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Having a haircut for the New Year? Certainly, for many years, New Year's Eve was a day when I had my hair cut.

Imagine my interest when I discovered 2 Samuel 14: 26 where the older versions inform us that Absalom had his hair cut at every year's end. Absalom's flowing locks made him the most highly praised man of his generation for his handsome appearance. They were also thought to be in his day the cause of his great physical strength and prowess. Both, of course, also became his downfall.

Indeed, the annual haircut itself could have been an act of arrogance as the hair was weighed to show its immensity and with the conceit that it would grow again.

Yet it also must have for a time made him feel weaker, more vulnerable and exposed.

So perhaps at the end and beginning of a year we should be shorn of those qualities which have made us pompous, proud, self-reliant and vain. We know that we will need those gifts for the New Year but also that we will need to have them accompanied with a degree of humility and trepidation.

When I was a child my parents and I used to attend on New Year's Eve a party at some friends in St Anne's.

One game has always stuck in my mind that we played on those evenings. An egg cup was filled with matches and when it was your turn you had to lay a match across the top, and so on until quite a stack was constructed. If two matches fell off the stack you were out. Even those who were skilled at the game and

could perform with great dexterity would have to approach tentatively, to kneel and consider before acting. What also struck me was that when your turn came round you could not duck out.

So in this coming year times will occur when tentatively, prayerfully and thoughtfully we have to approach some task calling out to us to be done. We must use our gifts and strengths, we must employ them purposefully and confidently, but we must do so with the humility a shorn haircut induces, a humility that recognises that our strengths and gifts come from God. For once we recognise that, we approach the wonderful tasks God has in store for us in 2007 not with a sense of arrogance about our own capabilities but with a sense of awe about the Gracious Giver.

All at the Manse thank you so gratefully for all your personal love and support in 2006 and wish you every blessing and much love for 2007.

With every good wish

David

PRAYER CALENDAR

The URC Croydon District Council calendar helps churches and their members to pray for each church at least once a year as well as for various aspects of our common life in and through the URC.

The prayer cycle of Churches Together in Reigate and Redhill is incorporated below.

6th January: *Year's Beginning.* Commend our churches to God as we embark on another year of change and challenge; pray for fresh vision and renewed heart.

Pray also for all who give their life for the Christian Ministry.

13th January: *Outreach at Southwater.* Continued prayer for Angie Choat, the ecumenical youth worker at Southwater, as she makes more connections with the youth in the area, through the various events she is organising; also at Southwater, for the experimental monthly Sunday afternoon 'Messy Church' outreach to the community.

Pray also for *St Andrew's Church, Gatton.*

20th January: *Sutton.* Minister: Revd Martin Camroux. We are to visit Wimbledon Synagogue and hold an inter-faith dialogue this month; pray for a fruitful exchange.

Pray also for the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* (18th - 25th January)

27th January. *Horsham.* Minister: Revd John Du Bois. Prayer is invited as our church building redevelopment plans are submitted to Synod and to Horsham District Council.

Pray also for *Holy Trinity Church, Carlton Road, Redhill.*

STEWARDS' ROTA

During 2007 I shall be preparing the Stewards' Rota in February, May, August and September. If stewards know any holiday dates, or other Sundays when they will not be available, would you please let me have details, in writing, by the first Sunday of these months. This will avoid the need for alterations.

Elizabeth Shaw

BOOK CLUB

Next Meeting: Monday, January 22nd.

Venue: Jane Dotzek's, 22 Hardwick Road, Meadvale (☎ 243277)

Book: *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*, by John Boyne.

CRISIS COLLECTION

A big thank you to everyone!

David Mercer and I took this year's gifts over to the new holding point in Dorking on 6th December in time for the CRISIS transport vehicle's collecting tour of Surrey, so our goods were well on their way to the London warehouse for Open Christmas week. Thanks to all of you and also children of Micklefield School, we were able to send a grand total of eight sacks and 24 large boxes of a variety of men's clothing and assorted foods, cleaning materials and soaps, shampoos, tooth brushes, etc. A copy of the full list of what we sent is on the notice board in the foyer. In addition, thanks to your donations, I was able to send a cheque for £250 which will be used to purchase the last-minute extras that are always needed.

Our annual CRISIS collection is very much a team effort, so my thanks to everyone at Reigate Park for responding so well to the Wish List - and in particular, special thanks to Peter Charlton who was a great help with all the sorting and packing this year, to members of Women's Guild and to Rosemary Coiley for providing much-needed mugs of tea and coffee as we worked.

When you read this our own celebrations of Christmas will be over - let's hope that the homeless people who were helped by CRISIS will have had a happy Christmas week and practical help with their problems, and will have some good memories to encourage them as they face an uncertain New Year.

Jill Campbell

WORSHIP IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY

At 10 a.m. on **Sunday 7th January** at our morning communion service we will ordain Sarah Denchfield as an Elder and induct her, Michael Ball, Angela Bolton, Mavis Proctor and Barbara Wing as serving Elders for three years. The theme of the service will be: 'Into the Foreground' and will include a bible reading of Mark 14: 12 - 16.

At 6.30 p.m. on the same day there will be a healing service looking at how 'Jesus Stopped' and Luke 18: 35 - 43.

At 10 a.m. on **Sunday 14th January** the service will include the baptism of Lily Fuller and the bible reading John 1: 1 - 14 with the theme of 'Our Own Flesh and Blood'.

In the evening at 6.30 p.m. we shall think of how we are 'Invested with True Riches' as we look at Luke 16: 1 - 9.

At 12.15 p.m. on **Wednesday 17th January** at our Midweek Communion we shall hear the injunction 'Lend me your Ears' as we think about Nehemiah Chapter 8.

At 10 a.m. on **Sunday 21st January**, under the influence of Genesis 8: 15 - 22 we shall look at our backcloth and consider our environmental responsibilities.

At 6.30 p.m. on the same day there will be a United Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at St Mary's Church, Reigate.

At 10 a.m. on **Sunday 28th January** the service will include the baptism of Niamh Wilson and looking at Hebrews 11: 1 -3 we shall ask 'Where is your Shrine?' Rev David Downing will conduct this service jointly with our minister.

At 6.30 p.m. the service will be led by Michael Ball reflecting on three places encountered on his recent trip to the Holy Land.

A warm welcome to any or all of these services.

CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 1 AND 7 ?

If your children are aged between 1 and 7 and you enjoy meeting other people, then come along to a brand new group starting on Monday January 15th, from 8 - 10 p.m. The sessions will be discussion and ideas based depending on the needs, interests and experiences of those present and will be looking in particular at making the best of your family, behaviour, ways of listening, talking and encouraging, as well as many other aspects of family life.

Whatever your experience and situation, you can always have and share new ideas.

To book a place please contact me by Sunday 7th January.

Angela Bolton ☎ 248430, email@ambolton.me.uk

WOMEN'S GUILD

On Tuesday December 12th we held our Christmas Candlelight Service, which was followed by mince pies and a quiz. It was good to have our caretaker Rosemary with us and also Mary Stemp visiting from Norfolk.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th January at 10.30 in the Park Room, when we shall be having a visit from the Agape Singers from Redhill URC. This will be followed by a presentation of our annual accounts.

Our new programme is now available and can be found on the table in the foyer, or can be obtained from Carol Nicholls, Liz Bullen or Carol McNeill. New members are always very welcome.

Liz Bullen

LADIES' CHRISTMAS MEAL

One evening in November, 20 of us, aged 20 - ?? (I wouldn't dare ask!), met at The Plough in Redhill for a Christmas meal. Although most of the people had never really talked to the other ladies there before, they certainly made up for it during the evening and many new acquaintances were made. It was great to see so many new faces to our RPC ladies' evenings out and such a wide range of ages too.

We all had a great time and would particularly like to thank Sonia Christie for all her hard work in collating our choices and communicating with the staff at the restaurant. Watch out for our next event in a coming issue of the Record.

Angela Bolton

MITE NEWS - UNICEF

One of the thrills at Christmas was finding a silver coin in the Christmas pudding. I wonder how many children will be thankful if they have a mouthful of food and some water on Christmas Day.

I am pleased to say that three cheques were given to me for UNICEF - I hope they will not have to be used for a disaster, as in January 2006.

The workers in 156 countries will continue to help all those in many areas hoping that their efforts (giving) will help those in need. There are so many millions of orphans who have no home life.

May your New Year be happy and satisfying - try to think of those who are not so lucky and let us hope that the world's children can look forward to a happier life.

Hazel Arscott

SHORT MATTERS

Our jubilation over our first two league matches came to a complete deflation at our first away match. It was the return match at Mannings Heath, from whom we had taken six points at home, and ended with a rout 11 - 81. The mats were slow and the floor wasn't perfect in that on one mat you had to bowl wide and on the other one narrow. nevertheless, as bowlers we should be able to adjust, but if the 'grey cells' fail to work properly. the problem remains unsolved.

Our next home match was against New Chiltington and both of our teams started well but only Ron Hollings' rink (Nicholls, Hills and Rusbridger) could continue in a winning way, to finish 31 - 9. Tossell's rink (Dean, Boutell and Field) somehow lost their way in the last few ends to lose 17 -20. Our opponents seem to get used to our mats as the game goes on, but we don't when playing away.

Maybe it was the effect of our Christmas Lunch the day before when 32 sat down at the Reigate Manor Hotel. All seemed to enjoy the start of the festive season. Bowls sessions will start again on Monday and Tuesday, 1st and 2nd January, 2007.

Hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break and the Club wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

Brian Dean (☎ 774208)

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

On Thursday, 11th January we meet as usual for our meal at 12.30 p.m., after which David Cooper will be talking to us about his recent trip to Africa. New members are very welcome. Please contact John Pennell on ☎ 646117.

CRÈCHE ROTA

This is the rota for January. Please remember you are responsible for the session allocated to you. If you are unable to cover your duty, please ensure you have swapped with someone else on the rota. Many thanks!

Sandra Reid

7th January	Rachel and Kevin Semple	Sandra Reid
14th January	Lefteri Deda	Gretta Taylor
21st January	Sara-Jane Archer	Anne Boyd
28th January	Eleanor Kiy	Karen Best

ECO-TIP

This will be my last Ecotip until June 2007. RPC Ecoteam is taking a six month break from its frenetic activity to allow Ecoteam members to concentrate on home issues for a while; with two of us moving and various health problems this has been a hard but necessary decision.

Apart from the monthly Ecotip, a lot of what we have been doing is 'behind the scenes' and I thought it would be appropriate to make this last Ecotip a summary of some of the actions we have undertaken in the past two years at church. Many of them are easy to do at home, but you don't need me to tell you that, do you, as I am sure you have all been faithfully putting into practice the Ecotips each month!

Many thanks to all those who have put in so much work to make these changes possible, in particular from the Ecoteam Nic Wood, Sare Bassett, Victoria Clifford, Sonia Hayward, Yvonne Larg, and also David Skitt, Michael Ball, Susan Stanley, Rosemary Coiley and Ron Wood.

Recycling bins and signs dotted around church.

Transferring to low energy lighting.

Water butt ordered.

Compost bin in situ on church premises.

Hippo bags in place in all toilet cisterns.

A new systemiser control for the gents' urinals that senses when someone enters the toilets and flushes when needed rather than continually.

A water use audit will be carried out soon.

An evaluation of green cleaning products and their prices with a view to using these if church members feel this is appropriate (this will be put to the Church Meeting when we return to action in May).

An evaluation of the church's energy consumption and the prices of green tariffs with a view to switching tariffs if appropriate (when we return to action in May).

Switching to a different form of paper towels and obtaining a paper recycling wheelie bin for church.

An evaluation of recycled paper and its prices for use in the church office with a view to using this if appropriate (when we return to action in May).

An exploration of the book "Caring for Creation" at the Monday morning and Tuesday evening groups.

Easter Workshop this year had an environmentally friendly theme.

Numerous environmentally friendly themed church services and church presentations with information leaflets provided.

Developed and printed our very own RPC "What to recycle where" leaflet.

Sharing our care for the environment by talking with various schools and

other churches in the area.

Linking with WWF for support, resources and education to allow us to confidently 'preach what we practice'.

We shall be back in action in May 2007.

Sonia Christie, sonia.christie@reigateparkchurch.org or ☎ 270095

Don't forget to recycle your Christmas cards at W H Smith, Tesco or TK Maxx from 2nd to 31st January 2007.

MONDAY MORNING GROUP

This month we complete the series 'Caring for Creation':-

8th January 'New Life and Resurrection' - 1 Corinthians 15: 35 - 58.

15th January 'Do I need those who Irritate?' - Psalm 133 and 1 Corinthians 12.

22nd January 'Integral Mission' - Isaiah 11: 1 - 10.

29th January 'A new Heaven and Earth' - Revelation 21.

We meet in the Park Room at 10.30 a.m., and you will be very welcome.

A WORKSHOP IN WORSHIP

Sunday 4th March : 2 pm - 6 pm

Over a dozen people took part very enthusiastically in our Leading Worship Course. They led a most moving service on 20th November and were eager for more. In particular they wanted a study DAY when they could tackle certain aspects of worship in more depth. They were also eager for other members of the congregation to join them, so whether you were part of the original course or not, you are welcome to come to the above Workshop led by our Minister.

The subjects covered are based on a New Testament passage and will include the DRAMA of Worship, the EXPERIENCE of Worship, REACHING UP in Worship, and REACHING OUT in Worship. If you wish to come please notify the minister by the end of January.

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Never mind your age, 0 - 100, if you have a birthday in January or February you are all warmly invited to come to our Birthday Tea Party on Wednesday 31st January in the Park Room from 4 - 6. If possible, please bring a small contribution of 'tea' food to share.

If you can, please let me know if you are able to come as it would be useful to know numbers for catering purposes but please don't wait to be invited, we will look forward to seeing you.

Angela Bolton ☎ 248430

SORTED

In June this year Gemma gave members of Youth Club an invitation to a Youthworks event called 'Sorted', to be held in November at Westminster Chapel in London. 'Sorted' is an interdenominational event which meets locally and also nationally from time to time (for further information go to www.capitalyouthevent.com). Helen and I were interested to find out more so we talked to Gemma and ordered our tickets. So on 4th November we met Gemma at the station and joined up with friends from Holy Trinity's 'Focus' youth group. We walked from Victoria Station to Westminster Chapel where we met hundreds of young people all queuing to get in (the event had to move to a bigger venue this year, as last year it was sold out because it was so popular). As we went in we were all handed a bottle of water, a booklet and a pen and then we went and found our seats. Before the introduction there were books, T-shirts and hoodies on sale.

The theme of the day was "The Cross". After we were settled a man and a woman came onto the stage and introduced the day and gave out safety instructions. We played an icebreaker game which was great fun, the idea being to embarrass yourself as much as possible. There were two speakers during the day and three sessions. Session 1 was entitled 'Why did Jesus die?'. The booklets we had been handed were a great help as they included the bible readings that were used and space to make notes. The main points of the talk were also listed. After that we had a tea-break and were given chocolate bars to eat; we could walk around, chat and look at the display tables with activities on them. After the break we went back to our seats and played another game; then came session 2 (The Cross and self). The talks were very informative, thought-provoking and fun, so very enjoyable. They offered guidance and answered many questions from both the Christians in the audience and the people who had come along to find out more.

After session 2 we had lunch. We had about two hours to go off and eat but in that time there were workshops to do: a question-and-answer session - that was really good as they had an answer for every question - and a 'jam-in' session where we learnt loads of really 'modern' songs. This was greatly helped by the band who played them through and explained a bit about each song. You could also explore London - some went to see the Changing of the Guard. We went on a hot-chocolate hunt but couldn't find anywhere for that so we just had a walk. At 3 p.m. we had to go back to our seats when there was another introductory speech and a game. The young people on the ground floor had to try to toss 13 balls up to the gallery and the gallery people had to throw down 13 other balls; the idea being that one group had to get all the balls either up or down. It was great fun but in a large church with lights, windows and expensive electrical equipment we had to be a wee bit careful! After this the

concluding session took place. This was about “The Cross and life”. We finished with songs, then left and walked to Victoria Station where we caught the train to Redhill.

All in all it was a fantastic day and everyone agreed that they learnt a lot. We came away with plenty to think about. ‘Sorted’ is held every year and we would definitely recommend it. There’s a great feeling of being part of something and you come out feeling fantastic. I know that next year I will definitely be attending the ‘Sorted’ event in London as this year’s one was amazing. If you can’t wait a year, Holy Trinity Church in Redhill holds a mini-‘Sorted’ event every so often. Please come along; it’s great fun and a chance to meet loads of new friends. Gemma always has details so talk to her and find out more.

Elizabeth Bourne

JUNIOR CHURCH

On 15th November a group of Junior Church leaders and helpers talked through some ideas over an informal supper. We covered a wide range of topics: some need further discussion, but we did all agree to hold another Theme Day - see separate article below. As we go to print we are looking forward to this year’s Nativity play; a few days later the leaders and helpers will enjoy a ‘bring and share’ supper in the Park Room, in the warm glow of the Christmas trees!

Pat Denchfield & Angela Bolton

JUNIOR CHURCH THEME DAY

Sunday, 25th March, 9.40 - 11.30 a.m.

This year our Theme Day will be linked to the World Church Weekend (31st March - 1st April) and will have a Chinese theme. We are looking for adults to help us on the day. We would like adults to volunteer to help with activities such as COOKING, CRAFT, DANCE and DRAMA. All with a Chinese focus. (We shall need to organise CRB checks for those who don’t have an up-to-date one).

The last Theme Day was a great success. If you would like to be part of this one, contact Sharon Scotton (☎ 241965) or Jane Buck (☎ 764458) by 14th January please.

TOOLBOX TRAINING DAY

A small group of us travelled down to Maidstone in Kent for a day of workshops/seminars and worship. We travelled together in one car which was a great opportunity for us to get to know each other better. On arrival we were given a warm welcome and a cup of coffee. On registering we received a name-badge with our church name too and an A4 folder full of useful information including the programme for the day. We had each chosen three workshops to attend during the day, none of which overlapped so we could get the best possible amount of information to share.

We started with a worship session followed immediately by a keynote speaker, Nigel Pimlott from Nottingham, who talked about the rising challenge of working with young people today. After morning coffee we went to our first workshops. My first workshop was continuing to look at that rising challenge, seeing how God likes to take us out of our comfort-zone, what visions we have for the future and looking at what pressures there are on young people today in all aspects of their life. The four of us shared over lunch what we had done in our groups and decided it was well worth the trip because we were enjoying ourselves, learning new things and already beginning to feel recharged, ready to try those new things with our young people.

After lunch there was another keynote speaker, Jo Pimlott (Nigel's wife), who talked about motivation, makeovers and ministry; how we re-discover our motivation (1 Cor. 3: 6), how we should build to last (1 Cor. 3: 11) and to recognise who we are (1 Cor. 3: 16). After this the final two workshops followed on from each other. I was looking at using the Bible with 5-11's; this was a practical session, giving lots of good ideas and reminding us of techniques we may have forgotten. This session was run by Alison Dayer who writes the Bubbles material we use in our Junior Church with Jam and Explorers. My last session was taken by Capt. Denise Cooper who talked about practical ways to minister to 'tweenagers' (i.e. 10-14-year-olds). The day closed with worship. It was a very long day but well worth giving up the time for. We were able to share our day with each other on the way home.

Toolbox training events happen once a year and are organised by Kent Ecumenical Youth and Children's Officers Group (KEYCOG). Nick White is our contact for this and for URC Southern Synod training. We can all recommend you go on one of these training days. Watch out for the adverts for next year's training. Some training is offered here at Reigate Park from time to time, the latest being an excellent evening with Nick White looking at how we use the Bible with young people. He was so interesting and we got so involved with the activities we were doing that the evening had to end before we were ready. I am certainly looking forward to the next training session Pat arranges.

Jane Bourne

THE DASH

(Sent to Angela Vivian by her sister living in New Zealand)

I read of a woman, who spoke at a funeral of a friend.
 She referred to the dates on the tombstone. From beginning to end
 She noted that first came the birth date
 And then came the date of her death. She spoke with tears.
 But said that what mattered most was the DASH between the years.
 For the DASH represented the time she spent on earth,
 And now only those who loved her know what that line is worth.
 For it matters not how much we own - the cars, the house, the cash.
 What matters most is how we live and love and how we spend the DASH!
 Are there things you'd like to change
 That can still be re-arranged?
 To try to understand the way other people feel, to show appreciation more
 And love the people in our lives, like we've never loved before,
 To treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile
 Remembering that this special DASH can only last a while.
 So when your eulogy is read with your life's actions to rehash
 Can you be content with the things they say . . . -?

NEW YEAR, NEW START

For some time now, the church Media group has been anxious to redesign and expand the church web-site, making it more "user-friendly". We would like to have a system where individual church groups will have their own page(s) which can be under their own control, to update where necessary.

So a "holiday project" for you is to think about what you would like to have on *your* page, and discuss ideas with others in your group - and also get some words (and maybe pictures) saved onto disk or card. We are planning for a workshop in the church on **Saturday January 13th** where, for those interested, you will be able to share your thoughts with someone who can show you what is possible.

All groups (that we know of!) will receive a letter giving more details of the workshop and information on what we need from you.

Peter Whipps, ☎ 642411, peter.whipps@reigateparkchurch.org

CREATION OF THE COMPUTER

1. In the beginning GOD created the Bit and the Byte. And from those he created the Word.
2. And there were two Bytes in the Word; and nothing else existed. And God separated the One from the Zero; and He saw it was good.
3. And God said - Let the Data be; And so it happened. And God said Let the Data go to their proper places. And He created floppy disks and hard disks and compact disks.
4. And God said - Let the computers be, so there would be a place to put floppy disks and hard disks and compact disks. Thus God created computers and called them hardware.
5. And there was no Software yet. But God created programs; small and big... And told them - Go and multiply yourselves and fill all the Memory.
6. And God said - I will create the Programmer; And the Programmer will make new programs and govern over the computers and programs and Data.
7. And God created the Programmer; and put him at Data Center; And God showed the Programmer the Catalogue Tree and said You can use all the volumes and sub-volumes but DO NOT USE Windows.
8. And God said - It is not good for the programmer to be alone. He took a bone from the Programmer's body and created a creature that would look up at the Programmer; and admire the Programmer; and love the things the Programmer does; And God called the creature: the User.
9. And the Programmer and the User were left under the naked DOS and it was Good.
10. But Bill was smarter than all the other creatures of God. And Bill said to the User - Did God really tell you not to run any programs ?
11. And the User answered - God told us that we can use every program and every piece of Data but told us not to run Windows or we will die.
12. And Bill said to the User - How can you talk about something you did not even try. The moment you run Windows you will become equal to God. You will be able to create anything you like by a simple click of your mouse.
13. And the User saw that the fruits of the Windows were nicer and easier to use. And the User saw that any knowledge was useless - since Windows could replace it.
14. So the User installed the Windows on his computer; and said to the Programmer that it was good.
15. And the Programmer immediately started to look for new drivers. And God asked him - What are you looking for? And the Programmer answered - I am

looking for new drivers because I can not find them in the DOS. And God said - Who told you that you need drivers? Did you run Windows? And the Programmer said - It was Bill who told us to!

16. And God said to Bill - Because of what you did you will be hated by all the creatures. And the User will always be unhappy with you. And you will always sell Windows.

17. And God said to the User - Because of what you did, the Windows will disappoint you and eat up all your Resources; and you will have to use lousy programs; and you will always rely on the Programmer's help.

18. And God said to the Programmer - Because you listened to the User you will never be happy. All your programs will have errors and you will have to fix them and fix them to the end of time.

19. And God threw them out of the Data Center and locked the door and secured it with a password.

20. GENERAL PROTECTION FAULT

CONNECT UPDATE

Many thanks to everyone who made produce for our Xmas Goodie Tables. We raised over £427 and have been able to send HARVEST HELP a cheque for £750 to benefit a village in Malawi. Full report in next month's *Record*.

The Book Fair will take place in May. We now have over 1500 books and are hoping to double that amount. We shall shortly be looking to recruit CONNECT supporters to help with the lead-up to this large event and to be present on the sale days.

Because I write this well before Christmas I cannot tell you the results of the Connect Quiz. But the answers will be available from January 6th.

During 2006 we have made well over £5500. THANK YOU and we hope you will continue to support us in 2007.

Linda Chandler.

ODD THOUGHTS ABOUT WEDDINGS

(from Horsham URC's *Horizon*)

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, 'Why is the bride dressed in white?'

'Because white is the colour of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life'.

The child thought about this for a moment, then said, 'So why is the groom wearing black?'

EASTER WORKSHOP, 2ND - 5TH APRIL 2007

This lively event will be happening again this coming year for Primary School children. It is open to those connected with RPC as well as to children in the wider community. It will as usual take place at the church from 9.30 - 12 noon on the above dates.

In past years the Workshop has been very popular and with places limited it is important that you note these dates and collect your copy of *The Record* punctually, as more information will be posted in there, as well as letters or fliers to those with children of the appropriate ages. It is important to book places so as not to have disappointed children.

If you are able to offer any help I will be delighted to hear from you. Dates of meetings and the theme will be posted as soon as I know.

Angela Bolton ☎ 248430, email@ambolton.me.uk

A BOOK TO READ

There are four gospels in our Bible, giving four different, yet similar viewpoints of Jesus. Here on our bookstall is another small book, giving 70!, *Jesus Encounter*, by our former minister, David Owen. I bought it out of both respect and curiosity, but found it widened my vision of Jesus as David explored, in a series of short free-verse meditations, the effect that meeting Jesus had had on those he met. Beginning with the innkeeper at Bethlehem, through all those he healed, through those who rejected him, through the various disciples, I found my understanding of both them and Jesus enriched. I do recommend you to get hold of it. It's only £5, and well worth that.

Denis Ward

TUESDAY IS CHURCH NIGHT

There is always something for you at Reigate Park Church on a Tuesday evening, from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., usually in the Park Room:-

January 16th	Church Meeting (in Church).
January 23rd	Showing of DVD <i>An Inconvenient Truth</i> .
January 30th	Stuart Orr from WWF.

A take-away program is available covering dates up to the end of March.

Will you be there? We look forward to seeing you.

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JANUARY DIARY

Sunday	7th	10.00am Rev. David Skitt. Holy Communion. Ordination and Induction of Elders 6.30pm Rev. David Skitt. Healing Service. 7.30pm Youth Club.
Tuesday	9th	10.30am Women's Guild. Agape Singers.
Thursday	11th	12.30pm Men's Fellowship. David Cooper.
Saturday	13th	10.00am Web-site workshop.
Sunday	14th	10.00am Rev. David Skitt. Baptism of Lily Fuller. 6.30pm Rev. David Skitt.
Tuesday	16th	8.00pm Church Meeting.
Wednesday	17th	12.15pm Rev. David Skitt. Midweek Communion Service.
Sunday	21st	10.00am Rev. David Skitt. 6.30pm United Service at St Mary's Church, Reigate.
Monday	22nd	8.00pm Book Club at 22 Hardwick Road, Meadvale.
Tuesday	23rd	8.00pm Church Night. DVD - <i>An Inconvenient Truth.</i>
Thursday	25th	11.00am Zimbabwe Working Party at 1 Evesham Road
Sunday	28th	10.00am Revs David Skitt and David Downing. Baptism of Niamh Wilson. 6.30pm Michael Ball.
Tuesday	30th	8.00pm Church Night. Stuart Orr from WWF.

In addition to those mentioned above, our weekly activities normally include Junior Church and Crèche at 10.00 a.m. each Sunday, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Busy Bees Playclub, Monday Morning Group, Choir, Conquest Art, Parental Discussion Group, Playgroup, Prayer Group, Toddlers Plus Group, Badminton and Short Mat Bowling.