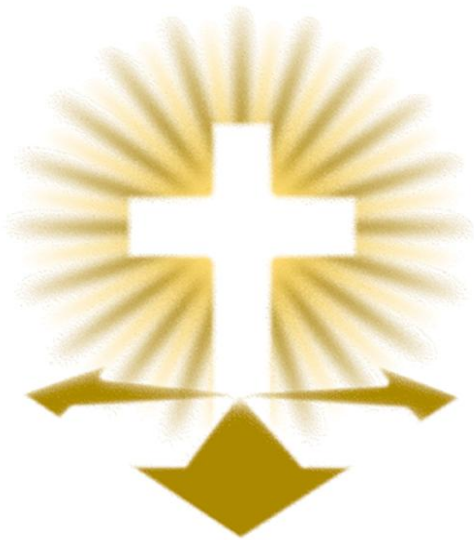


# Trinity Update

July 2010



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

**JULY DIARY – 2010 – “HOSPITALITY MONTH”**

1	8.30am	Prayer for Renewal	(Thursdays)
	10-11.30am	Contact - for parents & toddlers	(Thursdays in term*)
	2.30pm	Women's Hour	(Thursdays*)
	7.30pm	Alpha Course, 2 Cranmore Lane	(Thursdays)
	7.30pm	POD Groups	(Thursdays*)
	7.45pm	Fellowship Groups	(Thursdays*)
2	10.30am	Fellowship Group	(alternate Fridays*)
	6-7.30pm	Friendzy (ages 8 and up)	(Fridays in term*)
	7.45pm	TCPT Prayer meeting in Crossover	
3	11.00am	John Kellagher ordained priest, Guildford Cathedral	
<b>4</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>(Speaker(s) from London City Mission)</b>	
	9.30am	Morning Praise	
	11.15am	Alternative Service with Kids Praise	
	1.00pm	Newcomers' Barbecue at the Vicarage (see page 10)	
	7pm to 9pm	Growing Leaders, Crossover	
5	7.30pm	<b>PRaise, PRayer and PRophecy</b>	
6	11am, 7.30 & 8pm	Fellowship Groups	(Tuesdays*)
7	11.15am	Holy Communion, followed by tea & biscuits	(Weds)
	7.30pm	POD Groups	(Weds*)
	2.30 & 8.00pm	Fellowship Groups	(Weds*)
	7.30pm	TCPT training on bereavement (repeated Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> at 10.00am)	
10	10am	Praying Wives at HT	
<b>11</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>		
	9.30am	Holy Communion	
	11.15am	Alternative Service	
	from 1.00pm	Church picnic, Frimley Lodge Park (see page 11)	
	7-9pm	Inclusion (Night Out)	
12	7.30pm	<b>ALDERSHOT CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER</b>	
		at KC21, High St	
	7.30pm	Children's Leaders meeting, 311 Woodland Walk	
17	8.30am	Ladies Prayer Breakfast in Crossover (see page 4)	
<b>18</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>		
	9.30am	Morning Praise	
	11.15am	Alternative Service with Holy Communion	
	3.00pm	Ursula Johnston licensed as LLM (lay reader) at the Cathedral	
19	7.30pm	PCC meeting, Crossover	
23	6.30pm	Prayer Ministry Team meeting	
24	10am-12 noon	Flower Ladies Coffee Morning	(see page 2)
	6.00pm	Church Barbecue at HT	(see page 11)

<b>25</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	
	9.30am	Morning Praise with prayer for healing
	11.15am	Alternative Service
	7pm to 9pm	Growing Leaders, Crossover
26	7 - 9pm	Inclusion
27	6.30 - 7.45pm	Caféchurch at Costa Coffee; theme – 'Summer Jazz'
30	7.45pm	TCPT Prayer meeting in Crossover

**\* Check with leaders for dates of any summer break.**

School summer holiday in Hampshire is from Monday 26 July to Tuesday 31 August 2010.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

1 Aug	Alpha Holy Spirit day, 11.30 am at the Vicarage; see page 10
6 Aug	Soul Sisters Skittles, Jolly Miller, North Warnborough
8-12 Sept	ACT Big Tent Event; see page 12
17-19 Sept	Soul Sisters weekend away at Axminster
28 Sept	Caféchurch at Costa Coffee; God at Work, 6.30-7.45pm <b>(no Caféchurch in August)</b>

**Thank you to everyone who contributed to this issue.**

**The August 2010 issue of Update will be available from  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July.**

**The LAST date for August articles will be Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July.**

## WOMEN'S HOUR

On March 27<sup>th</sup> we had a quiz, which was enjoyed by all.

The following week Helen Harratt and two friends came to Women's Hour to entertain us with their music; Helen plays the cello and her friends play the keyboard and the clarinet. From the feedback I received, it was a very popular afternoon, so thank you to Helen for arranging this.

On 10<sup>th</sup> of June Marion Squires read poems and sang to us; she sang songs that took us back to the good old days.

The 17<sup>th</sup> June Wendy Sear from our 9.30am service did some recitations for us. These were very light hearted and so much fun to listen to. We were so grateful to Wendy for the thought she put into these readings, as it was the last day at Women's Hour for Audrey Blake. We wanted it to be a happy afternoon and Wendy certainly made it that! We also drank a toast to Audrey and said our goodbyes to wish them much love and happiness in their new home in Germany.

*Daphne and Jean*

## FLOWER LADIES' COFFEE MORNING

Flower Ladies Coffee Morning  
Saturday 24 July 10am to 12 noon.

Cake stall and raffle prizes. Hope to see you there.

*Dawn*



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Soul Sisters is Holy Trinity's answer to good fun, fellowship & generally a great laugh for all "the ladies" - young (over 14yrs) & more mature

## **Soul Sisters - Event Information**

### **Skittles Night**

**When:** Friday 6th August, 7.00pm arrive at pub, 8.30pm meal.  
**Where:** The Jolly Miller (where we went last year).  
**Address:** Hook Road, North Warnborough, Hook, RG29 1ET  
Tel: 08721 077 077  
**Cost:** £7.50

Some of you might remember this venue from last year. We have exclusive use of the back room, with inside & outside tables to eat at. They assure us that they have a new set of skittles now, so no spontaneous falling over of skittles this time & of course easier to stand the skittles up! As usual, sign up sheet at the back of the Church. We are asking for the money in advance & places are limited to about 40. We need to know your choice of meal, either a piece of chicken, a sausage, salad, chips & French stick. Or the veggie option of vegetable stroganoff, mushroom stroganoff or veg lasagne. Indicate whether lifts are required, because we can always get some people to stop by the Church first to pick people up. Should be a really fun night, so look forward to having you with us for this one.

### **Axminster Weekend Away**

**When:** September 17th-19th.  
**Where:** Weycroft Hall, Axminster.  
**Cost:** about £70, including most meals  
All monies to be paid by the weekend before.

Sign up sheet at the back of Church for this. This will be run much the same as last years event, in terms of the timings, but with a different emphasis & focus this time. This year's theme is "Listening, Hearing, Waiting". We plan to have 3 guest speakers, some creative takes on our theme, game time, beach time, quiet time in the grounds & some really good fellowship & worship.

For more details on these events, or to become part of the Soul Sister planning group, speak to either Heidi, Susan, Trish, Kris or Marion.

*Heidi*

on behalf of Soul Sisters

## LADIES PRAYER BREAKFAST IN CROSSOVER

Ladies Prayer Breakfasts are held six times per year, usually in someone's home. This month we are trying something different and holding the Prayer Breakfast in Crossover, which offers extra space, plenty of parking and the advantage that everyone knows where it is!



**Date:** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July

**Time:** 8.30am

**What happens:** we chat while we eat a tasty breakfast, then we pray about each other's concerns, as well as for things to do with the church. You don't have to pray aloud if you don't want to.

We would like to encourage all ladies to come and enjoy the food and the opportunity to talk to different people.

If possible, let either Dawn or Carol know if you plan to come.

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## LONDON CITY MISSION

The London City Mission (LCM), which is where Sarah Newton has been spending her gap year, celebrates its 175th anniversary this year. Its mission is:

to share with the people of London, patiently, sensitively and individually, the transforming love of God in Jesus Christ, and to enable them to join His Church.

LCM was founded in 1835, at a time when London was growing rapidly. A number of Christian leaders recognised that the churches were failing to attract the new urban masses into their services and that therefore the churches must go to the people with the Gospel. LCM was a pioneering organisation, in that it was inter-denominational, it employed full-time salaried lay workers and its work included social care. Its concerns are not so very different today.

LCM activities include:

- 19 Christian centres across London, offering , clubs classes and services for all ages and with staff visiting local homes and schools
- full time evangelists based in local churches and working with them
- work with ethnic communities (7 at present), with the homeless, in schools and with youth, in the workplace

There will be speakers from the London City Mission at the services on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

[www.htca.org.uk](http://www.htca.org.uk)

## CAN ANYTHING GOOD COME OUT OF ALDERSHOT?

I joined the TCPT with some apprehension last March. When I told friends what I was going to be doing they all said 'Ooh, take care!' However I was glad that someone said 'don't take care, take risks!'

My first impression of Aldershot at night can be summarised by 2 Timothy 3:2-5 'For people will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, inhuman, implacable, slanderers, profligates, brutes, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God'.

There seems to be an overload of senses in the town centre at night, with thumping music and football commentary, smells from various takeaways, flashing lights and shouting voices. So many people (but we encountered such loneliness), such cheerful groups (but many are actually heartbroken and lost) and such confidence (but so many have no direction).

I was astonished at how many people responded to our offer of prayer. Statistically, only 1.9% of Aldershot says they are Christian, and yet many were thirsty to hear the Christian message, even when very drunk (possibly being drunk loosens their inhibitions?) Many revealed deep pain and fear. We heard stories of grief, fear of going to Afghanistan, relatives with cancer and broken relationships. I quickly learned how to pray 'on the hoof', with one ear tuned to God and one to the person I was listening to. It wasn't always easy (one night someone was violently sick just behind me). Sometimes it was comical. When I offered to pray for a man he said 'it's a bit late isn't it?' I said 'well God's still awake'. One man showed us a large bloody molar he had just pulled out. Both his front teeth were missing. Then he asked for two Mars bars.

People we met were always saying 'which church are you from?' and were amazed that all the churches could work together. I didn't realise how the lack of unity was noticed by the big wide world and how much they would approve of 'joined up working' (to use the modern idiom).

So thank you to George and Gwen for allowing me to join the team. I have learned an enormous amount, including watching how some of the 'veterans' do their 'pastoring'.

Can anything good come out of Aldershot? Most certainly-YES!

*Rachel*

*Rachel (daughter of Carol) lives in Farnham and worships in Churt. She is training for ordained ministry and joined TCPT as part of her training.*

## **SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL HOSPICE THIS SUMMER**

*The Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice has provided the following information about fund-raising events and how we can support their work.*

### **Strictly Ice Dancing Show: Saturday 3 July, For one night only...**

Join us for a very special night at Guildford Spectrum hosted by Nicky Slater (Olympic figure skater judge on ITV's *Dancing on Ice*). For one night only you can enjoy a host of skating talent - from the skill of the British Champion Synchronised Team and the Oxford Freestylers through to the adrenaline rush of the Aldwych Speed Skaters and the elegance of Guildford Ice Figure Skating Club. The show will then be followed by an optional ice disco open to all members of the public. Tickets are on sale now from Guildford Spectrum Box Office on 01483 443333 or online at [www.guildfordspectrum.co.uk](http://www.guildfordspectrum.co.uk).

### **Summer Cycle: Sunday 11 July, Get on your bikes!**

We are really excited to be holding our first Summer Cycle event, offering a 10, 25 or 45 mile route starting and finishing in the grounds of Waverley Abbey House, Farnham. Register your place now, take on the challenge of the bike ride through the beautiful Surrey countryside and then enjoy a picnic or pizza on the lawns at the finish.

### **Steps Under The Stars: Saturday 11 September, Calling all ladies...**

Get the girls together for our very popular women-only **midnight walk** in memory of someone special. Come and join hundreds of ladies as they set off at midnight on either a four or 10 mile route between Guildford and Farnham. It's a poignant night as women of all ages take on this challenge and join together to support the work of the Hospice. Registration is only £16 which guarantees your place on the walk and includes a t-shirt, meal and medal.

**Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice is your local adult hospice, providing specialist care to patients and families from your community who are living with a terminal illness too complex to be treated by a hospital. We have to raise over £10,000 every day to keep our doors open, so events like these are a lifeline to us. We hope you can join us.**

For more information about the work of the Hospice or any of our events please do call us on 01252 729446 or email [fundraising@pth.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@pth.org.uk) or visit our website at [www.pth.org.uk](http://www.pth.org.uk)

***Thank you for your support.***

## **THANK YOU FOR HELPING THE HOSPICE!**

Following my article in last month's 'Update', it is my pleasure to report that my half of the fund-raising effort (for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice) succeeded beyond my highest hope. Most of it was due to those of you who helped so much. My "Tea @ 3" raised in excess of £500, the sum that flashed into my mind when I first decided to hold this "garden party". I also hope that Isaac will raise the same amount with the skydive on July 4th. So many of you are supporting him.

I am indebted to Arthur for his ferrying church folk and tables and chairs (I also borrowed urns, trays and some crockery), to Dave for tireless washing up and other jobs and to Ian and Kit and their "POD Group" who worked hard at putting their Christian faith into action in numerous ways. It is good to make others happy! We also got to know each other better.

Some of my "Blind club" committee brought their gifts to bear on this event, one as treasurer, another on the plant stall, another making tea etc. Jenny also did sterling work on the Bring and Buy stall and on the raffle. "Guess the name of the Teddy" donated by the Hospice, was in the hands of Carol.

Thank you, one and all.

*Carol*

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## **CHURCH DOOR KEYS**

If you are the holder of a church door key, PLEASE let me know either by emailing me ([patriciaclare@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:patriciaclare@tiscali.co.uk)) or by putting a note in my pigeon hole (under C). These are security keys and it is important that we know who is holding them, not just for security but also for insurance cover.

Many thanks

*Pat*

## **SPOTLIGHT ON DAVE**

*Dave is married to Lindzi and they have two adopted children, Louie and Cherish. Dave co-leads a POD group and helps with crèche.*

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

I was born in Farnham Hospital and brought up in Heath End. I have one older sister.

### **What jobs have you done?**

I used to be a farm worker. I worked as a shepherd in East Sussex for a time and then for a farmer in and around this area. I changed to being a self-employed gardener, because I still wanted an outside job, but I found I could earn more money just cutting people's grass than using my specialist farming knowledge.

When we decided to go for adoption, I needed a job with more regular hours, so I worked as a caretaker in an old people's home for three years.

### **And what do you do now?**

I work for Surrey County Council as an Employment Support Officer, finding jobs for people of all ages who have learning difficulties. It's a very satisfying job (apart from the red tape, which is ridiculous), because it changes people's lives. Guys get given programmes of therapeutic activities, but employment is the best therapeutic activity there is.

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

When I was a kid, I believed in God and prayed regularly. My family weren't Christian, it all came from school and also from a Gideon Bible, which we were all given at school. I read it from cover to cover. Later I just drifted away, although Christianity was always there in the background.

Then I met Lindzi and she started me going to church. There was a new understanding, but it was also partly a matter of going back to my previous belief.

### **Were there any obstacles to your conversion?**

I did have doubts. I wanted to re-capture the innocence of my childhood belief, but I found that just wasn't going to happen. In my teens I'd gained a critical attitude from the world.



Also, I believed in God, but I was unhappy with some things in the church. For example, there was a local vicar who was "done" for fraud and then ran off with another man's wife.

### **Was it all plain sailing after that?**

No, I have some close friends who are very anti-Christian. On the other hand, I'd never been the sort of guy who swore or did drugs or slept around, so no-one saw any change in me. That was an advantage for my relationship with my mates.

Having lived and worked within farming communities, I'm used to getting on with all sorts of people, you have to in a village. So I'm used to dealing with oddballs – and you sometimes get the same sort of "characters" in a church.

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

We'd been part of a small church and helped with the leadership when the pastor moved to Wales and about two thirds of the rest of the congregation drifted away. Then when we wanted to hand over our leadership roles, we found we couldn't; no-one was willing to take them on. We knew we couldn't put in that amount of commitment when we were going through the adoption process, so we looked for a church with an established leadership, where we could take things on gradually.

We looked at several churches and prayed before we decided on HT. I like the fact that there are the two different services, with the opportunity to be more contemplative in the earlier one.

### **Would you recommend Christianity to others?**

Yes definitely (though I'm not an evangelist). I enjoy the community aspect of church; it's a family and we take people as they come. Church gives order and structure, which is something that's missing from many people's lives.

## GEORGE WRITES

Dear Friends,

We had a super Day Away on 20<sup>th</sup> June at Aldro. There were well over 100 of us there and we had three good sessions with Julian Henderson, one of the archdeacons in the diocese, looking at the parable of the sower: the Potential of the seed, the Problem of the soil and the Preparation of the ground. Terry from the tech team has kindly recorded these, so they should be available to listen to or download from the website now. The weather was fine, so many outdoor activities were enjoyed, from boating to tennis, croquet, football and swimming. Thanks to all who helped organise the day; it was a very up-building day for the body of Christ here.

As we come into the summer period, I hope this might be a time where we all can get a bit of refreshment and relaxation. Please be praying for our current small **Alpha** group as we finish the course in the next few weeks. We are actually having the Holy Spirit day on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August (after we finish the rest of the course) from 11.30 at the Vicarage, so if any of you would like to come to that, either as a refresher or because you did part of an Alpha recently but never made the day away, then let me know and you will be welcome. We will have a BBQ together for lunch.

Speaking of barbecues, we are having a **Newcomer's Barbecue** on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July at the Vicarage from about 1pm (weather permitting, otherwise in Crossover), so if you have been coming to Holy Trinity for less than a year or so, you are most welcome. Please let me or Trisha Haley know, so we have a rough idea of numbers. As well as getting to know a few people and staff members, we will share a little about the vision of the church and you can ask any questions you like.



July is '**Hospitality Month**' (not that we don't encourage hospitality to be happening at other times!) We are encouraging people to invite someone, or a family or a few folk, especially some that you don't know (well), back to your place or out for a meal or coffee sometime in the month. Hospitality is something highly regarded in the Bible for obvious reasons. First, it is good to get to know people in the church/body of Christ better, rather than just superficially. Then it will deepen fellowship and friendship and we will discover all sorts of things about others that, I trust, will be helpful. So please be looking out for some folk to invite. If you feel you can host a slightly larger Sunday lunch during the month, to which people can sign up and turn up (with a limit on numbers), let me know and we can get a rota and list at the back of church.

Continuing the social theme, we will have our **Church Picnic** at Frimley Lodge Park on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July (do ask for directions both to the park and which part of it) from about 1.00-ish (again, Weather permitting). This is usually a nice relaxed time to be with folk and chat; do bring a packed lunch and be ready to share with others. There will be games for those who want to partake, as well as a bit of canoeing in the canal. Do bring any games, kites, Frisbees etc.

We are then having a **Church Barbecue** on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July from 6pm. This is always a pleasant time to make the most of our site and enjoy a bit of fun together. As well as the barbecue, there will be drinks and cocktails, and possibly smoothies, ice creams, quizzes etc (let me or Dot Grobler know if you can contribute or help on the night).

It was really positive to have over 50 at the last PPP (**Praise, Prayer and Prophecy**); I believe that is significant. It was good to be able to share about the possibility of a full time stipendiary curate coming to us next summer, as well as the possibilities opening up that could be of such significance, such as the 'chaplaincy' to GP surgeries, the town centre premises and the linking with the Nepalese church where God is doing a great thing. All these things could make a real difference to the town and we need to seek the Lord's will and timing for them, especially as they can be labour intensive.

A number of pictures were shared, including the following:

- The church likened to a medium sized tree, but with a big root system, thus ready for growth.
- Cells dividing, which seemed slow but brought significant growth, thus we need to divide our cells/groups and grow.
- Along with that was the word 'recruitment' and a picture of a muscle; when a muscle is used, it uses some of its fibres, but when asked to do heavier work it recruits other fibres alongside to help it in the task and to grow.
- With that there was the sense that there were many people in the church who felt unworthy of serving God and who thus waited in the sidelines – they need to be asked and encouraged, and all volunteers need to make sure that nothing is hindering their 'hands'.
- Then there was a picture of a long line of people protecting themselves with silver shields in front of them and fiery arrows bouncing off them; as a church we are indeed under attack so we must put on the armour of God daily.
- Also: the Lord is steadily working in areas we cannot see. He shows us one part of the harvest, but we just know that there will be more. The Holy Spirit works tirelessly to bring refreshing, both to the workers and to the harvest.

Although it is the time of year when we are inclined to wind down a bit, I sense (as I shared at the last PPP) that we are at quite a crucial point as a church. There are some new and potentially very important and exciting opportunities arising, but we also seem to be going through a time of shaking and attack. It is important that we look to see what God is doing, but keep our spiritual armour on and stay strong and standing firm through this time.

I am very much hoping that, after almost four years of waiting, our **baptistery** will be installed this month. Please let me know if you would like to be baptised by full immersion or would like to reaffirm your baptismal vows by full immersion; there is a bit of catching up to do!

As Jax now has a full time job, we are after a new Site Manager, let me know if you are interested in that post.

So may God strengthen you for, and in, this time and may He work through you by His mighty strength and salvation.

*George*

### **THE BIG TENT EVENT, 9-12 SEPTEMBER 2010**

Following the success of last year's event, planning is under way for the 2010 Blackwater Valley Big Tent Event, organised jointly by the Army and ACT (Aldershot Churches Together). The Programme so far includes:

#### **Thursday 9th September**

10.00- 12.00 The **Spiritual Dimension of Soldiering**, a session for soldiers

#### **Friday 10th**

10.00-12.00 The **Spiritual Dimension of Soldiering and Society**, a Civic Service and "Question Time" style forum for military personnel and civilians

19.00- 22.00 **Chrissy Paladino and Friends**, Gospel Singers

#### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>**

11.00–12.00 **Breakfast and Plus**, Bacon Rolls and discussion. Two Royal Marine Commandos tell their stories.

14.00-16.00 **Youth Event**, Fun for all the family

16.00-18.00 **Taize Service**, a relaxed informal service, contemporary music.

19.00-20.00 **Youth Rock, Rap and Praise Music Party**

#### **Sunday 12th**

11.00-12.30 **Celebration of life and faith service** for civilian & military

19.00-21.00 **Healing Service** with Tim Grant.

### **THE BIBLE AND THE CELL PHONE**

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we turned back to get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it as if we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we travelled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go....hmm...where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing:

Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected, because Jesus already paid the bill.

Makes you stop and think 'where are my priorities?' And no missed calls!

**When Jesus died on the cross, he was thinking of you**

*Thanks to Geoff & Kaz for passing this on (via George)*

**SUGGESTION:** Gideon Scriptures are given freely. John and Arthur are Gideon members. If you might like a pocket (or handbag) –sized “New Testament & Psalms”, ask one of us after a service to show you or give you one.

## **CHIEF'S CONCERNS**

We have two crazy cats – Fluff (Irish!) and Spice, these are some of the things they have taught me so far...

If you can't get your way, lay across the keyboard till you do.

When you are hungry, meow loudly, so they feed you just to shut you up.

When in trouble, just purr and look cute.

Curiosity never killed anything, except maybe a few hours.

One day, ignore people; the next day, annoy them

Always give generously; a bird or rodent left on the bed tells them, "I care".

When you have something important to say, try to say it in the dead of night when you're 'sure' everyone's sleeping - there's no better way to get the attention you deserve. \*\*

**FRIENDZY** – the Friday evening youth club for 8s to 13s is looking for new helpers from September 2010. Friendly attracts a lot of local Aldershot young people, who enjoy the traditional approach to fun and games and it is of course a great place for them to make friends.

If you are interested in being part of the leadership team and shaping the vision or helping out once a month, then please speak to Susan or Jonathan for more detail.

**J-MEN** – men, in case you are wondering why it has gone a bit quiet on the activity front, this is because over the next few months we are reviewing and rethinking J-Men – aims, goals, principles, vision etc.

J-Men in the future will take on a different shape and possibly a new name – watch this space.

*Jonathan*

\*\* We would welcome other "one-liners" on the Crazy Cats theme – max 2 entries per cat owner – Editors

## **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD CUP**

*A Trinity of prayers for the World Cup by the Bishop of Croydon, forwarded by Jonathan*

### **A prayer for all those involved**

Lord of all the nations, who played the cosmos into being, guide, guard and protect all who work or play in the World Cup.

May all find in this competition a source of celebration, an experience of common humanity and a growing attitude of generous sportsmanship to others.

Amen

### **A prayer for the host nation**

God of the nations, who has always called his people to be a blessing for the world, bless all who take part in the World Cup.

Smile on South Africa in her hosting, on the nations represented in competition and on those who travel to join in the party.

Amen

### **A prayer for those just not interested**

Lord, as all around are gripped with World Cup fever, bless us with understanding, strengthen us with patience and grant us the gift of sympathy if needed.

Amen

## **“BETJEMAN’S VOICES” AT ST MARK’S, FARNBOROUGH**

This evening of Words and Music dedicated to the poet John Betjeman is the first of the "Campaign 130" events, celebrating the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Mark's Church, Farnborough. There will be further events over the next 13-months.

Betjeman's muse, Joan Hunter Dunn, immortalised in the poem, "The Subaltern's Love Song", was a member of St Mark's. Her family worshipped there, her father not only being Churchwarden, but also the local GP. It is believed that Joan was baptised, and quite possibly married at St. Mark's. .

*celebrating the next 130 years ...*

**SUNDAY JULY 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm**

*Join our Guests*

**CHRISTINE & NEIL HAMILTON** of Edinburgh "Fringe" fame

**LOUISETUCKER**, Mezzo Soprano, & **STEPHEN FOULKES**, Bass

**GERALD & LIZZIE HOWARTH**, our local MP and his wife

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# **BETJEMAN'S VOICES**

A relaxing evening of Words & Music, reflecting the poetry of **John Betjeman**

followed by a "**Canapés**" Reception; Licensed Bar available

**Tickets: £12 (£10.50 in advance)**, to include a complimentary glass of "bubbly"

**at St. MARK'S CHURCH, Reading Road, Farnborough**

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## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

1 Aug

6 Aug

8-12 Sept

17-19 Sept

28 Sept

Alpha Holy Spirit day, 11.30 am at the Vicarage; see page 10

Soul Sisters Skittles, Jolly Miller, North Warnborough

ACT Big Tent Event; see page 12

Soul Sisters weekend away at Axminster

Caféchurch at Costa Coffee; God at Work, 6.30-7.45pm

**(no Caféchurch in August)**

**Thank you to everyone who contributed to this issue.**

**The August 2010 issue of Update will be available from  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July.**

**The LAST date for August articles will be Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July**