

NEWSLETTER

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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

They're Home!

Sarah and Will Mackay have returned safely from their trip to Nairobi with enough memories to last a lifetime. How can you fall in love with a place that assaults all your senses? The slums look riotous, smell awful and sometimes make your ears ring. Underfoot is disgusting with remnants of 20 years of plastic bags and rotting vegetables, slimy mud and worse. There is no clean water, other than that carried in by plastic jerry cans, or bowsers, on hand-drawn carts. There are underweight flea-ridden dogs, scrawny ducks and chickens, filthy goats and an occasional very muddy sheep. The answer to Sarah's question is, of course, the people! They are such genuine, welcoming, courageous, friendly, dignified and happy people, who fight their corner hard and seize any opportunity to improve things for their families and to show the love of God in the way they conduct their lives.

Sarah and Will took £1,000 out with them to help Colin's work in the slums of Nairobi, together with large numbers of Effingham and Dorking rugby shirts and loads of other sporting equipment, so that all the homework clubs can enjoy competing with each other. They also took out four copies of the Youth Emmaus course, that we use at St Mary's for our youngsters' confirmation courses. Thank you all so much for your incredibly generous support and special thanks to Barbara and the Women's Group, to the two rugby clubs and to Geoff from G&M Sports.

Families Team Night - Friday 9th July

Thanks to everybody who came to our first Team Night and gave such enthusiastic support to all our exciting ideas for the future and offered their help too. The next social will be on the 10th September and we hope we can tempt everybody to come and hear our plans for the autumn term – there will be delicious refreshments again too – how can you resist? 0--09



“Who let the Dads out?”

The Families Team is organising a really great morning on Saturday, 25th September for Dads and Kids, 9.30 – 11.30am in the hall. Bacon / sausage butties, Scaletrix, Wii, craft, table tennis and lots more! It's going to be fab plus, Dads, think of all those extra brownie points you'll earn from the Mums having a lie-in!

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- To our fantastic teams of leaders and helpers at Junior Church, Y, Footprints, Creche, etc leaders and helpers, many of whom who will be enjoying a much-needed break in the summer. Do make a point of thanking them for their enthusiastic and fun teaching, commitment and Christian example - being thanked and told what you're doing is appreciated means a lot!
 - To the intrepid “volunteers” who are providing all-age Junior Church during the 9.30 service throughout the summer, except on first Sundays when there's a Family Service. “Normal” Junior Church resumes on the 12th September.
 - To Joe Colfar, Charlie Day, Hayley Mead and Alex Smith, for their inspiring talks at Y Wednesday over the last six months.
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DON'T FORGET the service at Guildford Cathedral on Monday evening, 19th July at 8.00pm when Graham Day will be authorised to serve as a pastoral assistant at St Mary's.

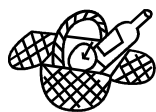
Can you help?

St Mary's first led the organisation of Village Day in 2003 (believe it or not!), firstly with Corinne chairing the committee and then Martin Roberts. Leatherhead Rotary give great support and took the lead organising the event themselves one year. There is an excellent, experienced team in place to run the event but it needs a new chairperson! There is a lot of work involved but the success of the event makes it all worthwhile and serving our community by enabling Village Day to happen is a tangible part of our outward mission. Time marches on and we need somebody to volunteer to chair this year's organising committee. If this is something you feel you could undertake, please speak to Martin, Corinne or one of the Wardens asap, and certainly before the end of July. Thank you!



Dates for your Diary:

- Tue, 20 July Women's Group AGM at 8.00pm in the hall, followed by Mock Auction
 - Wed, 28 July Y Wednesday meets in the hall at 6.30pm
 - Sat, 25 Sept Diocesan Day of Prayer at St John the Baptist Church, Windlesham. Details and booking form available on the Diocesan website - www.cofeguildford.org.uk
 - Sat, 26 Sept "Back to Church Sunday" - start encouraging people and praying for them now!
- Details of events at Guildford Cathedral are on the notice board in the hall.



Fancy a Picnic?

Horizon is organising a meet-up for a picnic on Wednesday 28th July 12.30pm onwards at Hazel Way Rec. Bring picnic, children and outdoor games. Ring Julie on 459906 if weather doubtful! All welcome.

Explorers and Climbers News – Well done everyone!

Congratulations to Beth Cole, Neve Garel, Georgina Nelligan, Olivia Partridge, Yasmin Pither, Luke Trimmer and Belinda Williams who, since coming up to Explorers, have attended at least ten sessions. They are each being given a year's subscription to Topz bible reading notes, specially aimed at 7 - 10 year olds, and some of these were presented last Sunday.

More congratulations to six children who, while they were in Explorers, attended over fifty sessions - a great achievement. They are Oliver Barron, Angus Black, Andrew Egles, Leah Garel, Stephanie Gayton and Sammy Mckinley and they were presented with "Great Big God 4", a CD of catchy, sing-a-long songs.



Congratulations to the following Climbers who will be receiving a book as their reward: Katie Adair, Tamsin Bergman, Emma Mills, Phoebe David, Sophie Delugar, Archie Howarth, Grace Penfold, Ellie Ranger, and Katie Trueman. There are also awards to some of the Year 3 children who moved up recently to Explorers - Harriet Clark, David Frost, Kai Harris, Sarah Irwin, Toby Winson, Imogen Shanks, and Freya McKinlay. Freya managed a very impressive 50 attendances in her 2 years in Climbers. Our Year 1 Climbers will be receiving a book for having been promoted from Scramblers.

Surrey Churches Bike Ride

This year's Bike Ride is on the 11th September – that's the day when cyclists, and walkers, are sponsored to visit as many local churches as possible. 50% of the money raised goes to the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust and 50% goes to the "home" church. Sarah Mackay will have sponsorship forms available on the next two Sundays and that'll be a good time to volunteer your services as a welcomer on the day.



Daniel Garel has been selected to represent Surrey at the World Scout Jamboree in Sweden next year and he needs to raise £1,400 to fund his trip. If you'd like to sponsor him in his cycle ride to Brighton today with his Dad, Adam, get in touch with him on 376274. More details on http://www.garel.co.uk/Daniel/Friends_of_the_Jamboree_Daniel_Garel.pdf.

Whoops!

The Marrs, 377580, have an upright freezer (not fridge/freezer as incorrectly quoted last Newsletter) available free to anybody who would like it. It's not in the first flush of youth but works perfectly – rather like Corinne who made the error, though perhaps with the exception of her brain. Sorry!

Free Microwave available! Interested? Get in touch with Corinne on 800885.

Please pray for:

- Those who are sick, including Margaret Dowling, Barbara Grant (recovering from surgery), Phillip Lett, Judith Pinsent and Barry Welch
- Our Pastoral Assistants, particularly Graham Day as he completes his training and looks forward to the Service of Authorisation at Guildford Cathedral tomorrow evening
- Those completing the "Start" course tomorrow evening
- The Youth Alpha Course being held at the Howard of Effingham in the autumn.



Sunday Readings: (Year C)

18th July, 7th after Trinity (Proper 11)
25th July, 8th after Trinity (Proper 12)
1st August, 9th after Trinity (Proper 13)

First Reading

Col 1: 15-28
Acts 11: 27 – 12.2
Col 3: 1-11

Gospel

Luke 10: 38 – end
Matt 20: 20-28
Luke 12: 13-21

8 o'clock

Trinity 7
St James the Apostle
Trinity 9

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