

# Reflections

This month, the Church celebrates two major festivals – Ascension and Pentecost. Since they no longer coincide with Bank Holidays in this country, they can easily pass by unnoticed but after Christmas and Easter, they are the next two most important festivals in the Church's calendar. Pentecost is the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples and is sometimes called the birthday of the Church. Even before the birth of Jesus, Pentecost was celebrated as a Jewish festival; it was the final festival of the grain harvest. In Palestine, the grain harvest lasted seven weeks and was a season of happiness. It began with the harvesting of the barley during the Passover and ended fifty days later – hence its name - with the harvesting of the wheat at Pentecost, the wheat being the last cereal to ripen.

The Ascension commemorates the bodily ascension of Jesus into Heaven. This time, unlike after the crucifixion, Jesus' disciples are not filled with sorrow and despair but with joy because of the promise of the Holy Spirit. They knew they had to let go of Jesus for the Holy Spirit to come.

There are all sorts of moments in our lives when we know we must let go and move on: growing up, getting married, changing jobs, moving house, retirement. But however necessary, parting is difficult. For a while, we can feel a 'draught'. We need time to accept new circumstances. In the period of readjustment, we learn to do things differently. What parent hasn't peeled too many potatoes or laid a place at the table for a child who has recently flown the nest? Though often painful, partings can be full of great potential too. We can discover and develop strengths and resources within ourselves previously unnoticed. In retirement, people have time to pursue hobbies they could only dream about before. Moving house can bring a new garden to create and delight in.

But the most painful of partings are upon the death of a loved one especially those where we have had no opportunity to say our good-byes. For those who have been left behind, life can feel as if it has come to an end and in one sense it has. Life will never be the same again. Bereavement cannot be 'gotten over' in the way you get over flu or a disappointing interview. Time may help to heal the grief but the sense of loss will always be there. The great hole left in our lives by the death of a loved one can never be filled but it will shrink and life will be lived again. Susan Stocker expresses this hope beautifully in the following poem.

## *The Wheel*

*Time is a wheel: the day that we met is still there:  
Everything changes but nothing is lost;  
All that we shared, all that we ever loved, belongs to us still:  
Time is a wheel  
Whatever has ended is just about to begin:  
All that we feel, all that we ever felt, will come back again.  
Time is a wheel*

*Death will come round as birth will come round, as love will come round, as peace will come round, as joy will come round, as life will come round because  
Time is a wheel, bringing back, even yet, all that we ever shared, and the day that we met.*

*Mandy*

## Holy Days in May

This month we will remember the Apostles, Philip and James at our 11.00am Wednesday morning Communion at St Alban's on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

On Ascension Day, Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May, there will be a celebration of Sung Holy Communion at St Mary's at 8.00pm.

The Day of Pentecost will be celebrated at our Sunday morning services on 27<sup>th</sup> May.

On 8<sup>th</sup> May, the church remembers Julian of Norwich. She was a fourteenth century visionary who took her name from the church she was an anchoress in. She lived in a 'cell' a small suite of rooms connect to the church which had three windows. One into the church so she could join in services and receive Communion, one onto a room where people came to consult her and the other onto the outside world. On this day in 1373, when she was thirty years old and seriously ill, she had a series of visions which revealed aspects of the love of God. She recovered and spent the next twenty years pondering upon their meaning and eventually recorded her conclusions in what became the first book written in English by a woman, 'Revelations of Divine Love.' She died around the year 1417.

### Sunday Evenings May 6pm at St Mary's Church

- 6th **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.*
- 13th **Celtic Evening Prayers-** *a time of worship inspired by the Iona Community.*
- 20th **The Evening Office** – *the traditional form of Evening Prayer from Common Worship.*
- 27th **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 (237131) who will endeavour to arrange a lift.*

## God's Family at worship

### on Christian Aid Sunday 10.45am at St Mary's

We invite you to join us for our all age, informal act of worship to mark the beginning of Christian Aid Week. During our service we will be discovering how Christian Aid is helping provide growth for some of the very poorest communities in the world, we will be hearing about some of those that Christian Aid helps and planting some very unusual seeds. Do come and join us for this special service. There will be a crèche but our Sunday Club children join us in the main service.

We will also be marking Christian Week at the Parish Communion at St Alban's at 9.15am on this Sunday.

The next Parade Service will be at St Alban's on 10<sup>th</sup> June at 10.45am  
The next God's Family at Worship will be at St Mary's on 8<sup>th</sup> July at 10.45am

### Open Afternoon at Willow Grange Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2.30– 4.30

This summer Bishop Christopher and Hilary Hill will again be hosting a range of events in the grounds (and marquee) at Willow Grange.

An 'Open Afternoon' will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July and parishes and local charities are invited to use this opportunity to raise funds for a charity of their choice. We would like to encourage as much variety as possible in the choice of goods for sale, so do please come up with some innovative ideas. We would also like to be able to offer activities for children of all ages.

If you are interested in providing and running a stall, sideshow or children's activity, please contact Mary Morris at Willow Grange, Woking Road, Guildford, GU4 7QS or email [mary.morris@cofeguildford.org.uk](mailto:mary.morris@cofeguildford.org.uk).

### A Traditional Gaelic Blessing

*May the road rise up to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rain fall softly upon your garden,  
And until we meet again, may God hold you  
in the palm of his hand,  
Amen*

### Quotes to Ponder

**Every parting gives a foretaste of death;  
every coming together again a foretaste of  
the resurrection.**

*Arthur Schopenhauer*

**It is a poor thing for anyone to fear that  
which is inevitable.**

*Tertullian*

**I am ready to meet my Maker. Whether my  
Maker is prepared for the ordeal of meet-  
ing me is another matter.**

*Sir Winston Churchill*

You are warmly invited to  
Café Fairlands

on  
4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May  
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

### The Village Lunch

at

St Alban's Church Hall, Wood Street Village

On

on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

at 12.30pm

*Meet up with friends old and new.*

*Enjoy good food and good company.*

*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

### Fairwood Helpers

As the year moves on we prepare for the usual annual events occurring in Spring and summer. First amongst these is our AGM to be held this year at St Alban's Church Hall, Wood Street on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm. We hope that as many local residents as possible will be able to attend and help to vote in successors to those retiring from the committee. Our Committee meetings are quite informal and are usually held monthly. Don't forget our day outing to Worthing on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July. We have reserved two coaches and will arrange pick-ups at Rydes Hill and Worplesdon as well as Wood Street and Fairlands. The fare is £8 and if you would like more information or wish to reserve a seat just contact Rob Long (235741) or John Barton (232181).

We plan to have a stand at both the Wood Street and Fairlands Annual Shows. In the meantime our volunteers continue to offer transport to and from the monthly lunches at St. Alban's and Café Fairlands. We are ready to offer help where we can for those attending medical appointments, shopping etc. – just call 237619 between 10 and 12 weekdays to speak to the Duty Officer, or leave a message at other times, preferably giving 48 hours notice of your requirement. We are pleased to offer help if possible and will always welcome more volunteers, especially drivers, to boost the scheme.

*John Barton, Chairman*

# Clubs

## The Sunday - Youth - Edward's Sunday - Lunch -

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> May 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](http://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 May, the next meeting is on 7<sup>th</sup> June 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**

### StoryZone

The StoryZone is a place where children can discover the delights of storytelling, bringing stories alive through music, craft, art and drama. Using stories drawn from the Bible, as well as from the world of myth and legend, the children are helped both to enjoy the story and understand the moral behind the tale.

We meet on Tuesdays in term time, from 4pm—5.30pm at St. Alban's Church.

Children from school years three to six are welcome. There is a £1 sub for each session. Children sign up for a half term's worth of five sessions, as activities are carried over from week to week.

Storyzone is led by Many Welch, Nicky Parsons and Andrew Bryant, assisted by a team of volunteers drawn from across the parish. For more information, please contact Mandy on 233525.

Come along and join us as we enter the world of tall tales, mysterious lands, amazing feats, strange encounters, surprising heroes and stranger villains!

### 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> May, we meet at St Alban's Hall at 12.30 for a 'Bring and Share' Lunch. If you would like to join us, or know more about the club, please contact:

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

### 100 club

April's winners are: 1<sup>st</sup> - 6, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 37

### **Christians in Fairlands**

You are warmly invited  
to join us for  
An Informal Act of Worship

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May  
4.00pm at  
Fairlands Community Centre

This month we will be thinking about  
the work of Christian Aid  
and hearing a personal account  
of a visit to Palestine.

*For further information please contact  
Christopher Peacock on 826532*

### **Ascension Day**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 8pm**  
**Sung Eucharist at St Mary's**

We invite to join us on this festival day  
as we celebrate our Lord's return to glory.

#### **As William Temple puts it**

*The ascension of Christ is his liberation from  
all restrictions of time and space. It does not  
represent his removal from the earth, but his  
constant presence everywhere on earth.*

*During his earthly ministry he could only be in  
one place at a time. If he was in Jerusalem  
he was not in Capernaum; if he was in Capernaum  
he was not in Jerusalem. But now he is  
united with God, he is present wherever God  
is present; and that is everywhere. Because  
he is in heaven, he is everywhere on earth;  
because he ascended, he is here now. In the  
person of the Holy Spirit he dwells in his  
Church, and issues forth from the deepest of  
the souls of his disciples, to bear witness to  
his sovereignty.*

### **Book Review**

#### **Rowing without Oars**

By Ulla-Carin Lindquist  
ISBN 0719566878

Ulla-Carin was a mother of four children with  
a high flying career in television when she  
was diagnosed with motor neurone disease.  
This is her own remarkable account of her  
thoughts during her last year of life.

### **The Feast of Pentecost**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

8.00am Holy Communion at St Alban's  
9.15am Festal Eucharist at St Alban's  
10.45am Festal Eucharist at St Mary's  
with the Ministry of the Laying on  
of Hands  
6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayers at St Mary's

The Feast of Pentecost is often described as  
the birthday of the Church. The coming of the  
Holy Spirit transforms the disciples into apos-  
tles; they are empowered to carry on the min-  
istry of Jesus. No longer shut away in fear,  
they feel compelled to share the good news  
of Jesus starting with the people of Jesus and  
gradually spreading out through all of the  
known world. And as others respond to their  
message the Church, the family of God, is  
born.

At St Mary's we also offer the opportunity at  
the main service for those who wish to come  
forward to receive the Ministry of Laying on of  
Hands. This sacrament represents the  
touch of Jesus in our lives and His spirit bring-  
ing healing to the brokenness in our lives.  
Healing is focused not just on a specific ill-  
ness but on the wider dis-ease in our lives  
bringing a sense of wholeness to every part of  
our lives. The healing ministry calls us to  
consider our relationship with God, each  
other, and the world, and to seek forgiveness  
and a new start in our lives.

#### **Of the Holy Spirit William Temple**

**writes:**

*You can feel the Spirit's breath on your  
face if, hearing it pass, you go out and stand  
in its course. 'So is everyone that is born of  
the Spirit.' Don't ask for credentials. Don't  
wait till you know the source of the wind be-  
fore you let it refresh you, or its destination  
before you spread sail to it. It offers what you  
need; trust yourself to it.*

#### **Wood Street Village Association AGM**

**Wed 16th May at 8pm at St Alban's Hall.**

An opportunity to learn more about the work  
of the association, to raise issues of local con-  
cern and to hear from Mark Havler about work  
on the local Commons. Open to all village  
residents.

## *PCC Jottings*

The meeting of the PCC on 27<sup>th</sup> March heard that subsidence work was shortly to begin on St Alban's House. The cost of this work will be covered by the insurance company however after this work was been carried out the company will withdraw cover for future subsidence.

Andrew thanked those who helped with the course "Pain – the hidden disability" during Lent. The attendance had been more than double that which had been expected. Many people had expressed their thanks for the way the course had been set up and Andrew was very grateful for the warmth of welcome and care given by members of the congregation to those attending.

The meeting then moved on to adopt the Annual Report and Accounts. It was noted that both had now to conform to the 2005 SORP, which had produced considerable additional work. Several comments were made about the growing burden of ever changing regulations on voluntary bodies such as churches. Special thanks was expressed to Peter for all his work in preparing the annual accounts.

Andrew reported that the process for appointing a House for Duty post was on going and that he was exploring a number of interesting avenues. The Chancellor of the Diocese had also made his first response to the faculty application for St Mary's Church. In the light of the amendment agreed at the December meeting the Chancellor recommended viewing a church in another part of the diocese where similar re-ordering had taken place. However as the layout of the other church was different from St Mary's there was little that could be learned from that experience. An opportunity will also be provided with the Archdeacon of Surrey for those who had commented on the original application to comment on the amendment as well.

Following the PCC and Ministry team Away Day in January, Andrew shared with the PCC his reflections on the personality of the Church in Worplesdon expanding on the parish mission statement "seeking to be an inclusive, welcoming, Christ-shaped community, reflecting the unconditional love of God". In furtherance of this it is planned to introduce a new Pastoral Team to support the work of the clergy and to run a Growing Leaders Course.

Mandy then explained the nature of a Growing Leaders course and how it will help members of the congregation to reflect on the part they might play in the life of the Church and understand more about the distinctive nature of Christian leadership. The first course will be begun in October and will involve approximately 18 people. The course involves ten sessions over a ten month period including two 24hr residentials.

The meeting also agreed to a new copier lease rental for the office to replace the existing machine, to the funding of a first aid course for those involved in Children's Work in the parish and to the appointment of Michaela Kelly as the new Child Protection Officer for the PCC. It was also noted that this was the last PCC meeting for Roger and Gill Sanders before they leave the parish and they were thanked for all they have contributed to the work of the Church.

### **Fairwood Helpers**

Serving Fairlands, FLG area, Wood Street Village and Worplesdon-Perry Hill

Available for help with transport to the doctors or hospital, filling in forms, collecting prescriptions, shopping, odd jobs, visiting, etc.

**Telephone 01483 237619**

**Mon-Fri 10.00am-12noon**

Registered Charity no.1093535



**13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2007**

**Donations made in Christian Aid Week change lives.**



We read in Crossway last month about the effect that hurricanes in El Salvador are having on people like Chus and his brother-in-law who are crab fishers. Their average daily earnings for the family are £1.70; on a bad day they can earn as little as 57p. We read too about Aprobehni, Christian Aid's partner in El Salvador,

Here's what our money could buy in El Salvador:

**£5** could pay the monthly tuition fees for a young person like Chus to go to school

**£6** would enable Aprobehni to clean a well after a flood.

**£12** could pay for a school uniform

**£90** could pay for the construction of a latrine.

**£117** will enable Aprobehni to build a well

**£1 million** would build **8,500** wells. One well will often serve a whole community, so that's a supply of clean water for many thousands of families.

And we can achieve it at no extra cost.

Christian Aid raises one million pounds from Gift Aid declarations made during Christian Aid Week. So if you are a tax payer, please take a moment to fill in the Gift Aid form on the Christian Aid Week envelope.

A minute of your time could change the lives of some of the world's poorest people.

#### **Other important dates for May**

Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1.30pm	Edward Bear Club at St Mary's
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00pm	House Group at 17 Lyons Drive
Su 6 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Parish Youth Group at St Alban's
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Fairwood Helpers Committee
	8.00pm	WSV Association at St Alban's
	8.00pm	Property Group at St Mary's
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm	MU Lunchbreak at St Alban's
	8.00pm	Parish Prayer Forum at the Rectory
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Youth Confirmation at St Alban's
	8.00pm	Sunday Club planning meeting
	8.00pm	Hitch Hikers at the Rectory
	8.00pm	Fairwood Helpers AGM
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Holiday Club planning meeting
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Worplesdon parish Lunch Club at St Alban's
	8.00pm	House Group at 17 Lyons Drive
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Youth PCC at Rectory
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Parish Youth Group at St Alban's
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Woking Church Recording Group at St Mary's
	11.00am	Primrose House Communion
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.00pm	PCC meeting at St Mary's
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Ministry Team meeting at Rectory
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	House Group at 17 Lyons Drive

# Fundraising and Social Events for 2007

FOUR great ways to enjoy yourself, to have fun with friends - and get others from Worplesdon involved as well!

## Scarecrow Festival - 30<sup>th</sup> June

*What's yours going to be?*

We're going to build on last year's Scarecrow Festival and Summer Fair at St Mary's which was such a success: this year we aim to top the 50 Scarecrows produced by individuals and local groups. So whether you are an individual or are involved in a local organisation start planning your Scarecrow now. There are great prizes to be won!

AND if you would like a stall at the Fair, please contact Jenny Shaw on 01483 236252

## Festival Draw - 30<sup>th</sup> June

Fantastic prizes have been donated by local companies for the Festival Draw.

Tickets will be on sale during May and June. Don't miss it! We will need extra volunteers to sell tickets: Please contact the Parish Office (233091) if you can help.

## Harvest Supper - 12<sup>th</sup> October

Knock 'em down at the Harvest Skittles evening at Worplesdon Memorial Hall.  
Food and a bar will be available.

## Quiz Night - 9<sup>th</sup> November

A Fish and Chip supper and an excellent opportunity to show off your general knowledge!! Promises to be a great evening!

(The secret is to bring ALL the friends that you might want to phone!)

Please put these dates in your diary now - We look forward to seeing you!

### 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.

**The Fairlands WI** met on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Members had thoroughly enjoyed the skittles and fish and chip supper at Astolat Bowls Club.

The coffee morning held at the president's house had been really well supported, raising money for the Blue Cross. After coffee, Jackie Albury spoke about the work of the Cinnamon Trust which is an organisation that enables older people to enjoy having pets in the secure knowledge that their pet will be cared for if they are ill or pass away. She showed a delightful video which fully described all activities undertaken by the trust. The bring and buy tables was very well supported – 50% of the proceeds given to the Cinnamon Trust and the rest to the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. The competition for an amusing item was won by Jean Setterfield, Penny Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> and Gill Smith 3<sup>rd</sup>.

At the April meeting, a meercat scampered around the community Centre. It was one of an assortment of animals which Graham Cornick introduced to us as part of his "Talk on the Wild Side". He is a natural comedian as well as being an authority on caring for wildlife. For nearly thirty years, he and his wife ran an animal rescue centre and advised others who subsequently did likewise. The open meeting, attended by children and a large number of visitors, was voted a huge success.

Graham is now semi-retired but still needs old duvets, duvet covers and towels to use in caring for the many permanent animal residents at his home. If you are able to supply such items, contact him on 01483 860313 and arrange to deliver them to him at Hydestile.

Members were sorry to hear that Secretary, Maureen Wells is still unwell. She is, however, making progress towards recovery.

Fairlands WI are planning to put together a portfolio of photographs and reports of the many activities undertaken by their members in the community. Suggestions came thick and fast and it was apparent that we have a busy, caring and talented membership.

An outing to Blenheim Palace is scheduled for May and a visit to Guildford Children's Centre is to take place later in April.

On May 9th there is to be a Social evening with a Quiz and nibbles. Visitors are always welcome to meetings which are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.45pm at Fairlands Community Centre.

For more information, contact President, Dawn Murrell on 01483 823557.

*Val Dillon*

#### Flower Rota for May

##### **St. Mary's**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Marion Gillett
- 12<sup>th</sup> Tricia Williams,  
Diana Forder  
(Wedding)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Diana Forder
- 26<sup>th</sup> Diana Forder,  
Doreen Smith  
(Whitsun)



#### **Action Medical Research May Fair**

Loseley Park near Guildford on  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am-5.00pm  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am-4.00pm.

78 stalls selling fabulous clothes and accessories, gorgeous jewellery, wonderful plants, great gifts, delicious food and much much more. 10% of all you spend goes to Action Medical Research. Tea., coffee and light lunches with wine will be available.

Entrance £5

## The African Children's Choir

How can some of the poorest and most vulnerable children in Africa help themselves? The answer is surprisingly simple: form a choir and travel the world singing. And that is what the African Children's Choir has been doing for over twenty years. The money raised supports numerous schools across Africa, offering hope, an education and new life to thousands of children. Each year a new choir is formed whilst the previous choir returns home and the children carry on their education. The aim of the choir is to help Africa's most vulnerable children today, so they can help Africa tomorrow.

And best of all you can help all this happen by having a night out you will never forget. The African Children's Choir is coming to Surrey this July and whatever you do don't miss them! It is impossible not to be moved, inspired and uplifted by their sheer enthusiasm and the beauty of their movement, song and dance. Without exaggeration this is an evening with a real "wow" factor. So get yourself to one of the following:

Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Leatherhead Theatre (01372 365141)
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> July	St Christopher's, Hinchley Wood (020 8398 9095)
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> July	King's Centre, Chessington (020 8391 5522)
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> July	St Martin's Church, Epsom (01372 722567)

e-mail: [choir2007@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:choir2007@hotmail.co.uk)

[www.africanchildrenschoir.com](http://www.africanchildrenschoir.com)

Tickets available from the venue box offices.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity: be wonderfully entertained and help Africa's children help themselves.

## Parish Registers

### Funerals

22<sup>nd</sup> March Charles Taylor

### Baptisms

1<sup>st</sup> April Chloe Josephine Lee  
Benjamin Raymond Tizard  
8<sup>th</sup> April Chloe Elliott  
Matthew Elliott  
April Woolgar

## How long does it take to read the Bible from end to end?

Well we are about to find out and invite you to help us! From June 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> we are going to attempt to read the Bible cover to cover at St Alban's Church. We will be inviting people to share in the public reading of the Bible. We will be explaining something of the history of the different books of the Bible and some of the many different version of the Bible currently available. We will be asking people which are their favourite verses from the Bible and sharing some of the different ways that can help bring the Bible alive. In short we will be discovering why the Bible is such a special collection of writings. More details will be following shortly but meanwhile put the dates in your diary!

## Save our Local Hospitals

Please sign the Downing Street petition against the hospital closure - just go online and click on the address of the site:

<http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/Save-RSCH/>

Thousands of people have already signed - so join the growing voice of protest. Please also tell others about this site - We need the maximum number of people to convince Whitehall that we are serious about keeping RSCH open.

**For the latest information on the campaign to save the Royal Surrey County Hospital visit**

**[www.savetheroyalsurrey.org.uk](http://www.savetheroyalsurrey.org.uk)**

## Wood Street School May Fair Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2.00 – 4.00

This year's May Fair is to raise money for our new playground area to go with our smart new classrooms. We have all the usual popular stalls - children's tombola, bottle tombola, raffle, cake stall etc - plus a few new ones. Weather permitting: Bouncy castle, barbecue, beat the goalie, obstacle course. There will be a 'fancy hats' parade (max age 7), with a prize for the winner who has made their own hat. Come along and support your local school (and have a snoop at the new bit!).