

**SEPTEMBER DIARY 2009**

# Trinity Update

September 2009



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

1	11am & 8pm	Fellowship Groups *	(Tuesdays)
2	11.15am	Holy Communion, followed by tea & biscuits	(Weds)
	8.00pm	Fellowship Groups *	(Wednesdays)
3	8.30am	Prayer for Renewal	(Thursdays)
	2.30pm	Women's Hour	(Thursdays)
	7.45pm	Fellowship Groups *	(Thursdays)
4	7.30-9.00pm	TCPT training in Crossover (repeat of August training evening)	
6	<b>CHURCH ARMY SUPPORT SUNDAY</b>		
	9.30am	Holy Communion	
	11.15am	Alternative Service, with Holy Communion and Kids' Praise	
	1.15-2.45pm	Worship Team practice	
7	7.30pm	<b>PRAISE, PRAYER AND PROPHECY</b> in Crossover	
	7.30-9pm	J-Ladz & G4G, Combined Teen Fellowship Group, also 21st	
8	7.45 to 9.30pm	New Life Fitness for ages 20-40 (£3 per head)	(Tuesdays)
10	10-11.30am	Contact - for parents & toddlers	(Thursdays in term)
11	1.15 for 1.30pm	Parents & Babies/Toddlers Home Group *	(Fridays in term)
	6-7.30pm	Friendzy (ages 8 and up)	(Fridays in term)
12	10am	Praying Wives at HT	
12-13	<b>The Big Tent event on Queen's Parade (See pages 6 &amp; 11)</b>		
12	11am	'How tough are you?' (Brunch provided)	
	2.00pm	'Steps in Faith', flag and dance workshop, ages 8+	
	8.00pm	One Nation Band	
13	<b>SUNDAY</b>		
	11.00am	United Celebration in ACT Tent on Queen's Parade	
	7.00pm	'Wholeness for Body, Mind & Spirit' in ACT tent	
	<b><u>No services at HT on Sunday 13th</u></b>		
14	7.30pm	<b>ALDERSHOT CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER</b>	
	at KC21, High St ( <b>Note new venue for 2009-10</b> )		
19	8.30am	Ladies Prayer Breakfast, 29 Northbrook Road	
	11.00am	Wedding of Philip Le Roux and Karen Smart	
20	<b>SUNDAY</b>		
	9.30am	Morning Praise	
	11.15am	Alternative Service	
	1.15-2.45pm	Worship Team practice	
	7-9pm	Inclusion (formerly @7) for 14 to 18s	(alternate weeks)
21	7.30 pm	PCC meeting, Crossover	
26	7.30pm	An evening with Beverley Trotman (see page 3)	
27	<b>SUNDAY TEAR fund support</b>		
	9.30am	Holy Communion	
	11.15am	Alternative Service with prayer for healing	
	7.00-10.00pm	'theFUSE' youth event at HT	

\* Check with leaders for dates when groups re-start after summer break

## CONTACT

Contact is HT's group for parents and young children, meeting in Crossover on Thursday mornings in term time. Following the summer break, Contact re-opens its doors on Thursday 10th Sept. *Mary writes:*

After a period of relative uncertainty, I am happy to say that the Contact Group will continue in the autumn. I am taking over the running of the group from Jane and would like to thank her for all the hard work she has put into the group over the years.

It is going to be a team effort, as both Ann-Marie Chittock and Di Spencer will be assisting in the running of the group, along with a couple of the mums who come each week.. It will take us a little while to find our feet no doubt, but we have plans to introduce some new activities and crafts over the coming weeks, which we hope the mums and children will enjoy. No doubt before we know it we shall be thinking of Christmas... any volunteers to play Santa???

If anyone feels able to help us out by making tea/coffee/juice etc we would really value your support, and the commitment does not have to be to every week. If you think you could assist then please have a chat with me (Mary on 331884).

## WOMEN'S HOUR

Following the August break, Women's Hour resumes on 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 2.30pm. More information from Daphne or Jean.

## FROM PAMELA HESTER

To the 'Holy Trinity Family' – Pamela and Andrew Hester would like to thank you for your loving support and prayers at the sudden and unexpected loss of Simon – a very dearly loved son and brother. We have been very moved by the number of cards/messages received, and uplifted by the service celebrating his life, to which so many came. The marvellous total of £1377.54 was received in donations in aid of the British Heart Foundation.

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**Thank you to everyone who contributed to this issue.  
The October 2009 issue will be in Church on Sunday 27th September.  
The LAST date for October articles will be Sunday 20th September.**

## SOUL SISTERS

What a great day we had at the Mytchett Canal Centre! The atmosphere was relaxed, the sun was shining, the water was calm, the company was convivial and the cream tea ..... well, that was delicious! There was a play area for the children, a café where we had coffee and some people had lunch, a picnic area and boat trips. A most enjoyable time was had by all.



Our next event was going to be a Film Night on 25<sup>th</sup> September, but, as the 20s/30s group have a guest speaker, Beverley Trotman, coming the following evening, we have decided to postpone our event to a later date, so that we can support them.

Come and indulge your artistic flair at our 'Creative Bazaar' on 20<sup>th</sup> November. There will be demonstrations of a variety of crafts and the opportunity to have a go yourself. As always, there will also be tasty refreshments! More details nearer the time.

*Trisha*

On behalf of the Soul Sisters

PS. If you have any special talents or any contacts that you think could be incorporated into an event, please speak to Sue, Kris, Heidi, Marian or Trisha.



***An evening with X-Factor finalist***

**Beverley Trotman**

**at Holy Trinity, Aldershot**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm  
(Doors open 6.30pm)**

**Tickets £7 in advance or £9.50 on the door**

**To book visit [www.tffonline.org.uk](http://www.tffonline.org.uk) or call 01784 462219**

## **PRAYER: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE**

The good thing about prayer is that there's only one way to go wrong, and that's *not* to do it. The best way to do it is to just get on and do it. If prayer at its simplest level is listening to God and talking to Him, you don't need long books to tell you how to do it, you just need a conviction that prayer is a good thing to do, that you're someone God wants to hear from and that He's worth talking to.

Is prayer a good thing to do? Never mind for the moment about whether prayer 'works' or not; Jesus prayed and he encouraged his disciples to pray too, so if we're following him, we need to be praying. Full stop.

Are you someone God wants to hear from? The message of the Bible is that however unworthy, sinful and useless we may feel as human beings, God can't wait to hear from us and is sitting on the edge of his seat like a lovestruck teenager, hand poised ready to pick up the phone the second it rings.

Is He worth talking to? He's the one person who knows us inside out, the one person with infinite power at his fingertips, the one who has the true perspective on an entire world's story. Not a slot machine to pay into, in the hope of one day getting 'an answer to prayer', but a person. Who likes us.

How might you begin to pray? What sort of a person are you? Do you like a good gossip? Then gossip to God. Are you the strong silent type? Then be silent in His presence. Say hello... say the Lord's Prayer ... say 'Oh God' and mean it... deliberately be silent and still for one minute ... read a story from a Gospel and imagine what you would say to Jesus if you were there... tell him about what is worrying you or thrilling you ... copy the great pray-ers of the Bible and of the Church... write a letter to him ... listen and look for a few moments in a place you consider holy... You can't go wrong. Prayer is good. God longs to hear from you. He's worth it.

*Thanks to Alison for forwarding this, which had previously appeared in the St Michael's parish magazine.*

## **BIBLICAL HUMOUR**

Q. Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?

A. Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.

Q. Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?

A. The area around Jordan . The banks were always overflowing.

*Thanks to George for forwarding these*

## **THE KESWICK EXPERIENCE**

I spent a week at the Keswick Convention last month. It was great to go to a lovely place like Keswick and to meet thousands of Christians. I met up with some friends from the Christian Rambling Club, some people I had met before, one lady I had not seen for eight years. It was good to catch up. I also made friends with other people I didn't know. It is good to be in the Christian family.

I managed to do a couple of walks with the Rambling Club. The other days I stayed in Keswick and met other people. One afternoon, when I was walking around Keswick, I popped into a tent for a drink. The first lady I got talking to was from the Isle of Wight. Then a couple came along and joined us. The lady said that she used to go to school in Aldershot (before my time). We just opened up to one another. We found we had so much in common and could understand each other and encourage each other. She had only come to Keswick for the day. It is amazing how God brought us two together. We are going to keep in touch.

One day, at the Convention, I sat next to some ladies from St Helens. They knew someone I clean for. They couldn't believe it. Some friends from the Rambling Club invited me to dinner some days in their cottage. One person gave me a lift to the station on the way home. I received so many blessings in that week.

It was great to be with other Christians, praising and worshipping the Lord together. We had some good Spiritual food as well. It certainly was an experience.

*Deirdre*

**Holy Trinity is looking to appoint a**

**Hall and Site Manager**

*We are prepared to make this a paid post (as with our gardening and cleaning) and a job spec will be given. It will need to be someone with their own transport and with some time during midweek daytimes. We envisage it being 4-6 hours a week, overseeing the site and any contractors needing to do work.*

*See George if interested.*

## CHIEF'S CONCERNS

**J-MEN** – Great News! Even though this summer we have been a bit quiet on the events front, behind the scenes I have been working with others to form a new J-Men events team. The idea is for this team to eventually take over the planning and organisation of future events; initially though, I will be overseeing a transitional period to help these servants settle in to the role. George and I will still be involved, especially taking responsibility for Christian input at events and also retaining oversight of Magnet Groups, Band of Brothers and other events that include discipleship content.

It wasn't easy deciding who to ask to form this team, as many men are really busy with work and family commitments, but having prayed and discussed the idea with George, I'm happy to say that the four men I asked all accepted the role, which means between them they have the skills to maintain the J-Men primary focus, reaching out to un-churched men, but also the skills to cover the many areas of expertise required to plan and organise a quality men's event.

I am sure you will all join with me in welcoming Dave Haley, Chris Todd, Martin Hicks and Peter Genari as our new J-Men events team. Do make a point of encouraging them and no doubt you will be hearing from them soon, as the planning starts to get under way for our next Big Event, the F1 Night on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

**BIG TENT EVENT** – Men there are some great events lined up on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September, kicking off at 11am with 'How tough are you?' when Mark Stubbs, Atlantic rower, and Mark X from the SAS tell their real life stories and how they found peace with God – this is going to be a great opportunity to invite friends to. Brunch provided.

For more information go to [www.spearhead.org.uk](http://www.spearhead.org.uk) or pick up some of the publicity material in church.

**G4G & J-LADZ** – This summer we have seen God work in some amazing and unusual ways among the young people of Holy Trinity. To help this continue we have decided to combine G4G & J-LADZ for the autumn term, starting Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September and then every other week. To find out more about our plans, speak to Jonathan or Belinda.

*Jonathan*

**A BUSY SUMMER:** It's been a very busy summer for Holy Trinity's young people – and even more so for some of their leaders. We've been trying to catch up with them (not easy!) and have assembled some feedback on what they're been doing and how God has worked in them and through them. *Thanks to everyone who helped in any way (including making cakes!) and to those who prayed for these events.*

**VINEY HILL:** On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 14 of HT's younger age group, with Jonathan, Sue, Louise, Becci and two teenage helpers, headed down the M4 to Viney Hill Christian Adventure Centre in the Forest of Dean. As in previous years, they had five days there, with a mix of physical challenges and Christian teaching.

**MISSION MANCHESTER:** The following week, a group of teenagers led by Jonathan and Belinda were in Salford, helping a local church with a mission and outreach week. They were involved in a range of social and community projects, including Kidz Klub and Sport for the Community and culminating in a Fun Day for the community on the Friday. Each day began with prayer and ended with teaching and worship.

### **Some comments from the young people:**

- I loved how we served the community and showed God's love through weeding their gardens, painting the benches, clearing [rubbish from] an alley way....
- [I enjoyed] just doing things that helped the whole community and showing God's love through that.
- It was my first great experience with God. He showed me so much. I started climbing the ladder. Afterwards I felt fulfilled and peaceful – and that this was just the beginning.
- God really moved in people's lives and you could see what He was doing. It was an honour to be part of the community and share the Good News with non-believers and to encourage and bless the community.
- I stepped out of my comfort zone. I built up my relationship with God.
- I liked it all – going out into the community, helping at the kids' club, meeting new people – loads of different new things.
- Everyone enjoyed it and knew that God was blessing them. You could feel that God was blessing them. You saw change in everyone.

**SOUL SURVIVOR:** Fifteen of HT's young people, with Jonathan, Belinda, Kris, Ali, Phil & Jan, went to Soul Survivor Week C at Shepton Mallet from 17<sup>th</sup> August. See opposite for a report from Kris.

### Some comments from the young people:

- God really re-awakened my imagination. I witnessed hundreds of miracles. He taught me the great lesson of being patient with the Holy Spirit.
- It was a real honour to see God moving in so many people and to witness what He did, so many people giving their lives to God. And just to be in His presence.
- It was just amazing. I felt I was in God's presence almost all the time. It felt so good.
- I truly met with Jesus and felt His presence. It was an experience I will never forget.
- I really felt that I opened up to God and that He softened my heart a bit more.

### TOM'S GAP YEAR

*Tom is one of two young people from Holy Trinity starting a Christian Gap Year this September. He will be taking part in Xplore, which is the Church Army's Global Gap Year scheme. We asked Tom to tell us more:*

<b>When do you start?</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Where do you go first?</b>	To Sheffield, for training, from September to December
<b>Do you know what the training will involve?</b>	Work in the community, possibly with the homeless or the poor, and in schools
<b>Do you know what you will be doing for the rest of the year? And where?</b>	From January to June it will be work in a different country. I don't yet know where, but I'd like to go to Australia. That's on my heart and I feel God is calling me there.
<b>Very important - do you still need more funding?</b>	I'm nearly there, but just a little bit more would be helpful.

*Please pray for Tom and also for Sarah Newton, who will be starting her gap year with the London City Mission on September 7<sup>th</sup>. (Sarah wrote about her plans in the July issue of Update).*

### SOUL SURVIVOR 2009

I was so excited to be part of the team for this year's Soul Survivor adventure. A little apprehensive, as it was 28 years ago that I last camped, but God had put it on my heart to do this, so off I went with 15 young people from HT and 5 other adults, for what I was told was going to be a week of mud and rain.

The weather was fine and no mud in sight when we arrived. We had a good pitch, electric showers, proper toilets, and even hot water, I was impressed. Everyone was excited and looking forward to the week ahead.

We all headed down to the Big Tent for the worship at 7pm, around ten thousand jammed in. The worship was awesome and really loud, with up to 10 songs back to back; we learned some new worship songs, 'You're Beautiful' being the top favourite. The presence of God just filled the place that night and every night and day. The teaching the first night was from Zephaniah 3 v17 \*, which Jonathan had preached on the day before at the 11.15 service - how amazing that was, the Holy Spirit was clearly telling us something. Then more worship and ministry time. Then on to Café Uno for cake and hot chocolate and more music. I hardly slept that night, as I was on such a high.

Each morning we had a Bible Study, all 21 of us, before breakfast, then on to seminars, big tent, more food. Ali's Café was the hub of our camp and every meal was served on time and nothing, only maybe the custard, got burnt. It was fun helping cook for so many people and seeing every plate clean. Then afternoon seminars or sport venues or art, then more food and big tent, late night worship, Underground, The ToolShed, Dregs, Café Uno, gigs, so much happening all the time, it was tough keeping up with the pace.

During the week I witnessed hundreds of young people give their life to God. I saw amazing healings and saw our young people grow daily in their journey with Him. I prayed with folk, I cried with them, they shared with me and we just talked and talked so much, the days went too quickly; I came away feeling like I was eighteen again, totally blessed in serving Him, amazed at what He did for me and for all those who were there at Soul Survivor 2009 Week C.

Can't wait for Soul Survivor 2010!!

*Kris*

\* The LORD your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love. He will rejoice over you with singing.

## GEORGE WRITES

Dear Friends,

What is the appropriate response to **swine flu**? Not an easy question to answer as we don't know how it may develop this autumn. There have been a few in church, mostly from the younger folk, who have had it (and do have it), and we are glad that it wasn't too severe, nor did it spread to all the other members of their families. But we still need to take precautions. Although I would like to think that in our fellowship and in the sharing of Communion, the Lord would overrule, we have been given sensible advice from our bishops and archbishops which we should endeavour to keep.

For a month now we have not been sharing the cup at Communion (even though the alcohol in the wine and the antiseptic properties of silver kill most bugs, we don't want to take any chances with quite a strong virus where many have little immunity) and this may have to continue for a while. We have also suggested that we don't shake hands at the Peace or at the end of services, as that is one of the key ways it could be spread. Further advice is that if you are feeling unwell, it is best not to mingle with others, just in case it is the flu, and so it would be better to avoid meetings and services if you have some of the symptoms. If you are helping out in ways at church that involve touching others or items that others have touched, there is alcohol gel at various places, please use it. And, of course, wash your hands regularly.

It is possible that there will be further advice that may affect children's groups, but we will wait to hear from 'on high'; in the meantime, we hope and pray that this will pass lightly and quickly.

Things will be getting back to normal in September with a few changes. **Contact** will continue, but now with Mary Webb, Ann-Marie leading and Di helping (more help is sought with serving tea to the mums). Our thanks go to Jane for having done it very faithfully over the last ten years. Most **Fellowship Groups** will be re-starting, but we are also considering starting a number of new ones before too long and these will have a somewhat different emphasis. Consultation and planning will be happening over the next month or so, so if you have any input into that discussion or would like to be part of a new group, please let me know.

We also plan to start a new **Alpha Course** towards the end of the month, beginning with an introductory supper, so do be thinking and praying who you might be able to invite to that. Details will be at the back of church and in the notices soon.

We would love to have more folk on the **Town Centre Pastoral Team**, as there are so many possibilities for witness and for new openings in the town through the team. For instance we are still exploring the possibility of a town centre premise, we are looking at how we might be able to reach the ever-growing Nepalese community (if this is a burden or calling to you, let me know) and we are looking at developing the area of healing on the streets by linking up with others in that area. If you are interested in being part of the team, we are having a basic training evening, looking at the guidelines and vision, on the evening of 4<sup>th</sup> September, from 7.30 to 9pm.

There are two other events this month that are important. The first is the **Big Tent Event** on the weekend of 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> September. Details and fliers are all at the back of church, but there are outreach meetings with great testimonies and speakers for all. The tent seats up to 3,500 and will be on Queens Parade. ***Please note that there will be a United Praise service in the big tent on the Sunday at 11am and therefore we won't have any services at Trinity that day.*** Help is needed with various things, from setting up and taking down the tent, to stewarding, to helping with the children on the Sunday; please sign up at the back of church to volunteer. Also, if you can offer lifts, that might be very helpful to quite a few (although there should be adequate parking).

The other outreach event is a follow up to the great evening with Bobby Ball earlier in the year and run by 20s/30s/40s (but is open to all). It will feature **Beverley Trotman** who was an X-factor finalist and who has both a great singing voice and a great testimony. Do invite friends to that and it should be an entertaining evening.

I also want to remind you all of our **Prayer Tree**. If someone is unwell or there is a crisis, it mobilises folk to pray as soon as possible. This is easy by e-mail, but I am aware that we need to sort out the telephone side of things for those not on e-mail (which is working for some and not others). If you are not on the prayer tree and would like to be, please let me know, and particularly, *if you would like to be on the telephone prayer tree (not having a computer) please let me know (even if you are already on) and I will revamp how it works.*

This **Harvest**, on the weekend of October 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>, rather than have a barn dance on the Saturday evening, like in several of the previous years, we are going to have a meal together with various home made sketches, so please be thinking if you can come up with something for the occasion.

So may the Lord bless each of you and may He continue to build His church here to His glory.

*George*

## VERSES AND VISIONS FROM AUGUST'S PPP

We spent longer than usual in quiet and listening to the Lord about a couple of issues.

A lot of verses and words about unity came up and that we must make sure that smaller issues don't become a blockage/stumbling block or distract us from the bigger picture of what God is leading us into, and that we must look ahead to that.

- God alone is God and we are to have no idols; He alone has delivered us.
- There is a lot of pain 'out there' and many tears and we are the ones to respond and help, but people are hiding it behind masks.
- A picture of burning boats – we are to go ahead and not turn/look back to the past.
- Check for any words that were prayed/proclaimed when the pulpit was first put in.
- 'Choices and changes'. There are lots of choices of areas we can serve God here, but we are not to ask God to change the choices. As we look ahead, we need to carry on building and He will bring the changes.
- 'Be holy as I am holy.'

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## GIFTS FOR FORCES IN AFGHANISTAN

Sylvia Eaton [former member of HT, not Sylvia Easton] has passed on a reminder from Army chaplains about the importance to serving soldiers of receiving a parcel from home. "A parcel, however small, is much appreciated and helps lift spirits."

Rifleman Cyrus Thatcher, killed in an explosion in June 2009, had written home, "Every so often we get old people and churches send us little gifts like baby wipes, razors, SWEETS, magazines and stuff, so it keeps morale SKY HIGH."

Packages weighing less than 2kg can be sent without charge to the forces in Afghanistan. They should be addressed to:

Rev Peter Scott, Chaplain,  
Coolong Regt Royal Marines  
Bastion,  
BFPO 792

## MORAL MAZE: A ONE WAY TICKET TO DIGNITAS?

As I write, assisted suicide has been in the news again. Backed by the pro-euthanasia organisation known as "Dignity in Dying", Debbie Purdy has won her case in the House of Lords and the Director of Public Prosecutions has been forced to issue guidance indicating the factors to be taken into account in deciding whether or not someone who "aids or abets" a suicide under the Suicide Act 1961, should be prosecuted. Debbie Purdy, a strong personality, described in The Guardian as "a self-confessed adrenaline junkie who had revelled in travelling the world diving from planes, conquering mountains, trekking through jungles and exploring the depths of the oceans", but tragically now a multiple sclerosis sufferer, wanting to exercise complete control in death as she has in life.

What would the impact be of a law that, in certain circumstances, made it legal for us to kill one another? Despite the euphemisms of language that are used in this debate, this is what is being proposed. Doubtless a tiny number of very determined and strong-minded people, would get what they profess to want. But what sort of pressure would it put upon those who already feel a burden to those around them? Surely the law against assisting suicide is there to protect the vulnerable: to shield them from the unscrupulous, and to make it unthinkable to them to ask to be killed. What impact would it have on the incentive to provide excellent palliative care for those who need it at the end of life? In Holland, where euthanasia has been legal for some years, the hospice movement is entirely under-developed and there is evidence of considerable fear of euthanasia in the population, particularly amongst the elderly.

In the words of John Donne, "No man is an island". Life in community means laws which protect the vulnerable, sometimes at the expense of those more able to look after themselves. Which is worse, to say to someone who wants to die, "I'm not going to kill you", or to kill someone who does not want to die?

*Rebecca*

*Rebecca Hunt (who also writes as Rebecca Bensted) is the wife of James Hunt, until recently a curate at St Peter's Farnborough. She is a lawyer and member of the Lawyers' Christian Fellowship and writes on legal issues from a Christian perspective.*

### **Brassed off?**

The team that faithfully cleans the brass objects in church every few weeks on a Saturday morning urgently needs more helpers. Please speak to Peggy Wallis (323442) if interested. There is a need for at least one person who is strong enough to lift the cross down for cleaning.

## THE THREE OGRES

The Lord gave me a dream to help me with a particular fear.

I'm in a large underground building, like a basement car park - all grey and miserable, with little light. There are others with me, and we seem trapped here. We can see a few small closed doors, but the only real way out and up, is via three large parallel hydraulic ramps which periodically are lowered together from the ceiling, creating a broad escape route to the outside.

The only problem is, as they descend, three ugly ogres rush down the ramps to prevent people escaping. Some brave folk rush the ramps and escape past the ogres, because they seem slow to react, but the ramps are steep and I'm also carrying some baggage, so I feel defeated before I even begin. I try, but the timing is important, because the ramps only stay down for a minute, and the ogres are so terrifying. It seems I cannot do it.

The Lord then says - "Joyce, can't you see this is your only escape route? Have you not noticed the tear in that ogre's eye? For they are not so frightful - you only see them that way. The ramps are not hydraulic - it is the ogres' weight which pushes the ramps down, allowing people to be free, and so they keep on trying, but some folk just do not understand. Of course, if you put down that baggage, then you'd make it easily! "

Like me, is the Lord trying to free you from a prison, but your fear is distorting your view of the situation? The answer is to trust in Him!

*Joyce*

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## PRE-ADVENT QUIET DAY, SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14TH

There is to be a Pre-advent Quiet Day, "The drama of Advent in Scripture, Picture & Music", led by the Right Revd. Christopher Hill, Bishop of Guildford, on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 10am to 4pm.

Venue: St. Martin's Church & Parish Rooms, Ockham Road South, East Horsley, KT24 6RL. Cost: £9.50. Tea/coffee provided - please bring your own lunch. Disabled access to church & ground floor of Parish Rooms.

**ADVANCE BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL.** Send a stamped addressed envelope & cheque payable to *Affirming Catholicism Diocese of Guildford* to Sally Lowe, 50 Strathcona Ave, Bookham, KT23 4HP - 01372 454934 - lowest50@yahoo.co.uk  
[www.htca.org.uk](http://www.htca.org.uk)

## WHEN I SAY, "I AM A CHRISTIAN"

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I'm not shouting, "I've been saved!",  
I'm whispering, "I get lost!"  
That's why I chose this way".

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I don't speak with human pride,  
I'm confessing that I stumble -  
Needing God to be my guide.

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I'm not trying to be strong,  
I'm professing that I'm weak  
And pray for strength to carry on.

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I'm not bragging of success,  
I'm admitting that I've failed  
And cannot ever pay the debt.

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I don't think I know it all  
I submit to my confusion  
Asking humbly to be taught

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I'm not claiming to be perfect,  
My flaws are all too visible  
But God believes I'm worth it.

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I still feel the sting of pain,  
I have my share of heartache,  
Which is why I seek His name.

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I do not wish to judge,  
I have no authority...  
I only know I'm loved.

### **GIVING ENVELOPES AND GIFT AID**

Please note that Sue Wiggam is no longer dealing with the FOT (Friends of Trinity) giving envelopes or with Gift Aid. We thank Sue for all her work on this in the past. In future please see Jan Wilder or Joyce Kirkup for supplies of the regular giving envelopes or for Gift Aid forms.

If you are a standard rate taxpayer and have not already done so, please consider signing a Gift Aid form, which allows the church to reclaim the tax you have paid on your giving (at no extra cost to you). This is a valuable way of augmenting your giving. Note that it does not tie you to a particular level of giving in the future, so if your circumstances change, you can change the amount you give and the church will then reclaim the tax on the new amount. However, please tell Joyce if your tax status changes, eg if you are no longer a standard rate taxpayer.

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### **A REMINDER ABOUT PARKING**

We have been asked by the St John's Ambulance people to remind HT users not to park across their entrance (next to the HT vehicle entrance in Windsor Way), as they need 24 hour access to their garage.

Parking is most likely to be a problem when there is a special event, so if you have guests coming for a wedding or christening, it could be useful to tell them where they can and cannot park:

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### **EXTRACT FROM '36 RULES OF LIFE'**

Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away three weeks before you need it.

Thou shalt not weigh more than thy refrigerator.

Someone who thinks logically provides a nice contrast to the real world.

The most destructive force in the universe is gossip.

*Thanks to Paul for these*

### **HOLY TRINITY'S PULPIT**

*There has been recent discussion in PCC and elsewhere about how to position the Worship Team to give optimum sound, with options being constrained by the position of the pulpit and pillars. Peter Blake has provided this note on the HT pulpit and its history.*

A pulpit (Latin pulpitum) was originally a raised platform or stage, enclosed for the speaker or orator in a Greek or Roman theatre.

In early churches English sermons were first given from before the altar, then from the front or West end of the chancel, ie the HT pulpit's present position.

In 1603, following the Reformation, Church Wardens were ordered to provide pulpits in all churches. Early types were of timber and highly ornamented; some were three tiers high. These were followed by stone constructions in new and renovated churches. Their height allowed Rectors and speakers to be seen above the high-backed private pews in the front part of the church; at that time men were of shorter stature.

Our pulpit was an integral part of the architect's plans in 1875 and of the subsequent construction. It was built after the main chancel column, but close fitted and secured to the column. It is constructed of very well finished carved stone, with pink/rose coloured marble pillars, four in number to represent the four corners of the world. The pink/rose pillars are again used to frame the four motifs in the upper area. These are Alpha and Omega, IHS (the monogram of Christ) and the Star of David. Access to the pulpit is by stone steps.

The pulpit's oak hand rail and book platform were fitted in 1933, the gift of two unnamed ladies. The overhead timber sounding board was erected in 1938, but the donor is not named in church records.

It is estimated that over 12,500 sermons have been presented from this pulpit of our Victorian church of Holy Trinity, Aldershot.

*Peter*



## OCTOBER FLOWER GALA AT

## GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2009, 10.00am to 5.00pm

Over 70 spectacular displays created by 300 flower arrangers

Adults £7.50, reductions for children and groups

Tickets on the door

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## GUILDFORD DIOCESE IN ASSOCIATION WITH ACORN

### **HEALING DAY AT THE CATHEDRAL**

Saturday 5th September 2009, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

For more information see notice in Crossover or talk to Rosemary

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

1-3 Oct	Guildford Cathedral Flower Festival
2 October	TCPT Prayer meeting in Crossover
3 Oct,	J-Men breakfast, Queens Head, North Lane
3 Oct	Harvest meal with entertainment
4 Oct	Harvest Sunday, speaker from CMS
7 Oct	'Making the most of Remembrance Day'
11 Oct	Auction of harvest gifts
16 Oct 7.30pm	J-Men F1/Scalextric
21 Oct	Delve Deeper at St Peters Farnborough
25 Oct	GIFT DAY
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov -	J-Men Gaming Zone
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Soul Sisters 'Creative Bazaar'

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**Thank you to everyone who contributed to this issue.  
The October 2009 issue will be in Church on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September.  
The LAST date for October articles will be Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September.**