

# Trinity Update

June 2009



**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ALDERSHOT**  
*'A Church for Everyone'*

## JUNE DIARY 2009

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| 1  | 7.30pm                                                         | <b>PRAISE, PRAYER AND PROPHECY</b> in Crossover                                             |
| 2  | 11am & 8pm                                                     | Fellowship Groups (Tuesdays)                                                                |
|    | 7.45 to 9.30pm                                                 | New Life Fitness for ages 20-40 (£3 per head) (Tuesdays)                                    |
| 3  | 11.15am                                                        | Holy Communion, followed by tea & biscuits (Weds)                                           |
|    | 7.45pm                                                         | Freedom in Christ at 2 Cranmore Lane (Wednesdays)                                           |
|    | 7.30-9pm                                                       | G4G Teen Girls Fellowship Group<br>(also 24th, 29th venue varies)                           |
|    | 7.30-9pm                                                       | J-Ladz (also 24th, 29th )                                                                   |
|    | 8.00pm                                                         | Fellowship Groups (Wednesdays)                                                              |
| 4  | 8.30am                                                         | Prayer for Renewal (Thursdays)                                                              |
|    | 10-11.30am                                                     | Contact - for parents & toddlers (Thursdays in term)                                        |
|    | 2.30pm                                                         | <b>Women's Hour Cream Tea Party – all welcome (see p 2)</b>                                 |
|    | 7.45pm                                                         | Fellowship Groups (Thursdays)                                                               |
| 5  | 1.15 for 1.30pm                                                | Parents & Babies/Toddlers Home Group (Fridays in term)                                      |
|    | 6-7.30pm                                                       | Friendzy (ages 8 and up) (Fridays in term)                                                  |
| 7  | <b>TRINITY SUNDAY - CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY WORLDWIDE SUPPORT</b> |                                                                                             |
|    | 9.30am                                                         | Morning Praise                                                                              |
|    | 11.15am                                                        | Alternative Service, with Kids' Praise                                                      |
|    | 1.15-2.45pm                                                    | Worship Team practice                                                                       |
|    | 7-9pm                                                          | Inclusion (formerly @7) for 14 to 18s (also 21st)                                           |
| 8  | 7.30pm                                                         | <b>ALDERSHOT CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER</b><br>at Park Evangelical Church                     |
| 11 | 2.30pm                                                         | Women's Hour (Thursdays)                                                                    |
| 13 | 10am                                                           | Praying Wives at HT                                                                         |
| 14 | <b>SUNDAY</b>                                                  |                                                                                             |
|    | 9.30am                                                         | Holy Communion                                                                              |
|    | 11.15am                                                        | Alternative Service                                                                         |
| 20 | <b>10am – 5pm</b>                                              | <b>CHURCH DAY AWAY, Aldro School</b>                                                        |
| 21 | <b>SUNDAY</b>                                                  |                                                                                             |
|    | 9.30am                                                         | Morning Praise                                                                              |
|    | 11.15am                                                        | Alternative Service with Holy Communion                                                     |
|    | 1.15-2.45pm                                                    | Worship Team practice                                                                       |
| 25 | 7.30pm                                                         | Special evening on Islam for Fellowship Groups<br>(Replaces usual Group meetings that week) |
| 26 | 8.00pm                                                         | TCPT Prayer meeting in Crossover                                                            |
| 28 | <b>SUNDAY</b>                                                  |                                                                                             |
|    | 9.30am                                                         | Holy Communion, with prayer for healing                                                     |
|    | 11.15am                                                        | Alternative Service                                                                         |
| 29 | 7.30pm                                                         | Fellowship Group leaders' meeting, 2 Cranmore Lane                                          |

## WOMEN'S HOUR

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> Marian Maskell talked about her experiences with two Chinese girls whom Marion hosted over last Christmas; she took them to a service in Windsor and also took them other excursions. This was a most interesting talk and well worth listening to.

The following week our speaker was Rosemary Sewell, whose subject was "Who do we think we are?" Rosemary comes from the Methodist church and always has a lovely message to give.

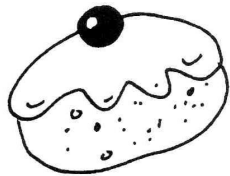
Rosalee Hill talked to us on May 7<sup>th</sup> about COMMUNICATION and showed us pictures on the screen of the work she does with her church in Ash Vale.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> May we had Matt Parker as our speaker. He talked of his work with Kids Alive, whom we support. It was good to be updated on the work going on in Lebanon.

The following week Marion Squires came to sing, recite and play the keyboard for us. Marion is so entertaining and we always look forward to her visits.

As you will all know, we lost Queenie Benjafield one of our much loved members, this month. Jean and I will always be grateful to Queenie for all the support she gave us when we took over Women's Hour. She was a wonderful example to us all at Women's Hour and she will greatly missed.

Lastly a thank you to Peggy Wallis who was so important in Queenie's life and did so much for her.



### **Cream Tea**

On June 4<sup>th</sup>, starting at 2.30pm, Women's Hour are hosting a cream tea party in Crossover in aid of the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. We are looking for a minimum donation of £1.00 per person. Anybody is welcome to come.

*Jean and Daphne*

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this issue.  
The July 2009 issue will be in Church on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June.  
The LAST date for July articles will be Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

## AN INVITATION TO JOHN KELLAGHER'S ORDINATION

The time since we joined Holy Trinity in September seems to have flown past, and I am now looking forward to my ordination on Sunday July 5th. Jacquie and I have enjoyed getting to know some of you, and have appreciated the welcome we have had, even though I have been concentrating on study rather than on church activities. It will be a relief to finish the study and start properly on the path that the Lord has called me to, although there is a fair degree of trepidation mixed in as well!

The ordination service is at 10.30am at Guildford Cathedral; the service will last for about 2 hours – and is probably not terribly child friendly! Everyone is welcome at the cathedral - I think that there are about 20 people being ordained, so the cathedral is likely to be fairly full. So if you would like to come – and it would be good to see (some of) you there – it's worth getting there early, and thinking about sharing transport.

We are also planning a celebration lunch back home here in Camberley after the service. Again, everyone is welcome to that, even if you can't make it to the cathedral. It would be useful, however, to have an idea of the number of people who are thinking of coming, so that we can make appropriate arrangements!

*John*

**Holy Trinity Church Day Away  
Aldro School  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 10am – 5pm  
Speaker Rev'd David Willey**



Yes - the Soul Sisters are back - refreshed and revived from our sunny weekend at Weycroft Hall. What a wonderful location, for marathon runs before breakfast or quiet strolls round the gardens, archery in the field or croquet on the lawn.

Everyone had a good time and rose to the few *small* challenges that faced us. Some even bravely took up the challenge laid down by the J-Men and intrepid swimmers (look out for the photo evidence) took to the waters in Lyme Regis.

We met together Saturday and Sunday morning and heard wonderful testimonies of God at work in lives, had time to reflect on our own walk with God and encounter Him in new ways. God was with us and the Holy Spirit worked amongst us. We praise God for all He did and is doing. Roll on next time!

Don't miss out on our next event – *WINE & SKITTLES* on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at the Jolly Miller in North Wamborough at 7.30pm – all for a bargain price of £6 including buffet. Those who went last time thoroughly enjoyed themselves – so why not come along. We look forward to seeing you and your friends there.

*Susan*

On Behalf of Soul Sisters

### Soul Sisters Weekend at Weycroft Hall - An appreciation

I felt that I must write a 'thank you' to the Soul sisters team who arranged the weekend away at Weycroft Hall. The thing that charmed me most was the way we all seemed to gel together, regardless of age. It was lovely to be able to meet and chat to some of the ladies I had only seen in passing between services. The fun, fellowship and laughter were infectious – and there was plenty of laughter!

Weycroft Hall is itself a wonderfully spiritual building, and the peace and beauty of the surrounding countryside made it a time to remember for me. Yes, the accommodation was basic, but for the price we paid, it was fine.

The afternoon we spent in Lyme Regis was especially good fun, with several hardy souls venturing into the sea. I was quite happy to sit and watch!

The weekend was to 'Refresh, Revive, Come Alive' and it certainly did what it said on the tin... So a big thank you to Susan, Kris, Marion, Trisha and Heidi; you did a brilliant job of organisation, and special thanks to Trisha who drove me. It was lovely to be able to admire the countryside for a change. So, here's looking to next time.

*Jean*

### Soul Sisters Weekend in Weycroft Hall - Another appreciation

The title for the weekend was "Refresh, Revive, Come Alive!" It did just that, I believe, for all of us.

We went to a beautiful place for this event, to an old house called "Weycroft Hall", built of stone, with stone floors (except in the lounge which had a carpet and double glazing and easy chairs). We arrived in great excitement in eight cars, some of us with deep relief (those with small children) and all with expectation. Swiftly settling into bedrooms sleeping from two to seven, and some even in a Barn, we quickly got to know each other better. We ate our meals and had our Sunday morning Worship in the large "Baronial Hall", which boasted a Minstrels' Gallery and huge fireplace, lit daily with large logs. It was warmer out than in, however, and we soon spilled over onto the lawn with its chairs and tables. Here we gathered to relax, chat and sometimes pray. We also took our meals out there at times. The grounds gave us plenty of space to wander in (or even jog through before breakfast).

The housegroup was like a continuous party, Kris having thoughtfully told us to bring our own wine, soft drinks, nibbles, sweets, biscuits etc. All this "tuck" made it seem even more like a jolly boarding school! We also received a "goody-bag" each on arrival (I bet the men did not think of that!) containing programme, perfume, chocolate and a card for writing on about how God blessed us over the weekend. Does Kris want those back?

We did not have the Quad bikes, unfortunately, so we could not show our prowess there, but we had Archery and a number of us went into the sea in Lyme Regis on the Saturday afternoon. We also bought rock, ice-cream, fudge and postcards, and had fun there.

The Saturday morning session was "Café-Church Style" with questions and was very good. We also had three testimonies, also moving, but much longer than usual. Several people took advantage of the Prayer Ministry offered, and some prayed "in tongues" for the first time.

We enjoyed sharing, laughing, even crying together, and the sun shone, so it was altogether too short. We shall come back for more, we hope, and more will come next time. A song which I hum and sing continuously since being there is "How great is our God". He is wonderful – He is refreshing and reviving, He makes us alive. He makes Himself known and answers all who call on Him and long for Him. We know that we can be so transformed that we can say with Paul...

"For me to live is Christ!" and some of us can even add "and to die is gain".

*Carol*

## **‘theFUSE’**

### **What is it? When is it? Where is it and Who’s behind it????**

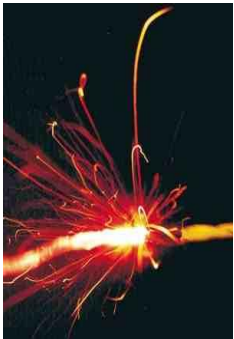
‘theFUSE’ is currently a termly youth event involving times of worship, word, activities and testimonies. It is led mainly by the young people for young people and is driven by youth workers and young people from participating churches (currently Holy Trinity and Park, with Kings looking to come on board). The venue alternates between participating churches, so the pilot event was at Park Evangelical in March and the next will be at Holy Trinity on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **What is the purpose of ‘theFUSE’?**

The purpose of ‘theFUSE’ is threefold: i) Evangelism, ii) Growth of Christian young people, iii) To provide an outlet for expression of faith.

### **Who exactly is ‘theFUSE’ aimed at?**

Initially, it will be the Christian young people of Aldershot who attend ‘theFUSE’ events. The pilot event in March involved the young people of Holy Trinity and Park Evangelical. For the next one, we are looking to encourage the young people from the other churches in Aldershot and also for these young people to invite their friends. Ultimately, ‘theFUSE’ aims to reach out beyond, to all the young people in Aldershot, to bring them the good news and the opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ.



### **The External Vision: ‘Unite, Connect, Break free’**

The advertising for ‘theFUSE’ gives the tagline ‘Unite, Connect, Break free’, which sums up the vision quite succinctly. ‘Unite’ indicates the coming together (‘fusing’- small link to the name there!) of the young people of Aldershot. ‘Connect’ refers to the connecting with each other at these events and, importantly, with God. The ‘Break free’ part is about the young people breaking free from anything that binds them or holds them back/ stops them from living for God and from telling others about Jesus. If we liken a young person’s

spiritual potential to a stick of dynamite - we want them to get to a point where they can let God light their Fuse and set them off in the power of the Holy Spirit! So that they may not pursue a life that conforms to the spirit of this age, but one that is led and empowered by the Holy Spirit, bearing much fruit for the Kingdom.

### **What happens at ‘theFUSE’?**

Currently ‘theFUSE’ format has three elements - Worship, Activity and Talk - each led by the young people. During the pilot event in March, there were times of worship led by the youth bands of Holy Trinity and Park. For future events other expressions of worship will be incorporated, such as drama sketches and dance.

The Activity in the pilot event took the form of a graffiti wall on which the young people could express themselves using luminous paint and there was also time for food and drink. The main purpose of the Activity element is to have fun and promote interaction between the young people themselves and with the youth leaders.

The Talk element, of course, gives opportunity for an evangelistic challenge and sharing of testimony and is given by people who the young people can relate to/connect with.

Feedback from our young people about the pilot event included:

- ‘I enjoyed the talk because I thought parts of it related to my situation at the moment and it was helpful...The testimonies were also good’.....
- ‘I really liked the worship, it was good to have Kutloose (Holy Trinity youth band) and the other band from Park doing it’..
- (On whether they would invite their friends:) ‘Yes because I think it would be good for them to see us worshipping God....
- ‘Yes to help them understand me/us more and because there are lots young people at ‘theFUSE’, they would feel comfortable, it would be relevant to them and hopefully they would be able to come away knowing Christ or something to make them think’.

We hope that indeed. So we eagerly look forward to the next event. Please hold this in your prayers - that the ones whom God would have there are able to come along and encounter Him.

*Belinda*

## Chief's Concerns

### *Give Glory to God*

I love the way God works. In May we were celebrating the first birthday of the Town Centre Pastoral Team; those that faithfully pray behind the scenes and those that faithfully take to the streets of Aldershot daytime and evening came together to share and encourage one another in this frontline ministry.

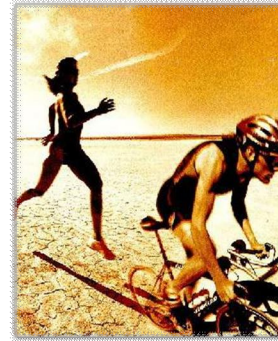
In Jesus' day people said 'Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?'; some people think that about Aldershot. God's say on the town of Aldershot is very different. So for me it was a proud and very precious moment when I stood in St James's Palace early in May with a number of TCPT colleagues, listening to HRH The Earl of Wessex KG KCVO addressing a packed room of people who either do frontline evangelism among young people or support and sponsor such ministry.

We were invited by Church Army and were there to represent the Town Centre Pastoral Team in conjunction with the One 2 One Event, in recognition of God's working among us and through us on the streets of Aldershot.

'The One 2 One Club supports and sustains Church Army projects in the UK and Ireland that work mainly with children and young people. These projects contribute to transforming lives and communities by sharing faith through words and action by making Jesus famous. "Our focus is on the 7 out of 10 people who have little or no meaningful contact with church." The One 2 One Club has members from all walks of life, what joins them together is their desire to make a tangible impact in people's lives and communities.'

During this event we had many opportunities to share with people from various parts of the country what the Town Centre Pastoral Team is, how it came about, the request of the Police, those that have sponsored us, but more importantly how we see God at work in young people's lives – many of the people we spoke to were really inspired to take similar steps in their location, with God.

### *HT Summer Fun Run*



On Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup> we are holding a 'Summer sponsored Fun Run' with any monies raised going towards equipment for 'Friendzy' and 'Inclusion' youth groups – we are also linking this with Change4life, the government campaign to encourage healthy living.

So whether you are a seasoned runner, or just fancy a challenge, or want to shape up a bit and dust off those trainers, this is definitely for you. The local route will allow you to do 3, 6 or 9 miles, we are also going to allow you to bike the route if you prefer – quite where the fun comes in I don't know!

The HT Fun Run is open to anyone to take part in, so do be encouraging your friends and family outside of Holy Trinity Church. For more details see website or speak to Jonathan or Jamie Mahoney.

*Jonathan*

p.s. By the way everything in the veggie plot is growing, can't wait to eat the produce!

## George Writes

Dear Friends,

Hopefully some of the rush of the earlier part of the year is over, but there are still several very important events in this month of June, including our annual **Church Day Away**. This is on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June and we are delighted that we are allowed again to use the wonderful facilities of Aldro School. The cost will only be £5 per head (£2 for children under 16), although we can offer concessions if needed. It will start at 10am and go on until about 5pm (a bit earlier if the weather is bad!) Our guest speaker is Rev'd David Willey, who is the vicar at St. Peter's Farnborough and he will be sharing from the Beatitudes. The lunch will be bring-and-share and we will be asking for a few volunteers to sort out the food and wash up afterwards. The facilities include a boating lake, tennis, table tennis, large fields, giant outdoor chess and much more!

On 5<sup>th</sup> July, John Kellagher will be **ordained** as curate to Holy Trinity (NSM) at the cathedral. We will have our normal Sunday morning services that day, but everyone is welcome to the ordination service at 10.30, so you can choose where you worship that day. If you are coming to the cathedral, parking will be tight, so please share lifts or use public transport. It will also be a very full, so arrive in good time! Do be praying for John as he finishes off his theological training and goes on retreat at the end of this month, as well as being in a very busy time at work.

In the light of our Lent Discipleship Course we are looking to start up a few new small groups (they may be called something other than 'Fellowship Groups') particularly for those not yet in a group. It is very difficult to grow as a Christian without close and regular fellowship and nurture and it is very clearly part of belonging to the body of Christ. Watch this space!

Regarding the town, please keep praying for premises to open up for the TCPT and possibly other Christian ministry, and keep praying for an open door to the NHS practices in town, so we can create a 'chaplancy' which, I am convinced, will both take something of the burden off the NHS and draw many to the peace and purpose that Christ gives.

In May I attended the diocesan triennial conference in Derbyshire and the four key speakers were excellent; they were from the top of their professions in botany/ecology, prison inspection, the army and the medical profession. It was good to link a biblical perspective to the ethics of these areas and it was particularly heartening to find committed Christians in such places of influence.

Also along diocesan lines, I am taking up a tutoring post for those recently ordained which will take up one day a month, nine months a year, and I have been

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proposed for a seat on Diocesan Synod which will be a maximum of three Saturdays a year (I hope!)

My prayer for all of us is that, fuelled by the Holy Spirit of Pentecost, we may burn and shine brightly for the Lord wherever we go and that he will energise us with His love and power.

*George*

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## Verses and Visions from May's PPP

There were two pictures of Prayer Corner when we prayed round the church – one in which there was a box with all sorts of light shooting out, and the other was its bare walls, perhaps symbolising a lack of faith, needing to be reminded of God's promises through the Bible.

There was a sense of hope relating to young people.

We need the Holy Spirit to work to open the hearts and minds of unbelievers that come in.

*George*

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## Dreaming of a new Hall?

**As you may be aware, a couple of years ago we started a fund for building a new and larger Hall to replace our old and dilapidated one. However, although we have about £100,000 in that fund, we still need about £500k more. It was mooted at the last PCC meeting that if everyone in the church gave an average of £3,000 as a one-off gift, we could get it sorted!**

**Obviously not everyone could give anything like that – but what do you think of that idea?**

*George*

## **SPOTLIGHT ON AEHEE**

Aehee has been a member of HT for almost 10 years. She is married to Don and they have two sons, Christopher and Adrian.

### **What are your role(s) at HT?**

I am a member of the Prayer Ministry team and I usually attend the 9:30 service. However, sometimes I do stay on for the later service which I enjoy as well.

In addition, I am part of the Praying Wives and also a member of the Songs of Rage group. This is the Outreach group for the West End Centre.



### **What was your family background?**

I was born just after the Korean war and initially I lived down in the south of Korea, but later moved up to Seoul, the capital.

My dad died when I was only one year old and my mum later remarried. I have four sisters and two brothers, so quite a large family!! My mum's religious background was Buddhism although I believe my dad had some Christian connections, because he had a second name given by a church.

### **What was your childhood like?**

I like to think that I had a normal childhood, although just after my dad died, my mum decided to give me over to a nanny to look after me temporarily. This was because she couldn't cope with my dad's death and also at the same time she was pregnant. But I refused to take any food or milk and I became very weak (my mum thought she had lost me). So she took me back and I became well again.

I had an illness when I was about 11 years old. For three days I was near to death, the doctors could not help and my family thought I was actually dying. However I did somehow manage to pull through, but it took two or three years to recover. This had a serious impact on my education. I have concluded that I probably had had hepatitis, as years later I tested positive.

In my early twenties, I went to a concert hall with my sister to attend a New Year's Eve concert. The building caught fire and there was mass panic, with over 200 people dying. I was trapped under many people, but someone caught hold of my hand and pulled me out. I really thought I was going to die. I wanted to thank the man who pulled me out, but I couldn't find him.

Looking back, I know that it was the Lord who saved me from those three close encounters with death, so that I could come to know Him later. I owe Him my life, I know that now.

### **What jobs have you had?**

I did a two year intensive course to catch up with the education lost during my illness, but this was still not sufficient to enable me to go to university. In Korea, a degree is vital to secure a good job, but I was blessed to be taken on with an American company. This was remarkable, as in Korea all graduates compete to be engaged by foreign companies.

It was through my boss that I met Don, who was in Korea working for an American company constructing a hospital. After we were married I was again blessed to be employed by an American bank with a good salary. This was quite unusual, as married women in Korea are not normally employed.

Looking back, I can see that God's hands were upon me (although I didn't know Him then).

### **Where have you lived since marriage?**

We stayed in Korea for three years and then we move to Qatar. From there we had two years in Bahrain and then on to Singapore, where we stayed for 18 years. Then we relocated to England.

### **What brought you to Aldershot and to Holy Trinity?**

Don's parents lived here and we visited them each year from abroad. After we relocated here, I looked at two other churches but felt more comfortable with the warmth and welcome of HT. Now I know that it was the Lord's leading.

### **How did you become a Christian?**

When Christopher was baptised, I was baptised as well, although it had little meaning to me. My cousins in New York had been praying for me and sent me a Bible, which I put in the loft!! In my first year in Singapore, I began to think "what if I die tomorrow, what then?" A friend invited me to go to a Bible Study around that time and through that I met Jesus.

It took me a couple of years before I actually started to go to church as I had been a very strong anti-churchgoer. In Korea, I saw them as hypocrites.

The highlight was the baptism of the Holy Spirit. This came after some years of solid Bible teaching, which had helped deepen my relationship with the Lord. After that the Lord opened my eyes to receive His healing in many areas of my life.

I'm so grateful to Him, my Heavenly Father, who not only saved a wretched one like me, but also His ongoing work to bring wholeness in me (long way to go yet!). Only by His grace, I am what I am and who I am. My deep gratitude to my Lord who gave me loving families at home and in the church. I praise and give all the glory to His Precious Name! Amen.

*Aehee*

## Nepal News

### **An answer to prayer ...**

Last time we reported on a prayer request from Ursula Johnston in Nepal, for the resumption of early morning education classes for adults who missed out on schooling in their childhood – including Ursula's cleaning lady, Ganga. People on the HT email prayer tree had already had this request and been praying.

The ink was barely dry on copies of the May Update when another email arrived, reporting an answer to our prayers:

*On Tuesday [the day after her first email] the students tore down the notice over the school gate saying that early morning classes would not reopen and padlocked the gates, preventing the day school from functioning!! They locked the gates again on Wednesday and called in the media. Nothing like the recent civil war to give an example of "people power".*

*Apparently the head and teachers were with the students. Only a school senior manager had decided on the closure, wishing to open the rest of the school to equivalent of A levels. Students called for his dismissal, and objected that they had not even been given notice of the closure. Anyway, management yesterday capitulated and admission will be early Sunday, followed by first classes.*

*I had Ganga at her absolute best reporting the whole story to me, in torrents of excited Nepali. She could have been an actress, the way she mimics the various key players in the events - the student leaders particularly. She herself has remained quietly confident that God would sort it all out - through your prayers.*

*So thank you all hugely for praying..*

### **Rain**

Please continue to pray for rain for Nepal.

### **News Update No 21**

For those who have not received it via the email prayer tree, there is a copy of Jos & Ursula's latest 'News Update' in the rack at the back of church.

### **Health**

Please pray particularly for Ursula's health, as she is currently back in the UK with bronchial / asthma problems.

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## Who Are Csw And What Do They Do?

*Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June is CSW Sunday, when we support the work of Christian Solidarity Worldwide.*

In many countries across the world there is discrimination against Christians and sometimes active persecution; this may be direct action by government agencies or simply a matter of governments 'turning a blind eye' when Christians are attacked. Christian Solidarity Worldwide campaigns for religious freedom and works on behalf of those persecuted for their Christian beliefs.

CSW works in two main ways:

- campaigning on religious freedom issues to influence governments and other bodies
- mobilising the general public to pray for persecuted Christians and to protest (for example by writing a letter to an MP).

Some examples of the subjects of current campaigns show the range of CSW's work:

- Pastor Zhang Mingxuan, President of the Chinese House Church Alliance, who has suffered many imprisonments and beatings over the years, and has now been forced out of his home in Beijing
- two young Iranian women, who have been imprisoned without charge, probably because they have converted from Islam to Christianity
- persistent human rights violations in Burma, where Christians suffer violence and land confiscation at the hands of the Burmese army.

There is a copy of the CSW *Response* publication in the rack at the back of church and more information on [www.csw.org.uk](http://www.csw.org.uk)

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## Kolkata News

The BMS Kolkata (Calcutta) Youth Action Team which includes Wendy Sear's granddaughter Elinor Ansell (Eli), has now finished its work in India and is touring the UK talking about the work they have been doing there, with street children and others.

### 'Beyond the Upper Room'

A training day for people who assist at Holy Communion  
*Aldershot and Surrey Heath Deaneries*



**Saturday 6 June 2009**

at the Church on the Heath, Elvetham Heath, Fleet GU51 1HA  
from 9.45 am to 2.30 pm

The day will include:  
A brief history of Holy Communion  
Different ways of understanding it  
Questions and discussion on issues

***The day is free of charge  
(except for lunch at the De Havilland Arms!)  
Speak to your incumbent and ring Mary on 815103  
to book a place***

#### Tech Team:

**Volunteers sought for the Tech Team rotas for either sound or projection.**

**Training, initial supervision and ongoing support will be provided!**

**See George if interested.**

### And finally...

#### **Acts 2:38**

An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening service when she was startled by an intruder. As she caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables, she yelled, "Stop - Acts 2:38!" (..turn from your sin...) The burglar stopped dead in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you." "Scripture?" replied the burglar, "She said she had an AXE and two 38s!"

*Thanks to Tat for this*

#### **Extract from '36 rules of life'**

Don't worry about what people think; they don't do it very often

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian, any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance.

A conscience is what hurts when all of your other parts feel so good.

A person who is nice to you, but rude to the waiter, is not a nice person.

*Thanks to Paul for these*

**Forthcoming Events at Holy Trinity:**

Friday 3 July	Soul Sisters Wine & Skittles, Wanborough
Saturday 4 July	'theFUSE' youth event at HT
Sunday 5 July, at 10am	John Kellagher ordination, Cathedral
Saturday 11 July	'Make A Difference Day' (Community Action)
Saturday 18 July, at 8.30am	Ladies Prayer Breakfast
Saturday 18 July, at 7.30pm	Summer Soirée @ the Haley's
27 – 31 July	Viney Hill
4 – 7 August	Mission Manchester
17 – 21 August	Soul Survivor

**'Don't All Religions Lead to God?'**

This is the topic that ex-Hindu Vijay Menon will speak on after the next men's breakfast at the Parish Centre at St Peter's Farnborough.

It takes place **at 8am on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2009.**

The event will conclude by about 10am after a Question & Answer session.

All men (believers or not-yet-believers) are invited to come and explore this current topic. This is, of course, an ideal opportunity to which men can invite their not-yet-Christian men friends.

**Tickets**

Full English breakfast      £5,

Continental breakfast      £4.

Tickets from Brian Jones via: [brian.jones4@ntlworld.com](mailto:brian.jones4@ntlworld.com) or tel: 660279.

*Dave and Trisha Haley invite you to a*

***Summer Soirée***

*At 29 Northbrook Road*

*On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July from 7.30pm*

*Bring and Share food*

*All welcome*

**Thank you to everyone who contributed to this issue.  
The July 2009 issue will be in Church on Sunday 28 June.  
The LAST date for July articles will be Sunday 21 June.**