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The Recorder

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Trinity - A Family Church

Worshipping together - Caring for one another - Sharing with others

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I sit down to write this letter, I am reminded of a church service Joy and I attended down in Sussex with our friends Revd. Margaret Ashby and Norman Ashby. The occasion, I believe was the induction of a new minister at Rustington. The minister's address was based on Hebrews Chapter 10 verses 23 to 25. His sermon had a lasting impression on me not only in the context of our own church family but also applied in a wider sense to all our churches in High Wycombe. If we meet together regularly, we grown together. On the subject of growth, how wonderful to see people coming into membership recently – may God truly bless them in their own particular ministries.

By the time this letter goes to print "REVIVE" will have been launched and fund raising plans well and truly underway. May I again remind you of the text in Hebrews: "let us work and play and grow together", we all have a part to play no matter how small. I made a comment at the May Church Meeting that there seemed to be a 'warm glow' within our church at this time. Marian warned us that we should not get too cosy; quite right! Let us turn that warm glow into a fire, a beacon of light for our town and community as we press ahead with our Vision .

It is now almost a year since Mike and Louise moved to Coggershall. I thought I would remind you of a few of Mike's words, written in July 2005, regarding Vision:

"One third of our Vision statement expresses our desire to be sharing with others. As you talk about what your future holds as the church enters a ministerial vacancy, you must never forget your vision for that future and keep thinking about others as much as you think about yourselves. You must not let the vacancy process trap you into an introspective preoccupation with internal matters of ministry and leadership to the exclusion of wider concerns. It is our agreed Vision which unites us. Without unity there will be no lasting growth that breaks through barriers. When we unit around our vision then our energy, our money, our time and our assets are all being harnessed in a way which we all agree is worthwhile and which we want to support. Without that unity around our vision, people get down hearted, they stop attending worship and meetings, they search elsewhere for a better sense of purpose to which they can commit themselves. Vision and Unity are a shared responsibility and there is no worthwhile vision for the church unless you have committed yourself to it."

On a lighter note, as we enter the holiday season, may I wish you all some quality time together with friends and family. If you are spending holidays away from home, perhaps you will have the opportunity to worship in different churches and experience other styles of worship. May you find refreshment both in body and spirit and return to Trinity sure of a warm friendly welcome home.

Yours in Christ's love,



Minister : <i>There is no minister in post at present</i>

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July Services

Morning Worship at 10.30 a.m.

July 2nd - Communion - Revd Margaret Ashby (Margaret was assistant minister here at Trinity when Revd Bill Frame was our minister)

July 9th - Morning Worship - Ms Margaret Howard and the Amersham preaching team

July 16th - All Age Worship - Mrs Barbara Sparks

July 23rd - Morning Worship - Revd Gregory Hargrove

July 30th - Morning Worship - Mr Alan Yates

Rotas for July

Not included in this version

What's on in July



Nightbirds will **not** be meeting during July or August.
The next meeting will be on Monday 11 September.

WOMEN'S MEETING

We are on holiday until September, but we have one special meeting this month.



Tuesday 25th July - Olivia Price invites us to her lovely garden.
We meet at 2:30pm. See Olive Shepherd for lifts.

7th & 21st July

Scrabble

2pm -
Last chance to show off your wordskills
before the holidays

Summer REVIVE Barbeque: Saturday 15 July from 4 pm

Ticket prices: £8 adult, £5 child, or £25 family of 4-5.
Concessions £5 senior citizen or unemployed).

Further details on page 7

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Thank You

We would like to say thank you to all our friends at Trinity who sent cards and good wishes for our wedding, we were overwhelmed with the number of cards we have received. Thank you also to everyone who came to the Church for the wedding service. We were thrilled that the Church was so full and so many of our church family could share in our day. A big thank you as well for the very generous gift of John Lewis vouchers the church family gave us as a wedding present. We had a wonderful honeymoon in Italy; Mitsy (Sarah's mini) behaved superbly having no trouble driving over the Alps. We drove a total of 2,200 miles and even managed a few laps of the Monaco Grand Prix circuit – slightly slower than Alonso! For those who are interested we have put some photos of the wedding and honeymoon on the web at:

www.mitsy.eu

Simon and Sarah

Sponsored Bike Ride

“*That Lot*” are again having a sponsored Bike Ride and this year we have chosen a charity close to home – Revive. We will be cycling as many laps of the Rye as possible on Sunday 9th July between 6.30 pm and 8 pm. Please support us by sponsoring us or coming to count our laps.

Thank you

Nina, Ben, Ellie, Rebecca, Erin, Chloe, Ellen and Daniel.

Commitment for Life

Zimbabwe

- Every 20 minutes a child dies of AIDS
 - 3000 people die of an AIDS-related illness each week.
 - 4.3mn people receive food aid
 - Life expectancy for women: 34 years
 - Life expectancy for men: 37 years
- 3.5 million Zimbabweans said to have emigrated.

In the wilderness, I will put cedar trees - Isaiah 41:19

The cedar tree is a symbol of life and growth for Silveira House, one of our focus partners in Zimbabwe

Lord, root my faith in your Word, like a cedar tree planted in the wilderness of the world's injustice. May it resist the winds of evil giving shade and shelter to all who need them, for His sake, who hung on the tree of life for us.

Amen

Jamaica

Gareth Jones, last year's FURY Chair (Fellowship of United Reformed Youth) tells the story of Paulette whom he met on the recent FURY trip to Jamaica.

The grass is scorched and rusty brown, an old tyre lies baking in the heat, a chicken clucks its way across our path. There's a mattress hiding some sort of entrance, a disused piece of furniture, some steps, a roof. Somebody lives here. It's a house. It's a home. No television, no broadband, and no bathroom. Paulette Pinnock lives here, in the village of Botany Bay.

Paulette greets us with a warm but nervous smile as she welcomes ten strangers into her back garden. Paulette, a single parent, has She has 4 children and 5 grandchildren living with her and supports 4 of those grandchildren. When asked what she does for a living Paulette steps back and points to the coop that houses 450 chickens, 'I rear chickens here in my yard' she replies.

Paulette rears young chicks for around six weeks, slaughters them herself, sells them on and then starts the whole process all over again. If she's lucky, she just about manages to scrape a living that means she can feed, clothe, and house her family. Paulette faces many adversities; from being ripped off by the big companies that supply her chicks to the annual hurricanes. A broad smile emerges again from Paulette as she explains that she gets help from W Women's Resource Outreach Centre (WROC).

The Government recently introduced legislation, which prevents people from slaughtering chickens in their back yards. WROC is helping to build a centralised slaughterhouse right here in Botany Bay that conforms to the new legislation. The raw materials for this cost £5,000 and the men of the village are providing the labour.

There's pride in this woman's voice as she tells us that all she wants to do is make it for herself. She doesn't want to live off handouts. But she does need help overcoming these adversities so she can make it for herself. WROC help her do this. Christian Aid is WROC's biggest sponsor.

REVIVE UPDATE

Little to report this month as most of the work sits with our architect.

The new special envelope scheme comes into effect from Sunday 2nd July and envelopes can be obtained from John Standfield. Please remember to see Tony Hatton regarding Gift Aiding your contributions if you are a UK taxpayer.

I am pleased to confirm that the St Andrews Night Dinner & Dance will take place on Friday 17th November in Crendon Hall. Please make a diary date for this big event.

Jan B

The situation on external funding is as follows.

Synod Loan

I have been informed that the loan will be for a period of ten years and the rate of interest will not be fixed as previously indicated. The rate will be that applicable when we take up the loan and can increase or decrease over the period of the loan, depending on market rates. The current rate is 4% per annum.

I have been assured that any rate alteration would not be immediate.

Historic Churches Preservation Trust

Any decision on a grant from this body has been delayed due to a shortage of funds. They hope to give us an answer in September.

Arthur W

Fundraising update

The cream teas event in May went well, preceded a few weeks before by the Caribbean evening. The next main event is the BBQ. Food obviously features as an important part of Trinity's life - of course, we're just following Jesus' example with that.

It's good to see the REVIVE logo and fundraising target on the website - well done, Simon! The challenge is to keep the momentum going on the fundraising and once the barbeque is over I want to look at what we might do next, so if you have any thoughts on priorities or your involvement do seek me out.

Kate Y

Revive B-B-Q

Free squash and water will be available, with other drinks available for a contribution.

This is both a social and fundraising event, so do please come along! We are blessed with a large garden so there is plenty of space. Offers for the loan of barbeques, tables, chairs and rugs would be welcomed.

[Turn back to page 4 if you missed the earlier details!]

Tickets are available from us or from Audrey B.

Alan & Kate Y

The annual revision of the Elders' Pastoral Lists has been completed. Details are shown below and on the next page.

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DIARY DATES

4 July 8pm Elders' Meeting
7-9 July Guide Camp
8 July 10.30-12 Coffee Morning
9 July 6.30pm Prayer Circle for Healing
15 July 4pm Barbeque in aid of Revive
16 July Parade Service
17 July MONDAY 8pm Church Meeting
22 July 10.30-12 Coffee Morning
24-28 July Lighthouse Week

9 September Pamper Afternoon
24 September Harvest Thanksgiving led by Junior Church
14 October Autumn Fayre

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR NEXT CHURCH MEETING IS ON MONDAY 17 JULY AT 8PM

Church Electricity Bills

Our monthly payments have escalated from £22 to £55 per calendar month. We have been recommended to consider an alternative supplier, called Gaia Communications. Can I please ask someone to volunteer to look into this and I will provide a detailed brief. It should not be too onerous a task.

Jan B

A Golfing Tale!

The confident, proud golfer teed off for what he intended to be another good round. Unfortunately, he sliced the ball and it shot straight into the nearby woods. He declined the offer from his opponent to drop the ball in a more playable location, and said that he would play from where it landed.

He chose the appropriate club. He took careful aim. He took a steady swing and - whack. The ball rose up, hit a tree, bounced off another, then ricocheted off a third, fourth and fifth before coming right back and hitting the golfer straight between the eyes. He dropped like a stone, dead.

He reached the gates of Heaven. Peter welcomed him.

"I understand you are a keen golfer," said Peter.

"Yes," replied the man.

"Are you any good?"

"Well," said the golfer, puffing up his chest, "I got here in two!"

A young man was at the end of his rope, seeing no way out, dropped to his knees in prayer.

"Lord, I can't go on," he said. "I have too heavy of a cross to bear."

The Lord replied, "My son, if you can't bear its weight, just place your cross inside this room. Then, open that other door and pick out any cross you wish."

The man was filled with relief said, "Thank you, Lord," and he did as he was told.

Upon entering the other door, he saw many crosses; some so large the tops were not visible. Then, he spotted a tiny cross leaning against a far wall.

"I'd like that one, Lord," he whispered.

And the Lord replied, "My son, that is the cross you just brought in."

When life's problems seem overwhelming, it helps to look around and see what other people are coping with. You may consider yourself far more fortunate than you imagined.

YOUR CROSS

Whatever your cross,
whatever your pain,
there will always be sunshine
after the rain.

Perhaps you may stumble,
perhaps even fall,
But God's always there to help you
through it all.

[Submitted by Andrew W]

To those who are about to venture off on holiday - may you have a safe journey and a chance to recharge the batteries. If you are at a loose end, sitting on a beach somewhere, why not put a pen to paper and submit a few lines for the Recorder? *[Ed]*

The Miracles of Jesus

The BBC are broadcasting an excellent series of 3 programmes in July called 'The Miracles of Jesus', presented by Rageh Omaar. I've seen an extract from one of these and it's definitely worth watching. The religious broadcast part of the BBC often struggles to get good time slots even though viewing figures can be high, and they have asked Churches Together in England (for whom I work) to promote this series through our networks. If you would like to hear more about when the series will be broadcast, email miracles@cte.org.uk and you'll get information on this.

Kate Y



There was a Daddy Balloon a Mummy balloon and a baby balloon. One night they were getting ready for bed and Baby balloon wanted to sleep in his mummy and daddy's bed.

Daddy Balloon said " You are too old to sleep in our bed. It is time you started sleeping in your own bed. So off you go"

Sadly baby balloon trooped off to his own bed. Later that night he crept into his parents room and tried to climb in with them. But there was not enough room. So very carefully he reached down and let a little air out of his Dad.

He tried to get in but there was still not enough room. So he reached down and let a little air out of his Mum. He tried again to climb in, but there still was not quite enough room. So he reached down and let out a little of his own air. He climbed back into the bed and fitted in perfectly between his parents. He was soon asleep. In the morning when Daddy balloon woke up he was very very cross.

He turned to baby balloon and said.

" I told you that you are too old now to sleep in our bed and you have disobeyed me. You have let me down, your mother down and worst of all you have let yourself down."

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prayer page

Night-time prayer

May the Light of lights come
To my dark heart from thy place;
May the spirit's wisdom come
To my heart's table from my Saviour.

Celtic traditional



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Breathe on me, breath of God

Breathe on me, breath of God
Fill me with life anew.
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Until my heart is pure:
Until with thee I have one will
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Till I am wholly thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life
Of thine eternity

Edwin Hatch 1835-89

Come, Holy Spirit, giver of life, grace and peace.
Come, Holy Spirit, disturber, comforter, inspirer and friend.

Fill us, your church, with what we need to feed and sustain ourselves,
to feed and sustain our fellowship, to feed and sustain our neighbour,
and to feed and sustain our foe.

Equip and inspire us to confront and challenge injustice,
To be courageous in the face of adversity,
To be honest and full of integrity, like Jesus, our Saviour.
Grant us the grace to be merciful to others as you have been merciful to us.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

July prayer hotspots:

- **Nepal - bonded labourers (modern slavery).** Despite the Nepal Government's abolition of the *kamaiya* bonded labour system in Nepal in 2000, many thousands of former bonded labourers have had no help to re-build their lives. The current political turmoil in Nepal makes it impossible for these human rights abuses to be properly addressed.
- **Indonesia** following the earthquake in June.
- **Zimbabwe** - for the people still suffering a year on from Operation Clean Up that left hundreds of thousands homeless.
- **Amnesty International** - for all prisoners of conscience, especially those who are brutally tortured in oppressive regimes.

Our own government - particularly pray for asylum seekers, refugees, legal and illegal immigrants, bearing in mind God's commands that his people should take care of foreigners and strangers. Pray also for organisations who work for justice in these areas.