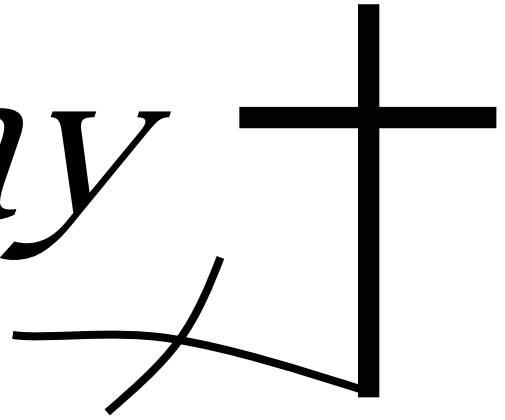


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## *Reflections*

There are many joys being a priest in the Church of England and for me one of them is the privilege of being involved as a baby is brought to church for their baptism at the start of their faith journey with God. At baptism we are all reminded that children are a gift from God and one of the first prayers said at a baptism gives praise and thanks to God for the gift of a child. When as a new parent, we have the honour of holding our newborn child in our arms; we realize the immensity of the gift and the miracle surrounding birth. For me there is no greater miracle than the birth of a complex human being given its starting point of an ovum and a sperm and I can still recall the day that as a new parent, I realized the awesome responsibility that had been entrusted to us as parents for this new human being. A very scary moment, we might have been well prepared for the birth of our first child but we were completely ill-equipped for the task and responsibilities of parenthood. Mary Sumner the founder of the Mothers Union who the Church remembers this month (see page 3) is quoted as saying 'It struck me how much I needed special training for so great a work and how little I knew.'

As parents we are entrusted with the task of bringing up our children to achieve their full potential and in carrying out that task to the best of our abilities, we give praise and glory to God just as we are obliged to use all the gifts God has given us for his praise and glory.

Parents are entrusted with the care of a child until they are capable of feeding and clothing themselves and then hopefully they will fly the nest but they will always remain a child of God no matter how old they are

because God will always be there for them long after their need for an earthly parent is gone.

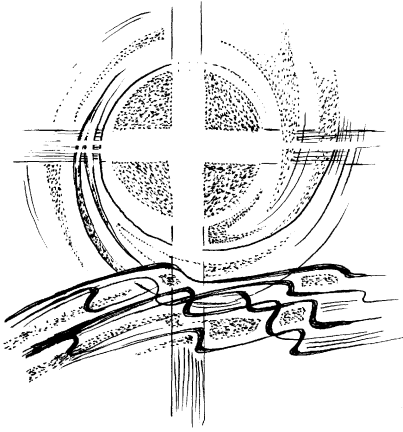
Stewardship is a word used to describe the responsibility of looking after something entrusted to another while the owner retains the ownership. Besides children, we have been entrusted with the care and responsibility for all resources given to us by God. Christian Stewardship is about our responsibility in looking after all the gifts that God has entrusted to us and it influences our whole lives. Everything we have comes from God, we are only here because God made us and loves us and without his sustaining life, nothing would keep us in existence. Christian stewardship is about demonstrating the love of God in our daily lives and in our relationships with others. It should affect everything we say and do, how we chose to spend our time, how we use to use the gifts and talents that God has given us and how we spend our money.

The stewardship campaign that is taking place at the moment is focussing upon money. Money is an index of our values and priorities by which we show gratitude to God for all that he has done for us. The decision about our giving to further God's work is based upon the love which he first showed to us, we give out of our gratitude for the many blessings he has given to us. Our giving should be thought about and planned, not something left to chance; how much change we have in our pockets on a Sunday morning. This almost amounts as an insult to God. Alongside financial budgeting for the mortgage, food, clothing etc should be budgeting for our monetary response to God's love for us.

As Jesus said to Peter three times at the end of St John's Gospel; 'Do you really love me?'

*Mandy*

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## Holy Days in August

This month we will be remembering Bartholomew the Apostle at our Sunday morning services on 24<sup>th</sup> August and the Transfiguration of our Lord at our 11.00am service on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August.

On 9<sup>th</sup> August, the Church remembers Mary Elizabeth Sumner, the founder of the Mothers' Union. She was born in 1828 at Swinton. In 1848, she married a young curate, George Henry Sumner, nephew of Archbishop Sumner, who was himself to become Bishop of Guildford in 1888. A mother of three children, Mary called a meeting in 1876 at which the Mothers' Union was founded, providing a forum in which to unite mothers of all classes in the aim of bringing up children in the Christian faith. Baptism and parental example were its two basic principles. At first a parochial organization, it grew steadily into an international concern, encouraging the ideal of a Christian home. Mary died on this day in the year 1921.

## Parish Registers

### Funerals

8<sup>th</sup> July Catherine Slyfield

14<sup>th</sup> July Marjorie Gunner

### Baptism

6<sup>th</sup> July William Robert Brade  
Joshua Robert Walker

### Weddings

21<sup>st</sup> June Daniel Carter &  
Rebecca Covington

11<sup>th</sup> July Lee Britten & Emily Head

12<sup>th</sup> July Damian Sutton &  
Carrienne Dobson

## Quotes to Ponder

We are prone to judge success by the index of our salaries or the size of our cars, rather than by the quality of our service and our relationship to humanity.

*Martin Luther King*

It is possible to give without loving, but impossible to love without giving.

*Richard Braunstein*

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## A Parent's Beatitude

*Blessed is the parent who understands their child*

*for they shall inherit a kingdom of memories;*

*Blessed is the parent who knows how to comfort*

*for they shall possess a child's devotion;*

*Blessed is the parent who guides by the path of righteousness*

*for they shall be proud of their offspring;*

*Blessed is the parent who teaches respect for they shall be respected;*

*Blessed is the parent who emphasises the good and corrects the bad*

*for in like manner their child shall make wise decisions;*

*Blessed is the parent who answers directly the startling questions*

*for they shall always be trusted;*

*Blessed is the parent who has character strong enough*

*to withstand the thoughtless remarks and resentments of the growing child;*

*for again in due time they shall be honoured.*

(adapted from Mothers' Union Book The Prayers We Breathe)

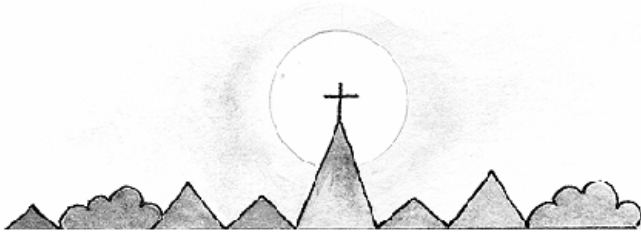
## Mary Sumner's Personal Prayer

*All this day, O Lord*

*Let me touch as many lives as possible for thee;*

*And every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken,*

*Whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe or the life I live. Amen*



### Sunday Evenings in August at St Mary's at 6pm

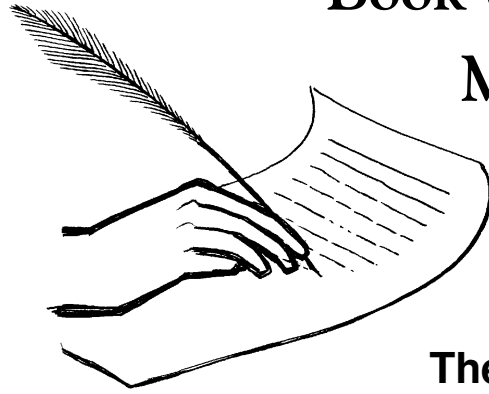
*All are welcome to these quiet reflective services which usually last about 30 minutes – a quiet end to a busy day and/or a moment of peace before a busy week.*

- 3rd **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.*
- 10th **Celtic Evening Prayers**- *a time of worship inspired by the Iona Community*
- 17th **Evening Prayer (CW)** – *the traditional evening service of the Church*
- 24th **Celtic Evening Prayers** - *a time of worship inspired by the Iona Community*
- 31st **Evening Prayer (BCP)** – *the traditional evening service of the Church*

If you would like transport to the Evening Worship at St Mary's please speak to Revd Mary Kirby (G.237131) who will endeavour to arrange for a lift.



## Book of the Month



### The Shack

By William P. Young

ISBN:978-0-9647292-3-0

This book comes highly recommended by the Rural Dean. It is a novel which wrestles with the timeless question 'Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?'

Eugene Peterson ('the author' of the Message Bible) says 'This book has the potential to do for our generation what John Bunyan's Pilgrim Progress did for his.'

## God's Family at Worship

### Sunday 3rd August 9.15 at St Alban's

We warmly invite you to join us for this month's all age service at St Alban's which will be led by the children of our annual Holiday Club. All week they will have been exploring momentous moments and tall tales from the life of Jesus and will be sharing what they have been learning about looking after each other on the journey through music and drama. Do join us for this happy climax to a week of fun in an informal service suitable for all ages.

*The next **God's Family at Worship Services**, all at 10.45am at St Mary's, are as follows:*

*Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September, Harvest Festival:  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October, Christingle Service:  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December.*

*The next **joint Parade and God's Family at Worship** service will be 10.45am at St Alban's on Remembrance Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> November.*



## Perry Hill Youth Club

As the Memorial Hall is closed during August, the next meeting of the PERRY HILL YOUTH CLUB is on **4th 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 Andrew on 01483 234616

The next meeting after September is 2nd October and thereafter 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

## The Village Lunch

At St Alban's Church Hall Wood Street Village on **Wednesday 27th August** at 12.30pm

Meet up with friends old and new

Good food and good company

Open to all where ever you live

Please book 5 days before on 01483 233091

If you need help with transport please contact Fairwood Helpers on 01483 237619

*You are warmly invited to*

## Café Fairlands

On **1st & 15th August** at The Fairlands Community Centre 2.00pm - 4.00pm 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 on 01483 237619

## Wednesday Fellowship

Spiritual Encounters for everyday living;  
making connections between Sunday and Monday

**Wednesday 20th August**

**8pm at St Mary's**

The Wednesday Fellowship offers a space where we can make connections between what we do on a Sunday and the life we live for the rest of the week.

It provides an opportunity where we can

- \* Get to know each other better
- \* Make connections between our faith and our daily lives
- \* Offer one another prayer and support.

This month we continue our exploration of Christian Meditation. We invite you to join us as together we explore through this medium of prayer our relationship with God and his world.

Whether you have been before or not you will be very welcome.

## Worplesdon Parish 100 Club Draw

**Held on 15th June**

**1st Prize £28 Winning Number 5**

**2nd Prize £15 Winning Number 22**

**Held on 19th July**

**1st Prize £28 Winning Number 37**

**2nd Prize £15 Winning Number 14**

The next draw will be held on Sunday 17th August and thereafter 3rd Sunday of every month.

If you would like to join the 100 club please contact the Parish Office on 233091



# Church Development Campaign 2008

The Campaign has now been launched and we are all being invited to consider the part we can plan in the future development of the life of the church in this parish. Our Clergy have begun to preach and write about this important campaign to help us think about the issues involved. At our Parish Communion services we have adopted a special Offertory prayer to remind us that all that we have comes from God and we have all been encouraged to pray for our parish at this important time.

Meanwhile the PCC have met to agree the vision for the parish for the coming five years and the Church office is busy preparing special packs to be sent out to all those on the electoral roll to tell them more about the campaign. Plans are also well in hand for the Stewardship Supper on 10th October at the Memorial Hall and the menu has been agreed. Early next months our Campaign Visitors will be distributing invitations for the supper.

This supper will be the culmination of our Stewardship Campaign which will help set the course for our church for at least the next five years. We very much hope that as many people as possible will be able to attend. More details will follow but for now please put this date in your diary and keep the evening free. It is over five years since we held a similar Stewardship event which proved both memorable and inspiring and gave a great boost and encouragement to the life of the church in our parish. We look forward to seeing you there. And if you have any questions about the campaign please do speak to our Campaign coordinator, Dan Shaw, on 01483 236252 or dan.shaw@cognosco.ltd.uk

Meanwhile please do continue to pray for our parish:

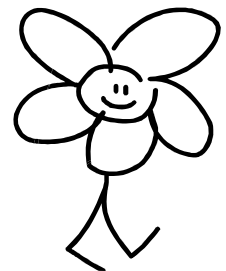
*Heavenly Father make this parish of Worplesdon like a city set on a hill whose light cannot be hidden, so that the people of this community may find Christ as the Light of the World and his Church as the family of the Redeemed, and eternal life as the gift of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen

## Other important dates for August

Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Stewardship Committee at Tanglely Cottage
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm	Wedding at St Mary's
	3.00pm	Wedding at St Mary's
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm	Mothers Union at St Alban's
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm	Wedding at St Mary's
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	WCRG at St Mary's
	11.00am	Primrose House Communion
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	1.00pm	Wedding at St Mary's
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm	Wedding at St Mary's

## St Albans Flower Arranger Rota



Aug	3rd	Pat Brewer
	10th	Ann Tizard
	17th	Janet Sotton
	24th	Brenda Moore
	31st	Morag Dillon
Sept	7th	Ann Tizard
	14th	Dorothy Kinsella
	23rd	Gill Cross
	28th	Lynda Grimmond



## Education brings Equality

Reading, writing and arithmetic may not seem a priority in communities where immense poverty eats away at the very fabric of family life. But in Burundi, Malawi and Sudan these were exactly the skills which illiterate community members, especially the women, asked for to enable them to be equipped to find long-term solutions to tackle the poverty in which they live.

In 2000 Mothers' Union responded to the need and initiated their Literacy & Development Programme (MULDP). Designed to use a holistic approach and do more than just make people literate, the programme uses participatory skills to enable community members, men and women, to acquire basic literacy and numeracy skills whilst discussing and planning action on issues and challenges people face on a daily basis. In this way the whole community becomes engaged in:

Identifying problems and challenges

Sharing local knowledge and expertise

Planning local action and resolution of conflicts

Participating in local HIV/AIDS awareness initiatives

Setting up of income generating projects

In all areas of community life, women are subordinate to men and this marginalisation of women is contributing to greater poverty levels.

Mothers' Union Literacy Development Programme is helping communities to work together with confidence and newfound skills. Allowing dreams to turn into reality for thousands of learners in their villages, displacement camps and towns across the three countries. Through its holistic approach, thousands of women are becoming empowered with new skills, living transformed lives and being raised out of poverty.

## Fairlands WI get Creative

We all wish we could find time to indulge in a creative hobby don't we?

Decoupage, plate decoration, bead work, flower arranging, scrap booking and Pergamono were all explored at the July meeting of Fairlands WI. Members had an enjoyable dabble at these skills and admired the examples produced by those who demonstrated and instructed.

*Did you ever hear of Pergamono? Look it up on the net. It's fascinating.*

There has been a spate of Golden Wedding celebrations lately. Jean Mayhead was the latest member to celebrate hers and was presented with a tub of golden flowers for her and her husband.

In August there is to be a Bring and Share lunch in the garden of one of the members. Let's hope summer will have arrived by then.

Fairlands WI is already planning the WI Fair on November 8th. The Tombola prizes will be in attractive gift bags this year. This is the ideal occasion on which to make a start with the Christmas shopping.

At the next meeting on September 10th the scheduled speaker is unable to attend. Mr David Hypher, who many members know from his involvement with the Fairwood Helpers and who is a Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, is to step in. He previously held the office of High Sheriff.

We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at Fairlands Community Centre at 7.45pm. If you want to know more about us, contact Dawn Murrell, President, on 01483 823557 or Secretary, Angela Linington, on 01483 233967.

*Val Dillon*



# The Church of Myanmar (Burma) Association

The Church of Myanmar (Burma) Association held its AGM in London on July 5<sup>th</sup>. The day began with Eucharist at St. Stephen's Church, Rochester Row, followed by lunch and the meeting at Napier Hall near by. With the Lambeth conference in view, this year the Archbishop came over, with five of the six Diocesan Bishops, three Assistant Bishops and their wives.

The Archbishop preached an inspiring and humbling sermon on "facing challenges". He mentioned the recent cyclone, how he visited one of the devastated areas to see for himself what the needs were. When asked, the people replied, not as was to be expected, food, clean water, shelter, but "please build us a new Church, because ours has been destroyed". He spoke of how grateful his people were for the help and prayers given to them by this organisation, and how we all need each other. He quoted from Job Ch1 v21, Job 2 vs9-10 and Job 19 vs26-27.

The AGM followed lunch (a Burmese rice dish, very delicious). Two of the Bishops spoke about the work being done in their diocese's orphanages and the pre-schools work, a new rice mill, clean water, projects, the Men's Association, Youth Work, Mother's Union, School for the Blind, and other things. The Treasurer reported how much extra money was needed for repairs to the damaged buildings, and how grateful they were for the donations given by some parishes after the cyclone. He said there was now a safe way of getting money in, through Singapore. The clergy salaries have now been increased from £2,000 to £2,900 per annum.

During the afternoon I sat with four business ladies who live in England, but still have families in Burma, who they visit sometimes. Never once, during the whole day was the political situation mentioned, either socially or in the sermon, or during the AGM, which struck me as very significant in view of the injustice and oppression we hear about. One lady had a badge on her coat containing a photo of Aung Sau Sie Chi, that is all.

Canon Robert Tease continues as Chairman. There is an updated daily prayer leaflet, a copy of which is in both our Churches. Please continue to pray for them.

*Lorna Morton*

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## Deaf Church

Since the arrival of Susan Bloomfield we have been delighted to welcome to St Alban's Church the Guildford Deaf Church community for a special service at 2.30pm on the second Sunday of each month. On **Wednesday 27th August** Guildford Deaf Church will be joining us for our Wednesday morning Communion service. On this occasion we will also be joined by friends from the Deaf community in London. To help with their transport plans the service will therefore begin at 11.30am and not 11am. The service will be both signed and spoken. Do join us on this occasion and for what we hope will be just the first of a number of occasions when the local hearing and Deaf churches can worship together.

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The next **iWorship** at St Alban's Church will be on **Sunday 28th September** at 9.15am when the theme will be "Beginning Again"

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

- inclusive - interactive - inquiring -



# Bishop of Guildford's Foundation Newsletter - Summer 2008

## **Introduction**

On behalf of everyone who will benefit from your generosity we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support for Bishop Christopher's Lent call this year. The Parishes of the Guildford Diocese have raised over £24,000, which will be divided between the Amos Trust and the Bishop of Guildford's Foundation.

We are really seeing the benefits of investing some extra time and effort in promoting this year's Lent Call. The response has been fantastic, with the total raised almost £20,000 more than last year.

Once again thank you for your help and support

## **Beneficiaries of the 2008 Lent Call**

The Amos Trust began in 1985. It has always been committed to those who are oppressed and who live in forgotten situations around the world.

Amos was involved with the formation of the Durban Street Team in South Africa which works alongside street children trying to ensure that where possible they return home to a safe environment. Its local knowledge, professionalism and compassion has enabled it to win the trust of the street children and to provide appropriate, practical care – including education on AIDS prevention.

Amos in Palestine, Israel specifically supports projects providing healthcare for people of all ages, regardless of religious affiliation in Gaza; a Conflict Resolution Centre in Bethlehem and a reconciliation project in what is now the predominantly Jewish town of Ramle.

The Bishop of Guildford's Foundation raises funds to support faith-linked projects and groups within the area of the Diocese of Guildford. We seek to support projects that address needs at a local level and are committed to their local communities.

For example some of this years grants have helped people with speech difficulties and whose sight is impaired, a drop-in centre for homeless people in Aldershot, while family support work in Leatherhead has been funded for a full three years to enable it to really make an impact. Funds from the 2008 Lent Call will enable the Foundation to help more projects like these.

Please remember that we are always pleased to consider applications from projects in your area.

## **The Team**

The Bishop of Guildford's Foundation and Development team, are part of the Diocese's Department for Social Responsibility ensure that support goes beyond providing immediate financial assistance. We recognise that groups may struggle to set up and run projects which often require a variety of skills, so if needed the team is able to help and mentor projects to successfully meet their aims. Sadly we have just said goodbye to Clare Sewell who is leaving after two years as North East Hampshire Development Officer, to join the police and we wish her every success. We also welcome Canon David Tonkinson who is the Partnership Development Officer.

As ever we are always looking for ways to generate more funds to enable us to help more people in need in the Diocese. We are currently planning a Golf Day, a fund raising dinner next



Summer, and working with the Diocesan Youth Adviser exploring ways of involving young people. Maybe you would like to organize an event in your Parish to raise funds for the Foundation - perhaps a coffee morning, a cake sale, a quiz night? Please let us know and we will send you publicity material and obviously support you in person.

Do also get in contact with us for any information to do with projects we are supporting, potential applications, or simply to hear more about our work. We are very happy to meet with you or visit your parish to answer any questions. Please contact Jane Schofield on 01483 237866, or [jane.schofield@cofeguildford.org.uk](mailto:jane.schofield@cofeguildford.org.uk)

### **Foundation News**

The Foundation's trustees are currently: Bishop Christopher Hill, Canon Nigel Nicholson, Nasir Virji, Abby Thomas, Canon Chris Rich, Geoffrey Riggs and we are delighted to announce that Martin Lee has recently agreed to join us as a trustee.

[www.bgf.org.uk](http://www.bgf.org.uk)

## **The Community of St. Mary, Masasi**

On Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup>, I missed the celebrations at the Parish Church, as I went up to London to meet two Sisters of the Community who are in England, along with members of other Religious Communities, to support the Bishops of the Lambeth Conference. As well as support in prayer, the Sisters will offer practical assistance, such as sacristy work. In the midst of the most weighty deliberations altar lines much be washed, and vestments laid out!

It was inspiring to hear the Sisters speak of their work, and the growth of their community, what was a small group of about ten Sisters, when I first arrived in Masasi in 1957 is now a flourishing community of about 150, with 11 houses in Tanzania and one in Zambia. More young women are joining them every year. Their time is balanced between their prayer life, helping others and training new members of the community.

They farm their land, producing food for their own use, and to help those in need. Two of their Convents have tractors, and Sisters have learnt to operate and maintain them. They keep cows, pigs, goats and chickens. They use manure for their crops, and also to produce methane, as fuel, to save precious wood. They help local people to improve farming methods, thus producing more food. They also encourage the planting of trees to replace those felled for building and firewood.

Some of the Sisters are trained as teachers or nurses. They run nursery schools, and work closely with the Mother's Union to provide for the physical and spiritual needs of women and children.

We also heard from Mr Dirk Juttner, who has recently started a Support Group for the community after being impressed with their achievements when he was working in Tanzania. The group has already paid for fish to stock a pond, as a food supply, and obtained a tank for rain-water storage in an area prone to drought, as well as giving valuable support in other areas.

We can be sure that the money sent each year from this Parish is very gratefully received, and put to extremely good use.

*Kathleen Vallins*



## How to Fight those Rising Prices

Petrol prices soaring, food prices up, and education costs spiralling out of sight... while incomes are growing at the slowest rate for a quarter of a century.

No wonder we are all feeling the pinch. So here are ten ways to save some money:

1. Switch to supermarket own brands... it could reduce your bills by a third over four months.
2. Buy your fruit and veg at your local market... where prices are about 30 per cent cheaper than a supermarket.
3. Switch off your TV set at night, and lights when you leave a room. You could cut your electricity bill by 19 per cent.
4. Go shopping for food after 7pm, when you will find that perishable goods are cut by as much as 70 per cent. Buy them – and freeze them until needed.
5. Beware expensive branded medication. For example, own brand paracetamol costs 39p, as opposed to the cheapest branded alternative – at £1.59.
6. Change all your light bulbs to energy-efficient ones. Each one reduces your electricity by £7 over a year. So ten bulbs could save you £20 in four months.
7. Only EVER boil as much water in the kettle as you will need. Kettles use a large amount of electricity.
8. Never buy your favourite magazine off the shelf. Take out a subscription – and save up to 80%!
9. Cancel your credit card's payment protection plan, and take out cheaper protection, which you can find on [paymentcentre.co.uk](http://paymentcentre.co.uk)
10. Keep your tyres properly inflated. Lower tyre pressure means higher petrol consumption.

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## Who's Right for Which Job?

Does your company struggle with the problem of properly fitting people to jobs? Here is a handy way to decide....

Take the prospective employees you are trying to place and put them in a room with only a table and two chairs. Leave them alone for two hours, without any instruction. At the end of that time, go back and see what they are doing.

If they have taken the table apart in that time, put them in Engineering.

If they are counting the cracks in the floor, assign them to Finance.

If they are screaming and waving their arms, send them to Manufacturing.

If they are talking to the chairs, Personnel is a good place for them.

If they are sleeping, they are Management material.

If they are writing up the experience, send them to Technical Publications.

If they don't even look up when you enter the room, assign them to Security.

If they try to tell you it's not as bad as it looks, send them to Marketing.

And if they've left early, put them in Sales