

NEWSLETTER

St Mary's Fetcham Parish Church

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We aim to be a growing community of Christian people who desire to be:

mature disciples : committed church family members : effective witnesses : caring neighbours

Happy New Year!

Come and Pray

Praying is absolutely key – both in discerning God's will in our planning and in underpinning everything we do. There are currently two really important issues we need to address at St Mary's:

- Discerning God's will for the way forward with our ministry to young families and finding ways to nurture and encourage these dear folk into mature Christian faith
- Finding the future path for our "Liturgy-lite" worship, currently at 11.00am, where there are still some outstanding matters we need to sort out and resolve.



If either, or both, of these vital issues is dear to your heart, do come back into church after coffee at 11.15 to pray – on Sun 22nd Jan regarding our Ministry to Families and on 29th Jan regarding Liturgy-Lite Worship.

"Who let the Dads out?" – Sat, 14th Jan, 9.30 – 11.30

Kids, make sure Dad's got the 14th Jan in his new diary to bring you to the hall for a great morning of breakfast, fun and games. Dad can have a chat with his mates about football, cars, the state of the economy, etc, and you can challenge him to a game of table tennis, etc.



Plus, Dad'll get lots of points from Mum who can have a lie-in without getting up to get you breakfast and then worrying how to entertain you! Too good to miss, eh? See you there!

Something to look forward to!

As you've probably just taken your Christmas decorations down you may think it's a bit early to be thinking about a Lent Course but Paul's found such an excellent course he couldn't wait to tell you about it to ensure you make a note in your diary so you don't miss it! We're going to be studying Steven Croft's book, "Experiencing God's Love" – Steven was one of the authors of the Emmaus Course that we know as the Welcome Course. The 5-week course will comprise Sunday sermons, starting on 28th February, when the Psalm material will be the theme of each Sunday sermon and then groups will meet during the week to study the rest of the chapter. You can come to the hall at 8.00pm on Monday evenings for the follow-on study material, starting on 29th February – perfect for anybody not currently in a house group. Maybe your house group will choose to meet as usual during the week or come and join in on Monday evenings as a group. House Group leaders are up to speed (we hope) and will discuss with their group when to meet. The course book, currently priced £5.39, is available from Amazon, http://www.amazon.co.uk/Experiencing-Gods-Love-Images%20Transformation/dp/0715142518/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1325793922&sr=1-1

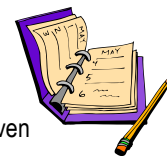
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- To our fabulous team of flower arrangers for the stunning Christmas decorations and arrangements
- To Corinne's house group for organising and providing the goodies after the Christingle Service
- To the 1st Fetcham Guides and their leader, Allison Jenkins, for providing all the Christingles
- To everybody who participated in our Carol Service on 18th December – reading, singing, etc – and provided mince pies, mulled wine, coffee, etc, afterwards. It was great!
- To everybody who worked hard providing a wonderful range of services and activities over Christmas
- To Joan and the Choir; Rachel, Brigitte and the Worship Group, all musicians and singers for the wonderful music over Christmas
- To Sharon Black and Sheila Rodgers for standing in and playing keyboard / organ respectively last Sunday and to Lesley Newman who's playing today while Joan recovers from her accident
- To the Smith family for getting the Christmas tree and Crib ready for Christmas
- To everybody who worked hard "behind the scenes" to make all of the above happen!
- To Sarah Mackay for organising our St Mary's Christmas card, to everybody who signed it and made donations. We raised £41.00 for Kibera – excellent!
- To Annie Adair for donating the magnificent 2.5kg chocolate Santa generously made by her chocolatier uncle, Edward Wohlmuth, for us to raffle for Kibera. £250.00 was raised which is just fantastic. Thanks everybody!
- To the Bishop of Dorking for coming to worship with us on the 4th December
- To the team for organising and planning another WLTD0 for next Saturday morning
- To everybody who responded to the appeal for more leaders and helpers at Activ8. The response has been wonderful and Activ8 is now all geared up for 2012.

Dates for your Diary:

- Fri, 13th Jan Footprints at 10.00am in the hall
- Sat, 14th Jan "Who let the Dads out?" 9.30 – 11.30 in the hall and first Marriage Prep Session in church
- Sun, 15th Jan Liz will be preaching on Vocations, "To what role is God calling you in life?", at the 9.30 and at The Eleven
- Tue, 17th Jan Women's Group meets at 8.00pm in the hall for a Winter Workout with Julie Partridge
- Thurs, 19th Jan Thursday Coffee at 10.30am in the hall
- Fri, 20th Jan Horizon at 10.00 in the hall, with free crèche
- Fri, 27th Jan Footprints in the hall at 10.00am
- Sun, 5th Feb John Marrow, of the Church Army, will be with us and will preach at both 9.30 and Family Service. John is an evangelist, working in local schools and leading Fresh Expressions of Church, having taken over from Keith Dyde



Info on events at Guildford Cathedral is on the notice board in the hall.

More Thank You's:

I meant to get in touch earlier but was distracted by the arrival of our new grand-daughter, Freya! Graham and I would like to thank everyone at St Mary's for their prayers since we had the diagnosis of Graham's cancer. Graham is continuing with hormone therapy at the moment and this will be followed by radiotherapy, due to start at the end of February. I also wanted to thank you all again for the great support during my training as an ordinand and for the very generous gift for my ordination. I have had a new alb made which I wore for the first time when I acted as 'Bishop's Chaplain'(!) at our Deanery Confirmation Service in November and wore for the second time when Bishop Christopher visited St Stephen's, Langley Vale for the 50th Anniversary Celebrations in December.

Lynn Alsop

We were able to pay over £1,100 into St Mary's Traidcraft account from sales during the pre-Christmas period. This included sales at our monthly stalls and orders for Christmas cards and gifts. We sold Kipepeo cards and Khope beads this year, both of which directly support slum dwellers in Kibera and district, with which St Mary's is so closely connected. Thank you so much for your continuing support - every Fairtrade item sold helps someone in the developing world to make a living for their family.

Sheila and Graham Hill

Congratulations

- ❖ to Davide and Diana Baechler on birth of Elliott Christopher, Jenny Wick's first grandchild
- ❖ to Lynn and Graham Allsop on the arrival of their new granddaughter, Freya.
- ❖ to Joanne Duffill and Henk Potts who have just got engaged and are planning to be married in August



Open Morning Prayer at 9.00am during Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 18th – 25th January:

Wed 18th, St Nicolas, Gt Bookham Thurs 19th, Bookham Baptist Church Fri 20th, Eastwick Road
Mon 23rd, Church of the Holy Spirit, Bell Lane Tues 24th, All Saints, Little Bookham Wed 25th, St Nicolas, Gt Bookham

How to communicate your faith with others: J John and Tim Saiset will be at Christ Church Woking on Sat 28 Jan, 9.00am – 1.30pm providing an opportunity to hear how to share faith from these two gifted Christian communicators. Tickets £6 (early bird until 14 Jan) and thereafter £10. A light breakfast will be served. To book, please e-mail admin@christchurchwoking.org, go to www.christchurchwoking.org or call 01483 740897 (ext 9).

Volunteer opportunities – Olympics 2012

Surrey Police are looking for volunteers to represent Surrey and welcome visitors during the Olympics. If you're an excellent communicator, friendly, reliable, have some local knowledge and are available on 20th, 28th, 29th July and 1st August, see details of how to apply on the hall notice board.



News of Joan Marr: Poor Joan tripped and fell awkwardly into the choir stalls (ouch!) between the 9.30 and 11.00am services on Christmas morning, twisting her back, bumping her head, breaking a bone in her thumb and badly bruising three fingers. The Black family came to the rescue – while Andy tended to Joan, Sharon stepped in and played the keyboard enabling the Family Service to carry on. Thanks to everybody who helped and continues to do so playing the piano / organ and keeping the choir in order (!) while Joan's out of action. Joan is now feeling much better and we wish her a full and speedy recovery.



Mental Health in Balance – two mornings focusing on mental health for anyone who supports people in the community. Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th March at Christ Church, Woking – suggested £10 donation on the day. Ring 01483 790335 or e-mail suzette.jones@cofeguildford.org.uk to book your place on one or both mornings.

Please pray for:

- Those who are sick, including Barry Welch and Anne Hall (Natalie Pither's Mum)
- God's blessing on our Marriage Preparation Course which will be held on the mornings of 14th & 28th Jan and 11th Feb
- Couples preparing to be married during the coming year, including Simon Clarke and Hannah Lobjoit, both involved in our local Scouts, who will be married at St Mary's later this month
- Leaders and participants on the Welcome Course. The course resumes tomorrow at 8.00pm at the Rectory
- For Paul in his involvement with activities outside St Mary's, particularly as a Trustee of the Church of England Pensions Board and as Vice-Chair of Mole Valley Standards Committee



We remember those who have died recently, including Ian Kennett, and surround their families and friends with our love and prayers.

St Mary's, Fetcham Parish Church: Rector: the Reverend Paul Boughton, 10a The Ridgeway, tel 01372 375000. Please submit copy for inclusion in the Newsletter by the Wednesday preceding publication to Corinne by e-mail (newsletter@stmarysfetcham.org.uk or corinne.braid@ntlworld.com), post (12 Long Copse Close, Gt Bookham, KT23 3PX) or via the tray in the vestry.