 7.45pm at Fairlands Community Centre. Visitors are always most welcome. To find out more, call Dawn Murrell on 01483 823557 or Secretary, Maureen Wells on 01483 234378.

Val Dillon

Worplesdon WI had their Garden Party meeting on Wednesday 4th July at the home of Mrs. Marjorie Williams. After a sunny start, the rain did not succeed in dampening our spirits, as we moved into the sitting room and conservatory overlooking the garden.

The business meeting was kept to a minimum. Mrs. Leach gave a rundown of the future outings to Worthing on 18th July, Longleat on 1st August, Brighton Greyhound Racing on 15th August and a general social and coffee morning at Worplesdon Place Hotel on 19th July. A list was circulated for members wishing to attend the Classical Spectacular to be held at the Royal Albert Hall in November. The secretary read out an invitation from Brookwood WI for dinner and musical entertainment on 13th October.

The guest speaker was Mrs. June Hammond from Lightwater WI who had represented Worplesdon at the AGM at the Royal Albert Hall in June. She reported that she was one of an audience of five thousand and that the entire meeting was very inspiring. The national chairman said that although the WI magazine WI Life had caused a lot of adverse comment, she was glad to say that members could now see the great benefit, as communications have improved and booking for Denman College have increased.

While members enjoyed the sharing of cakes and sandwiches, Mrs. Tessa Daley was presented with an iced cake made by Mrs. Freda Burgess and a bouquet of flowers in honour of her 90th birthday.

Mrs. Betty Attwood was tea hostess. The raffle prize was won by Mrs. Valerie Shirwin and Mrs. Valerie Wild gave a vote of thanks to Mrs. Marjorie Williams for opening her lovely house and garden for the garden party.

Beth Leach

Scarecrow Festival 2007

Despite the weather threatening to do its worst, the Crowman managed once again to gather a congregation of nearly fifty scarecrows. Nor were the crowds put off by the rain; indeed everyone seemed determined to enjoy themselves regardless of the rain. All in all it proved to be a very happy community celebration. The Festival Draw raised just over £2000 and the day itself raised just under £3,000 – amazingly slightly up on last year despite the wet conditions. All in all a very successful day.

The Scarecrow Winners were as follows:

- Under-16 – Individual Emily and Isobel Kelly with Captain Sack Barrow
- Under-16 – Group Worplesdon Tennis Club Juniors with Wimbledon Wonky Legs
- Adult – Individual Pauline Vince with The Artist
- Adult – Group Worplesdon Lunch Club with Vicky


Our thanks to everyone who entered a scarecrow and our special thanks to Jenny Shaw and Jackie Pocock for all their hard work in making the day such a success.

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



Other important dates for August

Sat 4 th	1.00pm	Wedding at St Mary's
Wed 8 th	1.00pm	Mothers' Union at St Alban's
Sat 11 th	1.00pm	Wedding at St Mary's
	3.00pm	Wedding at St Mary's
Wed 15 th	3.00pm	Worplesdon Lunch Club Tea at 48 Fairlands Ave
Mon 20 th	11.00am	Primrose House Communion
Sat 25 th	2.00pm	Wedding at St Mary's

Flower Rota for August

<p>St. Mary's</p> <p>4th Miriam Hodgkins (Wedding)</p> <p>11th Doreen Smith</p> <p>18th Doreen Smith</p> <p>25th Miriam Hodgkins (Wedding)</p>	<p>St. Alban's</p> <p>Gill Cross</p> <p>Brenda Moore</p> <p>Linda Grimmond</p> <p>Ann Tizzard</p>
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Fundraising and Social Events for 2007

Our next social events to enjoy are:

Harvest Supper & Indoor Bowls

Friday 12th October at 7pm at Worplesdon Memorial Hall

Tickets £5 (with licensed bar) available from the Church Office (G.233091)

Parish Quiz Night

Friday 9th November at 8pm at Worplesdon Memorial Hall

The Biggest and Best Quiz Night Yet

Fish & Chips freshly cooked on site by Moons of Cranleigh

Teams of 8. £10 per person Bar. Raffle.

Register your team with The Church Office (G.233091)

More Fun People Needed

The Fundraising Committee is always happy for new members with new ideas to join - for one event or for a year.

If you are interested please contact Jenny Shaw 01483 236252

Enough!

On 9th June, we joined 20,000 demonstrators showing their support for the Palestinians living under occupation in a march and rally held to mark the 40th anniversary of the occupation of the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem. The rally, which took place in Trafalgar Square, was organised by *Enough!*, a coalition of over 50 charities, trade unions, faith and other campaign groups.

As we walked down The Strand, we passed a counter demonstration gathered under Israeli flags bearing banners saying Enough Rockets. It was a timely reminder that a solution to the problems of Israel/Palestine has to bring peace and justice for all.

In Trafalgar Square, we settled on the wall around the fountain, the spray wafting over us in the breeze, to hear the impressive line up of speakers which included the Palestinian Ambassador to Britain, members of the Palestinian government, members of Parliament, trade unionists and faith leaders. It was a privilege to hear such powerful speakers.

Highlights for us were the appearance of Bishop Riah, the Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem, who spoke of his belief in the ultimate victory of peace based on justice, of Bruce Kent of Pax Christi who praised Jews who campaign for justice for the Palestinians, and who form a major part of the Enough! Coalition and of Netan'Il Silverman, an Israeli member of Combatants for Peace, a group that forms dialogue between Palestinian and Israeli ex-combatants who spoke of their important work.

We found it a thought-provoking and informative day.. There has to be peace for Israelis and Palestinians alike and this can only be built on justice, equality and freedom.

Sue Telfer and John Darbey

2007 Festival Draw Winners

Congratulations to all our winners!

Thank you to all who donated prizes, for your generosity and to all who supported the draw.

We raised £2090

Mercedes SLK for the weekend from Tony Purslow won by John Brand

Weekend break (2 nights with breakfast and evening meal) from Asperion Hotels Guildford won by Mr J Lock

Apple iPod Video from Gascoigne Pees won by Linda Sneath

Case of Vintage Claret (Mark Herdman - anon) value circa £110 won by P Bole

£100 Theatre Vouchers from Gascoigne Pees won by Ceri Williams

Gourmet Meal for 4 from Worplesdon Place won by Pauline Evans

Free MOT from Peter Silvester and Sons won by Jane Baker

£50 Cash prize from Transport Maintenance Garage Wood Street won by John Shorto

**Fairlands
Horticultural Show
and
Car Boot Sale**

**Fairlands
Community Centre
Monday 27th August**

BBQ and refreshments available

*To book a space for the Car Boot sale
contact Mandy Renshaw on G.852134*

**Garden Open
in aid of
National Garden Scheme
and St. Catherine's Hospice
11th and 12th August
2-6
Homemade Teas
Plant Sales**

The Old Croft, South Holmwood is situated
2 miles south of Dorking on the A24.
Call 01306 888224 for details.

TALK is for Recovery through Encouragement



The Trustees of TALK are very grateful to the Worplesdon PCC and church members for the very generous donation to the work of the charity.

“TALK” is a local charity, affiliated to the Stroke Association, which was founded to help those who have been left with speech difficulties after a stroke. We have one salaried part-time Co-ordinator and an Executive Trustee Committee. Professional Therapists are consulted for regular training and the several groups around Surrey are staffed by Leaders and one-to-one helpers. Stroke sufferers (Recoverers) know only too well the frustration that has to be overcome whilst learning again how to do all those things that used to be so simple and didn't have to be thought about, like talking, reading and communicating in general. Those of us who have had personal experience of a stroke will know that the most important word in the process of recovery is Encouragement. The important thing is not to stop trying. A volunteer companion is really important to one's full recovery - to encourage us to 'have a go' just once more, and rejoicing together when the target is achieved. There are six TALK Groups across Surrey. At our meetings, fun is paramount: Writing, reading and drawing are all part of the process of communication, which means listening as well as speaking. The support of our volunteers who bring a wide variety of talents from many different backgrounds plays a crucial role in those steps towards recovery.

If you think you would like to help, or if you know someone who is affected by communication difficulties following a stroke, please contact Jane Langley, Group Co-ordinator, on 01372 471088 talksurrey@tesco.net www.talksurrey.org.uk

Parish Registers

Funerals

5th July Sally Booth-Mason
12th July Peggy Barker

Baptisms

10th June Sebastian Oakey
1st July Katie Bashford
Emily Sylvester
Charlie Harrison
24th June Toni Kitching
Gill Elliott
Lina Sexton

Confirmation 24th June

Ben Caven
Bryony Davison
Enid Dibben
Gill Elliott
Martin Elliott
Peter Eyres
Emily Kelly
Toni Kitching
Edward Parsons
Lina Sexton
Joseph Waugh

Weddings

16th June Richard James Da Costa Santos and Joanna Mary Emmons
23rd June Simon John Garner and Nicola Jane Angus
14th July Simon George Marcus Royston & Rosalind Mary Brown