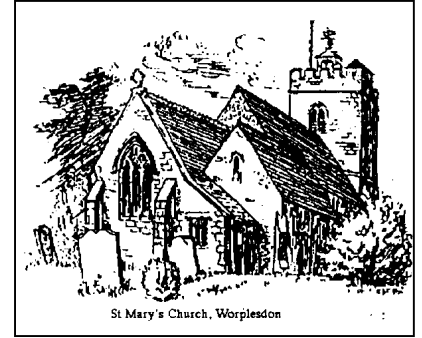


St. Alban's Church, Wood Street

Welcome to
Crossway
 Worplesdon Parish Magazine



St. Mary's Church, Worplesdon

Rectory Reflections

During August it has been so much easier for Wendy to get to work in Guildford. She has even been able to leave home a little later. But now with the start of September and the return of the schools it will be back to the earlier routine and she tries to get ahead of the worst of the Guildford morning traffic. We all have our own routine, our own rhythm of life shaped by the demands of work, the need to get children to school, or just what we think is a good habit. This all important routine shapes when we get up, when we have meals, when we hope to be able to relax at the end of the day and when we go to bed. Many have a different routine Monday to Friday than they have on Saturdays and Sundays. Holidays offer a welcome opportunity to break free of our normal routine, to eat and sleep just when we want to – or at least that is the theory; it does not always seem to work like that!

My own morning routine is shaped around the Radio 4 Today program. I know just whether I am on or behind schedule by what I am doing when I hear the Sports News, the Review of the Papers and Thought for the Day. Some people get quite anxious if their routine gets broken. My father was always particularly lost when meal times were delayed. At work or on holiday, lunch was at 1pm, Afternoon Tea at 4pm and Supper at 6pm.

The sad thing about many of our routines is that they actually leave all too little time for the things we really want to do. Despite all the luxuries and advantages of living where and when we do and the lure of ever more labour saving devices our lives seem to get busier and busier as we try and fit more and more into each day. It is estimated that the average couple spend less than seven minutes each day talking to each other; perhaps it is no wonder that relationships are struggling as we seem to have less and less time for each other. As we try to fit more and more into our lives we also get more and more impatient. We don't expect to wait for our food, meals should be instant, even cheese comes ready grated and vegetables pre-washed. We complain that our computers are taking too long to download information for which we once would have had to travel to the other side of the globe to access and motorists seem most impatient of all, speeding and taking risks to shave a few minutes off a journey that not so long ago would have taken several days to complete.

Aware that all this rushing and busy-ness is not good for us, we are now all being asked to think about our work/life balance, to have more quality time for each other and that all important "me time" and to remember that we "are worth it". There is a real worry that all this talk of work/life balance only ends up making us feel more guilty and feeling a sense of failure as we imagine that somehow everyone else's lives are more in balance than our own. And yet thinking about the balance of our lives is important. Do we really achieve anything by always rushing? Do we need to be so stressed? Can we not manage to spend more time doing the things we really enjoy doing and more time with those that we love. Are our lives really so much better for trying to cram so much into them? And in these whirlwind lives God often seems to be the first victim. We prioritise the things that we believe have to be done. We have to shop or there will be no food in the house. We have to eat otherwise we feel hungry. If we don't get some sleep we will not cope with tomorrow. But if we don't gather for worship, if we don't say our prayers, if we don't read our bibles, life still goes on just as it always did. Besides does the preacher not tell us that God's never stops loving us whatever happens? Once preachers gained loyalty based on the threat of hell fire and eternal damnation. Yet true faith should be based on love not fear. Those who make time for worship, prayer and bible study in the midst of busy lives do so not out of fear but out of love for God. The routine or rhythm of our lives should reflect the priorities of our lives, the things that our important to us – our family, friends, ourselves and our God.

During September and October we are going to be thinking more about the rhythm of our lives and how we can ensure that God is central to that rhythm and not something that only gets fitted in if we have time or worst still gets squeezed out if we don't have time. To live after the example of Jesus, is to let God shape our lives, is to let our lives beat in rhythm to the heart of God.

Andrew.

Book of the Month

How Many Lightbulbs Does IT Take To Change A Christian?

A Pocket Guide to Shrinking Your Ecological Footprint

By Claire Foster & David Shreeve.

**Published by Church House Publishing
£4.99**

ISBN 978-0-7151-4127-4

This book may be small but it packs a big punch. If you want to be able to take practical steps to make a difference in reducing your carbon footprint and address issues of climate change then this is the book for you. This book offers simple, practical suggestions for individuals, organisations and churches to make a difference.

Two simple sentences from the book that got me thinking: "There is no such thing as new water" and "There's nowhere called 'away' where you can throw things". This book helped remind me that this planet is a delicately balanced living organism and how easily are actions can disturb that balance.

Buy this book and start adjusting your lifestyle now!

Quotes to ponder ... on Life

If one way of life is no better than another,
then no way of life is valuable at all.

Michael Roberts

Preparation for becoming attentive to
Christianity does not consist in
reading many books...but in fuller
immersion in existence.

Sören Kirekegaard

Creative life is always on the yonder side
of convention.

C G Jung

He only is advancing in life whose heart is
getting softer, whose blood warmer,
whose brain quicker, whose spirit is
entering into living peace.

John Ruskin

God's Family at worship

**10.45am at St Mary's on
Sunday 9th September**

We invite you to join us for our monthly informal all-age service. This month we will be reflecting on what the cross means to us. We look forward to welcoming you. As all ages are worshipping together there is no Sunday Club on this Sunday although a crèche is available for those who wish to use it.

The next God's Family at Worship at St Mary's will be:

14th October at 10.45am – our Harvest Celebration

9th December at 10.45am – our Christingle Service.

The next Parade Service will be at St Alban's on Remembrance Sunday, 11th November at 10.45am

Sunday Evenings in September 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.

2nd **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.*

9th **Celtic Evening Prayers-** *a time of worship inspired by the Iona Community.*

16th **The Evening Office** – *the traditional form of Evening Prayer from Common Worship.*

23rd **Celtic Evening Prayers-** *a time of worship inspired by the Iona Community.*

30th **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 try to arrange a lift.

Prayer for September

As we prepare this edition of Crossway, there remain deep concerns about the impact of Foot and Mouth. Please continue to pray for all who have been affected by this outbreak, the impact of which will last much longer than the media remain interested.

Creator God,

Hear our prayers for our farmers
and for all who are deeply affected by the
news of the outbreak of Foot and Mouth
Disease.

Bless all efforts to prevent the spread of the
disease.

To those who are stressed and anxious bring
comfort and hope;

to those entrusted with the decision-making
give wisdom and discernment;

to your church in its ministry to all, grant a
watchful eye, a loving heart

and a prophetic voice in the service of
your Kingdom;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Holy Days in September

Among the faithful followers of Christ remembered this month is Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr of the Church who is remembered on 15th September. Born in Carthage in about the year 200, Cyprian was a teacher of rhetoric and a lawyer in the city before his conversion to Christianity. He gave away his pagan library and set his mind to study the sacred Scriptures and the commentaries that were beginning to proliferate. He became a priest and then in the year 248 was elected Bishop of Carthage by the people of the city, together with the assembled priests and other bishops present. He showed compassion to returning apostates, whilst always insisting on the need for unity in the Church. During the persecution of Valerian, the Christian clergy were required to participate in pagan worship; Cyprian refused and was first exiled and then condemned to death, dying on 15th September 258.

WORSHIP NOTES

Sunday 8am Holy Communion (BCP)

From Sunday 7th October we will be introducing a brief homily during this service to provide a reflection on the readings for the Sunday. This suggestion comes from members of the 8 am congregation.

Wednesday 11am Holy Communion at St Alban's

On the first Sunday of each month this service will follow a liturgy inspired by the Iona Community and offer an opportunity to explore further aspects of Celtic Christianity. We hope members of the congregation will appreciate this opportunity to explore a different approach to the familiar service of Holy Communion.

On all other Wednesdays in the month the service will draw from the familiar liturgies of Common Worship and will also provide a welcome opportunity to celebrate the lives of the saints and martyrs of the Church.

iWorship

inclusive - interactive - inquiring

At both St Mary's and St Alban's we recognise that different people need different styles of worship. So we offer a range of different services including the quiet early morning Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion, the Parish Communion with Sunday Club for the children, our monthly all-age God's Family at Worship, and in the evening the peace of our Healing Service or the reflective Celtic Evening Prayers.

On 28th October we are starting a new monthly morning worship opportunity at St Alban's at 9.15am called **iWorship**. This informal service will be inclusive of all ages. After the initial gathering there will be an opportunity to move around different groups offering music, craft, discussion and meditation and concluding with a sharing from the different groups. We hope this service will help us all find new ways of sharing in worship and especially those who struggle with more formal worship, are unfamiliar with church or who would welcome a more participative approach to worship. More details in October Crossway.

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 6th September 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. This month we have access to the tennis courts so bring along your racket and suitable footwear.

For more information telephone Andrew on 01483 234616.

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

The next meeting after September is 4th October 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

2007/08

We would like to invite you...

...to join us for our exciting after-school club. At StoryZone you will be able to discover the world of stories and help bring them alive through craft, art and drama and music mixed with lots of fun and games.

StoryZone will take place on Tuesdays in term time from 4pm (doors open at 3.30pm) until 5.30pm at St Alban's Church and is open to all Junior School children (Years 3-6). **The first session of the new school year will be on Tuesday 18th September 2007.**

There will be a £1 sub for each session. The hope is that club members will sign up for a half term's worth of five sessions at a time as activities will be carried over from week to week.

StoryZone will be led by Mandy Welch, Nicky Parsons and Andrew Bryant, assisted by a team of volunteers. At the first session parents/guardians will be asked to complete a registration form. *For more information please contact Mandy on G.233525.*

So come along and join us as we enter the world of tall tales, amazing feats, mysterious encounters, surprising heroes and stranger villains.

Christians in Fairlands

You are invited to join us for our monthly informal time of worship
On Sunday 9th September
4.00pm at
Fairlands Community Centre

*For further information please contact
Christopher Peacock on 826532*

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 19th September, we meet at The Bird in Hand, Mayford at 12.30 pm for lunch. If you would like to join us, or know more about the club, please contact:

Barbara Chasemore 233118
Vicki Bateman 232217

The Village Lunch

at

St Alban's Church Hall, Wood Street Village

On

on Wednesday 26th September
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

Tidy-up Day

at St Mary's Church

Saturday 15th September 10am-1pm

Please come along and join us to help with a variety of simple maintenance tasks in and around St Mary's Church. There will be a variety of tasks to suit all ages and abilities. Come along when you can and stay for as long as you can. All help offered is greatly appreciated and the more help offered the more we can achieve. Thank you.

August 100 Club Draw

First Prize—Number 29

Second Prize—Number 20

Dates for your Diary

Concert by the Laudamus Choir

directed by Nigel Evans-Thompson

Saturday 3rd November at 7.30pm

At St Alban's Church

Tickets £7.50 including a glass of wine

Available from the Church Office

(G.233091)

All proceeds will go towards the purchase of a new piano for St Mary's Church.

Harvest Supper & Indoor Bowls

Friday 12th October at 7pm

at Worplesdon Memorial Hall

Tickets £5 (with licensed bar) available

from the Church Office (G.233091)

Parish Quiz Night

Friday 9th November at 8pm

at Worplesdon Memorial Hall

The Biggest and Best Quiz Night Yet
Fish & Chips freshly cooked on site by
Moons of Cranleigh

Teams of 8. £10 per person. Bar.

Raffle.

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

You are warmly invited to

Café Fairlands

on

7th & 21st September

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

Dancing to the Beat of a Different Drum

A series of Parish Communion Sermons inviting us to reflect on the rhythm of our lives

Sunday 16th September – The Rhythm of Worship

I was glad when they said to me;
Let us go to the house of the Lord.

Psalm 122 v1

Sunday 23rd September – The Rhythm of Prayer

Let my prayer rise before you as incense;
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice

Psalm 141 v2

Sunday 30th September – The Rhythm of Scripture

Your word is a lantern to my feet
And a light upon my path

Psalm 119 v105

Sunday 7th October – The Rhythm of Faith Lived

Teach me to do what please you, for you are my God;
Let your kindly Spirit lead me on a level path.

Psalm 143 v10

These sermons are in part inspired by the Reflections in this and the last two editions of Crossway and are part of our commitment to the ever-deepening Christian Stewardship of our lives.

Other important dates for September

Wednesday 5 th	1.30pm	Edward Bear Club, St Mary's
Sunday 9 th	6.00pm	Parish Youth Group at St Alban's
Tuesday 11 th	8.00pm	WSV Association at St Alban's
Wednesday 12 th	1.00pm	Mothers' Union at St Alban's
	8.00pm	House Group at 17 House group
Friday 14 th	7.00pm	Youth PCC at the Rectory
Saturday 15 th	1.00pm	Wedding at St Mary's
	3.00pm	Wedding at St Mary's
Wednesday 19 th	8.00pm	PCC meeting at St Mary's
Friday 21 st	8.00pm	Ministry Team at the Rectory
Saturday 22 nd	1.00pm	Wedding at St Mary's
	3.00pm	Wedding at St Mary's
Sunday 23 rd	6.00pm	Parish Youth Group at St Alban's
Monday 24 th	10.00am	Woking Church Recording Group at St Mary's
	1.00am	Primrose House Communion
Wednesday 26 th	8.00pm	House Group at 17 House group
Thursday 27 th	8.00pm	Holiday Club Review meeting

Flower Rota for September

	St. Mary's	St. Alban's
1 st	Miriam Hodgkins	Dorothy Kinsella
8 th	June Sheppard	Morag Dillon
15 th	Marion Gillett (Wedding)	Janet Sutton
22 nd	Marion Gillett (Wedding)	Ali Johnston
29 th	Marion Gillett	Anne Brown

The Church of Myanmar (Burma) Association is one of the beneficiaries of the Parish Outward Giving. There has been an Anglican presence in Burma since 1877 when the diocese of Yangou (Rangoon) was founded. It is now an independent province of the Anglican Communion and numbers six dioceses.

In the face of injustice, poverty, oppression, persecution by an illegal military government, the Christians in Burma keep an amazing faith.

The money we wend them goes toward work with children, schools for the deaf and blind, Bible schools, Holy Cross Theological College, the upkeep of churches and the payment of clergy. There is also a separate fund called the Clergy Rice Fund.

You may have read in the papers of a visit to Burma by a cross-party group of MPs and of the shocking stories of the destruction of villages, forced labour and murder of ethnic minorities. Canon Robert Teare, the Chairman of the Association wrote in January this year, "Because of the illness of General Than Shwe, the political situation seems even more fragile, paranoid and dangerous than usual, and writing about what the Church is doing is becoming more difficult." There was an Anglican gathering there last year, but foreign guests (Robert Tear included) were forbidden from attending.

We must remember the people of Burma and the Church there in our prayers. If anyone wishes, please ask me for a photocopy of a daily prayer leaflet which I sometimes use.

Lorna Morton
Phone: 232545

G U T S
Charity Tennis Tournament on
Saturday 15th September 2007
At 9.30am at
Worplesdon Tennis Club



Worplesdon Tennis Club is hosting another tennis tournament to raise money for GUTS. This is open to non-members and we would be delighted if you could join us. Our MP, Anne Milton, has given us her support and will be with us on the day as well as our Mayor, Councillor Mike Nevins. Last year we raised £4000!

We need 48 players and we will play on 6 courts. It is not a knock-out competition as we like to mix players up as much as possible and give everyone the chance to play as much tennis as possible. The entry fee is £12 which includes luncheon. The prize giving will be at 2pm.

GUTS provides a targeted healthcare screening programme for bowel cancer for 35 local surgeries in Surrey, it is entirely self-funded and since its inception, has screened nearly 20,000 local people. GUTS also has a Cancer Family Clinic where those families with possible inherited bowel cancer can be counselled, offered screening, and genetic testing if appropriate.

If you would like to participate, please contact Mary Broughton on 01483-233869 or on email cimbroughton@aol.com.

Ruth Sayers CMS Mission Partner in Cairo writes.....

I have just completed my first term as a fully-fledged CMS Mission Partner. After nearly three years away, including the time when I was a 'short-termer', I am now on home leave. I arrived back in the UK on 1st May to be welcomed at Heathrow by my parents who were very much looking forward to me being with them for the next few months. I did feel a sense of achievement and despite many challenging opportunities and difficult situations I have made it! The first term completed and now it's time for a break.

Cairo is an amazing place in which to work but it is not without its problems. It is often hot and is always dusty but the people are welcoming and friendly, emphasising that society is built around people rather than things. The language has been a challenge, but every effort to communicate with the locals is appreciated and they are very willing to help you if they can. It has been a good place to start and I hope to use this experience as a springboard for the future.

As you will probably know, I had been working for the Diocese of Egypt under Bishop Mouneer Anis. This was the situation until February this year when he was elected Primate of Jerusalem and the Middle East. The focus of his work and for the diocesan office has grown and is emerging into a new phase and there have already been some staffing changes with more planned in the coming months. Looking back on the past three years I have seen many things change and develop as the church in the diocese continues to grow along with its ministries. It highlights even more the need for resources, particularly staff and clergy. The focus for much of our outreach is medical, social and educational work and it is through these activities, and by showing love and care, that we can reach people with the gospel. Although I have been working in the office rather than directly on the 'front line', I have been able to support the work from my base there and by working for Bishop Mouneer.

During the past few months I have used musical skills, helping at the Cathedral during the Friday and Sunday services, as well as encouraging our small group of musicians. At present, there is a Korean organist, a local pianist, a flautist, several singers, and occasionally an accordion. This has been a privilege, although it is an extra activity, on top of my regular job. The Cathedral also needs clerical help, as it seeks to support various congregations of many nationalities; the Sudanese are particularly prominent in and around the Cathedral compound. A group of people with many needs who carry a strong faith that God will provide for them. The diocese supports them with medical help, and assists with resettlement wherever possible.

Since last December I have also helped to run the diocesan guesthouse. This arose out of an emergency need for temporary help until the new managers arrive. I quickly acquired new skills and was ably assisted by the Sudanese staff and supported by the guesthouse committee. The guesthouse is an important part of the ministry within Cairo. Some guests come on diocesan business, some just for a break, and some as tourists.

Mission partners on home leave have to report back to head office. As you may know, CMS moved to Oxford recently, so I was grateful for my appointments to be in the last few weeks of their time in London. I had my de-brief day and was able to share with the staff some of the events and situations that occurred in the past few months. I very much sensed a team spirit supporting me both overseas and now while on home leave. Along with visiting supporters, I hope to have some kind of further training, either on a personal level, or on a broader basis.

As I reflect on the past months and years, I value your prayers for the future. There are many opportunities, both in Egypt and other parts of the Middle East and I need discernments as to the way ahead for me. My experience in Egypt has been invaluable, and from this place I am able to move forward to whatever God has in store for me.

Ruth

PCC Jottings

The PCC meeting on 25th September began by remembering Tom Salter, a long standing member of the St Alban's Congregation who had died the previous weekend, and prayer was offered for his wife, Peggy.

Thanks were expressed to Susie More for the new baptismal hanging at St Mary's and for the new lighter weight Green Chasuble for St Mary's. Thanks were also expressed to Jenny Shaw and Jackie Pocock for all their help in making the Festival such a happy and successful event. It was also announced that the June Crossway Extra had generated eight new volunteers wanting to learn more about bell ringing. The PCC also heard that the faculty had now been granted for the re-ordering of the chancel at St Mary's and it is hoped this work will take place during the Autumn. The Chancellor's ruling on the faculty is to be displayed at both churches.

The main item discussed at the meeting was the present staffing levels within the parish and the future use of St Alban's House. Whilst there is disappointment at St Alban's House being empty, it was noted, with gratitude, that the present clergy staffing levels are higher than at any time since 1990. Although it is sad not to have a priest living within Wood Street Village there was general agreement that there were no significant gaps in the running of the parish.

It was noted that the other major difference in the way the parish was currently staffed was that the majority of the staff were non-stipendiary. To replace any of the non-stipendiary staff or to attract a person to St Alban's House would require the offer of a half time stipend and this would add £20,000 to our existing parish share of £62,000. It was agreed the Finance Group would meet to discuss how such an additional sum might be raised including the possibility of a new stewardship campaign. In the meantime whilst further conversations were taking place with the diocese, it was agreed that St Alban's House be let for six months.

The meeting heard reports on the recent meetings of General, Diocesan and Deanery Synods. PCC members were urged to pray for the preparations for the Lambeth Conference due to be held next year. The Anglican Communion is at an important turning point in its history and could face schism. One hope for unity lies in a proposed Covenant which for the first time would seek to define the nature of Anglicanism. Whilst some feel this may hold the Communion together others feel such a document would change the very nature of the Communion. Prayer Cards about the Lambeth Conference are available at both churches.

The PCC will next meet Wednesday 19th September at St Mary's.

Fairwood Helpers

Although the weather this summer has been disappointing for many, we were fortunate to be blessed with a lovely sunny day for our annual coach outing. On 18th July we took seventy-five local residents to enjoy a bracing day at Worthing, which was enjoyed by everyone. This event was followed three days later on 21st July by our stand at the Wood Street Show. Very different weather conditions prevailed, but in spite of this, our raffle was well supported and raised a valuable contribution to our funds. Our thanks to all who provided the many prizes and to those helpers who pushed us off the mud at the close—with apologies to those who got sprayed!

We are grateful to report that over recent weeks we have welcome five new volunteers to our scheme. Our thanks to them—they will be a great asset in our efforts to provide voluntary help in the community.

John Barton

Fairwood Helpers—available for help with transport to the doctors or hospital, filling in forms, collecting prescriptions, shopping, odd jobs, visiting, **01483 237619** Mon-Fri 10.00am-12noon

Chamber Music for Charities
presents

A concert in aid of TALK,
featuring music by

Mozart, Beethoven, Haydn and Dvorak
7.30 pm Saturday 27th October 2007
St Nicolas' Church, Guildford

Tickets £12 (includes an interval drink)

From: Albert's Music, Chertsey Street
Guildford; Philippa Galloway 01483 234677
pm.galloway@virgin.net.

TALK supports people with
communication difficulties after a stroke

Holy Land, March 4th-14th 2008

"Next year in Jerusalem" is the age old cry of the pilgrim. For thousands of years people have risked life and limb and spent their fortunes just to be in Jerusalem: - to walk along the street in Nazareth, to visit the stable in Bethlehem, to sail on the Sea of Galilee and to walk the agonising walk with Jesus to Calvary, there to marvel at his Resurrection.

£1059 includes air fares, one night BB and eight nights Half Board. Our accommodation will be of a high standard in 3* and 4* hotels. Lunches at Mount Beatitudes, Nazareth, Jaffa, Jericho, Bethlehem. Local Guide throughout the Pilgrimage. Coach on all days except days seven & ten. Entrance Fees in accordance with the Itinerary. Taxis at Mt. Tabor, Sailing on the Sea of Galilee. Why not join Canon Chris Vallins and Revd. Diana Matthews next year.

Further details and brochures from Diana 01483 839738 or Chris 01293 824188

Parish Registers

Funerals

27th July Kath Bailey
2nd August Tom Salter

Baptism

5th August Dylan Knowlson

Weddings

28th July Spencer Matthews and
Jackie Garrod
4th August Matthew Davis and Lucy
Johnson
11th August Matthew Lord and Toni Kitching
William Hitch and Rebecca Burn

**When you visit our Church
yard please take your rubbish
home!**

It was decided about two years to remove the rubbish bins at St Mary's Churchyard and to end the burning of rubbish. Instead visitors to the churchyard are asked to take their own rubbish home with them and where appropriate to ensure it is re-cycled.

Two reasons lay behind this decision. Firstly the Church no longer has any one available to empty the bins nor oversee the burning of rubbish. Secondly the rubbish often contains plastics and other materials which it is inappropriate to burn on an open bonfire.

Many of you have been very helpful and supportive in helping us keep our churchyard tidy and for this we are very grateful. However some still throw grass cuttings and dead flowers in the hedges and others leave bags of rubbish under bushes or by trees. This makes the churchyard look untidy and spoils it for other visitors. Please may we urge you all to ensure you take all rubbish from tending graves home with you

Your co-operation is requested to help ensure our churchyard remains tidy and free from rubbish. Thank you.

Rector and Churchwardens

Tom Salter

Martin, Lisa and Peggy would like to express their sincere thanks and gratitude to all family and friends at St. Alban's and St. Mary's over the last two years. Your prayers, cards, telephone calls and offer of help have been truly amazing.

Andrew, Mandy, Mary and Betsy, thank you for the wonderful service—it was appreciated by so many people.

Thanks to Tony at the Royal Oak for the excellent food and to friends at St. Alban's for preparing the hall and making the tea!

Donations of £300 each are to be sent to RNIB and RNID.

Thank you and God bless.