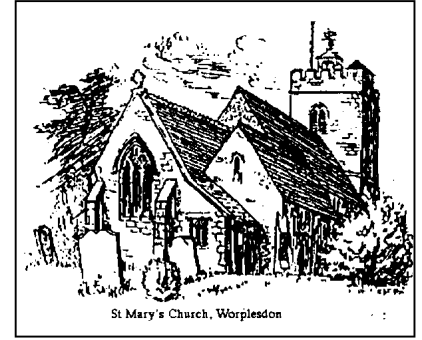


St. Alban's Church, Wood Street

## Welcome to **Crossway** Worplesdon Parish Magazine



St. Mary's Church, Worplesdon

### Reflections

When I was a child, I was an avid stamp collector. Knowing my hobby, friends of my parents would pass stamps on to me and I quickly built up a collection of stamps from all over the world. Foreign stamps always seemed much more exciting than British stamps, particularly those that came from countries that I had never heard of and struggled to even find on a map. The one thing that of course distinguished British stamps from all others is that our stamps have no country of origin named on them. The sovereign's head is enough to show that they are British.

From an early age we are encouraged to put our name on things. My memory of getting ready for my first day at school, was my mother sewing nametapes on to all my clothes. And if you lost something at school and you did not have your name put on it then there was no sympathy from the teacher. Similarly I remember – indeed still have – the nametag that my first dog had. Although a home loving animal, occasionally the smell of rabbits and hares in the surrounding fields proved too much, and he took off on unplanned travels and only came safely home thanks to that name tag.

In this security conscious age we are now encouraged to tag all our possessions with ultra violet markers. No longer is it our name that is required but the more impersonal postcode without which none of us is now properly addressed. Whether it is nametape, or ultra violet postcode, by such tags we proclaim our ownership. This is mine – leave it alone. Increasingly, we see the world from a very personal perspective – the focus of life is “me” and “mine” and the protection of “my rights”. The world of religion is no longer protected from this highly individualistic approach with the emphasis on what “I” choose to believe and how “I” choose to practice “my” faith rather than reference to the Church's teaching.

Challengingly the Bible starts from a very different perspective. As the Psalmist puts it, “The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it”. Think for a moment of everything in your house (and indeed the house itself) and think of it as not belonging to you but belonging to God. Does that change how you feel about all those things? From the Bible's perspective, God is the ultimate owner of all things. God does not need to put his name on anything be-

cause everything belongs to him. God chooses to entrust the care, or stewardship, of many different resources to us. We may label things as belonging to us but in fact they are just held in trust for God. And, the Bible says, we are accountable for how we use and care for these resources. But God's ownership is fundamentally different from that often modelled by human owners. Too often as human beings we show a jealous, protective, possessive “it's mine” attitude. By contrast God's ownership is expressed in a generous sharing. Everything may belong to God but God wants to share it with us.

Christian Stewardship is about our responsibility in looking after all that God has entrusted to us. The good steward is the one who seeks to be as generous in using the gifts entrusted to him as the person who gave them to him is. The bad steward either does nothing with their gift or worse still claims the gift entrusted to him as his own. Over the next few months we are going to be thinking a lot more about stewardship. Some of you will remember our Christian Stewardship campaign in 2003 which culminated in that wonderful Stewardship Supper in the Memorial Hall which really proved to be the opening of a new chapter in the life of this parish. Thanks to the generous response of so many on that occasion, Church life in this parish has since gone from strength to strength.

Five years on it is time for us all to take stock of our stewardship of God's many gifts to us and to review how we can use all that God has given us in the generous service of the Church and God's Kingdom on earth. Our wallet has to be offered up to God just as much as every other aspect of our lives. Money is an indicator of our values and priorities. Compare the amount we spend on eating out, drinks, cosmetics, cars holidays, entertainments and other forms of pleasure compared to the amount we give back to the God who gives us everything. Our spending will, in fact, be an indication of our priorities in life.

So let us together as a parish reflect on our response to all that God has done for us, reviewing the way we respond to all God generously gives to us and does for us and let us prepare in heart and soul to review and renew our commitment, our stewardship, in support of God's work in this parish.

*Andrew*

## Book of the Month

Suffering and the Courage of God  
*Exploring how grace and suffering meet*  
 By Robert C Morris  
 Published by Paraclete Press  
 ISBN: 1-55725-428-1 £8.50

This book explores how we can relate to the suffering we experience in everyday life. The author, Robert Morris, writes out of his own experience of struggling with chronic depression. He suggests a new way of understanding God's role in human suffering. He reveals God's gracious and courageous participation in all aspects of our lives, both our sufferings, and our joys. God becomes not the rescuer from our woes but the resource for the journey wherever it may take us. "All our sufferings are carried in an even and bigger and stronger courage – God's own courageous Love".

## The Wednesday Fellowship

*Spiritual Encounters*  
**for every day living**  
*making connections between*  
*Sunday and Monday*  
**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July**  
**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 will be hearing more about the work of the Mothers' Union and its commitment to Christian social action. Our speaker will be Helen Morgan speaking about the MU Literacy Programme.

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

**The Wednesday Fellowship will meet on the  
 third Wednesday of each month at 8 pm in  
 St Mary's Room**

## Holy Days in July

This month at our Wednesday morning Eucharist at St Alban's we will be remembering on 2<sup>nd</sup> July Thomas the Apostle and on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, Mary Magdalene.

Among the other faithful followers of Christ celebrated this month is, on 15<sup>th</sup> July, St Swithun, Bishop of Winchester. St Swithun is perhaps best known from the saying that if it rains on St Swithun's Day, there will be rain for forty days. St Swithun was Bishop of Winchester in the ninth century, though little is known of his life. He was bishop for ten years and appears to have been a trusted adviser of Egbert, king of Wessex. He asked to be buried "humbly" and not in a great shrine and when he died on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 862, his request was fulfilled. However, when a new cathedral was being built, Ethwold, the new bishop, decided to move Swithun's remains into a shrine in the cathedral, despite dire warnings that to move the bones would bring about terrible storms. His remains were duly moved on 15<sup>th</sup> July 971 and, though many cures were claimed and other miracles observed, it apparently rained for forty days, as forecast. Thus the feast day of Swithun became synonymous with long, summer storms, rather than an occasion for celebrating Christian simplicity and holiness.

**The next iWorship  
 at St Alban's Church  
 will be on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July at  
 9.15am  
 when the theme will be  
 "Divine Re-Creation"**

**iWorship offers a time of informal wor-  
 ship for all ages  
 where we can together explore prayer,  
 bible study, music and creativity  
 and share in fellowship.  
 - inclusive - interactive – inquiring -**

## Quotes to ponder ... on Stewardship

Theirs is an endless road, a hopeless maze, who seek for goods before they seek for God.  
*St Bernard of Clairvaux*

Stewardship is not a classroom exercise in fractions. It is a homework assignment in total living.

*Kenneth L Wilson*

Vicar: What would you do for God if you owned two luxury homes?

Christian: I'd give one to the Church.

Vicar: What would you do for God if you inherited £1 million?

Christian: I'd give half of it to the Church.

Vicar: What would you do for God if you owned two pairs of trousers?  
**(Silence)**

Christian: The problem is, I **do** own two pairs of trousers.

*Source unknown*

## The Parish Stewardship Prayer

*As we begin together to think about Christian Stewardship and how we can each support the life of the Church in our parish, we invite you to pray for this parish using the following prayer:*



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.

## Sunday Evenings in July

### 6pm at St Mary's Church

*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.*

6<sup>th</sup> **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.*

13<sup>th</sup> **Celtic Evening Prayers** – *a time of worship inspired by the Iona Community*

20<sup>th</sup> **Evening Prayer** – *the traditional evening service of the Church*

27<sup>th</sup> **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) who will try to arrange a lift.*

## God's Family at Worship

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July

10.45am at St Mary's

***We look forward to welcoming you to our monthly informal all age service and hope you will be able to join us. During this service our children stay in for the whole service so there will be no Sunday Club at this service. There will be the normal Edward Sunday Club Crèche.***

Future God's Family at Worship will be  
Holiday Club Service, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August,  
9.15am at St Alban's  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 10.45am at St  
Mary's  
Harvest Thanksgiving, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October,  
10.45 at St Mary's

The next GFW Parade Service will be  
Remembrance Sunday, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>  
November, 10.45am at St Alban's

## 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 at 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 3<sup>rd</sup> July at Worplesdon Memorial Hall from 6.45 pm to 8.45 pm 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 July is 4<sup>th</sup> September, as the hall is not available in August, 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; 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**

## Christian Aid Week 2008

The total collected in the parish for Christian Aid Week in May was £3612. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously, and to all who helped with collecting.

## Oxford Scribes

### The St. John's Bible "America's Book of Kells" (Newsweek)

The St. John's Bible was commissioned by St. John's Abbey and the University of Minnesota as an expression of the Benedictine monks' daily focus on scripture and commitment to books, art and religious culture. This was to be the first hand-written Bible since the invention of the printing press.

The Artistic Director and illuminator overseeing this project is Donald Jackson, one of the world's leading calligraphers. Working from his scriptorium in Wales with a team of artists, calligraphers and illuminators, the enterprise has taken him several years to complete.

To celebrate their twentieth anniversary in 2004, Oxford Scribes donated \$1000 to sponsor Psalm 20 in the St. John's Bible. To commemorate this in their own way, members were asked to letter Psalm 20 out in any language they chose. Their choices represent their wide background of interests and connections, from Tamil to Japanese, Swahili to Tagalog. Psalm 20 is sometimes numbered XIX; this is because the numbering differs in the Coptic versions and the Latin Vulgate.

The Psalms were first exhibited at Diocesan House, Oxford, and then at the Oxford Synagogue in Jericho. It is hoped to make a 'Pilgrimage of Psalms' and tour other locations. We are very happy to exhibit in Guildford Cathedral from 6<sup>th</sup> August to 25<sup>th</sup> August,

And speaking of bears.....



don't forget the Teddy Bear Summer Fair  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 11—4  
Worplesdon Festival  
at St. Mary's

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> July, we meet at Shirley Brown's house, 48 Fairlands Avenue at 12.30 am for a Finger Buffet Lunch. If you would like to join us, or know more about the club, please contact:

**Barbara Chasemore** 233118  
**Vicki Bateman** 232217



### Wood Street Village Show

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2pm-4pm

Wood Street Village Green

Maypole Dancing

Displays from the Horticultural Society -

Dog Show - Donkey Rides

Bouncy Castle, Refreshments - Stalls -

Plant Sales

*...altogether another  
wonderful afternoon out!*

You are warmly invited to

### Café Fairlands

4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> July

at

**The Fairlands Community Centre**

2.30—4.30 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 Summer Fete

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2-4

Fairlands Community Centre

## The Church is Your Church

### Parish Stewardship Event

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00pm

### Worplesdon Memorial Hall

This month sees the launch of our parish Stewardship Campaign and you will be hearing more about this exciting event both through this magazine and from the pulpit. Then in September all those associated with the life of our two churches will receive an invitation to a special supper at which everyone will be able to hear about the vision for the future for the work of the Church in our parish and the financial needs to make that happen. This is a very important moment in the life of our parish and we hope as many people as possible will be present – please put the date in your diary now. Not only is the Church struggling to make ends meet financially, we also are aware we need to grow and develop the ministry and mission of the two churches in our parish so that we can better serve our local community and draw more people to know the love of Christ. The parish will only continue to be served by its buildings and clergy if we are able to provide the financial support and vision to sustain their work. We therefore hope that all who care about the future of God's Church in the parish will be able to join us for this special event. For more information please contact our Stewardship chairman, Dan Shaw (.236252) or our churchwarden, Chris Sturdee (235143).

## The Village Lunch

at

**St Alban's Church Hall,  
Wood Street Village**

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

12.30 pm

*Meet up with friends old and new.  
Enjoy good food and good company.  
Open to all, wherever you live.*

Please book 5 days before: 01483 233091  
Contact Fairwood Helpers for help with  
Transport: 01483 237619

## WI News

At the May meeting of **Fairlands WI**, two resolutions were discussed and voted upon by members. These were to be carried forward to the AGM in Liverpool. The first was to call for a ban on bottom trawling by fishermen, which causes degradation of the sea bed and may also result in a large proportion of the catch being thrown back into the sea.

The second resolution was for the curtailment of "inappropriate imprisonment of the severely mentally ill". The wording of this resolution was thought by many to need amendment.

Elaine McCrimmond, who is Head of Centre at Guildford Children's Centre, and is also a member of Fairlands WI, showed slides and described the variety of experiences and activities which children can enjoy in that setting. Parents are also able to use the centre in order to improve their parenting skills and their self-confidence.

Members were able to visit Normandy Therapy Gardens. They were saddened to hear that there had been two break-ins at the gardens and that tools had been stolen.

On June 11<sup>th</sup> a "horse" called Dettori's Choice won three of the six races at the Fairlands WI Ascot Ladies Night. This exciting evening was organised by enthusiastic members for the entertainment of the group. The cups were proudly held aloft as each race was won. Never have dice been thrown so eagerly! Decorated Ascot hats were modelled and a Strawberry tea was served.

At the July meeting members will share the secrets of their favourite crafts. Fairlands WI members have a variety of crafty skills.

President, Dawn Murrell had not expected to be present at the June meeting but, due to a fall experienced by her husband, had been unable to go on holiday. Vice President, Doreen Smith officiated having recently returned from a holiday in China.

Members will be helping out and running a Tombola at Fairlands Fete on July 6th.

One of the members, Frances Camps, was presented with a tub of golden flowers having recently celebrated, with her husband, their golden wedding.

We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at Fairlands Community Centre at 7.45pm. To obtain more details, call Dawn Murrell on 01483 823557 or Secretary, Angela Linington, on 01483 233967

*Val Dillon*

The May meeting of **Worplesdon WI** began with notices from the secretary Freda Burgess. She gave dates for the forthcoming outings—to celebrate 90 years of WIs in Surrey: Evensong at Guildford Cathedral on Thursday 12th June, and Wisley Garden on 24th June. Also on offer for the summer were visits to Tunbridge Wells, Eastbourne and Leeds Castle.

The President, Betty Leach, said the charity effort for this year would be an auction of gifts in aid of 'Guildford Action' who help and support so many disadvantaged people in our community. They provide a hot meal every day in the drop-in centre in Guildford, medical attention, shower facilities, friendship and advice. They also run a furniture scheme. Members were urged to contribute goods or services to be auctioned in aid of this very worthwhile cause.

The meeting then considered the national WI resolutions: the ban, or partial ban, of large scale trawling, and the provision of secure place for mentally disabled people. The resolutions were explained by Valerie Wild and Barbara Chasemore. On a show of hands, members voted in support of both resolutions. This vote will now be taken by a delegate to the national WI AGM at the Royal Albert Hall for further discussion.

The afternoon was completed with tea, hosted by Judy Stent. The competition of '5 Attributes of the Perfect Husband' was won by Barbara Small and the raffle was won by Marjorie Williams.

*Beth Leach*

## PCC Jottings

The PCC last met on 20<sup>th</sup> May at St Alban's. It was noted that the new kneelers for the choir stalls have arrived and that the pew cushions for the front row of the choir will be arriving shortly. Work has also started on clearing the new churchyard extension, which when complete, will ensure that members of the parish will have an option for burial for many years to come. The meeting also heard that work would be undertaken in June to renovate the church hall floor.

An update was received on the proposed renovation of St Mary's. The architect is currently drawing up a detailed specification in preparation for the tendering process and for a faculty application. The meeting then discussed the parish child protection policy and agreed to extend this to include a vulnerable adults policy. The meeting also adopted a new drink and drugs policy which would apply to all church organisations and all groups hiring the church hall. A copy of this policy will be display at both churches and in the hall. The PCC also approved the vision statement that would be the central part of this autumn's stewardship campaign. The PCC also continued its discussions about how better co-operation can be achieved between different churches within the Guildford deanery and agreed that the proposed clusters of local churches seemed to offered a good way forward. Finally the meeting heard about plans for this coming Worplesdon Festival. The next PCC meeting is on 22<sup>nd</sup> July at St Mary's.

## Parish Registers

### Funerals

20<sup>th</sup> May Ivy Reeds  
10<sup>th</sup> June Polly Hammond

### Baptism

27<sup>th</sup> April Ruben Alexander Walters  
1<sup>st</sup> June Ellie-Rose Hunt  
Daisy Jane Hunt  
Florence Janet Heath-Flynn

### Weddings

April 19<sup>th</sup> Andrew Williams & Lisa Woodhead  
June 7<sup>th</sup> Daniel Gildethorp & Nicola Bonja

## Worplesdon Sports Pavillion

### Grand Opening, April 2008

At last we made it! The Grand Opening ceremony on 20<sup>th</sup> April was the culmination of years of planning and hard work to build a fantastic new Sports Pavillion in Worplesdon for all to enjoy, both sports participants and spectators. David Howells, who played football and cricket here as a boy and reached the top of his football career at Southampton and Tottenham Hotspurs, performed the opening ceremony. He unveiled a plaque and cut a ribbon and a celebratory cake, made by Christmas the Bakers, which depicted the new building. This was attended by the Mayor of Guildford, Anne Milton, MP, local councillors, trustees, local sports dignitaries, visitors and so many of YOU!

There was a tour of the facilities and the bar was well patronized! During the day 800-1000 visitors enjoyed tennis, cricket and football, with demonstrations of skills, coaching and matches.

Our local builder, Danny Smith has done an excellent job and we are most grateful to him. None of this would have been achieved without the generous contributions by so many local people.

We hope that it will become a place where local residents will want to come to participate in sport and to use the pavilion as a meeting place with its convivial bar and lounge.

To find out about hiring, please contact Dave Smith on 235796.

*Mary Broughton and Alan Simpson*



## Flower Rota for July

	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>St. Alban's</b>
6 <sup>th</sup>	Jan Foster	Gill Cross
13 <sup>th</sup>	Jan Foster	Dorothy Kinsella
20 <sup>th</sup>	Diana Forder	Pat Brewer
27 <sup>th</sup>	Doreen Smith	Lynda Grimmond

## Christians in Fairlands

At the May meeting Christians in Fairlands reflected on its future role. It was acknowledged that in addition to the existing monthly services there was also much other church activity happening on Fairlands in addition to people's commitments to their own churches. Café Fairlands had proved a significant development, there was also the regular meetings for the Good News Book Van, a prayer group for the school and at least one house group. It was felt that all of these needed to be better advertised along with other activities that those at the meeting did not know about. In particular it was felt that Café Fairlands provided a natural meeting point for Christians (except those at work) and that perhaps this was where initial energies should be focused. It could become a place where prayer requests were brought and even an opportunity for informal Bible Study. There was also a clear hope that eventually Café Fairlands could become a weekly gathering. It was felt that therefore at present there was no need for a monthly service but rather it was suggested there could be three or four special event gatherings to celebrate particular festivals and that these should be well advertised within the community. If you have any comments about the future of Christians in Fairlands please speak either to Christopher Peacock (G.826532) or Andrew Bryant (G.234616)

## More Good News for Fairtrade

In one of the boldest moves ever to Fairtrade, Tate & Lyle announced their intention to convert 100% of their retail sugar to Fairtrade. Around 70,000 tonnes of certified sugar from Belize is expected to be involved in the first phase of the programme.

This increases tenfold the total volumes of Fairtrade sugar sold in the UK in 2007. Starting in February 2008, the full conversion of Tate & Lyle's retail range is expected to be completed by the end of 2009. The move comes at a critical time for the farmers and the whole Belizean sugar industry, which faces challenges from changes to the EU Sugar Regime, and from Hurricane Dean, which devastated farms in the region in 2007. 6,000 small-scale growers in the Belize Sugar Cane Farmers' Association will benefit and the switch will generate Fairtrade premiums of US\$60 per tonne. Giovanni Loria, Chairman of Corozal (District) Belize Sugar Cane Farmers Association, said: 'Fairtrade is like a door to a great opportunity within our community. Investments in education will generate more opportunity and Fairtrade can help us build schools, health centres, clinics and much more. For us, Fairtrade is a new beginning.' *So make sure you now do your bit and make sure the sugar you buy is Fairtrade. Think global; act local.*

## Worplesdon Garden Club

This month's guest was Chris Dobell, head gardener of Little Mynthurst Farm, featured in the NGS Yellow Book and once owned by Lord Baden-Powell. His subject was "Baskets and Tubs". Although most of us have been planting containers for a long time, there were useful tips about maintaining their looks throughout the summer by using a good liner, a capillary system or watering them three times a day with a mild feed. He showed slides of baskets and tubs at Little Mynthurst, together with favourites from Wisley and other well-known gardens. He then generously offered his beautiful demonstration basket to the winner of the weekly raffle.

Our summer diary is very full: there were visits to members gardens on 31st May and an evening visit to Penny Snell's garden (London area organizer for the NGS) on 10th June. On 5th July there is a Barbecue given by Gill and Mel, and a trip to Waterperry Gardens and Oxford Botanic Garden on 9th August.

Anyone wishing to join Worplesdon Garden Club should call Olga Everingham on 233322 or come to Emmanuel Parish Centre, Shepherds Lane, Stoughton where we meet on the second Tuesday of the month from 8.00 pm to 10.00 pm—you will be very welcome.

*Jenny Bower*

## Fairwood Helpers

The incoming Mayor of Guildford, Cllr. Jenny Jordan, joined us on 7<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate our ten years of providing neighbourly care for the people of Fairlands, Perry Hill and Wood Street Village. Mrs. Jordan joined us with some 75 others, (including volunteers, supporters and many of our clients) at our special Annual General Meeting at Worplesdon Memorial Hall. Dr. Norris of Fairlands Medical Centre was presented with a cheque for the purchase of an ECG machine. The money came from donations and local events over the years. A donation to the Mayor's Distress Fund was given to Jenny Jordan, in place of flowers.



In his report the Chairman, John Barton, said that more than 400 tasks are carried out annually. The nine members of the Committee were re-elected to service for another year, as were the Revd Andrew Bryant, ex-officio member, and Cllr Sandra Morgan, Parish Council Liaison.

After the formal proceedings, the Mayor thanked the Committee for inviting her and expressed how much voluntary services, such as Fairwood Helpers, are valued; She then proposed a toast to our ongoing success, and this was followed by the cutting of a celebratory cake, and a buffet.

We look forward to continuing our services well into the future. We trust that many will wish to join our ranks of volunteers and perhaps be willing to join as members of our Committee.

Our thanks to everyone for their support and help in making our tenth Annual General Meeting an enjoyable evening.

Don't forget our coach trip to Eastbourne on 16<sup>th</sup> July at £9 per person .

*John Barton*

## Other important dates for July

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	8.00 pm	Stewardship Visitor Training
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.00 pm	Holiday Club Planning at St. Mary's
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Parish Youth Group at St. Mary's
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 pm	Witness Vision Group at St. Mary's
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 pm	WSV Association Meeting at St. Alban's
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 pm	Housegroup at 17 Lyons Drive
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	1.00 pm	Wedding at St. Mary's
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	1.00 pm	Wedding at St. Mary's
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 pm	Deaf Church at St. Alban's
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 pm	Sunday Club planning meeting
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Youth PCC at Rectory
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00 pm	Holiday Club planning meeting Housegroup at 17 Lyons Drive
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 pm	Ministry Team at Rectory
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	3.00 pm	Wedding at St. Mary's
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	WCRG at St. Mary's
	11.00 am	Holiday Club set-up at St. Albans Primrose House Communion
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Holiday Club at St. Alban's
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Holiday Club at St. Alban's
	11.00 am	No Holy Communion at St. Alban's
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 am	Holiday Club at St. Alban's

## Diocesan Summer School Pain – the hidden disability

**Led by Wendy Bryant** *Open to All Adviser, Department for Social Responsibility*  
**Revd Andrew Bryant** *Bishop's Advisor on Disability*

### Two sessions

**Session 1: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

**Session 2: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

Two linked evenings, seeking to explore and understand pain, physical, mental, emotional or spiritual. These sessions pick up themes explored during a pilot course on pain run last year jointly by the Department for Social Responsibility and the Worplesdon and Wyke group of parishes. Each session is open to all - pain-bearers, carers and their fellow travellers - seeking to manage the pain rather than let the pain manage them, and to those who just want to know more. *Whilst the sessions are linked, each one is presented as a stand alone session. It would be helpful but not essential to attend both sessions.* At each session there will be individuals available to listen and offer support, along with a place just to be quiet, and a therapist offering hand and head massage. Each session will end at 9.15pm. For those who wish to stay on, there will be a short informal liturgy of healing.

### **Session 1: Acknowledging pain**

Perhaps the hardest part of pain is being able to share with others the experience of pain and to feel assured that they will listen and understand. This evening offers an opportunity to hear three people share their experience of living with pain and for those who wish to feel more confident about being able to tell something of their own story.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 7.30 –9.30pm**

**Venue: St Mark's Hall, Guildford Road, Normandy GU3 2DA** (map will be supplied)

**Fee:£10 per session or BOOK BOTH SESSIONS FOR £18**

**Course Code:3/08**

### **Session 2: Understanding pain**

In this session we will have an opportunity to explore our understanding of pain and how it fits into our worldview. Does faith help or hinder the experience of living with pain? And where is God in all this?

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 7.30 –9.30pm**

**Venue: St Mark's Hall, Guildford Road, Normandy GU3 2DA** (map will be supplied)

**Fee:£10 per session or BOOK BOTH SESSIONS FOR £18**

**Course Code:15/08**

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