

OCTOBER DIARY 2009

Trinity Update

October 2009



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ALDERSHOT
'A Church for Everyone'

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| 1-3 | | Guildford Cathedral Flower Festival | |
| 1 | 8.30am | Prayer for Renewal | (Thursdays) |
| | 10-11.30am | Contact - for parents & toddlers | (Thursdays in term) |
| | 2.30pm | Women's Hour | (Thursdays) |
| | 7.45pm | Fellowship Groups * | (Thursdays) |
| 2 | 6-7.30pm | Friendzy (ages 8 and up) | (Fridays in term) |
| | 8.00pm | TCPT prayer meeting in Crossover | |
| 3 | 8.30am | J-Men breakfast, 'Coffee Mi', 128 Victoria Road | (see page 3) |
| | 6.30pm | Harvest meal with entertainment | |
| 4 | HARVEST SUNDAY WITH SPEAKERS FROM CMS (see pages 10, 12 & 13) | | |
| | 9.30am | Morning Praise | |
| | 11.15am | Alternative Service with Kids' Praise; Tabletop silent auction of harvest gifts (until 14 th) | |
| | 7-9pm | Inclusion (formerly @7) for 14 to 18s | (alternate weeks) |
| 5 | 7.30pm | PRAISE, PRAYER AND PROPHECY in Crossover | |
| 6 | 11am & 8pm | Fellowship Groups * | (Tuesdays) |
| | 7.45 to 9.30pm | New Life Fitness for ages 20-40 (£3 per head) | (Tuesdays) |
| 7 | 10am to 4.00pm | Conference: 'Making the most of Remembrance Day', see p10 | |
| | | NO WEDNESDAY COMMUNION THIS WEEK | |
| | 7.30pm | Alpha at 2 Cranmore Lane | (Wednesdays – provisional) |
| | 8.00pm | Fellowship Groups * | (Weds) |
| 10 | 10am | Praying Wives at HT | |
| 11 | SUNDAY | | |
| | 9.30am | Holy Communion with prayer for healing | |
| | 11.15am | Alternative Service | |
| 12 | 7.30pm | ALDERSHOT CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER at KC21, High St (Note new venue for 2009-10) | |
| | 7.30-9pm | J-Ladz & G4G, Combined Teen Fellowship Group, also 26 th | |
| 14 | 11.15am | Holy Communion, followed by tea & biscuits (Weds) | |
| 16 | 7.30pm | J-Men F1 Scalextric evening (see page 15 for detail) | |
| 17 | 1.00pm | Wedding of Mark and Sam at HT | |
| 18 | SUNDAY | | |
| | 9.30am | Morning Praise | |
| | 11.15am | Alternative Service with Holy Communion | |
| | 1.15-2.45pm | Worship Team practice | |
| 19 | 7.30pm | Fellowship Group leaders meeting at 2 Cranmore Lane | |
| 21 | | Delve Deeper at St Peters Farnborough | |
| 25 | SUNDAY - GIFT DAY | | |
| | 9.30am | Holy Communion | |
| | 11.15am | Alternative Service | |
| 29 | | NO Contact meeting – Half Term | |
| 30 | 8.00pm | TCPT prayer meeting in Crossover | |
| 31 | 4.00-6.30pm | Monster Party (alternative to Halloween for ages 7-11) | |

WOMEN'S HOUR

On Oct 3rd we started back to Women's Hour with an open meeting with music and poems. It was good get back into our meetings and many of our members had really missed their Thursday afternoons. The following week George led a Communion service for us, which we all enjoyed.

On 17th September our speaker had to cancel, so we improvised with a quiz and music. The ladies seemed to answer most questions, so I will have to make it a bit harder next time! The reading was of God's love to us and that theme followed through the afternoon, with music and the love we create in our lives.

We ask for prayers for Barbara Little who has been in hospital for a few weeks after a fall she had at home.

We have three new ladies who have joined us at Women's Hour and we welcome new members on Thursday afternoons at 2.30 until 4pm.

Daphne and Jean



OCTOBER FLOWER GALA at GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

1st – 3rd October 2009, 10.00am to 5.00pm

*Adults £7.50,
reductions for children and groups*

CHURCH PARKING WARDEN – VOLUNTEER NEEDED

A volunteer is needed to take over from Alan Barber as Church Parking Warden.

The main duties are:

- issuing (free) parking permits on request to church members who wish to use the church car park during working hours on weekdays and re-issuing the permits annually
- dealing with requests from non-church members for permits to use the church car park during working hours on weekdays, collecting the fees and dealing with annual renewals.

Ideally, the church parking warden should also be able to check the car park occasionally for cars parked without authorisation, but this part of the job could be handled separately.

If you feel you might be able to help in this way, please speak to George or one of the wardens. For more information about what is involved, talk to Alan.

The Big Talk

J-Men breakfast, Saturday 3rd October 2009

@ 'Coffee Mi', 128 Victoria Road (opposite Co-op)

Arrive 8.15am for 8.30 start; finish by 10.00am

Cost £5, veggie option available

**Please confirm to Martin (07719299386)
or Peter (07966556289)**

The 'In the Spotlight' series of articles will resume in the November issue.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this issue.

The November 2009 issue will be in Church on Sunday 25th October.

The LAST date for November articles will be Sunday 18th October.

Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, 'What do you think about all this Satan stuff?' The other boy replied, 'Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your Dad.'

Thanks to Joyce for this one

THE REALITY OF RECESSION AND THE CREDIT CRUNCH

Since March 2008 we have been suffering the effects of the recession. Garry works as a financial advisor and the housing market crash meant that suddenly he wasn't earning any commission, which effectively halved our monthly income. The situation became worse in June 2008, when his company put their staff on commission only contracts. Suddenly we had the prospect of actually not having any income from month to month.

We were in a financial crisis; our income did not cover our basic monthly expenses and we certainly could not afford the repayments on our financial commitments. We reviewed our budget, cancelled all non-essential insurance policies, switched to cheaper providers for our gas & electric, changed our phone contracts - anything to save a few pounds here and there. The car we had been buying on hire purchase had to be sold back to the garage at a £1000 loss. We sold as many of our personal possessions as we could, my rings went on e-bay as did Garry's collection of military miniatures. Many household items were sold at a boot sale. We did absolutely anything we could to save or generate cash.

Still it wasn't enough and we simply couldn't meet even the minimum payments on our financial commitments. We were forced to say "we can't pay you" and then the demands for payment started.

I had heard people say that they couldn't face opening the post, but until then I hadn't understood what they meant. Now I dreaded the arrival of the postman and I would feel physically sick opening the letters. If the post was difficult, the barrage of phone calls morning, noon and evening every day of the week (even Sundays) was severely intimidating. One company rang us on Friday, twice on Saturday and again on Sunday lunchtime. We had to lodge an official complaint with the Financial Services Authority to get them to stop harassing us.

We went through a time of "why us?", "what did we do wrong?", "should we have seen it coming?" and questioned whether we were about to lose everything. Actually we had done nothing wrong, there was no blame to apportion and the "everything" we feared losing was material things; the one thing we had to hold onto was faith.

Driving back from my in-laws one particularly difficult day when they had told us they were unable to help, the sky filled with dark, threatening storm clouds all around us; it looked as if it was going to pour with rain. Yet strangely the sun came through and we drove in sunshine. It was as if God was telling us that it looked bleak, but he was with us. I held onto the Psalm "yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for thou art with me". We were in a very dark and scary place, but not alone.

The situation eased slightly when Garry was offered a position in the company that gave him a basic salary back and our relief was immense. But still our income was not enough to cover basic expenses and any small savings were running out fast; by now we were in arrears with the mortgage. I sat on my daughter's bed one day looking at her room, I couldn't imagine what it would be like for her if we were repossessed. It was a situation that I just wasn't able to contemplate, I didn't want her little world to be torn apart. I prayed to God that we would be able to give her stability. Eventually the barrage of demands eased, as companies realised we were genuinely unable to pay and accepted that we were doing all we could. It was the run up to Christmas and as I make jewellery it was my busy time so we were surviving, if only just.

Through all this, time and again I saw signs of God's provision for us -

- The time I was shopping for food, on a tight budget of £40, accompanied by my 3 year old daughter who was very loudly and insistently telling me that she wanted strawberries and yes, she would eat them, despite the fact that she had point blank refused them before. Against my better judgement I put them in the trolley, my bill came to £40 and 2p. When I told Garry about it, he said that his prayer the evening before had been that I would have a sign that things would be OK. I think God answered his prayer. I had enough money and I had been able to treat our daughter (and yes, she did eat the strawberries!)
- The time we had to buy shoes for Natalie, one pair of good shoes and a pair of wellies. How are we going to afford these, I asked God. Within a couple of hours my phone had rung twice, two customers placed jewellery orders and yes, they did exactly cover the cost.

Being in debt, doesn't just mean you owe companies money, it means they want to know exactly how you spend every pound that you earn. It's an invasion of your life, you have to account for everything. Not having enough money to cover essentials means having to make choices like, if I need to buy medicine, I can't spend as much on food; if I need to buy food, can I afford petrol? Our budget for petrol is £15 a week for 2 cars. Going anywhere begs the question 'can we afford it?' Our cars haven't been serviced for 2 years, there simply isn't the money, nor can we afford to go to the dentist unless in emergency. Clothes become a luxury purchase and even then I have downshifted from M&S, Next etc to Tesco's, Sainsbury's & Asda.

Some of the process is good, we are caused to re-evaluate what is important in our lives, where we place our priorities. The rest of the experience is, however, relentless in its demands. We have carried on dealing with companies asking for increased payments from us, we have been taken to court, dealt with all the paperwork, attended hearings and argued against unfair interest charges.

Recession and the Credit Crunch (Continued from previous page)

Being in debt affects you mentally, physically, emotionally and socially. Dealing with debt collectors tires you out mentally. When you're tired, you don't feel physically able to do as much; emotionally you feel worn down; it's easy to shout at your children and snap at your partner. Socially you can't afford things like coffee out, a drink after work, a take away, trips out for your children. Things like not being able to afford petrol to go and visit relatives impact you and those you love on many levels. You need the support and company of others, but the lack of finances effectively cuts you off.

We believed that we just had to get to July 2009 and things would change, our mortgage deal was due to come to an end and being a financial advisor Garry checked and rechecked what new rate we would have to pay. Based on what we were told, we would at last reach a break even point, the sense of relief was immense; it felt as if we could at last breathe. However, when the confirmation notice arrived in the post, it was far from what we had been told. It was sickening, it felt as if the rug had been pulled from under us all over again and all the mortgage lender could do was say they made a mistake in what they originally told us.

I confess I initially complained to God "How could you let this happen?", along with "What are we going to do now??!!", but I also felt that there must be a reason for what had happened. Later on that day whilst talking to God over a large pile of ironing, it came to me. Our mortgage arrears were currently less than one month's payment, so the company wasn't too worried as long as we paid them something each month. If the rate had dropped, as we had originally been told, our arrears would have been nearly 2 months' payments. When we checked this fact, it was confirmed that yes, 2 months' arrears (through a technicality of their making) would put us in a much more serious position.

So actually God did have it under control, He did know what was happening, and He was still providing for us. It just wasn't what we thought we needed, when we thought we needed it.

Our monthly income still does not cover our basic expenses. And though we have fought to make minimum payments to all our creditors, each month our overall debt has gone up through the addition of court and solicitors' fees.

I long ago gave up on the idea of winning the lottery as a means to escape our situation, firstly because we can't afford to buy a ticket and secondly and most importantly, because though it would provide an instant answer, there would have been no story to tell, we would have not had cause to lean on God and no testimony to his unfailing provision. Time and again I have been able to say "God is good, He hasn't let us down yet" and nor will He. He has everything under

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control and we have been blessed in many ways. This is our story so far, it has a beginning and what I hope is the middle; the end we have to leave to God to write. We keep faith in His continued provision to meet our daily needs. If we lose faith, that's when we would truly have lost everything.

Mary

HT'S RESPONSE TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE RECESSION

As those of you who were in Church on 20th September would have seen and heard, Holy Trinity have put together a team of people who have been on some training to look at helping people to budget and put a budget together.

We can come alongside you and offer support and assistance with looking at your budget and perhaps discussing with you ways in which you may be better able to make your budget work for you. The Church has a fund (the Macedonian Fund) that can also assist with the priority bill, the new uniform for school that there is no money left for, or that family day out, because it hasn't happened for so long. We are information givers, not imposers, we are not professional advice givers, but can put you in touch with people that are.

This is a free, confidential, non judgemental service. It is our belief that it is never too soon to look at budgeting, being money-wise and making your money work for you. Come and have a chat with one of us and see and hear about how we work.

Members of the team are: Heidi (690437), George & Jane (320618), Jan, Phil, Susan, Mary and Dave.

Likewise if you feel you want to get involved, have time to spare or would like to make a financial contribution to the Macedonian Fund (cheques to be given to Joyce the Treasurer), please feel free to speak to one of us.

Parents & Babies/Toddlers Home Group

The daytime 'Home Group' for Parents and Babies/Toddlers is no longer meeting, because most of the mums are now in other home groups and/or are working during the day. The group could resume in the future if there is enough demand.

The next time you feel like GOD can't use you, just remember...

Noah was a drunk
Abraham was too old
Isaac was a daydreamer
Jacob was a liar
Leah was ugly
Joseph was abused
Moses had a stuttering problem
Gideon was afraid
Samson had long hair and was a womaniser
Rahab was a prostitute
Jeremiah and Timothy were too young
David had an affair and was a murderer
Elijah was suicidal
Isaiah preached naked
Jonah ran from God
Naomi was a widow
Job went bankrupt
Peter denied Christ
The Disciples fell asleep while praying
Martha worried about everything
Mary Magdalene was, well you know
The Samaritan woman was divorced, more than once
Zaccheus was too small
Paul was too religious
Timothy had an ulcer..AND
Lazarus was dead!

Now! No more excuses! God can use you to your full potential.

Besides you are just the messenger.



Hello Soul Sisters,

We hope that you have had a great summer and once again thanks to all those that were able to come out on our summer walk and canal boat trip; a great time was had by all.

Our next event is our **CREATIVE BAZAAR** on 20th November, doors open at 7.30 pm, cost £5.

Now I have to be honest here (after all this is going in the Church magazine!) and say this one didn't have me excited at first. Why? Well I'm not best known for my creative side and I have to say the cynic in me came out and thought, "Oh, no this sounds like a Church Christmas Bazaar thingy!". If that's what you're thinking while you're sitting there reading this, then think again, because you'd be completely wrong (I sound worryingly like Jeremy Clarkson here!)

The Creative Bazaar promises to be exactly what it says it is. Its all about being creative, getting creative, thinking creative, in an atmosphere made conducive to this by adopting a Turkish Bazaar type feeling. We will have Turkish nibbles, such as olives, Baklava and Turkish Delight, as well as our usual glasses of wine and soft drinks. A Confectioner is coming along to show us how to make fudge, with plenty to sample and purchase on the night. We will have a chance for you to make your own Willow Sculpture to take home, or perhaps you would prefer to paint some ceramics, such as a mug or coaster. Perhaps you've always wanted to try making your own cards; well we will have just the person to guide you through this process.

As well as trying out something creative, we will also have various stalls offering some unusual gifts to purchase. The stall holders will be on hand to talk to you about how they have made the various items they are selling, such as jewellery, scarves and candles.

This promises to be a great, fun evening for all ladies over 14yrs and we'd love to see you come along. We think that you'll agree this sounds like a great event to bring someone along to and in these hard, recession hit times, this is a real bargain at just £5 per person.

Tickets available soon from myself, Trish, Susan, Marian & Kris.

Heidi

on behalf of Soul Sisters

GEORGE WRITES

Dear Friends,

We've had some great opportunities to reach out with recent activities at Trinity and through the town. We now have an opportunity for us to celebrate God's goodness together as a church family over **Harvest**. Particularly we have the Harvest Supper on Saturday 3rd October at 6.30pm. This will be a chance for us to eat together in friendship and fellowship and then to have a bit of fun together with some sketches, music etc with a bit of a 'talent show'. If you think you might be able to do something for this, whether a sketch, a bit of music, a song, poem etc, please let me know asap. There will be a choice of menu (beef stroganoff, roast chicken and vegetable lasagne) and tickets are £3.50 (concession £2.50, under 10s £1), but ask if you need a subsidy.

Our Harvest services the next day will be at the normal times; the 9.30 service will have some of the traditional and well-known Harvest hymns, and the 11.15 service will be in its usual style. We still invite folk to bring non-perishable items to bring forward during the first hymn of each service. This will firstly, for us bringing them to the front, be a 'thanksgiving offering' to the Lord for all that He provides so bounteously. Then, some will be used for the ministry of The Larder (see the lists at the back of the church for what they need and can use). Then, even though we are not having our traditional auction for TEAR Fund, we will create some side tables with different 'lots' for people to bid by paper. It would be great to make these desirable, so please bring some nice goodies, maybe including wine, chocolate etc! The bidding will remain open until Wednesday 14th to include the midweek congregation. So please make sure you only bring non-perishable items.

On Harvest Sunday we will have guest speakers from CMS, speaking about A Rocha and the challenge to Christians in these days of global warming and over-population. Please see the separate article about the speakers.

The J Men also have a great outreach opportunity this month with the F1 Scalextric event, which is always popular and lots of fun. A lot of planning has gone into this and there will be lots of brilliant equipment so, men, let's make the most of this and get our friends, neighbours and colleagues invited along.

We are having a day conference at Trinity on Wednesday 7th with a great speaker called Tim Cross, who has been very high up in the Army and speaks internationally. His main theme will be 'making the most of Remembrance Day'. Although primarily for the benefit of clergy and other licensed folk in the diocese, I'm sure others of you that are interested could sneak in! There will be no midweek Communion that day.

Gift Day is on Sunday 25th, details of it will be available soon. But this anyway will coincide with some general teaching on money over a few weeks following on from the input from some of our Recession/Budgeting Team in late September (see other articles in this Update about that; pages 4 to 7).

After consultation, and advice from various folk in the diocese, we are going to continue to administer **Communion** as we have been for a couple of months now. If the swine flu virus continues to decline, we will go back to our normal style with both bread and wine after the end of October. If, however, the pandemic makes an autumn resurgence, we will then have to delay our resumption of 'normal service', but let's pray that the whole thing is just about at its end.

So may the Lord give you a heart of thanksgiving this Harvest time and keep you safe on His 'narrow path' that leads to Life in all its fullness.

George

Verses and visions from September's PPP

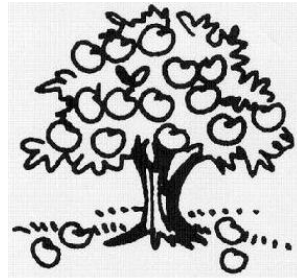
As we listened to God for direction, particularly about Gift Day, several sensed the Lord's presence bringing peace and light and there was a sense of the 'heart being strangely warmed'.

- Picture of children in dark red jumpers raising their hands as they looked up to a picture of Jesus.
- Picture of a large round bowl with lots of tender green shoots coming up, that need protecting and nurture, so that the roots can grow and they can become strong.
- Picture of an open door with light shining out. There may be a step into the unknown where we need to exercise faith more, especially in terms of outreach. 'Is anything too hard for the Lord?'
- Picture of a white horse rearing up, with a knight with a lance, ready to go + Psalm 63. The Lord will overrule in the battle over the Big Tent event.

George

HARVEST SUNDAY - CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION

Our Harvest Sunday services (on 4th October) will have an emphasis on environmental issues, tying in with the Rushmoor 'Green and Global' event on the same day.



Our speakers at both services on Harvest Sunday will be Kailean and Kim, who are newly qualified CMS mission partners in Britain, working for the Christian environmental charity A Rocha.

What is 'Green and Global'?

It's Rushmoor's free environmental awareness and Family Fun Day at the Princes Hall on Sunday 4 October, 11am-4.30pm. This year's theme is 'Bee Green' and visitors can learn about wildlife gardening and how to attract bees and other insects into their garden.

Who are CMS?

CMS (Church Mission Society) is one of the Christian organisations that we support by prayer and regular giving. To quote their website "CMS is committed to evangelistic mission, working to see our world transformed by the love of Jesus." This involves - proclamation of the good news; teaching and nurturing of new believers; responding to human need by loving service; seeking to transform unjust structures in society; and caring for creation.

CMS supports over 700 people in mission and works in over 50 countries

What is A Rocha?

A Rocha is a Christian environmental and nature conservation movement. It began with a field study centre in Portugal (A Rocha is Portuguese for 'the rock') and now supports projects in 18 countries. It starts from the belief that God's creation is 'very good', but that we have failed to look after it and that, as Christians, "we need to do more than talk; we need to be different, and to be different with others".

A Rocha projects, both in the UK and elsewhere, frequently have a cross-cultural and community emphasis and have a focus on science and research, practical conservation and environmental education.

Who are Kailean and Kim?

Kailean was brought up on the Indo-Myanmar border in a Christian family. He studied Life Science, completed a Master's degree in Ecology and the Environment and worked for the Environmental Rural Development Society in

Manipur, India, for couple of years. He then studied an MSc course in Waste Management at Glasgow Caledonian University.

Kim also grew up in a Christian family. She holds a bachelor degree in Bio-Science and Education from Manipur University. She served as a Sunday school teacher amongst the children in a Presbyterian church and at the same time in a mission school, working as a primary teacher in Manipur. Along with Kailean, she then worked as a volunteer for Wellington Church Glasgow Environmental Project (BBC-Breathing Place) until recently.

Kailean and Kim's real passion is the belief is that the world is God's creation and His property, and that taking good care of this world is a Christian obligation. They felt that the Lord was imparting a vision for their lives, to take up the responsibility of creation stewardship. With A Rocha, they will be spreading awareness of creation theology and building the bridges of understanding between faiths on all issues where there is common ground, encouraging and promoting environmental projects within all faith groups in Southall, Hayes and other areas further afield.

HOST AN OVERSEAS STUDENT AT CHRISTMAS

An appeal from the HOST organisation

Are you thinking about who might come for Christmas this year? Perhaps you would like to make it a bit different. Some of the adults from overseas who are currently studying at UK universities would love to spend a couple of days in a real home, rather than on a deserted campus.

It is interesting to share Christmas with people for whom it is all quite new (many international students are from China, for example). HOST has been linking students with hospitable volunteers for 22 years, at Christmas and also for one-off weekends throughout the year. HOST is a registered charity backed by the Foreign Office and many universities.

It is not necessary for hosts to live near a university, as students are prepared to travel far for this unique experience! See www.hostuk.org or call HOST's voluntary regional organiser in Surrey, Bev Shannon, on 01883 344373.

Thank you!

Marian, who hosted two Chinese students last Christmas, enjoyed the experience and would be willing to talk to anyone who is thinking about doing so this year.

CHIEF'S CONCERNS

What makes life worth living? What experiences and what activities count most for time and for eternity? What truly pleases God, blesses others, and enriches our days?

'Relish the beauty around you' is one of the supreme answers – it is one of the sacred keys to a life of balance, serenity, and strength amid the tension and turmoil of our times, amid the increasing stress of living as God's people in the high pressure environment of our age.

To believe only that human philosophy, psychiatry, sociology, psychology, or any other man-made theory or therapy can bring solace and permanent healing to the human spirit is to forget the place and power of the living Lord Jesus Christ

Our difficulty as a sophisticated, proud, self-centred people is that we prefer man's confusion to Christ's clear view. He calls us again and again and again back to the beautiful basics.

- Look at the birds of the air on the wing
- Look at the wild lilies in the meadow
- Look at the grass growing green
- Look at the lovely smile of a child
- Look at the sunrise and sunset
- Look at the grain springing from the soil
- Look at the fruit bearing a crop

- Look – Listen – Learn!

Is it too simple, too humble, and too childlike for us to comply? Christ looked out upon his tension ridden generation and spoke these wondrous words. They have never, ever lost their power. They are potent today as in His day.

'Come unto me (the living Christ), all you that labour and are heavy laden (with the stress and strain of life), and I will give you rest (repose, renewal). Take my yoke (my way of bearing life's burdens) upon you, and learn of

me; for I am meek & lowly in heart (living in quiet humility): and you shall find rest for your souls. (Matthew 11:28-29)

If you are able, get out, take time, relish the beauty about you. All of it is a stimulus to the seeking spirit, the searching soul. Our heavenly Father communes with His child in the natural world - meet Him there!

(Extract taken from 'What makes life worth living', W Phillip Keller)

Monster Party – as in previous years, we will be holding a Monster Party for young people as an alternative to Halloween. This will take place on Saturday 31st October 4.00 to 6.30pm. We will be organising the usual 'crazy mayhem', so don't forget to tell your young friends and neighbours, ages 7-11; under 7's welcome with appropriate supervision; entrance £2 I am looking for people to get on board with the fun so please grab me for more detail.

F1 Challenge 2009, Friday 16th October

Back by popular demand, J-Men present Scalextric Grand Prix, ING Renault F1 Simulator, Wii Ferrari challenge

"It's a simple format, just lots of hard racing!"

Entry is £6, which includes food, a bar and chances to win a range of genuine F1 goodies

We are restricted to a maximum of 64 drivers so please book early to avoid disappointment. Book online via the website (www.htca.org.uk/f1.htm) or call Peter 07966556289 or Martin 07719299386.

Jonathan

CREATION CONFERENCE IN GUILDFORD

'In The Beginning' is a conference on creation issues from a Christian perspective, organised by Guildford Baptist Church in conjunction with London School of Theology. It is aimed at thinking Christians who want to understand better the faith and science issues involved. No background in science or theology is required, though opportunities to discuss things at a deeper level will be provided for those who wish to. The conference would be suitable for sixth-form students and, possibly, younger pupils with a particular interest in the topic.

The conference is an opportunity to understand and engage with the three most widely-held Christian views on creation. It will explore the scientific and theological issues together, understanding where assertions in one discipline provide challenges to the other. The day will be fast-paced, engaging and thought-provoking, with opportunities to ask questions, discuss, challenge and debate.

The conference will start with a brief, but scholarly, overview of the biblical creation accounts by Rev. Dr Jules Gomes. It will then hear the cases for:

- **Theistic Evolution** - the belief that God created through the process of evolution. Speaker Professor Keith Fox.
- **Intelligent Design** - the belief that input from an 'intelligent designer' was necessary at certain key stages. Speaker Dr Arthur Jones.
- **Young Earth Creationism** - the belief that God created in six days, as per a literal reading of Genesis. Speaker: Dr John Peet.

The conference is not pushing a particular view, but will give equal time and weight to each. Delegates are encouraged to make up their own minds based on their evaluation of the evidence and the arguments.

A chaired panel discussion will give opportunity for a critique of each position, with plenty of scope for questions from the floor. Afternoon workshops allow delegates to get deeper into the science, deeper into the theology, or to discuss issues around science, faith and young people.

Date & time: Saturday 7th November 2009, 10am – 5.30pm
Venue: The Millmead Centre,
Prices: £30 standard rate; £20 concession rate
Reduction of £5 per ticket for bookings made by 30th September:

Price includes refreshments, lunch and a conference pack including a CD with copies of all presentations. Visit www.guildfordcreationconference.com for more information and to book online.

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EVENTS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Jazz Carvery, in the Refectory on Sunday 11 October after the morning services. Be the first to be delighted by the musical stylings of the 'Barcoda' Jazz band while you tuck into a fabulous selection of local food. £15 for 2 courses.
To book please call 01483 560471

The Angel Candlelit Dinner, in the Nave, Friday 30 October. Annual fundraising event, with champagne reception and sumptuous four-course meal. Entertainment: 'Something for the Weekend' (by our lay clerks) and after dinner speaker Lord Howell, Shadow Deputy Leader of the Lords and Shadow Minister for Foreign & Commonwealth Affairs. Tickets: £80 per person; £750 per table of 10 or £900 per table of 12, available from Libby Simpson 01483 427521.

EVENTS ORGANISED BY ST NICHOLAS, GUILDFORD

How can we help children to develop their spirituality?

A presentation by Alison Hendy, Children's Work & Resource Adviser, Guildford Diocese, at St Nicolas' School, Portsmouth Road, Guildford
Wednesday 4th November 2009, 8pm

Quiet Day at Alton Abbey, with Bishop Ian Brackley, Bishop of Dorking
Saturday 14th November, 10am – 4pm. Booking necessary – see below.

For bookings or more information about St Nicholas' School of Prayer events, I contact St Nicolas' parish office on 01483 564526 or email parishoffice@stnicolas-guildford.fsnet.co.uk

Newspaper headlines which should have been edited before publication

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over

Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant

War Dims Hope for Peace

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges

New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group

FORTHCOMING EVENTS at HT:

Fri 20th Nov Soul Sisters 'Creative Bazaar'

Sat 21 Nov 8.30am Ladies Prayer Breakfast

Pre-advent Quiet Day, East Horsley, 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 14th 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

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

St Mark's Church, Reading Road, Farnborough

Saturday November 28th, 11.00am – 5.00pm

and
Sunday November 29th 1.00pm – 5.00pm
(On Sunday, ending with Evensong at 6pm)

ADMISSION: £1 per person

See poster in Crossover

