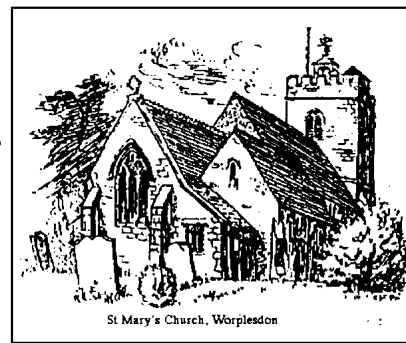


St. Alban's Church, Wood Street

Welcome to Crossway Worplesdon Parish Magazine



St Mary's Church, Worplesdon

Reflections

Do you sometimes feel stressed out and dispirited with the pace of life, the consumerism, the emphasis on personal gain, the flow of articles in the media about violence here and abroad? I think there are enormous stresses and anxieties in life today for many of us and it sometimes feels as if all the structures and the social "norms", the things that give us a certain feeling of security, are breaking down around us.

The increase in violent crimes in seemingly younger and younger people is disturbing. Education and health services seem to be changing, or under threat in some way, with almost every news bulletin. There is the threat of terrorism. Add to that our concerns for the environment, and our effect on it, and the conflicting reports of what the solutions are and it can seem as if we are lacking any sort of stability in our lives. Even the Church is struggling to find ways of reconciling the differences within it.

This month (on the 11th) the Church celebrates the life of St Benedict of Nursia, described as the Father of Western Monasticism. He was living in Italy at the end of the fifth and beginning of the sixth century in rather similar times to our own in the sense that there was social and economic insecurity as it was the end of the Roman Empire. There was threat of war and plague. And there were also disputes and controversies within the Church.

And I suspect people often felt rather like we do today – how can we preserve our integrity and our relationship with God and with other people when the world is rapidly changing around us. Benedict certainly felt a need for a way of life that gave an opportunity to focus on God in a changing world and eventually he produced his Rule of Life – a masterpiece of how to live a balanced life. He based it on previous monastic traditions and wrote a Rule that was a practical guide to daily living.

It was, and still is, successful because it was based on the Bible and on love – the Prologue starts with the words to the monks "This is advice from a father who loves you." It's a "discipline" in the best sense of the word that helps to develop an holistic, balanced approach to life in the midst of all that is happening in the world.

Given that we can't all live as Benedictine monks and we have to get on with our busy lives does Benedict's idea of a Rule of Life have any relevance for us?

I think it does. God has made us people of body, mind and spirit and if we want to try and live a balanced life and deal with the daily stresses and strains then these elements need to be respected and given appropriate space in our lives. The monks have time for prayer, for study and work, for eating healthily and exercise – a balanced life. We need to be realistic as to how we can get that balance in our own lives – we are all different and God wants us to be ourselves not some pale imitation of somebody else. There may be some super saints around but most of us aren't and we need to start from where we are and look at the different elements in our lives and see where we can perhaps make some adjustments.

We can each develop our own Rule of Life looking at daily, weekly and monthly patterns of the different parts of our lives and through that find a life that has some stillness, and a reverence for God in *all* that we do. To help interpret Benedict's ideas for our own lives a commentary is very useful and Esther de Waal has written an excellent one (see Book of The Month).

Mary

INSIDE: Days of Worship, Club Dates & News, Events, Concerts, PCC News, Fundraising, 100 Club, Worplesdon Pavilion



Holy Days in July

This month we will remember **St Mary** at the 10.45a.m. Patronal Festival United Parish Eucharist on 1st. We also remember **St Thomas, St Benedict and St James** at the 11.00a.m. Eucharists on the 4th, 11th and 25th respectively.

Also remembered by the Church this month and at the 11.00a.m. Eucharist on 19th is **Gregory** Bishop of Nyssa and his sister **Macrina**. Gregory was born at Caesarea in what is now Turkey around the year 330 into an aristocratic Christian family. He was academically undistinguished but ultimately proved to be the most original of the group of theologians known as the Cappadocian Fathers. He was introduced to the spiritual life by his elder sister Macrina who exercised a formative influence upon him, and with whom he maintained close bonds of friendship throughout his life. It was she who, after the death of their father, converted the household into a sort of monastery on one of the family estates. Gregory married a deeply spiritual woman, Theosebia, and at first refused ordination, choosing to pursue a secular career. He was ordained only later in life, and in 372 was chosen to be Bishop of Nyssa. In 379 both his brother Basil and his sister Macrina died, and this deeply affected him; but out of this darkness emerged a profound spirituality. For Gregory, God is met not as an object to be understood, but as a mystery to be loved. Gregory died in 394.

Parish Registers

Funerals

19th April George Huntley Willis
 19th April Paul Roderick Bateman
 23rd April Marjorie Helen Brand
 30th April David Cooper
 4th May Thora Diane Lund Hobbs
 1st June Harold John Child
 18th June Kathleen Burch

Baptisms

6th May Arabella Friend
 20th May Emily Cuthbert
 3rd June Jesse Keet
 Jolene Keet
 Alec Browne
 10th June Grace Ranger

Weddings

12th May Christopher Luscombe and
 Laura Odell
 2nd June David Roberts and
 Rebecca Phillip
 2nd June Christopher Barton and
 Nicola Baxter

Quotation to Ponder

*Injustice anywhere is a threat to
 justice everywhere.*

Martin Luther King

God's Family at Worship

We invite you to join us for our all age, informal act of worship when we will be thinking about how we can offer support to one another as fellow travellers through life. There will be a crèche but our Sunday Club children join us in the main service.

Our next God's Family at Worship will be at St Alban's on 5th August at 9.15am which will be led by the children from our Holiday Club. 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

Sunday Evenings



July
6pm
St. Mary's

- 1st **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.*
- 8th **Celtic Evening Prayers-** *a time of worship inspired by the Iona Community.*
- 15th **The Evening Office** – *the traditional form of Evening Prayer from Common Worship.*
- 22nd **Celtic Evening Prayers-** *a time of worship inspired by the Iona Community.*
- 29th **The Evening Office** – *the traditional form of Evening Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer*

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) who will endeavour to arrange for a lift.

Diocesan Summer School

The Diocesan Summer School is taking place during the 2-14 July and the programme is now available by contacting summerschool@cofeguildford.org.uk.

Prayer to Ponder

*Eternal God, the refuge of all your children,
in our weakness you are our strength,
in our darkness our light,
in our sorrow our comfort and peace.
May we always live in your presence,
and serve you in our daily lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

St Boniface

Book of the Month



A Life Giving Way

Esther de Waal

Mowbray £10.99 ISBN 0-264-67502-9

This book is a commentary on the Rule of St Benedict written in a very accessible way. It gives very practical thoughts on how the Rule can be applied to our lives today to help us lead a more balanced life. It shows how it speaks to people of all denominations at a time when so many of us are searching for a deeper spirituality in our lives. It tells how the teaching of the Gospel can be applied to even the simplest things in our daily lives in a way that shows reverence and love for God and love and respect for other people. Cardinal Basil Hume wrote "Esther de Waal reminds us that St Benedict was, in fact, a lay person. So the value of this book is that Esther is a lay person writing for lay people about what is the core of Benedictine spirituality."

Feast of the Visitation & Patronal Festival

Sunday 1st July

St Mary's Church 10.45am

**United Parish Eucharist Preacher:
Becky Tinsley**

Speaking on Jubilee Actions work in Uganda which is supported by this parish.

Please note there will be no morning service at St Alban's on this Sunday

Please stay on afterwards for a Parish BBQ on the lawns outside the Rectory with games for the children.

All welcome.

Perry Hill Youth Club

The next meeting of the PERRY HILL YOUTH CLUB is on **Thursday 5th July** at Worplesdon Memorial Hall.

The session begins at 6.45pm and ends at 8.45pm. The Club is open to young people from age 8-15yrs and they are now 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 01483 234616

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

After July the next meeting is 2nd August and thereafter the first Thursday of each month.

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

The Sunday Club

If you enjoy games, stories, drama or craft activities and are aged between 5 and 11 years then come and have fun and learn about Jesus. For more information contact:

St Alban's: Nicky Parsons Tel. 826774

St Mary's: Rosalind Davison Tel. 826422

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. For more information contact:

St Alban's: Carol Caven Tel. 839157

St Mary's: Michaela Kelly Tel. 870939

The Village Lunch

Wednesday 25th July at 12.30pm

St Alban's Church Hall Wood Street Village.

- *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

Café Fairlands

Fridays 6th and 20th July 2.00pm - 4.00pm

You are warmly invited to Café Fairlands at The Fairlands Community Centre 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

Christians in Fairlands

Sunday 8th July 4.00pm

You are warmly invited to join us for An Informal Act of Worship at Fairlands Community Centre

For further information please contact Christopher Peacock on G.826532

Wood Street Village Show

Saturday 21st July 2pm-4pm

Wood Street Village Green

Maypole Dancing - Displays from the Wood Street Horticultural Society - Dog Show - Donkey Rides Bouncy Castle, Refreshments - Stalls - Plant Sales

...altogether a wonderful afternoon out!

Parish Rounders Match

Sunday 8th July

6.00pm

on the field behind Wood Street School

all welcome – come along and play or bring a rug and bottle and watch!

Worplesdon Garden Club

Our lively lecturer at the May meeting of the club was John Neglus and what a splendid entertainer he turned out to be.

In order to make sure we would pay attention and to set our pulses racing right at the start he divided us into two teams and just like 'Have I Got News For You' he did his Quizmaster act and fired off horticultural questions at us.

Well !!! What a performance! Our poor brains were reeling. However, those who got it right got a seed packet as a prize which made it all worth while and very good fun --- but I never did find out which team won!

After that the lights were doused and we were into the lecture proper. Many and varied were the slides he showed us illustrating the subject of his talk which was 'How to achieve colour throughout the year from flowers, foliage, berries and bark". Lovely pictures of the blossoms and foliage in springtime arrived on the screen followed by the summer blooms then on into the wonderful colours to be found in the autumn and winter --- and all the while gems of horticultural information came flooding over us.

We were reminded to remove the female flowers of tuberous begonias to encourage bigger and better blooms, told how properly to prune chaenomeles, flowering quince, cydonia and japonica (since they're all the same plant, what's good for one suits them all) and that wonderful flowering vine, wisteria, which after having grown to the extent required should be pruned pretty hard after flowering and then the new shoots headed back again in November.

Having certainly given us our moneys worth before the break for coffee nonetheless he was ready, willing and able to change tack and act as a travel agent for many of the beautiful areas of this sceptered isle.

The photos of Cornwall, Dorset, Snowdonia and Yorkshire were most enjoyable and gave everyone a hankering to go and visit those delights for themselves. I shall be among the first,

Altogether it was a most memorable evening and I hope that John Negus will come back to us soon again as he has promised to do so.

Bill Reid

Worplesdon WI

The meeting on Wednesday 6th June had a very Canadian atmosphere as the speakers topic was her exciting trip to Canada travelling from one side to the other visiting Montreal, Ottawa, The Victoria Falls and the Rockies plus visiting all her long lost relatives along the way. The competition carried on the theme of Canada as members brought memorabilia and badges etc. The winner was Mrs Doreen Giddon who had just returned from visiting her son and family in Canada her entry was a furry moose dressed in national costume.

The meeting continued with details of the summer outing to visit Longleat House and the safari park on Wednesday 1st August. Mrs Leach said there were some tickets available for friends and guests. An outing was also arranged to the greyhound races at Brighton and dinner in the restaurant overlooking the track on 15th August.

The subject of the scarecrow festival at St Mary's Church Worplesdon was discussed and members agreed it would be great fun to enter. Mrs Barbara Small offered her barn to construct the scarecrow and several members offered their help. It was then tea time which was hosted by Mrs Mae Deverill and helpers. During tea the raffle was drawn and won by Mrs Joan Collins.

Beth Leach

Fairlands WI

If you suffer from arthritis, you might be able to decrease the pain by changing from ordinary potatoes to sweet potatoes. This was one of the suggestions given to Fairlands WI at their June meeting. The speaker, Mrs Dominy, spoke on the subject of "Food for Health". Apparently ginger is also beneficial. A food diary, undertaken for some weeks, noting which foods seem to trigger attacks, might also be a good idea.

Members enjoyed tasty treats of soup, main courses and cakes which had been prepared using recommended recipes. Mrs Dominy also gave members helpful leaflets and recipe sheets which were quickly snapped up.

A visit to Guildford Children's Centre, of which member, Elaine McCrimmon, is Head, had been very much enjoyed. Some of the children had entertained us with songs and we had been impressed with the garden which invited children to explore and experience nature at close quarters. One of our members had been a pupil at the school when it opened in the 1930s. It has changed dramatically since then.

At our next meeting on 11th July, Terry Harrison will be demonstrating water colour techniques. This is to be an open meeting where visitors will be especially welcome. Members are asked to bring along a water colour painting for the monthly competition.

With a Strawberry Tea and a Ploughman's Supper to look forward to, Fairlands WI are set for a busy summer. If you would like to know more, contact President, Dawn Murrell on 01483 823557 or Secretary, Maureen Wells on 01483 234378.

Val Dillon

Fairwood Helpers AGM

Our Annual General Meeting was held at St. Alban's Church Hall on 14th May when 32 people attended. Those present included Borough Councillor Victor Searle, Parish Counsellors Bob McShee (Chairman), Mike Dillon and Sandra Morgan, also Vicki Turton of Surrey Community Action.

In Chairman John Barton's report he thanked all supporters and volunteers of the scheme and said that during the year some 466 jobs had been carried out to benefit the local community.

Amongst other items the Chairman made special mention of the coach trip which is arranged annually for residents and their friends. Last July it was to Portsmouth whilst this year on 18th July it will be to Worthing. Reservations are invited, the cost is £8 per person.

The Annual General Meeting was sadly a time to say farewell and thank you to retiring Committee Members Amanda Sturdee (Secretary), Trees Watson (Volunteer Co-ordinator), Ann Brand and Rosalind Davison. Their involvement with the scheme over many years has been much appreciated.

We were pleased that Gillian Brown has kindly agreed to take on the office of the Secretary and she was duly unanimously voted onto the Committee to fill this vacancy. The remaining members and officers of the Committee were also re-elected. The Rev Andrew Bryant has agreed to continue as ex-officio member of the Committee and Clr Sandra Morgan as Parish Council Liaison. Committee member Morag Dillon will take over as Volunteer Co-ordinator.

Our Treasurer, Barry Gamble, reported the accounts to be in a healthy state, last years small deficit in income having been overturned. He was complemented for all his work over the years.

If any one would like to join Fairwood Helpers on the Committee or simply as one of our volunteers, they are invited to contact one of our members for further information – you would be most welcome.

PCC Jottings

The last meeting of the PCC took place at St Mary's on 22nd May. Becky Kirby, and Robert Lynch were welcomed to their first PCC meeting. Brian Rustell has also been newly elected to the PCC but he was away for this meeting. Mike Gillett and Kevin Davison were confirmed as Deputy Wardens at St Mary's and Nicky Parsons and David Hypher were confirmed as deputy Wardens at St Alban's. Mike Baker and David Hypher had also agreed to continue as Property Stewards.

Remedial works are continuing at St Alban's House but at this stage there was still no progress in the appointment of a House for Duty priest. However Andrew stressed to the meeting that the way ministry in the parish was provided had radically changed in the past few years. Mandy was now providing the services of a near full-time curate which was something the parish had not enjoyed for many years and along with the ministry of Mary and Betsy the parish was enjoying the highest number of clergy hours for several decades.

Feedback was continuing to be received from the course, Pain – the hidden disability, and it had been agreed that there should be a follow up meeting for all those who had been involved or who had missed the original course on 12th July at 8pm at St Mark's Hall, Wyke.

A summary was given of the plans for this year's festival and thanks were expressed to Jenny Shaw and Jackie Pocock for all their work in preparing for the festival.

Discussions took place about the need for repairs to St Alban's Hall and for alternative lighting. It is hoped this can be progressed shortly. At St Mary's a reply is now awaited from the Chancellor about the faculty for re-ordering. A meeting had been held with those who had submitted written objections to discuss the revisions made to the faculty and the Archdeacon had now reported on that meeting to the Chancellor.

Other important dates for July

Tues	3 rd	8.00pm	Property group meeting at St Mary's
Wed	4 th	1.30pm	Edward Bear Club at St Mary's
Thurs	5 th	10.00am	Housegroup at 44 Fairlands Ave
Mon	9 th	8.00pm	Christians in Fairlands Committee
		8.00pm	Holiday Club volunteer meeting at St Alban's
Tues	10 th	4.00pm	StoryZone planning meeting
		8.00pm	WSV Association meeting at St Alban's
Wed	11 th	1.00pm	Mothers Union meeting at St Alban's
Fri	13 th	7.00pm	Youth PCC at Rectory
Sat	14 th	1.00pm	Wedding at St Mary's
Mon	16 th	8.00pm	Hitch Hikers at Rectory
Tues	17 th	8.00pm	Sunday Club planning meeting
Wed	18 th	8.00pm	Finance Group meeting
Fri	20 th	8.00pm	Ministry Team meeting at Rectory
Mon	23 rd	10.00am	Woking Church Recording Group at St Mary's
Sat	28 th	1.00pm	Wedding at St Mary's

Worplesdon Parish

100 Club Draw

Held on 17th June 2007

1st Prize £28 Winning Number 24

2nd Prize £15 Winning Number 1

The next draw will be held on Sunday 15th July and thereafter 3rd Sunday of every month.

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

PCC Jottings

It was agreed to re-shape the PCC vision groups which will now be as follows:

Worship & Word Vision Group:

Co-ordinator: Betsy Herdman

To assist in developing the worship of the parish; in the provision of varied environments and opportunities to meet the differing needs of those attending our churches and developing the spiritual life of our congregations and opportunities for life-long spiritual nurture.

Witness Vision Group:

Co-ordinator: Revd Mary Kirby

To support the way the Church communicates and fosters a sense of community both within the church family and with the parish as a whole, fostering a sense of service to the local area and raising our engagement with the social and world-wide church issues including building links with those organisations supported by our outward-giving.

Property Vision Group:

Co-ordinator: Mike Gillett

To oversee the maintenance of our church buildings and to ensure they are properly cared for and are fit for the mission and work of the Gospel in the parish.

Finance Vision Group:

To ensure the wise stewardship of our financial resources and to assist in deepening the financial commitment of the congregation in the light of the needs of ministry and mission in the parish and diocese.

Fixed Membership: Church Wardens (co-ordinators), PCC Treasurer, Representatives of Worship & Word, Witness and Property Vision Groups, and Planned Giving Secretaries.

PCC members were invited to indicate their preferences for group membership. Members of the congregation with special interests or expertise will also be invited to join these groups.

Following the dropping of a large branch from one of the two Horse Chestnut trees at the entrance to the drive up to St Mary's, the PCC agreed to the pollarding of these two trees. Permissions had been sort from Guildford Borough Council and from the Diocese.

The next PCC meeting will take place on 25th July at St Alban's

Jennifer and Joseph at Pirbright

Our former Musical Director, Jennifer Chou and her husband Joseph Yu are planning a combined organ/trombone recital on the evening of Monday, September 3rd 2007, at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Pirbright.

Four years ago many of us knew something of Jennifer's skill as a Parish organist, choir trainer and recitalist. Now we are fortunate to have the opportunity to hear what could be the launch of a new venture featuring the unusual combination of organ and trombone. Even more, it is a privilege for us to look forward to this event, coming as it does in a short interval between Jennifer's appearance at Westminster Abbey and her departure with Joseph to give duo recitals in the north of Italy.

If you would like to book in advance for this recital, please ring me on 01483 573403, 01483 825932 or 07775 833 836 or email ivan.johnson3@ntlworld.com, or speak to me.

Ivan Johnson

Worplesdon Multisports Pavilion Project

At last we have news that the Football Foundation has awarded a grant of £288,565 towards the £408,000 costs to build a new multisports pavilion at the Memorial Hall Sportsground. This, along with the generous grants from the Parish Council and Guildford Borough Council and in addition to our own fundraising, means that the project will commence this June. The pavilion will consist of superb changing facilities to comply with the Football Association's requirements, and a bar and lounge suitable for relaxation and socialising for players, helpers and spectators. Whilst primarily for the use of the cricket and football clubs, it will also be available for use by the tennis and badminton clubs. It will also be ideal for local groups to hire for meetings and small gatherings in a perfect village setting.

There is still a shortfall of £10,000+ due to additional costs concerned with adequate road access, health and safety regulations, building regulations, professional fees etc. Anyone who wishes to donate individually or corporately can obtain details from Alan Simpson, Chairman of the Pavilion Committee on 01483-821629. "OUR BUY A BRICK FOR £10 SCHEME IS STILL OPEN" Alan says so don't hesitate to contact either him or myself.

To those who have already contributed, many many thanks. It is very encouraging to have support from so many people. The Pavilion committee, who have worked tirelessly for 3 years, are most grateful to you. There is lots happening in Worplesdon so make sure **you** don't miss out!

Worplesdon Tennis Club

The summer season started with a very successful Open Day in April on a hot sunny day when new members were welcomed. This year we have 4 adult as well as junior teams participating in leagues and the club championship matches have begun. Finals day is on July 22nd. All welcome to come along. Anyone interested in joining our club can contact Mary Broughton on 01483-233869 or Sue Osborne 01483-232497. The first Saturday of each month is an open morning to which everyone is welcome. We hope to upgrade the Parish Council floodlights this summer thus improving both our own and the Council's tennis facility. We are grateful to the Parish Council and Guildford Borough Council for their support.

Tournament and Gourmet Extravaganza

On Sunday 22nd April, Worplesdon Tennis Club was home to a very exciting tournament and gourmet extravaganza! Organised by two student members, Sarah Osborne and Naomi Baker, both 17, the event was run in aid of their forthcoming expedition to Mexico. A "Wilderness Expertise" trip, the girls are expecting to work in a local school, trek through the Sierra Norte and take in some of the fantastic historical, geographical and cultural sights of Mexico along the way.

The tournament was organised to raise some of the necessary funds for the trip and included an American doubles format, rounds of tennis interjected by the serving of traditional Mexican food, hand cooked by Sarah and Naomi themselves. A brilliant day was had by all, with participants from Worplesdon Tennis Club as well as from elsewhere; some even came from as far as London and Worthing, Sussex! The sun shone all afternoon and the winners of each group were Paul Devenish, Mary Broughton and Christopher Warren, each winning by just one or two points - it was very close. Sarah and Naomi would like to thank all involved for their kind support and hope everyone enjoyed the day.

Mary Broughton

Club Development Officer 01483-233869