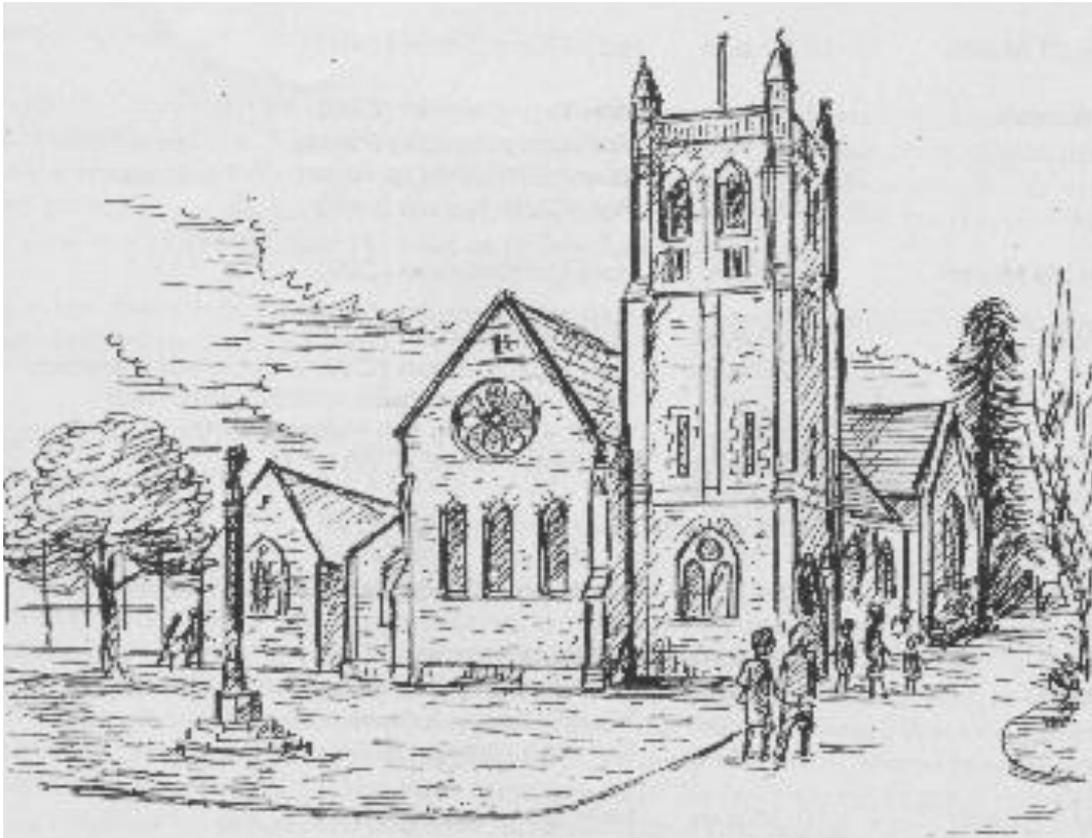


# FORWARD MOVE

## September 2016



Free Parish magazine for St Mary Church, Kippington.

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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 any of the groups listed below, do please phone the designated leader. You are always assured a warm welcome. Please remember that all our groups meet on a fortnightly basis, unless otherwise indicated.*



**Tuesdays at 10.00am**                      **David Kitley**

We will not be meeting during September.

**Tuesdays at 8.00pm**                      **Lisa Cornell**

Any new members are very welcome.

**Wednesdays at 10.00am**                      **Joan Taylor**

September 21<sup>st</sup>

We would be very pleased to welcome new members, without commitment.

**Hour of Prayer at 7.30pm**                      **David Kitley**                      **(01732) 452112**

The prayer meeting in September has had to cancel in place of the PCC.

In the meantime, we invite you to join us 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.





Many people go away for a holiday in August: I wonder if you have? And do you prefer a hot place in the sun, exploring a foreign city, or walking in wild places? This year I shall remember quite a lot of walking.

We began with six days in Stockholm, discovering its beautiful architecture all built on a collection of islands. Further walks followed, several hours' drive to the north where my sister and her Swedish husband have invested in a property beside one of Sweden's 11,000 lakes! Each evening there we sat on the decking on the roof. The sun disappeared behind a hill at about 9pm, but it did not go much further away. The sunset glow lingered for the next few hours, awesomely reflected in the mirror of the lake, before the sun re-awoke at about 4am! I especially enjoyed walks nearby with Cathie and our daughter; up a large hill with distant views, and beside the water, as we revelled in such scenery.

On the subject of walks, I love the way the Bible speaks in a number places of 'walking with God'. It says this of one of my favourite characters, of whom very little is known, Enoch. He is described as someone who 'walked with God 300 years'! Did people really live that long? Or did they, when Enoch lived, before Noah and the flood, record the passing of time somehow differently? Living as we do more than four millennia later, I think we are wisest to say we just do not know. The point is that he 'walked with God' for all of his life. Why do I like this idea? For a number of reasons.

1. When you walk with someone, whether along a path or a street, you walk in the same direction. To walk with God means to walk in the direction he wants to you to go. And it is not just walking in the direction he wants, it is walking with him.
2. Walking with God therefore means being in harmony with him. By this I understand an attitude of mind; an attitude towards him of trust, that his way is the best. It is therefore also submission, and a seeking to please him.
3. Walking with someone also means going at their pace. It may mean walking more slowly than you might otherwise – or going a little more quickly! To walk with God means going at his pace – not rushing ahead when we want to hurry, nor dragging our feet when we should be 'getting a move on'.
4. And when you walk with someone, often you also talk. You may talk of the weather, or you may be sharing matters of the heart. So also, walking with God means talking with him. You may want to thank him for the lovely colours of the garden, or of the evening light. Or ask him for his gracious help for yourself or someone you know. You can speak to him of your most intimate

longings. Or you may just revel in the joy of knowing his love, and of entrusting all to him.

Noah is also recorded as one who 'walked with God'. Many years later the prophet Micah wrote: 'He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, love mercy and to walk humbly with your God'. (Micah 6:8) May each one of us catch this vision – and walk humbly with God in all we do every day...

With love in Christ,

*David*

THANK YOU!



For your generous gifts for the Rose window! In July and August we appealed to you for funds to repair the Rose window in church. This is the circular window high in the West wall, the wall nearest Kippington Road. Over the years a steel ring that runs round the centre of the window has rusted and therefore expanded, forcing attached stonework outwards. We do not need to replace the ring, but it should be treated and the window repaired.

We appealed for £18,000. Whilst I do not have exact figures, we do want to let you know that through your generosity, for which we thank God and you, the target has been reached! This is wonderful news – please receive our much gratitude!

We now have to apply for permission (called a 'faculty') to do the work, which will, we hope, be done in the winter months before weddings next year, because scaffolding will need to be put in place.

You may also recall that we have been working on plans for a glazed inner porch that will be placed just inside the main door (on the south side of the church). We are waiting for permission to proceed with this. We already have the funding, much of it coming from the frequent plant sales generously arranged by Janet Eilbeck. Thank you, everyone!

*David Kitley*

## Two special collections

Please be prepared for two special collections soon.

Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup> is our chance to express our support financially for our mission partners Kylie and Bhim, who work with Church Mission Society (CMS). We will welcome a visiting preacher to the 10.30am service that day, Mr Raj Patel, who works with CMS and who will be able to bring us up-to-date news of Kylie and Bhim - and their son!

Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup> is Harvest Sunday. This year we will invite donations for the relief of drought in Zimbabwe. As a Diocese we are partnered with the Zimbabwean Diocese of Harare, whose Bishop Chad Gandiya will be preaching at St Luke's Church, Sevenoaks at 10.15am on September 25<sup>th</sup>. He is likely to be staying several nights at the vicarage here in Kippington around that time. Our collection will either go to a relief agency in Zimbabwe or go via contacts that Bishop Chad has there.

Please come ready to give generously to both of these needs!

*David Kitley*

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## Two Chrises and a Zoë!

Just to make this clear - I am writing here about two Chrises and not two crises!

*Chris Saunders* has taken over from *Chris White* as our church treasurer. We want to thank *Chris White* most warmly for his six and half years of faithful and diligent service among us, with unerring attention to detail! We wish him very well earned time for recreation of his choice!

We are most grateful to *Chris Saunders* who, recently retired, was keen to look for some kind of service to others, and felt called to offer himself as our new treasurer. He is busy learning the (digital!) ropes! He may be contacted on [KippingtonTreasurer@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:KippingtonTreasurer@hotmail.co.uk).

*Zoë Anderson* has taken up the role of Planned Giving Coordinator. This involves collecting data about who has donated financial gifts and how much, and then using this to claim back Gift Aid from Her Majesty's tax man! This is a most important ministry, increasing our church income by some £15,000 annually. Very many thanks to Zoë! She may be contacted by email on [zoe.g.anderson@gmail.com](mailto:zoe.g.anderson@gmail.com)

*David Kitley*

**Parish Weekend Away at the Oast Houses,  
Northiam, E. Sussex.  
27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

In November 2015, 39 church members went to 'The Oasts' for our very first parish weekend away. The Oasts is a small conference centre that is beautifully built into two Oast houses, and is very cosy. The food is great too! See picture below of the venue.

Sharing meals together over two days meant we spent a great deal more time together than we can normally as church members over a weekend. The programme included times of worship and excellent talks from retired vicar David Cooke and his wife Lesley. It was a most special time of drawing closer to one another and to God. Ask anyone who was there!

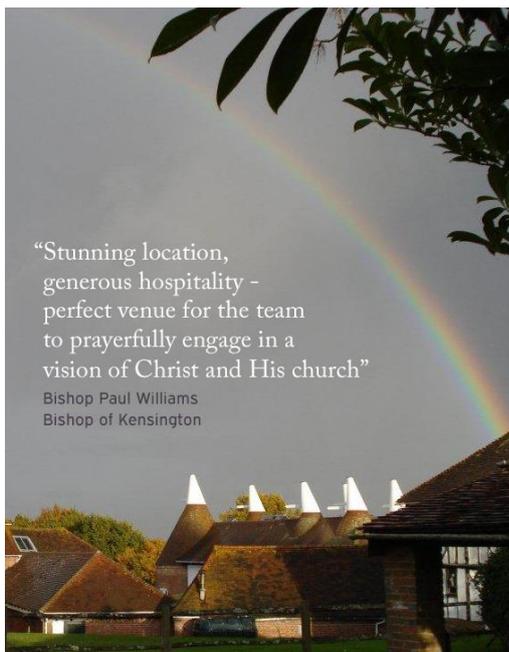
We are planning another such weekend, to take place at the end of January! If you are worried about driving in January, please do not let that put you off from booking, as there will be room in other people's cars if needed. We shall arrange a programme for children and young people, and David Cooke and his wife have kindly agreed to come again as speakers.

Brochures for this next weekend away will be available in church throughout September. Please put your name down with the required deposit by the end of the month.

Prices for the weekend will be as follows:

Adults	£150		
Child (12-18)	£125	Child (4-11)	£75
Child (1-3)	£15	Under 1 yr	Free

I look forward very much to sharing this weekend with all who will be there.



*David Kitley*

## **'I didn't know I was lost!'**

"Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep" (Luke 15:6)

Some readers may remember the media report one August, of a young secretary who went missing for some days, through a con-trick perpetrated by a deceiving businessman.

Eventually she was found, in a somewhat confused state, at Basingstoke railway station. Evidently she had been completely unaware of the TV news – and of the public concern. In her own words, at the resulting press conference, she confessed, "I didn't know I was lost until I was found!"

In this famous fifteenth chapter of Luke, Jesus' parable of the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost prodigal son, was basically making a single point – the steadfast determination of the eternal Father to do everything possible to find and recover every stray individual – even if they were taken by surprise at His seeking love.

Years ago I was leading a hospital ward service one Sunday morning, with a little team around me. It was still politically okay to do so in those days! All I could see of one patient was a newspaper, firmly held up – and a thin spiral of cigarette smoke that drifted up from behind the paper. Yes, back then it was still permitted to smoke in a hospital ward!

Two days later I went visiting in the same ward, bed to bed. And there was the patient – a woman in her early thirties.

"So you're the one who was speaking on Sunday morning!" she exclaimed. "I never looked in your direction once; I was determined to hide behind my paper and my cigarette. But I was listening all the time. And every word you said was for me. I want now to follow what you were talking about. How do I get started?"

This is the wonder of God's ways with us. Jesus Christ is the Shepherd; out on the hills looking, working, seeking for that one sheep that is missing from the safety of God's fold. And when, by the message of His sacrificial love, that single 'lost' one is reclaimed, the angels are aglow with joy. Jesus said so.

What happened to the other patients that Sunday morning? Who can tell? But Heaven itself was lit up that day over just one.

*Parish Pump*



## 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 Caireen with your offers on (01732) 454772.

With grateful thanks from everybody!

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### NEW BEGINNINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST

#### Baptism:

July 3 Dexter Male

#### Weddings:

July 2 David Greenaway and Katherine Munro

July 16 Thomas Holmes and Gillian Madeley

David Griffiths and Clare Dillon

August 10 Thomas Munro and Maria Rodriguez Blanco

#### Golden Wedding Anniversaries:

Our congratulations and best wishes to:

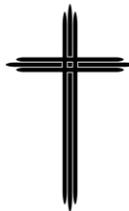
Aug 6 Geoff and Jenny Gyte

Aug 13 David and Margaret Williamson

#### Funerals:

Aug 15 Jeannie Mayers, aged 86

Aug 30 Tamara Mechtcheriakova, aged 84



May God grant you always...  
A sunbeam to warm you,  
A moonbeam to charm you,  
A sheltering angel,  
so nothing can harm you.



## EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

Thursday 1st September

- 10.00am Holy Communion
- 10.45am Coffee and tea in the Parish Centre
- 11.15am Holy Communion Kippington Nursing Home  
(changed for this month only)

Saturday 3rd September

- 1.00pm Wedding of Adam Law and Tiffany-Anne Kohler



**Sunday 4th September Fifteenth 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
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 7th September

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



Thursday 8th September

- 10.00am Holy Communion
- 10.45am Coffee and tea in the Parish Centre
- 1.00pm Funeral service in church for Jennifer Austen. This will be followed by her burial at Sevenoaks Cemetery; then refreshments in our Parish Centre. All welcome

Saturday 10th September

- Friends' of Kent Churches 'ride and stride' Please sponsor David Kitley and Martin Bush as they cycle from church to church!



**Sunday 11th September Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
- 10.30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)  
with Baptism of Arthur Parker  
Youth Group, Sunday Club and Crèche  
Coffee and tea afterwards in the Parish Centre
- 4 to 4.30pm Tea in the Parish Centre as Wendy Billington launches her latest book entitled 'Growing a Caring Church.'
- 6.00 – 8.00pm Kippington Youth Group Games Evening



Wednesday 14th September

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

Thursday 15th September

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

Friday 16th September

- Deadline for articles for the October issue of Forward Move

### **Sunday 18th September Seventeenth 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 21st September

10.00am St Mary's Monkeys in the Parish Centre

Thursday 22nd September

10.00am Holy Communion  
10.45am Coffee and tea in the Parish Centre

Saturday 24th September

'Can you believe in Science and God?' REBOOT is an interactive day for 12-18's to ask their big questions about God. A day event at the Emmanuel Centre, London SW1P 3DW. More information from Cathie Kitley

### **Sunday 25th September Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)  
10.30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)  
We welcome, as our preacher, Raj Patel, of the Church Mission Society. Special collection today in support of our Mission Partners, Kylie and Bhim – and son!  
Youth Group, Sunday Club and Crèche  
Coffee and tea afterwards in the Parish Centre  
6.00pm The Bishop of Harare, the Rt Revd Chad Gandiya, to preach at our annual celebration of Diocesan partnerships overseas. This service is to take place at St Margaret's, Rainham, with worship led by a Tanzanian choir. Ask David Kitley if you would like a lift.

Tuesday 27th September

7.30pm NO Monthly hour of prayer at The Vicarage – cancelled this month  
8.00pm PCC meeting in the Wreford Room in the Parish Centre

Wednesday 28th September

10.00am St Mary's Monkeys in the Parish Centre

Thursday 29th September

10.00am Holy Communion  
10.45am Coffee and tea in the Parish Centre

## **CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER**

### **Sunday 2nd October Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity HARVEST SUNDAY**



8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

- 10.30am Family Service in Church with a special collection for relief of the drought in Zimbabwe  
Crèche available  
Coffee and tea afterwards in the Parish Centre
- 12.30pm Bring and Share Harvest Lunch – all invited
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 5th October

- 10.00am St Mary's Monkeys in the Parish Centre  
Lunch Club Outing – details circulated to members

Thursday 6th October

- 10.00am Holy Communion
- 10.45am Coffee and tea in the Parish Centre
- 7.30pm Commissioning Service for the Revd Martin Booth as Rural Dean of Sevenoaks; to be held at St Mary's, Riverhead. All welcome.

**Sunday 9th October Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
- 10.30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)  
with baptism of Samuel Dickson  
Youth Group, Sunday Club and Crèche  
Coffee and tea afterwards in the Parish Centre
- 6.00 – 8.00pm Kippington Youth Group Bowling Evening



Wednesday 12th October

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

Thursday 13th October

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

**'Growing a caring church  
PRACTICAL GUIDELINES for PASTORAL CARE'**

Sunday 11 September 4.30 to 5.45pm  
in the Parish Centre.

Relaunch of Wendy Billington's book at special discounted price.  
Cream tea – presentation of book – short drama

All welcome

## Readers and Intercessions Table for September

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Jeremiah 18:1-11 Luke 14:25-33	
10.30am	Family Service	tba <i>Intercessions</i>	<i>The Medd Family</i>

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10	
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW) with Baptism of Arthur Parker	Luke 15:1-10 <i>Intercessions</i>	Jenny/Geoff Gyte  <i>Lisa Cornell</i>

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-9	
10.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-9 <i>Intercessions</i>	Irene Rea Avril Hunter <i>Laura Daniels</i>

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31	
10.30am	Holy Communion	1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31 <i>Intercessions</i>	Caroline Howe Patrick Howe <i>Dorothy Ashpitel</i>



## Gloucester Cathedral

We were on our own pilgrimage to the cathedral and were delayed by one day due to filming commitments (not ours I hasten to add).

We entered the cathedral to see huge fat Romanesque pillars marching up the nave. One of our party who had worshipped here for decades had never seen the nave so empty, as the chairs had all been removed for filming. It was an amazing sight. I got a crick in my neck looking up at the ceiling. The cathedral includes Romanesque, Early English and Norman additions; in fact every age seems to have contributed something to the aura.

Whilst there we came upon Tom Denny, a stained glass window designer, hammering out a window. He was installing one of his designs to the Ivor Gurney window in the Lady Chapel. It looked hard work. Don't miss the lavatorium in the cloisters where the monks washed their hands. I had never seen one of these before.

For your information the crew were filming scenes for 'The White Princess'. There seemed to be a lot of standing about and drinking coffee. Maintenance of the building has been helped in recent years by the Harry Potter films which have contributed to the coffers.



*Pat Campbell*



## PRAYERS TO SHARE

I have been spending some happy quiet moments looking through 'Kippington Prayers.' Subtitled "A Selection of prayers and meditations contributed by members and friends of St Mary's Parish Church, Kippington....." this little booklet was compiled in 1980, the year in which our church became 100 years old.

There are more than 200 names of contributors listed at the back of the book, including 12 members of the Thompson family, who founded and built our beautiful church, and some of whom are still in touch with us today.

The prayer I want to share with you today was written about 100 years ago by a member of this family. Described as "a nephew of William James Thompson, founder of the parish" – Roger Eykyn Thompson was killed in action in 1918. Here is his prayer:-

*"Let me listen to the voice of God within me and in all things. If I feel angry let me be silent and listen to the voice, and speak and act only as it tells me.*

*Let me be master of my mind and teach it to be wise. Let me do the best that is in me at work and at play and use well all the powers that I possess, helping them to grow as my body grows, and as my body is kept clean and beautiful so I must keep my mind.*

*My thoughts must be clear and clean as the water of a river running out of a lake – so only can I be of true use to the world of which I am a part. If sometimes my thoughts seem dull and muddy like the river from the hills after rain, let me be silent and remember that my mind is the quiet lake through which mud will fall and settle, and from which my thoughts will run sparkling like the blue river."*

Although the mind of this young man was not to grow old, he has left us these thought-provoking words, and we who this year are constantly reminded of that "Great War" 100 year ago could, perhaps should, take time "to be silent and listen to the voice of God" – and to think about the imagery of water offered in this prayer.

I would like to dip into our little booklet again, perhaps next time. Meanwhile here is another little prayer from it:-

*"O Lord our God, let your peace be upon us your servants, that in the doing of your will we may ourselves find peace, and ever be ministers of peace to others, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."*

**D.M.A.**

## Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in that great day,  
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;  
Fully absolved through these I am  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame...

Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.

Some of the most unlikely people become Christians, never mind go on to write much loved hymns. People like Count Nicholas Ludvig Von Zinzendorf, for example. He was born 1700 into a fabulously wealthy family in Saxony, and after law studies at the University of Wittenberg, had set out to travel in great style.

But Zinzendorf got only as far as an art gallery in Dusseldorf before he had a Damascus Road experience. For here Zinzendorf encountered a painting of Christ. His head was bowed and the inscription read: 'This have I done for thee, and what hast thou done for me?'

Zinzendorf was stopped in his tracks. He could not give any answer to the question. Like Paul, the encounter with the living Christ left him awed, shaken and confused. He returned to his large estate in Berthelsdorf in inner turmoil. It was a spiritual crisis that would change the course of his life. For, at 22, on his wedding day, he and his bride put aside their rank of nobility in order to follow Jesus.

Shortly after this Zinzendorf met a member of the Moravian Brothers, an Order which had been founded 300 years earlier by John Hess of Bohemia. He welcomed the brotherhood to live on his estate, and within ten years 600 Moravians had arrived. Zinzendorf divided them into little missionary groups, and sent them off across the world. Thus the Moravian Brothers went to Greenland, Holland, India, America and the Indies. In all, they had 165 missions scattered around the world. They accepted disease, poverty, loneliness and persecution in their determination to follow their Master.

Zinzendorf was not only a leader and visionary, he was also a poet – he wrote 2,000 hymns. This one was penned while he was on board a ship set for the West Indies in 1739.

In late 1741 Zinzendorf himself began a mission to the Indians of Pennsylvania. As it was only four days to Christmas, he named the little colony Bethlehem. Today it is a great steel centre, and the Moravian capital of the USA.

The former Count spent his vast wealth on missions, and when he died at 60 there was not even enough money left to pay for his grave. He had laid up his true treasure in Heaven, instead.

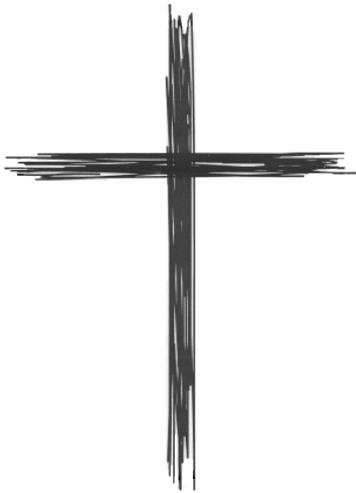
Dear Readers

Welcome to the September issue of Forward Move. I can't believe the Summer holidays are almost over. Anyone who took exams this Spring, will have got their results and be planning for "The Next Stage", whatever that might be. For some of you, it could well mean leaving home for the first time. Scary stuff! Two of my friends are sending their daughters off to university in September so I have had a glimpse of the emotional upheaval involved for everyone.

Please remember that Jesus will hold you in His gentle hand and guide you through, even though at times, it may feel as though you are very much on your own. Especially at those times, Jesus will be with you, every step of the way.

*Sue Shepherd, Editor*

### **Psalm 27, vv 1-3 and 6**



The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear:

The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh; They stumbled and fell to the ground.

Though an host of men were encamped against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid: And though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

For in the time of trouble, he shall hide me in his shadow: Yea in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, And set me up upon a rock of stone.

*The Revised Psalter*

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