

FORWARD MOVE

June 2018



Free Parish magazine for the Church of St Mary, Kippington.

Please take a copy.

Our mission ...
To be a bridge between God and our community
sharing the love of Jesus and
growing in worship, welcome and witness

Home groups and prayer opportunities for you to join us

Home Groups:

If you are interested in joining either of the groups listed below, do please phone the designated leader. You are always assured a warm welcome. Please remember that our groups meet on a fortnightly basis, unless otherwise indicated.



Tuesdays at 8.00pm

Lynette Leithead

June 12th and 26th, fortnightly.

Any new members are very welcome.

Wednesdays at 10.00am

Joan Taylor

June 6th and 20th, then July 4th.

We are studying Women of the Old Testament and would welcome anyone who would like to join us.

Hour of Prayer at 7.30pm

David Kitley

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This month the hour of prayer will be on Tuesday 26th June, at the Vicarage.

We invite you to pray for our church family, that we may grow in faith and love and be an increasing blessing to our neighbourhood and our town.



THE VICAR WRITES ...



We had a special visit at the main service last Sunday morning from two people representing 'Sevenoaks welcomes refugees'. Two women came and talked about the way the local Council had responded to the call that we as a community get involved. It was interesting to see how the two speakers had 'clubbed' together over this; a Christian and a Muslim. They were very warmly received. The response from Sevenoaks residents has been most encouraging! Overwhelming offers of all kinds of help.

This is the third family they have housed, but the first to live in Sevenoaks itself. We were not told where; no doubt we shall find out soon.

We have wonderful opportunities to make a difference to the lives of people less fortunate than we are. I have been very pleased, for example, with some photographs I have received recently on my mobile phone from Burundi! These are of a Diocesan office that did not exist when I was there last October. This was in the village where I had lived as a teenager; it had become a Diocese, a new Bishop appointed. He was provided with his robes, but nothing else whatsoever! No means of setting up an office, not even a stipend! As a result of this need we allocated £1000 last December from the 10% we give away from our church's annual income. The pictures he sent me showed a great change! The empty rooms (he at least had some buildings available!) now have furniture in them with staff working away on laptops.

There are no furniture warehouses there as there are in this country. The desks and the chairs all had to be hand-made from 'scratch'. The laptops were those that Bishop Evariste took home with him after his visit here in February! These were second-hand, recycled, donated by people like you, and gratefully received! The encouragement this brings is not just for Bishop Evariste. It is immensely heartening for his staff also, who could not imagine where any of this could come from! Your donations have made a difference they did not expect. They are very deeply grateful to you and see that God has provided for them. They send you most hearty thanks!

We will have further opportunities to make a difference to people in the coming weeks and months. For example, we have pledged to help support a couple working in India to prevent child trafficking. Children can be tricked, kidnapped, or sold into slavery or prostitution and their loved ones may never see them again. (Do see the film 'Lion': it is a true story!) This couple are visiting us before this magazine can be published: if you miss their visit, you will be able to donate towards their support on our Church birthday on June 10th.

Other opportunities? On August 12, we will focus on the needs of Christians who face persecution for their faith. Mr Brian Scully, who works for the charity 'Open Doors' will bring us recent news, and the collection that day will go towards their support. In the autumn, Harvest Sunday will follow – and so on.

Nearer to home there is the Sevenoaks food bank, kindly housed and operated by members of St John's Church, who like many other food banks in England are bringing greatly appreciated help to poorer members of Sevenoaks.

Let's make sure we are generous! The Bible promises that we will be blessed in proportion to our giving.

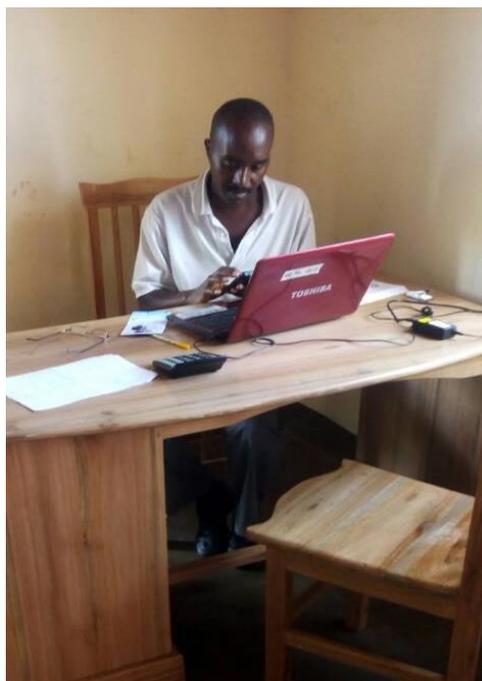
Honour the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops;
then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.
(Proverbs 3:9-10)

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done.
(Proverbs 19:17)

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”
(Jesus, Luke 6:38)

With best wishes and with love in Christ,

David



Life is Precious

Christians believe that there is something special about human beings. Being human is not the same as being anything else in the cosmos - different in nature from being a rock, a tree, a spider or a chimpanzee. Humans are 'in the image of God'. That means we share something of the nature of God - we know the difference between good and evil, we have the ability to be creative, we have a capacity to love and seek justice, and we have a nature which is in some way eternal (some people call this a soul).

Everything Christians believe about the sanctity of life follows on from this. And the most wonderful of those facts is a belief that God knows every human individually - from the baby that lives only a few tragic minutes to the great-grandfather who celebrates his hundredth birthday. Christians also believe that God has a total and unconditional love for every human. (This is exhilarating but also challenging, because it means he must have loved Hitler as much as he loved Saint Francis of Assisi). It means that God loves you, wherever in the world you are reading this right now.

Several things follow logically from this:

Human life is very precious. In Christian ethics all humans should treat all humans with total respect. Admittedly we are not very good at this, but that is what God has asked of us.

Humans need to respect themselves. That means Christians try to do something worthwhile with their lives. For almost all Christians it means they try not to throw their one beautiful life away by viciously abusing drugs, alcohol, tobacco and so on.

Humans need to respect others. Out of this has come the laws that have made the UK civilised - about murder, the death penalty, abortion, euthanasia, contraception, embryo experimentation and so on. All these are controversial and Christians don't agree. However, they try to have their debates about it in the context of seeking God's best for humankind.

Human life has absolute dignity. Perhaps the most important belief of all is that God himself has inhabited a human body and so he has conferred utter dignity on human flesh. Christians believe that in Jesus God himself was walking and talking on this planet.



Find out more about Christianity at www.christianity.org.uk. This is the website of the Christian Enquiry Agency Ltd which is an agency of Churches Together in England

World Cup Fever

The former Liverpool Manager Bill Shankly famously said, *'Some people believe football is a matter of life and death, I am very disappointed with that attitude. I can assure you it is much, much more important than that!'*

This month sees the start of the World Cup in Russia; a truly global event watched by billions on television. Yet this competition illustrates some key points about the Christian life. As Paul writes: *'But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.'* (Philippians 3:13b,14).

A prize to be won:

The dream of every player in the competition is to be able to hold up the World Cup themselves. For us the prize is the eternal life, God's gift of relationship with him for now and eternity through Jesus. But there's an important difference between football and the Christian faith. To win the World Cup you have to be good enough, while Christ's love for us is underserved and is not dependent on how well we've done.

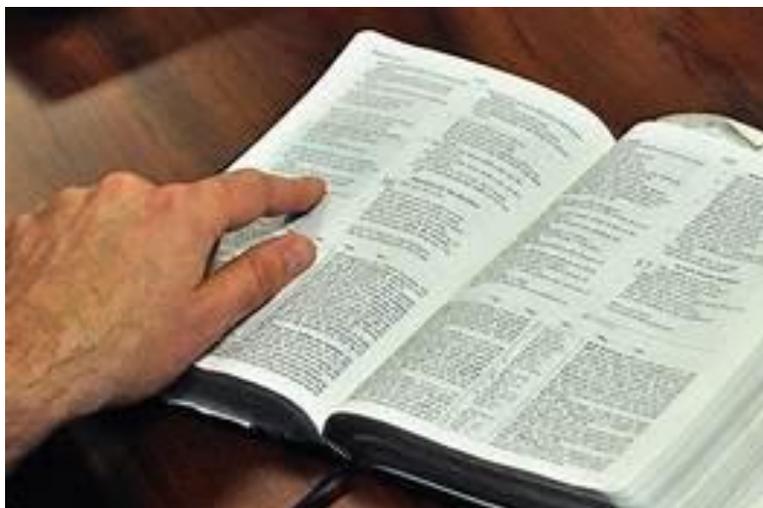
Training to be undertaken:

If a team is going to win the World Cup, they have to train hard beforehand. Our training, as Christians, starts the moment we accept the gift of God's life. On a daily basis, we train ourselves to say no to the wrong things in our lives. As we build up our *godly muscles* we are better able to choose to do what is right in God's eyes. To enable us to do all this we need to engage in the spiritual disciplines of prayer, studying the Bible and being part of a church and small group. How is your training going?

Parish Pump

Note from Editor:

If you would like to learn more about Bible Study, there are currently two groups which meet regularly. One group is led by Rev'd Lynette Leithead, the other by Joan Taylor. If you would like to talk to someone confidentially, all the phone numbers you need are on the back cover of the magazine.



NEW BEGINNINGS IN MAY



Baptism

May 6th Rosie Sangster, daughter of Paul and Lucy--Anne
Lara Steggle, daughter of Mark and Emma

Funerals

May 22 Yvonne Parsons, aged 86
May 24 George Leighton, aged 90, of Kippington Nursing Home

*You are the peace of all things calm
You are the place to hide from harm
You are the light that shines in dark
You are the heart's eternal spark
You are the door that's open wide
You are the guest who waits inside
You are the stranger at the door
You are the calling of the poor
You are my Lord and with me still
You are my love, keep me from ill
You are the light, the truth, the way
You are my Saviour this very day.*

Coffee Rota



Coffee and tea are served after the 10.30am services each Sunday in our church centre, along with drinks and biscuits for the children – and grown-ups! This is a great way for us to get to know one another and to welcome newcomers.

It is staffed by volunteers! Please consider helping, telephoning Avril Hunter with your offers.

With grateful thanks from everybody!

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO CALENDAR FOR JUNE

Sunday 3rd June First Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
- 10.30am Family Service in the Parish Centre
Crèche available. Coffee and tea afterwards in the Parish Centre
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer (Book of Common Prayer)

Wednesday 6th June

- 10.00am St Mary's Monkeys meet in the Parish Centre

Thursday 7th June

- 10.00am Holy Communion
- 10.45am Coffee in the Parish Centre

Sunday 10th June Second Sunday after Trinity **CHURCH BIRTHDAY**



- 8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
- 10.30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Visiting spaker: Mr Jonathan Evans
Youth Group, Sunday Club and Crèche
Coffee and tea afterwards in the Parish Centre
- 12 noon Bring and Share Lunch, Bouncy Castle etc

Wednesday 13th June

- 10.00am St Mary's Monkeys meet in the Parish Centre

Thursday 14th June

- 10.00am Holy Communion
- 10.45am Coffee in the Parish Centre
- 11.15am Holy Communion at Kippington Nursing Home

Friday 15th June

Deadline for articles for inclusion in the July and August edition of Forward Move.
Remember this is a double issue

Sunday 17th June Third Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
- 10.30am Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer)
Youth Group, Sunday Club and Crèche
Coffee and tea afterwards in the Parish Centre

Wednesday 20th June

- 10.00am St Mary's Monkeys meet in the Parish Centre

Thursday 21st June

10.00am Holy Communion
10.45am Coffee in the Parish Centre

Sunday 24th June Fourth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10.30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
with baptism of Jude Leslie
Youth Group, Sunday Club and Crèche
Coffee and tea afterwards in the Parish Centre



Monday 25th June

7.30pm SingingNation Choir at St Mary Church, Kippington

Tuesday 26th June

7.30pm Monthly hour of prayer at the Vicarage

Wednesday 27th June

10.00am St Mary's Monkeys meet in the Parish Centre

Thursday 28th June

10.00am Holy Communion
10.45am Coffee in the Parish Centre

Friday 29th June

8.00pm Sevenoaks Welcomes Refugees Concert at The Vine Baptist Church

CALENDAR FOR JULY

Sunday 1st July Fifth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10.30am Family Service in the Parish Centre
Crèche available. Coffee and tea afterwards in the Parish Centre
6.30pm Evening Prayer (Book of Common Prayer)
6.00- 8.00pm Youth Group Barbecue and Swimming

Tuesday 3rd July

Today the Ven. Simon Burton-Jones is to be consecrated Bishop at St Paul's Cathedral.
He will be Bishop of Tonbridge

Wednesday 4th July

10.00am St Mary's Monkeys meet in the Parish Centre

Thursday 5th July

10.00am Holy Communion
10.45am Coffee in the Parish Centre

Sunday 8th July Sixth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10.30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Youth Group, Sunday Club and Crèche
Coffee and tea afterwards in the Parish Centre

Can you find 30 books of the Bible hidden in this passage?

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an aeroplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much that he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his John-boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it, she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column.

Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving that she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the books are not necessarily capitalised. Truthfully from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in these paragraphs. During a recent fundraising event, which features this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phil-Lemonade booth set a new sales record.

The local paper, the Chronicle, surveyed over 50 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "the books are all right here in plain view, hidden from sight". Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books Timothy and Samuel appear without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mass exodus, there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in these paragraphs waiting to be found.

Parish Pump



Note from Editor:

This is the list of books from the Bible that appear in the above text, but are they in order?

Amos. Mark. Luke. John. Joel. Judges. Job. Hebrews. Esther. Acts. James. Ruth. Romans. Titus. Matthew. Genesis. Phillemon (spelling slightly altered for the quiz). Chronicles. Daniel. Nahum. Hosea. Lamentations. Revelation. Timothy. Samuel. Numbers. Malachi. Peter. Exodus. Kings.

Although you know which books you are looking for, this it is not a lot of help. Good luck!

Sue Shepherd

**SingingNations Choir
and Ladies' Choir
June 25th**

As part of the Sevenoaks Summer Festival, SingingNations Choir and Ladies Choir will be performing some of their favourite music on Monday June 25th from 7.30pm at St Mary Church, Kippington. Tickets are £5.00, Concessions £3.00 and are available to purchase at the door.

Being in the audience does not exclude you from joining in!

David Kitley

**International Guitar Concert
Friday 29th June
The Vine Baptist Church
8.00pm**

Sevenoaks Welcomes Refugees has organised a summer fundraising concert in aid of Syrian Refugees. An Internally renowned Syrian Guitarist, Ayman Jarjour, will be performing some Classical Guitar music. For further information or to purchase tickets, please contact The Stag Theatre, Sevenoaks. A treat for guitarists!

David Kitley

Just a Note:



Oh my goodness. What a wonderful, amazing surprise awaited me in the Church office on my birthday. Unbeknownst to me, a little bird had been very busy whispering in people's ears that my birthday was mid-April. I had no idea that anyone knew. Unfortunately, due to magazine commitments and other factors, I was unable to celebrate on my actual birthday, thus my heartfelt thanks did not appear in last month's issue.

I am completely humbled by the loving generosity of all my friends at St Mary Church. I will spend the tokens wisely and with gratitude. The totally awesome Tesco voucher will purchase a much needed garden bench. The Boots vouchers, well, they will be used to purchase some cosmetic polyfilla!! The other vouchers will be spent on exotic things that I would never normally buy for myself. While I'm talking about exotic, the gorgeous tub of lilies looks fantastic by my front door.

I owe you all a big thank you and a huge hug. Thank you so much to my wonderful, loving, supportive friends xx

Sue

Readers and Intercessions Rota

Sunday 3rd June First Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2: 23 – 3:6

10.30am Family Service

To be decided
Intercessions

The Makura Family

Sunday 10th June Second Sunday after Trinity

Church Birthday

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Romans 13: 1-5
Matthew 12: 13-17

10.30am Holy Communion (CW)

Romans 13: 1-5
Matthew 12: 13-17
Intercessions

Sue Shepherd
Claire Parker
Graham Roper

Sunday 17th June Third Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 2 Corinthians 5: 6-17
Mark 4: 26-34

10.30am Morning Prayer (BCP)

2 Corinthians 5: 6-17
Mark 4: 26-34
Intercessions

Joan Taylor
Dawn Shepherd
Sharon Fishwick

Sunday 24th June Fourth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Mark 4: 35-41
Job 38:1-11

10.30am Holy Communion (CW)
with Baptism of Jude Leslie

Mark 4: 35-41
Intercessions

Wendy Young

Sally Munro



Chapel of St Peter and St Paul Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich

We were walking towards the Royal Observatory, threading our way through the grounds of the National Maritime Museum, when we discovered this chapel virtually hidden amongst the buildings which are now part of the University of Greenwich. It is surrounded by a series of magnificent buildings designed by Sir Christopher Wren as a Royal Hospital for Seamen. You could so easily walk on by without noticing.

Immediately on entering the chapel (a small flight of stairs takes you to the door) you will notice the black and white marble floor depicting a twisted rope design together with a ship's anchor (a very naval theme). Over the altar is the most enormous painting by Benjamin West showing St Paul, a prisoner of the Romans, on his way to Malta by sea. Balconies can be seen to the right and left of the aisle. The ceiling is another superb feature with a design of squares and octagons. Originally the chapel did not have pews and the celebrants used to 'spit on the floor', much to the disgust of the cleric. Rather an unsavoury habit don't you think? In the vestibule there is a memorial to Sir John Franklin who led an expedition to the Arctic. All the ships company were lost, their boats locked into the sea ice. Essentially the memorial depicts hope and despair. There is also a memorial to Captain Hardy of 'kiss me Hardy' fame. This famous line was said by Admiral Lord Nelson as he lay dying on the deck of his ship at the Battle of Trafalgar.

The Royal Observatory is a must if you want to entertain your children/grandchildren for the day.



Pat Campbell



PRAYERS TO SHARE

“O God, make us children of quietness, and heirs of peace”

St Clement of Alexandria wrote these words in the second century, and they seem as appropriate for us today as they were for him so long ago. Looking out over our deeply troubled world, at all the destruction and devastation, we find ourselves once again praying for peace; first of all for peace between nations and peace within nations, so here is a prayer from the A.S.B. which we used on Sundays a few years ago:-

“Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all, govern we pray the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.”

Now, for the enormous number of unhappy people, some driven from their land and their homes, becoming refugees, many who are lonely, starving, grieving, afraid – these words attributed to

St Anselm in the eleventh century, so long ago, so much needed today:-

“We bring before you, O Lord, the troubles and perils of peoples and nations, the frustrations of prisoners and captives, the anguish of the bereaved, the needs of refugees, the helplessness of the weak, the despondency of the weary, the failing powers of the aged, and the hopelessness of the starving. O Lord, draw near to each for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.”

And remembering the often quoted phrase ‘Think globally, act locally’ – these words from N. Ireland for ourselves:-

“Show us, good Lord, the peace we should seek, the peace we must give, the peace we can keep, the peace we must forgo, and the peace you have given in Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Towards the end of this month the church celebrates the birth of John the Baptist, and I have come across this modern prayer:-

*“Who was this man, wild and unkempt, ascetic and outspoken?
Jesus, you knew him and loved him and grieved at his death.
Unblock our ears to the voice of your cousin, refine our wills in
your winnowing wind, and help us, like John, to bear witness
to you, for the coming of your kingdom and the fire of your love.”*

This word ‘fire’ reminds us that we are in the season of Pentecost, so here is a little prayer from New Zealand:-

“God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength, now and always.”

Dear Readers

For the second month running, you will find a form enclosed with your magazine. It really is very important that you complete the form and return it to the Church Office if you would like to continue to receive Forward Move. With the changes in legislation coming into force on May 25th, we are unable to contact you or deliver Forward Move to you without your written consent. If you do nothing, then this will be the last issue that you receive.

If you have already returned the form that accompanied last month's issue, please do not fill in the form again as you will continue to receive the magazine as per usual.

If you change your mind in the future, please contact the Church Office on (01732) 451117.

In the meantime, I hope you enjoy this issue – particularly the puzzle!

Sue Shepherd

Summer Solstice – the longest day of the year

June is the month of the summer solstice, the month of the Sun. *Sol* + *stice* come from two Latin words meaning 'sun' and 'to stand still'. As the days lengthen, the sun rises higher and higher until it seems to stand still in the sky. The Summer Solstice results in the longest day and the shortest night of the year. The Northern Hemisphere celebrates in June, and the Southern Hemisphere celebrates in December.

While the Druids worship at Stonehenge and elsewhere, here are some Christian alternatives that honour the Creator rather than the created.

A Canticle for Brother Sun

Praised be You, My Lord, in all Your creatures,
Especially Sir Brother Sun,
Who makes the day and enlightens us through You.
He is lovely and radiant and grand;
And he heralds You, his Most High Lord.

St Francis of Assisi

God in All

He inspires all,
 He gives life to all,
He dominates all,
 He supports all.
He lights the light of the sun.
 He furnishes the light of the night.
He has made springs in dry land.
 He is the God of heaven and earth,
 of sea and rivers,
 of sun, moon and stars,
 of the lofty mountain and the lowly valley,
the God above heaven,
 and in heaven,
 and under heaven.

St Patrick

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