

St Nicolas News

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July-August 2024



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Building Faith in the Community

Services at St Nicolas

Sundays

- 8.00am **Holy Communion**
- 10.00am **Holy Communion** - 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th
Sundays
Morning Praise - 1st Sunday,
GLOW - Children's Provision
- 6.30pm **Evensong** - 3rd Sunday - with choir

Weekday Services

- 8.30am **Bible Reading and Open Prayer**
Monday and Wednesday
- 10.00am **Holy Communion (Said)** Thursday
- 9.00am **Prayers for our church** - 2nd and 4th Saturdays
- 10.00 am **Church Development Plan Prayers** –
1st Saturday



Tots Alive! (term time) - Monday
10.00am in church with social time afterwards

For other services please see
Notice Board by the Lychgate

Letter from the Ministry Team

Independence Day!

July 4th is Independence Day in the USA, and election day here in the UK. We never seem content to live under the authority of others – even others we elected! It seems that independence is in the air! But is it a good thing?

In youth we strive to throw off the shackles of dependency; and in old age or in illness we reluctantly forsake our independence once more. We yearn for independence, and yet trying to go it alone so often undermines our resilience. Those suffering under the strains of mental health issues cry out for support.

There is another way! Jesus calls us to inter-dependence. He calls us to love one another: even to love our enemies!

Since the earliest days of the church, Christians have been called into very diverse groups held together through loving inter-dependence seeking to be a blessing to the communities around them. It is this mutual love and support across gender, race and class that should be the hallmark of a genuinely Christian fellowship. As Jesus said: “everybody will know that you are my disciples if you love one another”.

That said, none of us are perfect! We come as we are with all our faults, and yet are accepted. As we come to Jesus, the Holy Spirit begins in each one of us a work of transformation. This work is the journey of a lifetime, shared in community where we help and encourage one another. It is a journey often from dependency to freedom, and independence to self-giving.

You won't find such a community anywhere else, because at its heart is the person of Jesus; and it is held together by the power of God's Holy Spirit. When we gather together, we do so in gratitude that God sent Jesus to show us the reconciling power of love, and the transforming power of grace.

Across the world, 3.2 billion Christians gather together to remember that Jesus surrendered his life to give us a life worth living. We have so much to celebrate and be thankful for.

Chris Holloway

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Holloway". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Barnabas



Fellowship

A Sin or a Crime ?

May's discussion centred around the question of whether there was a difference between a sin and a crime.

A light-hearted example was given about whether it was a sin to go shopping on Easter Sunday. Should shops open at all and alcohol be sold? It might not be a sin to some people, but it would be a crime if merchandise were stolen.

A more serious example of a sin is to be found in the New Testament, when money changers used the temple in Jerusalem for their business reasons, and were admonished, rightly, by Jesus.

A conclusion was reached that it was not sinful to conduct certain forms of business in a place of worship, if it was beneficial for its maintenance and those who worship within it

This very question was on a GCSE Religious Education examination paper - a challenging question, especially for young people.

A definition of a sin and a crime was then discussed. Giving us some very thoughtful points to discuss.

Peter Leith

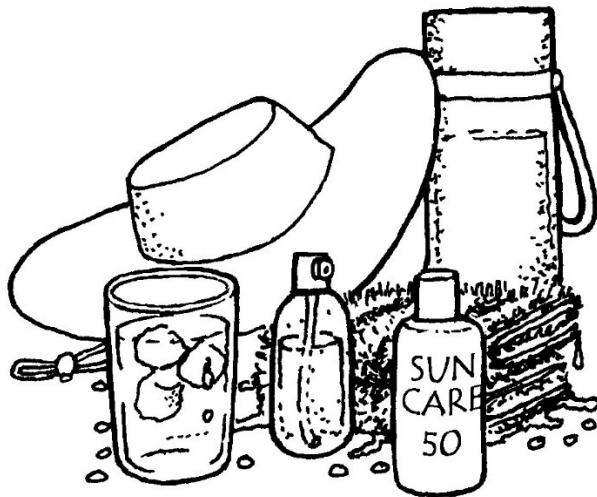
Barnabas June 2024

Following on from last month's discussion – Trusting your gut/instinct? We were asked:- “Do you have a Guardian Angel” have you done something or not but cannot think later why that happened in the way that it did?

We then had an interesting discussion but wondered if such an event happened; was it just a co-incident or just fête. Some of us had had experiences of when we were not sure why things happened in the way they had. Was it just a coincident that the person had been there at that particular time to help or was there indeed another reason?

Or we changed our mind and then a problem had been resolved. Or suddenly something happened and we were relieved that that the weight had been lifted from our shoulders.

It is unlikely that we have a “Guardian Angel” but God moves in mysterious way his wonders to perform!




The Big Brew raising funds for Transform Trade

Earlier in the year the **Eco Team** held our annual Fairtrade Coffee Morning in our newly reordered church space. The Big Brew aim was to raise £350 or more to help fund a community shop in rural Bangladesh. We raised the fantastic sum of £378, which earned us a place in the Big Brew Hall of Fame 2024.









Bloom Afternoon tea




An opportunity to meet with
other women for refreshment,
fellowship and encouragement.




Our theme will be Eco !



Saturday 20th of July
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Pastoral Centre at
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Tickets £5



To book your space please e-mail
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Please let us know if you have any dietary
requirements.



Babes in arms are welcome.





Mothers' Union May Meeting

A TEA PARTY WITH A DIFFERENCE

Friday 7th June was a Red Letter Day in the life of the Mother' Union in the Guildford Diocese, as members were invited by the Bishop of Guildford to tea at Willow Grange. Three of us went, and it was a very special occasion from beginning to end.

After a shaky start, as I was not sure how to get to Willow Grange, the journey went well and it was good to be greeted by a most helpful gentleman who was directing the car parking. The day was beautiful, sunny and warm, everyone had taken advantage and dressed in summer finery, which added colour to the event. Also, the gardens surrounding the house were beautiful, we were curious to know how many gardeners were employed, to keep everything looking so magnificent. As we were fairly early, we had the opportunity to wander around and admire everything, at the same time noticing just how much rabbit-proofing there was, with mesh wire fences around the fruit and vegetable areas. There is a lake in the grounds, but we did not reach that in our wanderings.

Time to go into the marquee arrived: we were warmly welcomed at the entrance by Bishop Paul, Bishop of Dorking. Inside, round tables were set out and we sat with MU members who had come from Hindhead, so we were representing opposite ends of the Diocese. One lady we met was Celia, who had recently moved into Manorstead (Home for Retired Clergy) with her husband, a retired vicar from the Diocese of Lichfield. She is joining the Board of Trustees as Finance Coordinator, so we are very blessed to have her. It was good to meet fellow members who were new to us.

Bishop Andrew's wife spoke first and extended a very warm welcome to everyone. Then Bishop Paul spoke, followed by Bishop Andrew and

it was good to hear that they are all members of the Mothers' Union, and committed to its aims and objectives.

Tea, which followed, was delicious – sandwiches and dainty cakes – absolutely up to MU standards! Then we enjoyed hearing reminiscences from past Branch Leaders, as well as past Worldwide President, Trish, all most interesting. Finally, events drew to a close and people began to drift off, but there was time to talk to some of our friends from other Branches. We finally arrived home safely, after enjoying a truly memorable and inspiring afternoon. Grateful thanks are due to Bishop Andrew for opening his home to us all.

Tuesday 2nd July 11.30 am – Prayers in the Lady Chapel
Thursday 11th July 2.15 pm – meeting in the Pastoral Centre .
Letitia Mason is speaking on Slavery and Modern
Trafficking.

Julia Watts

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## **I am your ship**

Lord, I am your ship.  
Fill me with the gifts of your Holy Spirit.  
Without you I am empty of every blessing,  
And full of every sin.  
Lord, I am your ship.  
Fill me with a cargo of good works.  
Without you, I am empty of every joy,  
And full of vain pleasures.  
Lord, I am your ship.  
Fill me with love for you.

*By John Sergieff (a priest in Russia; lived 1829 – 1908)*

## The Mission to Seafarers

At St. Nicolas we continue to support The Mission to Seafarers in several ways. We celebrate Sea Sunday annually on the second Sunday in July, (this year the 14<sup>th</sup>), with a Mission to Seafarers guest preacher, the Revd. Chris Collison. We send many knitted items – hats, scarves, mittens, socks, and balaclavas. Donations are also made through home collection boxes, mailed or gift aided. The outreach notice board by the organ pipes illustrates these activities through July.



The Mission to Seafarers provides help and support to the 2 million crewmen and women who face danger every day to keep our global economy afloat as they transport more than 90% of the world's goods and fuel. Their activities are described in their newsletter – Flying Angel News, some examples of which are given below.

The Secretary General of the Mission commented: “The world's crises hit seafarers first and hardest, and this has been so true in recent years. Even now there are threats to shipping emerging on those vital shipping routes around Suez and the Gulf. Through it all, FAN has recorded the extraordinary ways in which our teams have responded.”

The Mission's deep understanding of the industry means that when major justice and welfare incidents occur, they are the first port of call. When ships are abandoned, or crews need help to deal with tragedy on board, repatriation, or sickness, they come to the Mission. Their teams have built relationships over the years with lawyers, shipping authorities and local immigration officers, so they can help resolve situations quickly.

The Mission is aware of the challenges that remain out of their control. Restrictions on shore leave and privatisation of many ports are making it increasingly hard for seafarers to leave ships and Mission chaplains

to get onboard. The Mission will continue to do what they do best: build strong relationships across the maritime industry. The welfare of seafarers is their priority, and if they are needed, the Mission will do its best to be there despite local difficulties. For example, the port of Rotterdam has 55km of quays and is used by 28,000 seagoing and 90,000 inland vessels annually. These vessels may move from berth to berth depending on their cargoes and turn-around is now measured in hours rather than days and weeks. The Mission is investing in vehicles that will work like mobile seafarers' centres, taking support and services directly to seafarers but not hindering the operation of the port. They are also collaborating with other welfare agencies and port committees to ensure they reach as many seafarers as is humanly possible.

Also, a new partnership is particularly significant given that the Panama Canal is one of the world's most important waterways connecting the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans. Matthias Ristau, General Secretary of Partnership in Panama the Deutsche Seemannsmission said "14,000 ships pass through the Panama Canal a year, so it is important that someone keeps an eye on the seafarers. We now want to tackle this together with our British colleagues and achieve the best for them."

For more details about The Mission to Seafarers or a copy of the Flying Angel News speak to us or look on their website [www.missiontoseafarers.org](http://www.missiontoseafarers.org) .

John Adie and Eldred Clark, Parish Links to The Mission to Seafarers

Bookham's very own PCSO, Marion Hawkins, will be holding a Surgery at The Meeting Place Warm Space in Bookham

Baptist Church on:

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Aug

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct

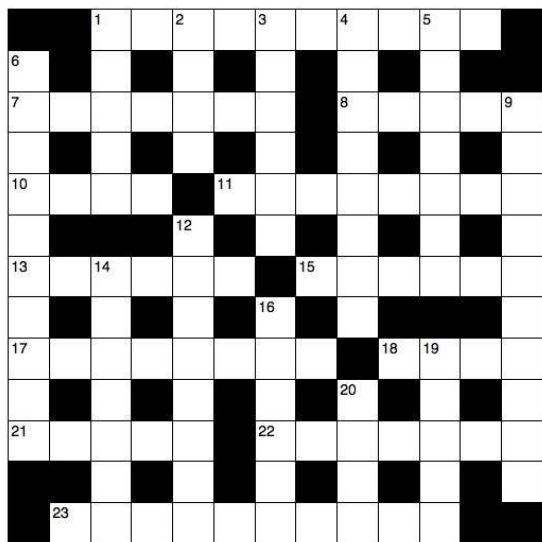
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct

She is happy to talk about any issues you may have, and just generally.

She looks forward to meeting you.



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21. Bantu tribe which gives its name to tiny landlocked country in southern Africa (5)  
 22. Familiar material in churches that use an overhead projector (7)  
 23. Last book of the Bible (10)

### Down

1. The young David's favourite weapon (1 Samuel 17:40) (5)  
 2. 'Your vats will — over with new wine' (Proverbs 3:10) (4)  
 3. Once yearly (Exodus 30:10) (6)  
 4. Milled it (anag.) (3-5)  
 5. Region north of Damascus of which Lysanias was tetrarch (Luke 3:1) (7)  
 6. Comes between Philippians and 1 Thessalonians (10)  
 9. Lake where the first disciples were called (Luke 5:1-11) (10)  
 12. Abusive outburst (8)  
 14. Are loud (anag.) (7)  
 16. Printing errors (6)  
 19. 'Take my yoke upon you and — from me' (Matthew 11:29) (5)  
 20. Jacob's third son (Genesis 29:34) (4)

### Across

1. Relating to the Jewish day of rest (10)  
 7. Point of view (Matthew 22:17) (7)  
 8. 20th-century Brethren philanthropist whose construction company became one of the UK's biggest, Sir John — (5)  
 10. Girl's name (4)  
 11. Peter was accused of being one in the courtyard of the high priest's house (Luke 22:59) (8)  
 13. The fifth of the 'seven churches' (Revelation 3:1-6) (6)  
 15. 'Now the famine was — in Samaria' (1 Kings 18:2) (6)  
 17. Banned by the seventh Commandment (Exodus 20:14) (8)  
 18. Insect most closely associated with itching (1 Samuel 24:14) (4)

## Why Should I vote?

It is a big question for Christians – especially in a culture that feels increasingly far from Christian values. Is there any point? We hear this often. Whilst politics in a broken world can be deeply discouraging at times, we believe that voting matters.

**Here are 10 reasons to get out and vote.**

**1.** Christians believe that mankind has been created to rule the earth and subdue it. Government is a means by which we steward God's creation.

**(Genesis 1:28)**

**2.** When Jesus was asked what the most important commandment was, he said to love God and to love your neighbour. Voting is one way we can work on behalf of those around us. **(Mark 12: 28-34)**

**3.** Even though we may feel like exiles in conflict with the world today, God wants his people to seek the peace and prosperity of our nation. **(Jeremiah 29:7)**

**4.** Christians have a special calling to speak up on behalf of the voiceless and the most vulnerable. **(Proverbs 31:8-9)**

**5.** We believe that God has revealed to us his good law which helps human beings to flourish, and we want to see it reflected in the laws our governments pass. **(Psalm 19: 7-10)**

**6.** God calls us to submit to the governing authorities who we elect through our votes. **(Romans 13: 1-7)**

**7.** The Bible tells us about occasions where leaders have led their people astray; the politicians we elect will shape our nation, and can lead people closer to or away from God. **(Isaiah 9:16)**

**8.** Jesus says that we should steward the gifts which God gives us. Many people in history have not had the gift of a voice in a fair, democratic election as we do. **(Matthew 25: 14-30)**

**9.** God will hold us accountable for the actions we do not take, just as He will for those we do take. Not voting is not a neutral act; we are still influencing the outcome, just as if we do vote. **(James 4:17)**

**10.** The Bible shows us we are to care for our political leaders and to pray for them, so that we might live a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is to be our aspiration for the politicians we elect. **(1Timothy 2:1-2)**

Deborah Gallacher

## A prayer for the General Election 2024

This is a huge opportunity for Christians to be salt and light by engaging with this election. What an immense opportunity and privilege it is to live in a democracy!

**Father God**, we lift up the elections in the UK and globally this year. Thank you for the opportunity to elect our leaders.

We pray that our governments would seek your guidance in fulfilling their duty to help everyone to flourish, especially people facing extreme poverty.

Help politicians answer your call to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you.

Amen

## 5 Things to Pray for Your Spouse

By Michael and Melissa Kruger

Prayers that change and strengthen your marriage

A happy and healthy marriage is one of God's sweetest gifts to us and one of the best ways to nurture that is through the power of prayer. This guide by Michael and Melissa Kruger will help you to pray bold, Scripture-based prayers for your husband or wife that will strengthen and enrich your marriage. It covers 21 prayer themes with each one including five prayer prompts from a particular passage of Scripture. You will be equipped to pray deep and effective prayers for your spouse's character and spiritual walk, for your life together as a couple and through challenging seasons. You can use this book to help you to pray on your own or as a couple, and it makes a great wedding, anniversary or Valentine's Day gift. As Nancy Guthrie says in her forward, "There is a great deal we can do for our spouses. But there is so much that only God can do, so much that only he can develop, and so much that only he can provide. So we pray and as we pray instead of worry, pray instead of complain, pray instead of strategize, we find that God is not only doing a work in our spouse; he is doing a work in us too".



Michael and Melissa Kruger have been married for almost 25 years and have three children. Melissa is the author of another book in this series; 5 Things to Pray for Your Kids.

Deborah Gallacher

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## 3 Things Enduring Marriages Have in Common

**Being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience (Colossians 1:11)**

Like me, do you love hearing of couples being married 30, 40, 50, or more years?

Do their examples of long-lasting marriages bring you hope? And their stories of enduring love inspire you to keep going on in your own marriage?

Often when we hear of long-term marriages, it is easy to assume couples didn't face a lot of difficulties in their relationship. It is easy in first thought to think "how nice for them" assuming their marriages have been trouble-free, without conflict, disappointment, and distresses.

However, usually hearing details of their stories that is just not the case. Many have faced difficulties, some of which seem insurmountable to overcome. So it is good not to underestimate the challenges most seasoned marriages have gone through or overlook the trying times.

Tom and I have been married for over fifty years. Still, during those decades of marriage we have experienced many heartaches, hardships, losses, disappointments, and multiple health crisis.

Most enduring marriages have a few things in common. Here are 3 of these.

### **1. Spouses are willing to forgive.**

Marriage is a lifetime of forgiving, giving couples much opportunity to practice active, ongoing forgiveness.

Like Scripture urges, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32).

On the other hand, unforgiving leads hardened hearts in marriage and hardened hearts lead to divorce. As explained in Scripture, "Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning" (Matthew 19:8).

Rather, couples can choose to, "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you" (Colossians 3:13).

### **2. Couples bear with one another in love**

Many couples married for decades have had moments where they did not feel like they wanted to stay with their spouses or keep trying to work through marital issues.



Scripture encourages us to, “Be completely humble and gentle; be patient bearing with one another in love” (Ephesians 4:2).

As Christians, we do not have to rely on our own strength to keep us staying in our marriages. We have an unlimited source of strength in Christ. “I can do all this through Him who gives me strength” (Philippians 4:13)

### **3. Couples are committed to keeping their vows to God.**

Vow keeping is not very popular in today’s culture. Many people who make promises and commitments do not take them very seriously or do not seem to have a problem in not fulfilling them.

God’s Word cautions us that, “It is better not to make a vow than to make one and not fulfil it” (Ecclesiastes 5:5).

And God does take our vows seriously. As Deuteronomy 23: 21 explains, “If you make a vow to the Lord your God, do not be slow to pay it, for the Lord your God will certainly demand it of you and you will be guilty of sin”.

Most couples in enduring marriages are ones who have made their vows to each other with a sincere heart and commitment to fulfil it.

The reading from I Corinthians 13 is one that is often used in the marriage service:

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs, love does not delight in evil but rejoices in the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, love never fails.

(1Corinthians 13:4-8a NIV)

As taught by my mother when a child:

Love is kind, and suffers long,  
Love is meek, and thinks no wrong  
Love than death itself more strong;  
Therefore give us love.

Christopher Wordsworth from the hymn Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, bless our marriage with love that grows stronger each day. Grant us the patience, understanding and strength to support one another in every circumstance. May our relationship always reflect your grace and truth, serving as a testament to the love you have for us. Keep us united and faithful and let our partnership glorify you in all things. Amen

Deborah Gallacher



# *Living Well in Older Age*

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- ★ **Who?** Over 65s and carers welcome
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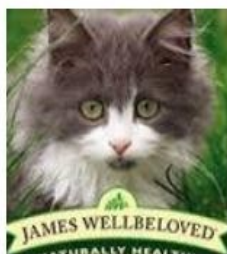
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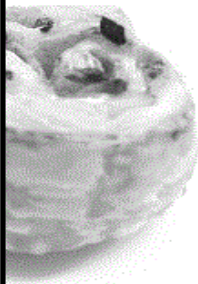
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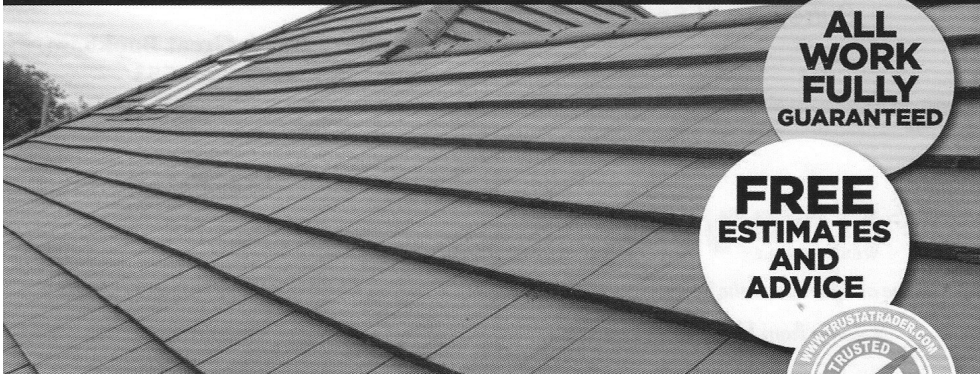
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- August 3rd**
- August 31st**
- October 5th**
- November 2nd**
- December 7th**

Bring your brown NHS Battery Book (which includes your settings and requirements) and wear your hearing aid.

All our volunteers have been trained by the audiology departments of Epsom & St Helier Hospital or the Royal Surrey County Hospital and hold training completion certificates.

# Holy Days

25<sup>th</sup> July

The legend goes that St Christopher was a Canaanite who lived in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century. He was a giant of a man, of fearsome appearance. At first he decided to serve the devil, but when he discovered that the devil was afraid of Christ and His Cross, Christopher decided to serve Christ instead. A nearby hermit instructed Christopher in the Christian faith and assigned to him a place near a river: Christopher's job was to help travellers cross it safely.

All went well, and Christopher helped lots of people on their way until one day a child came along and asked to be carried across. Christopher put him on his back and set off, but was soon staggering under the astonishing weight of this child. The child then told him that He was in fact Jesus Christ, and that He carried the weight of the whole world. The Christ-child then told Christopher to plant his staff in the ground: the next day it bore flowers and dates – confirmation that the child was indeed who He claimed to be.

After some time more of helping travellers cross the river, Christopher went to the city of Lycia, where he preached the gospel with such success that the Roman emperor (Decius?) had him arrested and imprisoned – especially when Christopher refused to sacrifice to the gods. Two women sent into his cell to seduce him came out converted Christians instead. So Christopher was beaten, shot with arrows and finally beheaded.

Christopher has been well-loved of the English down the centuries. Many wall-paintings of him have been placed on the north wall of churches, opposite the porch, so that he would be seen by all who entered. There was good reason for this: as patron saint of travellers, it was believed that anyone who saw an image of St Christopher would not die that day. As the ancient saying goes: 'Behold St Christopher and go thy way in safety'.

A kind of daily insurance policy against death – this was so good that in due course St Christopher became the patron saint of motorists. There is even a church in the Javel area of Paris where Citroen cars are made, that is dedicated to St Christopher. In modern times, with the increase in air and motorway travel, Christopher has remained popular. When in 1969 the Holy See reduced his feast day, there was a sharp protest in several countries, led in Italy by a number of popular film stars. If you ever travel in a taxi on the Continent, look out for a little St Christopher hanging from the rear-view mirror beside the driver. Now you know why it is there!



## *Friendship Lunch*

*If you may otherwise lunch on your  
own*

*you are warmly invited to join us for  
the*

## *Friendship Lunch*

*In the Pastoral Centre*

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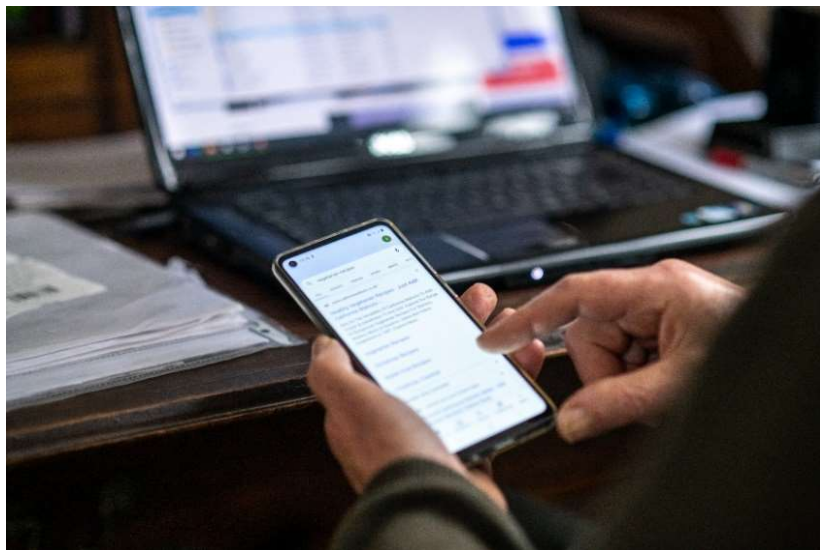
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To register your interest please call 01306 899104 or 07442 017169, or by email [info@ageconcernmolevalley.org.uk](mailto:info@ageconcernmolevalley.org.uk)

## Harvest Festival Lunch – Save the Date

The Eco Team have plans for a very special Harvest Lunch on Sunday 29th September in church after our Harvest Service.

The lunch will include special homemade soups, bread and a dessert with fruits of the season. It is a great time of year to celebrate and give thanks for the bountiful food which the land provides and provides an opportunity to catch up with friends, make new ones and nurture our growing church.



With climate change resulting in excessive wet periods or extended hotter weather resulting in planting delays and crop failures, it is not an easy time for farmers, agriculturalists and market gardeners. Surely many in our congregation will have been planting and nurturing vegetables in gardens and allotments so we can all help in different ways.

Do save the date in your diary and support this initiative of the Eco team.

Tickets will be available nearer the date at a price of £7 per person. All proceeds will go towards updating our Church Room toilet facilities.

**The Eco Team**

Here are just a few tips from the eco charity, A Rocha, about purchasing from garden centres, which could be useful

1. Use peat-free compost.
2. Read the plant label. Was it grown in the British Isles or imported? Imported plants carry a greater risk of introducing pests and diseases.
3. What is the pot made of? Is it plastic or something biodegradable?
4. How long will it last? Is it worth buying annuals or could you fill your garden with perennials which last longer?
5. Is it good for insects? Choose plants with simple flowers - ones without lots of petals. They are more likely to attract bees and butterflies.

Val Lambert - Eco Team

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## READINGS AT THE SUNDAY SERVICES July 2024



- 7<sup>th</sup>**      **Sixth Sunday after Trinity**  
1 Timothy 4: 11-16, 5: 17-21; Matthew 16: 5-12
- 14<sup>th</sup>**      **Seventh Sunday after Trinity**  
Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6: 14-29
- 21<sup>st</sup>**      **Eighth Sunday after Trinity**  
1 Peter 3: 8 -17; Luke 5: 17-26
- 28<sup>th</sup>**      **Ninth Sunday after Trinity**  
Acts 11: 19-30; Matthew 28: 16-20

During July we continue our sermon series on 'Love your church'

### August

- 4<sup>th</sup>**      **Tenth Sunday after Trinity**  
Ephesians 4: 1-16; John 6:24-35
- 11<sup>th</sup>**      **Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**  
Ephesians 4: 25-5:2; John 6: 35, 41-51
- 18<sup>th</sup>**      **Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**  
Ephesians 5: 15-20; John 6: 51-58
- 25<sup>th</sup>**      **Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
Ephesians 6: 10-20; John 6: 56-69

### Crossword Answers

**ACROSS:** 1, Sabbatical. 7, Opinion. 8, Laing. 10, Olga. 11, Galilean. 13, Sardis. 15, Severe. 17, Adultery. 18, Flea. 21, Swazi. 22, Acetate. 23, Revelation.

**DOWN:** 1, Sling. 2, Brim. 3, Annual. 4, Ill-timed. 5, Abilene. 6, Colossians. 9, Gennesaret. 12, Diatribe. 14, Roulade. 16, Errata. 19, Learn. 20, Levi.

## Church Development Plan Prayer Focus

|                         |                                                     |              |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 7 <sup>th</sup> July    | Changes to our building                             | Chris Turner |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> July   | Growing a diverse families' and children's ministry | Celeste Rios |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> July   | Effective Communications Strategy                   | Vicki Dixon  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> July   | Confident in our witness and service                | Alan Jenkins |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> August  | Changes to our building                             | Chris Turner |
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### From the Parish Registers



#### Deaths

|                             |                 |         |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2024 | Eileen Bedford  | Aged 90 |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2024   | Mavis Alexander | Aged 90 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2024   | Mary Ellis      | Aged 99 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2024   | John Corker     | Aged 91 |

#### Baptisms

|                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| 26 <sup>th</sup> May | Rowan Suttle |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> May | Albert Faux  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> May | Louis Faux   |

## St Nicolas Cycle of Prayer July/August 2024

Please remember the following missions, St Nicolas groups and residents of Great Bookham roads in your prayers

|                                  |                                                                 |                                                                     |                            |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 7 <sup>th</sup>                  |                                                                 | Parochial Church Council<br>Leatherhead Deanery Synod               | Merrylands Court           |
| 14 <sup>th</sup>                 | The Meeting Place<br><i>Margaret Hibbert<br/>Val Lambert</i>    | Safeguarding Team<br><i>Roland Martin</i>                           | Merrylands Road            |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>                 | Bible Society<br><i>Suzie and Alan Jenkins</i>                  |                                                                     | Burrows Close              |
| 28 <sup>th</sup>                 | Fairtrade and Eco Team<br><i>Margaret Hibbert and Team</i>      | The Sacristan, Servers and Chalice Assistants<br><i>Jacqy Faull</i> | Oakdene Road               |
| <b>August</b><br>4 <sup>th</sup> | Christians Against Poverty (CAP)                                |                                                                     | Commonside<br>The Common   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup>                 | Mission Aviation Fellowship<br><i>Julia Watts<br/>Sue White</i> | House Groups<br><i>Jean Forward</i>                                 | Eastwick Drive             |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>                 | LeatherHEAD Start<br><i>Mary Railton<br/>Barbara Holloway</i>   |                                                                     | The Spinney<br>Wells Close |
| 25 <sup>th</sup>                 |                                                                 | Children's Groups and Activities<br><i>Celeste Rios</i>             | Richmond Way               |

**Occupation for July: Construction and Engineering**

**Occupation for August: Tourism, Leisure, Hospitality**

## Calendar July and August 2024

**Please note that although the calendar has events scheduled, these may happen in different forms. Please check beforehand (see 'Contact' person on the back page or the St Nicolas website).**

| <b>June</b>      |       |      |                                            |
|------------------|-------|------|--------------------------------------------|
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | Tues  | 1000 | Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)           |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | Thurs | 1000 | Holy Communion (Church)                    |
|                  |       | 1040 | Thursday Coffee (Church Room)              |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Fri   | 1530 | BYouth ((Pastoral Centre)                  |
| <b>July</b>      |       |      |                                            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Mon   | 0830 | Morning Prayers (online)                   |
|                  |       | 1000 | Tots Alive (Church and Church Room)        |
|                  |       | 1530 | BYouth (Pastoral Centre)                   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Tues  | 1000 | Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)           |
|                  |       | 1130 | Mothers' Union prayers (Church)            |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Weds  | 0830 | Morning Prayers (online)                   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Thurs | 1000 | Holy Communion (Church)                    |
|                  |       | 1040 | Thursday Coffee (Church Room)              |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Fri   | 1530 | BYouth (Pastoral Centre)                   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Sat   | 1000 | CDP Prayers (Church Room)                  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Sun   | 1000 | Morning Praise                             |
|                  |       | 1200 | Friendship Lunch (Pastoral Centre)         |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Mon   | 0830 | Morning Prayers (Online)                   |
|                  |       | 1000 | Tots Alive (Church and Church Room)        |
|                  |       | 1530 | BYouth (Pastoral Centre)                   |
|                  |       | 2000 | PCC Meeting (Church Room)                  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Tues  | 1000 | Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)           |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Weds  | 0830 | Morning Prayers (online)                   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Thurs | 1000 | Holy Communion (Church)                    |
|                  |       | 1040 | Thursday Coffee (Church Room)              |
|                  |       | 1415 | Mothers' Union (Pastoral Centre)           |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Fri   | 1530 | BYouth (Pastoral Centre)                   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Sat   | 0900 | Saturday Prayers (online)                  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Mon   | 0830 | Morning Prayers (online)                   |
|                  |       | 1000 | Tots Alive (Church and Church Room)        |
|                  |       | 1530 | BYouth (Pastoral Centre)                   |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Tues  | 1000 | Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)           |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Weds  | 0830 | Morning Prayers (online)                   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Thurs | 1000 | Holy Communion (Church)                    |
|                  |       | 1040 | Thursday Coffee (Church Room)              |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Fri   | 1530 | BYouth (Pastoral Centre)                   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Sat   | 0900 | Barnabas Men's Fellowship(Pastoral Centre) |

|                  |       |              |                                                                     |
|------------------|-------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                  |       | 1500         | Bloom Tea (Pastoral Centre and Garden)                              |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Mon   | 0830         | Morning Prayers (online)                                            |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Tues  | 1000         | Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)                                    |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | Weds  | 0830         | Morning Prayers (online)                                            |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | Thurs | 1000<br>1040 | Holy Communion (Church)<br>Thursday Coffee (Church Room)            |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | Sat   | 0900         | Saturday Prayers (online)                                           |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Sun   | 1200         | Baptism of Lyla-Rose Joyce<br>Baptism of Isabella Lockwood-Samson   |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | Mon   | 0830         | Morning Prayers (online)                                            |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | Tues  | 1000         | Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)                                    |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> | Weds  | 0830         | Morning Prayer (online)                                             |
| <b>August</b>    |       |              |                                                                     |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Thurs | 1000<br>1040 | Holy Communion (Church)<br>Thursday Coffee (Church Room)            |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Sat   | 1000         | CDP Prayers (Church Room)                                           |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Sun   | 1000         | Morning Praise                                                      |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Mon   | 0830         | Morning Prayers (online)                                            |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Tues  | 1000<br>1130 | Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)<br>Mothers' Union Prayers (Church) |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Weds  | 0830         | Morning Prayers (online)                                            |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Thurs | 1000<br>1040 | Holy Communion (Church)<br>Thursday Coffee (Church Room)            |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Sat   | 0900         | Saturday Prayers (online)                                           |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Mon   | 0830         | Morning Prayers (online)                                            |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Tues  | 1000         | Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)                                    |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Weds  | 0830         | Morning Prayers (online)                                            |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Thurs | 1000<br>1040 | Holy Communion (Church)<br>Thursday Coffee (Church Room)            |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Sat   | 0900         | Barnabas Men's Fellowship (Pastoral Centre)                         |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Mon   | 0830         | Morning Prayers (online)                                            |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Tues  | 1000         | Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)                                    |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | Weds  | 0830         | Morning Prayers (online)                                            |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Thurs | 1000<br>1040 | Holy Communion (Church)<br>Thursday Coffee (Church Room)            |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | Sat   | 0900         | Saturday Prayers (online)                                           |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | Mon   |              | <b>Summer Bank Holiday</b>                                          |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | Tues  | 1000         | Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)                                    |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Weds  | 0830         | Morning Prayers (online)                                            |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | Thurs | 1000<br>1040 | Holy Communion (Church)<br>Thursday Coffee (Church Room)            |
| <b>September</b> |       |              |                                                                     |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Sun   | 1000         | Morning Praise (Church)                                             |

|                                                  |      |                      |                                                                                            |
|--------------------------------------------------|------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                  | Mon  | 0830<br>1000<br>1530 | Morning Prayer (online)<br>Tots Alive (Church and Church Room)<br>BYouth (Pastoral Centre) |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>                                  | Tues | 1000<br>1130         | Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)<br>Mothers' Union Prayers (Church)                        |
|                                                  |      |                      |                                                                                            |
| <b>9th August 2024 - Copy for September 2024</b> |      |                      |                                                                                            |



## Parish Contacts

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| <b>Mothers' Union</b>                                  | Branch Leaders – Julia Watts and Chris Collins                                                                                                             | 450709                 |
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| <b>Scouting</b>                                        | 1st Bookham Group GSL Christine Whale<br>3rd Bookham Group - Mrs Karen Wheeler<br>Karen.wheeler@3rdbookham.org.uk                                          | 800712                 |
| <b>Sunday Groups</b>                                   | GLOW at 10am – Celeste Rios                                                                                                                                | 07707 439799           |
| <b>Tots Alive!</b>                                     | Celeste Rios                                                                                                                                               | 07707 439799           |
| <b>Help Your Neighbour Scheme (Mon-Fri 9.30-12.30)</b> |                                                                                                                                                            | 0798 6 177234          |