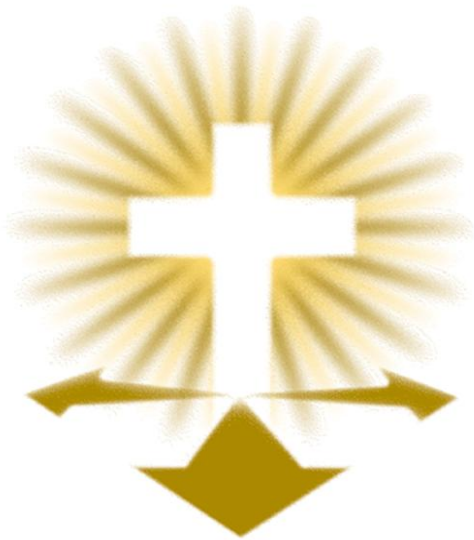


JUNE DIARY - 2010

Trinity Update

June 2010



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ALDERSHOT
'Church for Everyone'

1	11am, 7.30pm & 8pm	Fellowship Groups	(Tuesdays)
2	11.15am	Holy Communion, followed by tea & biscuits	(Weds)
	7.30pm	Alpha Course, 2 Cranmore Lane (& subsequent	Thursdays)
	7.30pm	POD Groups	(Weds)
	2.30 & 8.00pm	Fellowship Groups	(Weds)
3	8.30am	Prayer for Renewal	(Thursdays)
	2.30pm	Women's Hour	(Thursdays)
	7.30pm	POD Groups	(Thursdays)
	7.45pm	Fellowship Groups	(Thursdays)
4	10.30am	Fellowship Group	(alternate Fridays)
6	SUNDAY – CSW SUPPORT (SEE PAGE 13)		
	9.30am	Morning Praise	
	11.15am	Alternative Service with Kids Praise	
7	7.30pm	PRAISE, PRAYER AND PROPHECY	
10	10-11.30am	Contact - for parents & toddlers	(Thursdays in term*)
11	6-7.30pm	Friendzy (ages 8 and up)	(Fridays in term*)
12	10am	Praying Wives at HT	
	3.00pm	Tea Party in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, 11 Highfield Ave – see page 9	
13	SUNDAY		
	9.30am	Holy Communion	
	11.15am	Alternative Service	
	7pm to 9pm	Growing Leaders, Crossover	
14	7.30pm	ALDERSHOT CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER	
		at KC21, High St	
	7 - 9pm	Inclusion	
19	1.00pm	Wedding of Dwayne and Pauline	
20	SUNDAY – CHURCH DAY AWAY @ ALDRO SCHOOL		
21	7.30pm	POD leaders meeting, 2 Cranmore Lane	
27	SUNDAY		
	9.30am	Morning Praise with prayer for healing	
	11.15am	Alternative Service	
28	7 - 9pm	Inclusion	
29	7.20-8.45pm	Caféchurch at Costa Coffee; theme – Sport England	

The ACT (Aldershot Churches Together) Fun Day in Manor Park planned for 26 June has been cancelled. Resources will now be concentrated on the ACT Big Tent Event 8-12 September – more details nearer to the time.

WOMEN'S HOUR

On April 22nd our speaker was held up in Madeira due to the volcanic eruption, so we hurriedly made up a quiz; we have rebooked her for another time.

The following week we had music and thoughts from various readings.

On May 6th Peter gave us a talk about 'Moving On' and on each letter of MOVING ON, he had something to say, for example for the letter M he had 'Medical matters'. He also showed photos of the work in progress with his new home in Germany. My, how we are going to miss Audrey and Peter at Women's Hour!

The following week our speaker was ill, so she asked her friend John to stand in for her. He talked on Solomon's prayer of Dedication [of the Temple].

The following week Rosemary came to give us a talk about Pentecost and what it means.

We wish Dawn a speedy recovery with her knee replacement and look forward to when she will be able to join us again.

We also ask for prayers for Joan Monk, who has not been well for some weeks.

Daphne and Jean

Church Day Away

SUNDAY 20th June

Aldro School

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this issue.

**The July 2010 issue of Update will be in Church on Sunday 27th June.
The LAST date for June articles will be Sunday 20th June.**



We had a wonderful morning with Lynn, from CWR, who came to speak to us in April about how to be a secure woman. We hope all those who came really benefited from her talks.

Thank you to those who came and supported this event; and also a very big thank you to the people who helped with the organisation - Dave and Lindzi's POD group, Lisa, Terry and Pete.

Our next event is a Skittles evening on Friday 6th August at The Jolly Miller in North Warnborough. This is a great venue, where we have exclusive use of our own room and bar. Much fun was had by all who came last year, so do put this in your diaries and be thinking about people to invite. The cost is £7.50 inclusive of food and a bar is available, where you can buy drinks.

In September (17th-19th) we are returning to Weycroft Hall, Axminster, for another ladies' weekend away. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church; there are 40 places, so we will operate this on a first come, first served basis. The cost will probably be £70.00, but this has yet to be confirmed. If you would like further information about the weekend, please see Kris, Heidi, Sue, Marian or Trisha. We are also running a savings club, details of which are available from Heidi or Sue.

Finally, another date for your diaries – 8.30am on Saturday 17th July. We are trying something different and holding the next Ladies' Prayer Breakfast in Crossover, as we would like to encourage more ladies to come and enjoy a lovely breakfast, followed by a short time of prayer. This is a great opportunity to talk to different people, support each other in prayer and, very importantly, eat!

Trisha

on behalf of Soul Sisters

Fiona Castle at KC21

Fiona Castle, widow of well known TV entertainer Roy Castle, will be speaking at the King's Centre, High St, Aldershot on Friday 11th June at 7.30pm
Tickets (£1) from KC21 office on 01252 333767
For more information see flyers at back of church.

THANK YOU FROM PETER & AUDREY

“Thank You” seems such an inadequate phrase for the lovely evening we had on the 22nd May. Thank you all for coming.

Special thanks must go to George and Christine and all those who contributed to the catering, flowers and entertainment, making our farewell evening such a memorable occasion.

Why are we leaving? That’s a question we have asked ourselves and God, many many times, but putting all the minuses on the left and the pluses on the right, we both know within ourselves that it is the right answer to many problems.

We were so overwhelmed by our painting. It will be discussed and displayed in our new home in Germany, it could not have been a nicer gift.

We write not to say “Goodbye” but a much softer “Auf-Wiedersehen”. Again our love and thanks to you all for being our church family all those 60 years plus.

God’s Blessings on you all

Audrey & Peter

Peter & Audrey’s new address:

Schleppenburgerstrasse 32
Thiene
49594 Alfhausen
Germany

THANK YOU FROM KEITH

To You All at Holy Trinity,

What can we say! Thank you so much for the lovely card and messages, not to say the extremely generous contents! We do appreciate it, but most of all will miss seeing you.

With many thanks and our love
Keith & Alice and family

DIOCESAN SUMMER SCHOOL

5 - 17th JULY 2010: “Truth to tell – Stories for today’s world”

Can I recommend this, as it fits our theme for the year at Holy Trinity, namely “growth in spiritual maturity”. In his foreword to the blue and yellow Summer School booklet (which can be found on the table at the back of church*) Bishop Christopher says “through sharing stories for today’s world, we will grow in our understanding of **service** and outreach to that world”.

This booklet is packed with “something for everyone”. It includes discussions, visits, walks, films and photo presentations, story-telling, art, travel experiences, songs, a theatre dinner on July 16th, etc. Somehow get yourself to at least one of them! George is doing one session on July 15th, if you want to feel at home!

Read it through. If nothing else, go to the last one called “The end of the Story” (with doughnuts and fresh coffee). Come and join in!

Carol

* Or go to www.cofeguildford.org.uk and search for “summer school”

THANK YOU FROM THE BIBLE SOCIETY

Just to say thank you to Holy Trinity for the recent generous gift to Bible Society. Thank you on behalf of the many who will receive the Bible’s life changing message as a result.

It was good to be with you in March and have the opportunity to share with your morning congregations.

Blessings,
Heather

Heather preached at both services on 28th March and told us something about the work of the Bible Society:

SPOTLIGHT ON... JEAN

Jean is a Lay Reader (or, more correctly Licensed Lay Minister), joint leader of a Fellowship Group and deals with bookings for use of the Hall.

What was your childhood like?

I was born near Tilford. My sister arrived three years later.

My father was a small-holder and haulage contractor, employing one man – and my mother! The business was run from the living room table, so we were all involved. It showed me how hard it was to make a living and brought me into contact with people from all walks of life.



There were few children in the area, but plenty of space. We had the run of Frensham and Hankley Commons, with the woods, ponds and streams.

What's the first news story you remember hearing?

My father always took two newspapers (one Labour and one Conservative – to get a balance), as well as *Farmer's Weekly*, and I started reading them almost as soon as I learned to read, so I don't remember a first story. An early memory was an account of a girl who drowned in Frensham Little Pond after getting caught in the weeds – but we were still allowed to swim there.

I do remember the first Bible story I heard, which was of the lost sheep, with the 100 sheep being counted out on an abacus.

What was your career?

I went to the village school, the Girls' Grammar School in Farnham and the City of Sheffield Teacher Training College. I taught Maths for ten years, two years in Aldershot and then in Farnborough. Finally I worked for the Associated Examining Board, handling statistics and learning on the job to program in COBOL and to do systems analysis.

All my moves of job and accommodation have been providential. For example, I nearly missed seeing the newspaper with the advert for the Farnborough job, because it had blown into a bush in the garden.

Where have you lived since childhood?

Apart from my time at college, I lived at home near Tilford until I was 30. It was an old-fashioned house, with no central heating, no plumbing upstairs and, for most of my childhood, no fridge.

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After I started working in Farnborough, I moved to rented rooms there, but moved back to Tilford when my father died and then managed all the work of getting the house modernised.

Have you always been a Christian?

From the village school I learned about Jesus and believed in Him. I tried to imagine Him with me all the time. I sang in the church choir for five years (there were no auditions!) and afterwards continued to attend church on my own.

At college a friend explained that I wasn't a 'real' Christian and needed to invite Jesus into my life. I instantly knew she was right and did so. I understood that Jesus was my Lord. I resolved to learn all I could about the Gospel in my remaining time in college.

What difference did that make?

The most significant difference was that I found I was suddenly hearing preaching. Before, what I heard had left no trace. It opened up my understanding of God and of the Bible and I found I could often see more meaning in the passage than other people in the group.

What brought you to Holy Trinity?

When I left college in 1964 there was a different (and disastrous) vicar at Tilford. The minister of a college friend said to look for a CPAS church and that Holy Trinity was the nearest. We had been told at college that a lot of local churches were feeble and we should be prepared to work, so I decided that, if I was asked to take on a job in the church, that would be a sign for me to stay. On my second Sunday Michael Walters, the Curate, asked me to take on the Pathfinders' Bible Class – so I stayed.

When quite a lot of people moved to Farnborough Parish Church in Charles Manchester's time, I stayed at HT, because I felt there was a job for me to do here, but that I wasn't needed at Farnborough.

On a Pathfinder holiday I was advised to consider training for full time ministry, but the law changed shortly afterwards to admit women to the office of Reader, which suited me better.

Has your life as a Christian been all plain sailing?

There have been very difficult episodes in my life. Trouble doesn't surprise me. As my Christian life began, so it has continued, with this God-given assurance that I have come across truth in Jesus.

JOHN K'S SECOND ORDINATION

John Kellagher, our Curate, is being ordained on July 3rd. But why is John being ordained a second time? Did they make a mistake last year? John explains:

Well, no, but within the Anglican Church in England, there are three distinct 'orders' or ministries that people can be ordained to: people can be ordained as deacons, priests or bishops (sometimes people talk of bishops being consecrated). These three words go back to the different words used in the New Testament for church leaders. And in current Anglican practice, people are ordained first as deacons, and then a year later they are ordained priest. So I was ordained as a deacon last year, and this year I will be ordained priest. It doesn't mean that next year I will be ordained bishop - you never know, but I think that's unlikely!

What's the difference? The main difference from a practical perspective is that deacons are not authorised to celebrate Communion. Further, when giving the blessing – or pronouncing absolution after confession – deacons are not supposed to say 'you', "the Lord bless you", but instead are supposed to say 'us' "the Lord bless us".

The ordination service is at 11am on Saturday July 3rd. Everyone is welcome, and I have a number of tickets for reserved seats; those who went to the ordination service last year will know that there is extra unreserved space (further back in the cathedral). The service itself will probably last for a couple of hours. The diocese have asked for people to volunteer to help steward at the cathedral. It will mean being at the cathedral an hour before the service... but it will also mean you get a parking space! Parking is limited, so if you do intend to come, it's worth looking to share transport.

If anyone can help as a steward for John's ordination at the cathedral on 3rd July, please see George or John ASAP.

HELP US TO HELP THE HOSPICE

Dear friends

You all know the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice in Farnham? It does unique work in easing the close of life for cancer sufferers and is a place of love, caring and help in Christian surroundings. It depends on voluntary subscriptions and June is a month of fund-raising for it.

Isaac and I are both doing something for this cause. Isaac is jumping out of an aeroplane in tandem at Swindon and is looking for sponsorship (more information on the table at the back of church) and his Grandma is holding a tea party in the garden, with strawberries and cream, on June 12th from 3.00pm. There will also be a Bring and Buy Stall and a Plant Stall.

Tickets are £5, obtainable in advance (or sign up on the list in church).

Volunteers are needed to help please, especially youngsters who can serve and fulfil the POD group dream. I should also be grateful for the loan of extra garden chairs and any gazebos you might have.

Carol

WINTERSHALL LIFE OF CHRIST

This year the Life of Christ drama at Wintershall (near Bramley) is being performed daily from Tuesday 29th June to Sunday 4th July inclusive, from 10 am to 4 pm each day. The drama is in three acts, with a short break for lunch. Tickets cost £15 (children £7.50). This is an open air performance, with no seating and only limited refreshments, so those attending should come prepared for all weather, bring their own packed lunch and may like to bring a rug or folding chair to sit on. For more information see www.wintershall-estate.com

Carol writes:

Once again the Life of Christ is being staged in the open air. Churches have been known to cancel their Sunday Services and go in coaches, with lots of friends. I must have been three times and would go again. It was also incredibly moving to see it done in Trafalgar Square on Good Friday in the bitter cold – and later, rain! Quite gruelling for all of us and so very moving.

Unlike Oberamgau, it is in English and the crowd all follow the events on foot and "take part" in absorbed involvement.

GEORGE WRITES

Dear Friends,

Again the generosity of so many at Trinity was demonstrated, as we gave a very generous 'Thank You' to Keith as the New Life bookshop closed a month ago. The gift to him and his wife, Alice, was over £1,300 which included £400 from church funds. Please pray for him as he seeks the Lord in the next phase of his life, having served the community and churches of Aldershot for so long. Also pray about whether, in conjunction with the Town Centre Pastoral Team, we can open premises in the town centre that may include some Christian books and cards as well as serving drinks and offering ministry. If you feel a calling towards this, which would be quite a commitment, please let myself or Aehee know soon.

We now have a new Child Protection Team, which has taken over from Marian, whom we thank very much for her years of service in that area. The new team are Joan, Ali and Julie. If you are involved in any work relating to children they will be approaching you before too long, and if you have any questions about child protection, CRB checks etc. do approach them.

The weekend of 19th/20th June should be a good, happy and fruitful one for us at Trinity. First, on the Saturday, Pauline and Dwayne are getting married at 1pm in church after a long engagement. Do pray for them in their preparation, on the special day and, of course, in their actual marriage from that day on.

As you will know our **Day Away** this year is on a Sunday – 20th June – at Aldro School in Shackleford (the same venue as the last couple of years). The aim of having it on a Sunday is that we can all gather together from both congregations to worship and have fun together and to go a bit deeper in our learning and worship; something significant can happen in a fuller day that can't in an hour or so on a Sunday. I therefore am asking people to try to make this a priority so that it can be something that the whole church can benefit from rather than just a few (often 'the same few!') So what will happen on the day?

First we will have three sessions of worship and teaching together. In terms of the worship we will have one session more akin to the 9.30 style and one somewhat closer to the style at 11.15 services, to help us appreciate different styles of worship. We also aim to include Communion as a whole church family at some point in the day. We have a guest speaker, Ven. Julian Henderson, who recently spoke at the Delve Deeper session in Farnborough; he is one of the archdeacons in the diocese and before that was vicar of a large and growing church in the east of the diocese. We will get some solid and sound teaching for the day.

Then there is fun, food and fellowship. Being a private school, Aldro has some wonderful facilities; these include a boating lake, tennis courts, giant chess, croquet, a swimming pool (heated – so bring your 'swimmers!') lots of playing fields

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for walking and games, a quiet chapel, as well as beautiful surroundings – and it's only about 15/20 minutes from church. We will make sure that we have plenty of time to enjoy what is on offer. For lunch we will have a bring-and-share meal which, with Trinity folk, is always delicious!

This will be a family affair and we will provide some activities and group work for children during some of the sessions.

The charge will be £6 per head with under 17s free. If individuals or families struggle with the cost, we can certainly make discretionary discounts. We will need a bit of help with arranging the lunch and doing teas and coffees, so if you can help. . . ! We aim to start around 10am and finish by 5.

Please pray about and for this and sign up at the back of church.

On a different matter, as you know we support a number of mission agencies, both through our annual tithe from church funds, but also by having a Sunday every six weeks or so whereby we give extra support and occasionally have a guest speaker (as we did in March with Bible Society and May with CPAS). We don't have many reps for these societies who can receive their literature and occasionally make special events or needs known to the church, so if you would like to become one, please let me know; Bible Society are particularly keen that we have one!

I have two pieces of potentially good and exciting news to share with the church which I will do at June's PPP (7th) so do please try to be there.

We had a lovely but sad farewell to Peter and Audrey recently, and we wish them well as they move to Germany this month.

So may the Lord bless you and keep you and make His face shine up on you, and may your choice to come on the day away bring extra blessing to you as well as to your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Verses and visions from May's PPP

- A sense that God was showing His willingness to bless.
- 'Knowing ME' – we are called now to know Him more, deeper and better.

George

CHIEF'S CONCERNS

Caféchurch now on Tuesday!

Our next Caféchurch will be Tuesday 29th June, setting up at 7pm, opening door at 7.20pm, start 7.30pm and finish 8.45pm. We will be following the theme of 'Sport England' to coincide with the World Cup; we hope to have experts from Sport England and Christians in Sport.

Other possible proposed dates and themes

Tuesday July 27th - 'Summer Jazz'

Tuesday August 31st - ??

Tuesday September 28th - 'God at Work'

Tuesday October 26th - 'Supernatural', 'Ghosts Busters' (to fit in with Halloween)

Tuesday November 30th - ??

Tuesday December 21st 'Carols at Christmas'

World Cup Fever!

Some call it the greatest show on earth, others a nightmare! Love it or hate it, there's no denying the power of the FIFA World Cup (Football, if you are not into sport) to captivate entire nations in frenzied expectation.

Such an event as this creates some opportunity for outreach and community building – here are some suggestions:

World Cup Cook-off,
Big Screen Showing,
World Cup Blog,
Young vs. Old (kick around in park),
PlayStation World Cup
or for 'old timers' Subbuteo World Cup,
Town Centre Pre-Match Buzz

Haven't got a clue what any of them are? Then have a chat.

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First martyr of Britain

Saint Alban, who is thought to have died June 22nd in 250 AD, was the first Christian martyr in Britain. It was for this reason that, in 2006 a movement was started to install him as the patron Saint of England, rather than St. George.

Alban lived at Verulamium, which is now St Albans. He lived during a time of intense persecution by the occupying Roman army – his crime, which led to his decapitation, was to shelter a Christian priest in his home – hiding him from the Romans.

The Christian priest converted Alban and nurtured him in the faith. When the Romans came for him, Alban put the priest's cloak on and pretended to be him. He was arrested and taken to court. The judge was furious at this deception and declared that Alban should receive the punishment that the priest would have received.

Alban was taken out of the courtroom and was sacrificed to the Roman gods. The place where he was beheaded is where St. Albans cathedral now stands.

Jonathan

CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY WORLDWIDE

Sunday 6th June is CSW Sunday, when we support the work of Christian Solidarity Worldwide. Christian Solidarity Worldwide campaigns for religious freedom in countries where there is persecution against Christians. It also works on behalf of those persecuted for their Christian beliefs; this can include mobilising the general public to pray for persecuted Christians and to protest (for example by writing a letter to an MP).

There is more information on www.csw.org.uk

BOOK REVIEW: “CALLED BY MIND AND SPIRIT”

By Gavin & Joanna Knight

For some time now, we have had the book “Disturbed by Mind & Spirit”, which is about mental health and healing in Parish Ministry. Gavin is the son of Jim and Val Knight, long-standing worshippers at Holy Trinity, where Gavin was brought up in the faith. We all have significant “stepping stones” or deep spiritual experiences in our path to God. On the way, we are given moments of self-knowledge and of decision. It so happened that Val and I and the other women of the Church prayed for Gavin to find a way to go to Taizé, that “Festival of youth encountered on a Burgundian hillside” which has been the source of countless vocations.

Founded by Roger Schutz, Taizé is a place of generosity, simplicity – even poverty – of welcoming into a shared life of worship and communion with Christ. It is a place where all, but especially the young, can find and follow Christ. I have been a few times. It is the best sort of “retreat” or spiritual renewal. You meet lots of exhausted and lovely Christian leaders, who get their group there and then collapse, to be renewed themselves.

The first book of Gavin and Joanna’s is described as a powerful meditation on what it is like to be “Church” ... also ... “This powerfully honest book brings us face to face with tough but rarely discussed questions of mental health ... a refreshing and revealing book.”

Their second book, “Called by Mind and Spirit” should be read by all parents who struggle to bring up their children in the Christian faith; also by all Youth Leaders, as well as by adolescents themselves, to help them understand their need for waiting, for testing, for exploring and then choosing, on the way to maturity.

I especially recommend the chapter on “Adolescence”, called “troubled territory”. Never has there been such a host of conflicting distractions like “instant gratification, of competitiveness, consumerism, premature sexualisation and lightning communication” in short, waiting is anathema, (see page 144 of “Adolescence”)

I can only say get or borrow this book, now in the library, and buy it for others

Carol

Called by Mind and Spirit: Crossing the Borderlands of Childhood by Gavin & Joanna Knight is published by Mowbray/Continuum, 2010.

Disturbed by Mind and Spirit: Mental Health and Healing in Parish Ministry from the same authors and publisher was published in April 2009.

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‘Beyond the Upper Room’

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

Saturday 12 June 2010

at the Church on the Heath, Elvetham Heath,
Fleet GU51 1HA, 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

This is mainly intended for new chalice assistants or for any who have not previously attended one of these training days. If interested, you need to speak to George and then ring Mary on 01252 815103 to book a place

MIDWEEK PARKING AT CHURCH

If you are a member of HT and sometimes park in the church car park during the day on weekdays, you need an HT parking disc. If you haven't already done so, please contact Garry, who has taken over as 'Church Parking Warden', to obtain a new disc. Email: gazzawebb@btinternet.com

PROM PRAISE

Carol reports on the concert on May 8th, which was attended by a coach load from Holy Trinity, thanks to the organisation by Dave and Trisha Haley.

Prom Praise at the Albert Hall, with the All Souls Orchestra, was devised and conducted by Noël Tredinnick, with guest artists and the Prom Praise Massed Choir. The theme was Psalm 150 and we began by singing "Let everything that has breath", which involved praising the Lord in everything and at all times, with all people, with all angels and with all of creation. We sang "Our God reigns" and heard "Let the bright seraphim" by Handel and two songs from Haydn's "Creation", including "The heavens are telling". The emphasis shifted to gazing on God's glory.

We heard and sang both modern and classical music with Beverley Trotman (who has been to Holy Trinity) and sang along clapping and moving in rhythm. We gasped at the playing of Edvard Greig's Piano Concerto in A Minor by the Korean Christian, Grace Yeo, who aims "to glorify God in all my playing". We could see her expressive hands on the screen from our seats in the Upper Circle. Most of the HT crowd were on the floor, like the Promenaders, where they got wildly excited.

From start to finish it was an evening of praise to God and also an evangelistic event, with a talk by Hugh Palmer and closing prayers. It all really commended the Lord Jesus and renewed our faith uniquely.

Please try to come next time and feel the amazing grace that is available through Christ, because "God so loved the world..."

COFFEE ROTA

I'm sure you all appreciate the tea, coffee, squash, biscuits and cakes that are served after each of our services on a Sunday. It gives us the opportunity to chat to existing friends and also to make new ones, in an informal setting. However this can only happen if we have sufficient volunteers.

This month I shall be drawing up the rota for the next three months and it would be great if I could add some new names. If you feel that this is something that you could do, please let me know. You can see me at church, ring me on 332541 or email me at trish.haley@ntlworld.com



Trisha

RUTH IN SUDAN

Ruth is the elder daughter of Dave and Trisha and a former member of HT. She writes:

In mid-April I left my job in banking to do a short-term contract with Mission Aviation Fellowship in Juba, Southern Sudan. Mission Aviation Fellowship is a Christian organisation. Their mission is to operate light aircraft in remote places where flying is not a luxury, but a real lifeline. It is a worldwide partnership, operating over 120 aircraft from bases in 30 countries. Serving over 2,500 destinations, they help enable aid and development agencies, missions, national churches and other local groups to bring relief and healing for body, mind and spirit.

I'm part of a small team of international and national staff and I live and work on the same compound as the other international staff. A typical day starts at 8:15am with devotions, before the Operations team oversee flights, freight and passengers for the coming day and the Base Manager and Logistics team manage all practical elements of the base. My role is primarily finance and HR. As I settle into the role, I'll provide more of a support function to Operations in flight bookings and payments. In the evenings people tend to relax due to the heat, though there is the opportunity for fellowship with other Christian NGOs through a weekly Bible study and prayer meetings.

The first month has been challenging as I've adapted to the heat, lifestyle and work at the base. Through it all, though, I've seen God providing for me in very practical ways and reassuring me through Bible verses. I'm having to learn greater reliance on Him to do my job, as I operate outside my comfort zone. The Bible verse I hang on to is 1 Thessalonians 5:24 "The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it." Ultimately God is in control and having called me here, He will see me through each day as I live in Southern Sudan.

BY LORRY TO BULGARIA

Phil will be driving the Spearhead lorry across Europe to Bulgaria early this month. He and a co-driver will set out on Thursday 3rd June and return by air on the 7th. The rest of the Spearhead team (run by Tim of KC21) will stay in Bulgaria for about a month, conducting a Christian mission.

Please pray for safe travel for Phil and all of the team and for God's blessing on the work in Bulgaria.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

July	Hospitality month – see below
4 July	Speaker(s) from London City Mission
4 July	Newcomers' Barbecue at the Vicarage
11 July	Church picnic, Frimley Lodge Park
17 July	Ladies Prayer Breakfast, Crossover, Carol & Dawn
24 July	Church Barbecue at HT
27 July	Caféchurch - Summer Jazz (see page 12 for subsequent dates)
6 Aug	Soul Sisters Skittles, Jolly Miller, North Warnborough
8-12 Sept	ACT Big Tent Event
17-19 Sept	Soul Sisters weekend away at Axminster

JULY WILL BE HOSPITALITY MONTH

July is to be Hospitality Month at HT, an opportunity to offer meal or just a coffee to someone in the church whom you feel you don't really know. It could be someone who is fairly new to HT, but it could be someone you've only said "hello" to over several years!

There'll be more on this in the July Update, but in the meantime, be thinking about whom you could invite.